



## DEFNE AND KAYA CEYHAN

### THE POLIO VACCINE: LIBERATING A PARALYZED NATION

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**Debbie Johnson** introduced the speakers, **Defne** and **Kaya Ceyhan**. They are brother and sister, and both will be juniors at Upper Arlington High School this fall.

They have competed in the Ohio History Day competition for the last three years. This past school year they won the Ohio competition for best documentary film. Their film is titled "The Polio Vaccine: Liberating a Paralyzed Nation."

Defne and Kaya then went on to the national History Day competition at the University of Maryland in June. The competition was stiff there, with 100 students from across the U.S. presenting documentaries. The judges are high school history teachers and university history professors. Defne and Kaya did not win an award at the national event, but plan to prepare to compete again in the upcoming school year.

The theme for this year's competition was "tragedy and triumph". Their film covered the history of how polio affected Americans before the vaccine, including the treatment for those who contracted polio, such as the iron lung. The disease often struck young children, who might survive but would be debilitated for the rest of their lives.

The film, which Defne and Kaya played in its entirety for the Club, went on to cover the injectable vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk, and its trials, including a manufacturer's mistake that led many to contract polio. Subsequently Dr. Albert Sabin developed an oral vaccine which proved to be safer and easier to take.

Defne and Kaya were inspired to cover the topic of the polio vaccine by the lack of understanding of the importance of vaccinations. Ironically, many do not appreciate the need for vaccinations because of their success, which makes much less visible the dangerous diseases that the vaccines fend off.

The theme for next school year's documentary competition is "Breaking Barriers". Kaya and Defne are in the process of determining a topic for that competition.

Your editor notes that his own teenage children, also brother and sister, cannot even sit in the back of the car together for 10 minutes, in a peaceful way, much less collaborate on the making of a documentary film. Props to Defne and Kaya for somehow navigating the shoals of sibling rivalry. Your editor is once again mystified.

At the end of the presentation, past District Governor Craig Maxey remarked upon the progress in eradicating polio worldwide, thanks in part due to giving by Rotarians.



## GREETERS

July 16

Angela Lanctot  
Matt Rule

July 23

Allisson Russo  
Wade Giffin

July 30

Telanda Sidari  
Michael Zieg

## REGISTRATION DESK

July 16

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July 23

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July 30

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## CALENDAR

July 16 | Scioto CC

Sherry Ems, Executive Director,  
USO of Central and  
Southern Ohio  
Host: Edler

July 23 | Scioto CC

Ted Foster, Sara Foster  
& Jaeleen DeHays  
UA Rotary & West Broad Street  
Elementary  
Host: Foster

July 30 | Scioto CC

Beth Fetzer-Rice, Executive  
Director – Homeless Families  
Foundation  
Homelessness in Central Ohio  
Host: Gillen

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

July 16th  
Scioto CC

Upper Arlington  
Rotary  
Club



# The Meeting



**Debbie Johnson** opened the meeting.

**Ginny Barney** gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Craig Maxey**, immediate past District Governor, was the only visiting Rotarian. There were no guests.

# Notes and Announcements



Debbie shared the sad news that **Robin Comfort** died on July 8. Greg and her children were with her. There will be a service next Monday July 15 at 11 am at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church.

**Anne Crosskey** asked that if you are sponsoring a speaker at a meeting, please have the member bring his/her slide presentation early, on a thumb drive, so that it can be loaded before the meeting starts.

**Chip Knoop** announced that the first Community Service Committee meeting of the 2019-20 year would occur that evening, and would include a presentation by Erik Yassenoff on the proposed renovation of the Veterans Plaza on the Mallway. Chip also asked that if you are receiving emails relating to this Committee, but are not involved with the Committee any more, please send him a note asking to be taken off the email distribution list.

**Don Trotier** announced that on July 23 there would be a special Rotary Roundtable program featuring **Wendell Ellenwood**. Wendell will repeat his recent talk at the French Embassy in Washington DC, which he gave when he received the Legion of Honor from the French Government, in recognition of his extraordinary service during World War II. Wendell fought at D-Day and in the Battle of the Bulge, and has already received a Silver Star and Purple Heart from the U.S. Government.

**Barri Jones** asked for help with Meals on Wheels this Saturday, and on the second Saturday of each month from now until next June.

**Dave Dewey** conducted harassment, involving the birthday wheel. After a dozen years of membership in the Club, your editor continues to be mystified by the birthday wheel, which is perhaps the point of the birthday wheel.

