



# Rotary Club of Covington Bulletin

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## Rotary Program 10-27-20 Dave Belton and Pam Dickerson

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 26, 2020

Dave Belton and Pam Dickerson

**Regular meeting starts at 12:00**

**Zoom meeting Time: Oct 6, 2020 12:20 PM Eastern Time**

Topic: Rotary Club of Covington's Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 27, 2020 12:20 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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## October Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Thursday, October 1, 2020

**October Birthdays**

**CL Johnson 10/3**

**Wayne Pugh 10/3**

**Bubba Edwards 10/17**

**Dale Evans 10/17**

**Cathy Dobbs 10/24**

**Terry Ozburn 10/31**

**Steve Smith 10/31**

**October Anniversaries**

**Stuart & Ann Hamilton 10/12**

**Member Anniversaries Covington Rotary Rotary**

**Tracey Clark 16 Years 16 Years**

**Bubba Edwards 5 Years 11 Years**

**Stephen Farrell 5 Years 5 Years**

**Conner Haler 2 Year 2 Year**

**Cathy Laseter 5 Years 5 Years**

**Carter Rogers 16 Years 16 Years**

## Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 12, 2020

**Meetings are being held at Covington First United Methodist Church at 12:00pm**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting starts at 12:20 PM**

10-27-2020 - Dave Belton and Pam Dickerson

11-03-2020 - TBA

11-10-2020 - Louly Hay Kapp

11-16-2020 - Rotary Clash of the Clubs Golf Tournament

11-17-2020 - 21st Annual Sportsman Raffle Drawing

11-24-2020 - Meeting canceled for Thanksgiving



Club Director

4-22 to 25-2020 - District Conference - Jekyll Island



[Douglas E. Bolton](#)  
Club Admin Chair

## Rotary Club of Covington 21st Annual Sportsman Raffle

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 21, 2020



[Joseph Davidson](#)  
CCO-Club Comm. Officer



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### 21st Annual Sportsman Raffle

Drawing to be held Tuesday, November 17, 2020

\$20.00 Donation

1st prize: Ruger Hawkeye 7mm/08 Rifle



2nd prize: Stoeger 12ga Shotgun Model M3500



3rd prize: Henry Golden Boy .22 Rifle



4th prize: Ruger American 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle



5th prize: Ruger 10/22 Rifle



\*\*\*\* Subject to Federal/State Background requirements\*\*\*\*

All proceeds to benefit Covington/Newton County Empty Stocking Fund and other Community Projects

Prizes to be redeemed at Shots Fired, Washington St. Covington, GA.

Drawing to be held Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Rotary Members Brad Bettis for your tickets to sell

See any Rotary Member to purchase raffle tickets

or purchase tickets on our website at [www.rotarycovington.org](http://www.rotarycovington.org). Use the link on the left bar to go to the Sportsman Raffle on the menu. Direct link to the [Sportsman Raffle](#)

## Rotary Clash of the Clubs Golf Tournament 2020

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 28, 2020

### Birthdays

- C. L. Johnson  
October 3rd
- E. Wayne Pugh  
October 3rd
- Dale L. Evans  
October 17th
- Harold M. Edwards Jr.  
October 17th
- Cathy Dobbs  
October 24th
- Terry Ozburn  
October 31st
- Stephen C. Smith  
October 31st
- Brad Bettis  
November 1st

### Wedding Anniversaries

- Stuart E. Hamilton  
October 12th

### Club Member Anniversaries

- Ernest Wendell Clamp Jr.  
11-01-1993  
27 Years
- Tracey Clark  
10-05-2004  
16 Years
- Carter Rogers  
10-12-2004  
16 Years
- Cathy Crenshaw Laseter  
10-06-2015  
5 Years
- Harold M. Edwards Jr.  
10-06-2015  
5 Years
- Stephen Farrell  
10-06-2015  
5 Years
- Conner Haler  
10-16-2018  
2 Years



**Date: Monday, November 16, 2020**  
**Location: Ashton Hills Golf Course**  
**Address: 10400 Bypass Rd. Covington, GA**  
**Times: 8:30 am Registration**  
**10:00 am Shotgun Start**  
**Format: 2-person Scramble**  
**Fee: \$125 Per Golfer**

#### **Sponsorship Opportunities Available**

Katie Collins: 706-248-2271  
Katie@dogwoodcharitypartners.com  
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## **Tucson Opinion: How Rotary International has helped eradicate polio**

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 26, 2020

By Michael Drake Special to the Arizona Daily Star

*The following is the opinion and analysis of the writer:*

In 1985, Rotary International made the audacious pledge to eradicate polio worldwide. It would be only the second disease to be eradicated. (The World Health Organization declared smallpox eradicated in 1980.)

