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### This Week's Program - November 2, 2021

## Promoting Integration, Inclusion & Independence for Arkansans with Developmental Disabilities

The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities is a member of the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities. The Council's purpose is to connect people with developmental disabilities to the resources and programs they need to be independent, be productive and be integrated and included in all parts of community life.

Jonathan Taylor is the Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. Over the last several years Jon has taken a progressively larger role in disability inclusion in Arkansas. He is currently the Co-Chair of Disability: IN Arkansas, and is the current Chair of the State Rehabilitation Council. In 2018 Jonathan was the recipient of the Distinguished Leadership Award for his work promoting and advocating the inclusion of Arkansas with disabilities into the workplace and community.

Today's speaker is Jonathan Taylor.



### Polio shows that vaccines really work

When passion and raw determination are added to the miracle of modern vaccines, great things happen. Over the last 30 years, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have seen the reduction of polio cases worldwide, by 99.9 percent. The entire world celebrated one year ago, when the continent of Africa was declared free of the wild poliovirus.

As we approach World Polio Day on Oct. 24, I am reminded that we still have work to do. The children of two countries where the wild poliovirus still circulates (Afghanistan and Pakistan) are still vulnerable to this terrible disease. As long as it still circulates anywhere in the world, children in the US are still vulnerable and must continue to be vaccinated.

Here we are today, with more than 700,000 American deaths as a result of COVID-19. As a polio survivor, I am particularly aware of the important role vaccines play in halting the spread of disease. With that in mind, we must continue to support polio immunization efforts around the world, just as we continue to support the effort to mitigate COVID-19.

We are sharing fact-based vaccination information as Rotarians throughout our state and our Network support our PA Immunization Coalition(s). We are speaking out about the realities of life after experiencing the effects of a vaccine preventable disease, and distributing packets of vaccine information and resources to day care centers, pediatricians and hospitals that encourage vaccine acceptance. We still have a lot to do. Engage with your local Rotary Club (or) contact us directly to learn more about how you can get involved. We are doing this not only for ourselves, but for future generations.

We have witnessed the truth first hand. Vaccines Work!

**Joe Randig**  
Western PA Coordinator  
PA Polio Survivors Network

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## Rotary's World Polio Day program looks toward polio eradication's endgame

by **Ryan Hyland**

Rotary's goal of ridding the world of polio is within reach, global health experts said during the 2021



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[World Polio Day Online Global Update](#) on 24 October. The 30-minute program, [Delivering on our Promise of a Polio-Free World](#), provided encouraging information about the progress and remaining challenges in the fight to end polio.

So far in 2021, only two cases of wild polio have been reported [the lowest circulation of the disease ever](#) with one infection each in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the two countries where polio remains endemic.

During a [Q&A session](#), Dr. Hamid Jafari, director for the World Health Organization's Eastern Mediterranean Region, attributed the low case count to several factors. He said these include mass polio vaccination campaigns resuming after the interruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the natural immunity induced by the wild polio outbreaks of previous years, and the restrictions on travel and population movement that also were due to the pandemic.

[This is truly unprecedented that we are seeing this decline simultaneously in the two countries](#), Jafari said.

He added that the low case count provides a window of opportunity for health workers, but cautioned that a resurgence of the poliovirus is possible since summer is the high polio transmission season.

[So this is the time to really press hard in making use of the opportunity that presents itself now](#), he told Q&A host Jeffrey Kluger, editor at large for Time magazine.

Jafari also addressed the challenges of political change and security concerns in Afghanistan and explained that the polio program there is used to adapting operationally during uncertainty.

[Currently we do see opportunities coming up as well, so that we may have access to all parts of Afghanistan for implementing mass vaccination campaigns](#), he said.

According to the WHO and UNICEF, nationwide house-to-house polio vaccinations will resume in Afghanistan in early November, providing access to children in areas where campaigns had been banned for the last three years.

[You know with the evolving situation in Afghanistan, it is of course very, very important that we partners maintain our neutrality and impartiality of the polio eradication program](#), Jafari added. [As always, we will continue to work with all parties](#).

Mohammad Ishaq Niazmand, chair of Rotary's Afghanistan PolioPlus Committee, echoed Jafari's sentiments in a [video address](#) with his counterpart for Pakistan, Aziz Memon.

Niazmand said of Afghanistan, [Rotary and our partners are working with all stakeholders to ensure that polio eradication remains a top priority, even in the midst of change. Work is underway to ensure that children have access to lifesaving polio \[vaccines\] and other childhood vaccines](#).

Memon, a Rotary Foundation trustee and chair of the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee, said Rotary continues to build trust with government, community, and religious leaders. [By bringing broader health services to children and families alongside polio vaccinations, we're ensuring better health care and greater vaccine acceptance](#), he said.

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## Good News, October 26, 2021

**Al Poston** carried the mic for Good News.

**Ruth Hawkins**, an Ole Miss alumna, congratulated fellow alumnus **Bob Warner** on becoming president of the Alumni Association.

**Will Branch** was glad finally to have fall weather.

**Jon Carmack** said that everybody at his table had good news. His was that he got through the 15th.

**Chad Chadwick** was proud that his sons both played all conference and that Valley View junior and senior high were conference champions.

**Brian Rega** gave \$3 for (1) polio week, (2) the fund drive for KASU, and (3) fellow Rotarian **Lisa Golden** was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

**Jill Clogston** recently return from Germany where she visited her birth country and birth town. She said it was amazing to see where she was born.

**Emelda Williams** welcomed speaker **Bob Warner** and his wife **Mary Ellen**.

**Norman Stafford** was happy to be here.

## Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta says that

Meetings are online and in person.

**November 2** -- Weekly meeting. Jonathan Taylor, Promoting Integration, Inclusion, and Independence for Arkansans with Developmental Disabilities

**November 9** -- Weekly meeting. Nanette Heard, Executive Director of United Way, United Way Campaign

### Birthdays



Todd S. Welch  
October 31st



Monty May  
October 31st



Paul E. Cossey  
November 3rd



Nancy Elphingstone  
November 3rd



Kristina M. Pulliam  
November 4th



Sam W. Hummelstein  
November 5th



June Carole Morse  
November 6th



Terry Barnett  
November 12th



Cheryl Wall  
November 14th



Marie-Jose Patton  
November 15th

Orville Albert Guinn

## polio eradication can be achieved

Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta says that polio eradication can be achieved if Rotary members stay committed. He calls on every club to offer support this World Polio Day on October 24, 2021.



### Photos from the October 26, 2021 Meeting



### Report Card - 10/26/2021

Membership  
Total Active Members - 124  
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 - 40  
Friends of Rotary - 0  
Honorary members - 0  
Proposed - 0  
Guests - 2  
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November 22nd



[David W. Martin](#)  
November 22nd



[Chad Chadwick](#)  
November 27th