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This Week's Program - October 26, 2021

World Polio Day and Rotary Foundation

Dr. Bob Warner will present information concerning World Polio Day and the Rotary Foundation. By nature he is an humanitarian, finding satisfaction in improving the lives of others, both at home and abroad. Dr. Warner has been a member of the Rotary Club of Jonesboro for over 30 years, and in 2003 he was named President of the Year at the District Conference.

World Polio Day is observed on October 24. Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever. The Rotary Foundation makes it happen.



World Polio Day October 24

One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

Donate Your Time

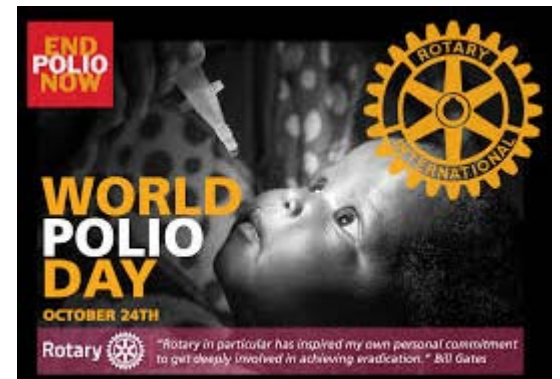
Ending a disease is a massive effort and Rotary and our partners can't do it alone. Learn how you can join us in our efforts to end polio.

Donate Your Funds

We're closer than ever to eradicating polio but we're not done yet. We still need funds to continue immunizations and surveillance efforts. Your gift will get us closer to the finish line.

Donate Your Voice

We need your voice to help us end polio now. Get involved and spread the message so that we can end the second human disease in history.



The Best Chance to Eradicate Polio is Now

by **Aidan O'Leary**

◆ There's something about the whole idea of eradicating polio that grabs the imagination, ◆ says Aidan O'Leary. ◆ Most people talk about making steps toward achievements, and it's almost always into the never-never. Eradication is a zero-sum game; anything short of zero is failure. You keep getting closer and closer, but ultimately the only number that actually matters is zero. ◆

Although O'Leary, the polio eradication director for the World Health Organization, is speaking from his home in Galway, against the verdant backdrop of western Ireland, his focus is on war-torn Afghanistan and the parched and dusty plains of Pakistan ◆ the last two places on the planet where wild polio still thrives.

Even during a pandemic, even as grim realities confront him, O'Leary conveys a sense of optimism about the possibility of finally eradicating polio. ◆ Particularly in the days of COVID-19, there is something that really resonates about snuffing out a highly communicable infectious disease. ◆ he says. ◆ As COVID has taken off, it has also led a lot of people to better



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Events

understand why now is the time to finish this job with polio.💎

Yet O💎Leary💎s optimism is shaded with a sense of urgency and pragmatism. 💎There is absolutely no case for complacency here,💎 he says. 💎What is really important is that we double down on reaching the persistently missed children who are a top priority for our program.💎

O💎Leary, who began his tenure as WHO💎s polio chief in January, came into the job knowing the terrain well. He formerly led UNICEF💎s polio eradication efforts in Pakistan and was the head of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and Yemen, organizing the UN💎s emergency response during crises.

O💎Leary says he understands the difference Rotary can make 💎 both in a community and in the global fight against polio. In Galway, a local tradition involves kicking the limestone wall at the end of a 2-mile stroll on the Salthill Promenade along Galway Bay (the reason for doing so has been lost in the mists of time). In 2012, O💎Leary explains, the Rotary Club of Galway-Salthill installed on that wall a box that bears the slogan 💎Small Change, Big Impact💎 and encourages walkers to

leave a small donation, with all money collected going to local charities and institutions.

In July, weeks before the dramatic turn of events in Afghanistan, O💎Leary joined Rotary magazine senior staff writer Diana Schoberg and Dave King, editor of Rotary magazine for Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, on a Zoom call to discuss the new strategy of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and the new polio vaccine, and how they will be used to eradicate polio 💎 once and for all.

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Good News, October 12, 2021

Chad Harbison carried the mic for Good News.

Dana Kennedy announced that the next Drug Take Back Day was October 23 at the Police Department from 10-2 p.m. She reminded everyone that their drug cabinets probably contained some unused prescription drugs and people, especially children, could easily get them and start taking them. Clean out those cabinets and dump those old prescriptions in the Drug Take Back Box.

Lynette Heard told everyone that Matt Knight was a blessing to United Way. And, Panera Bread is supporting United Way by giving 20 per cent of its proceeds on Friday, October 15.

Emelda Williams gave thanks for **John Miles** and our speaker Matt Knight. She also thanked **President-Elect Will Branch** for conducting the meeting today.

Wes Eddington reminded everyone that Friday was the day that personal property taxes were due.

Photos from the October 12, 2021 Meeting



Report Card - 10/12/2021

Membership
Total Active Members - 127
Active members - 47
Active-Service - 43
Active-Partner - 5
Active-Modern - 6
Active-LOA - 0
💎Active Rule of 85💎 members - 23
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 42
Active Members - 37
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 0

Meetings are online and in person.

Guests - 5
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October 26 -- Weekly meeting. Dr. Bob Warner. Polio and Foundation Presentation.

Birthdays



[Paige Carswell](#)
October 24th



[John M. White III](#)
October 24th



[Dana L. Kennedy](#)
October 25th



[Christie Matthews Mink](#)
October 28th



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October 31st



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