



The Rotary Club of San Francisco West



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THE NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TODAY'S SPEAKER BENJAMIN S. LEWIS

Benjamin S. Lewis, Reading Companions, which provides non-medical care for senior Bay Area residents through a staff of companions, with activities such as reading, discussing news and books, and games including card games and Scrabble.

The Thanksgiving Giving is on!

Flyers are now available and may also be downloaded from the internet. Please distribute the flyers as soon as possible since we are starting a little late. Donations only are O.K.



Next Week's Speaker

(Tentative) **Paul Darmofal**, architect and member, GSE Team 2007 from Rotary District 5150 to Rotary District 1820, Germany, and **Roger Steiner**, property manager, member, Rotary Club of San Francisco (#2 Club), GSE Team Leader

The Polio-Plus News-Front: What's Happening in Our Fight Against Polio?

Wide-scale use of monovalent oral polio vaccine type 1 (mOPV1) continues to have a significant impact on curbing transmission of this particular virus serotype. It is the more dangerous of the two remaining virus types, given its historically higher disease burden and ability to spread internationally. Only three type 1 cases have been reported this year from the western part of Uttar Pradesh state, India, arguably the most historically entrenched type 1 reservoir in the world.

At the same time, no type 1 cases have been reported in Kano, Nigeria, since October 2006 – a remarkable achievement, given that Kano was the epicenter of a major international epidemic which re-infected 20 previously polio-free countries in 2003-2006.