In 1985, there were 360,000 cases a year in 125 countries of paralytic polio, primarily in children. Polio is spread by fecal-oral transmission. It attacks the nervous system, and can result in paralysis of muscles, particularly in the lower limbs and diaphragm.

Rotary International has 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary is assiduously non-religious and non-political. Therefore our membership is international and diverse. This allows our international humanitarian work to have wider and bigger impact, including the eradication of polio.

In 1988, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was formed when Rotary acquired partners World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Center for Disease Control. In recent years, the Gates Foundation has been a generous supporter and partner. Using the Sabin oral vaccine, volunteer Rotarians and health workers around the world began vaccinating children. To date, approximately 3.5 billion children have received the precious drops. Because of that, it's estimated 19 million children have been spared the scourge of polio.

Every year since the vaccination program began in 1985, the number of new cases worldwide has gone down. By 2017, there were only 22 cases, all in only two countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan. The number has gone up slightly in 2018 and 2019, and this last step is the most challenging. Most cases occur along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, a very mountainous, inaccessible region.

Parents sometimes resist having their children vaccinated because of rumors it is a plot by the United States to make Muslim children infertile. And the Taliban opposes the program fearing the health workers are spies or will undermine their control. Indeed, in 2019, 11 health workers administering the vaccine were assassinated along the border by such militants. But we persist.

Individual Rotarians, including the 1500 members in 50 clubs in Rotary District 5500 in Southern Arizona, have personally contributed over \$2 billion toward eradication. In 2009, Rotarians in Southern Arizona, led by Rotarian and community leader Mike Harris, now deceased, began riding in the annual El Tour de Tucson cycling event to raise funds.

Our Ride To End Polio, including our indoor ride now organized by Mike's wife Charlotte, has grown and now has international Rotarian riders and donors. With the participation and support of Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko and Marga, and a two for one match by the Gates Foundation, since 2009 our local Rotary Ride To End Polio has raised \$55 million for polio eradication!

Rotary's army of volunteer members around the world organize immunization campaigns, transport the cold chain vaccine by car, boat, motor scooter, burro, and on foot. Along with its partners and local health officials, Rotary has created the largest public-private health initiative the world has ever seen. In addition to raising funds, many of us in Southern Arizona have traveled to India, Nigeria, and other countries to participate in National Immunization Days.

In late October, Rotarians worldwide observe World Polio Day. We have celebrated the progress we have made. But with clear-eyed determination, we also renew our commitment to fulfill our pledge to the kids of the world.

## **Cooper Lighting Solutions, Rotary Club team up for Walk to End Alzheimer's**

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 26, 2020



### Two Great Organizations ♦ One Worthy Cause!

♦ Different Walk, Same Reasons ♦ was the slogan for this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's. Due to safety concerns, the Southern Crescent Walk to End Alzheimer's was not the same huge event with 1000s of walkers meeting together to hear from survivors, caregivers, and medical personnel. What this year's event did have, though, was the same commitment from its supporters to raise awareness, raise funding, and to have fun!

Two great organizations in Peachtree City decided to combine their fundraising efforts and to grow their teams ♦ presence this year.

More than 50 Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and Cooper Lighting Solutions employees, extended family, and friends come together to walk around beautiful Lake Peachtree on the day of the event. Walkers ranged in age from nine months to 90 year. With sponsorships from both Cooper Lighting and the Peachtree Rotary Club, plus donations for the teams, the two groups were able to raise more than \$7500 for the cause. The teams and supporters are already looking forward to next year's event and hopefully having the ability to be back in person with the other supporters in our local community.

Mandy Timmons, Director of Customer Experience at Cooper Lighting and Peachtree City Rotary Club's Club Admin Director, was the team captain for both organizations.

♦ As a new Rotarian in 2018, I was asked by Past President, Mary Chapman, to take on the lead of the ALZ Walk captain for the club, ♦ Mandy said. ♦ I had previously never participated in the event or even heard much about Alzheimer's. After learning some of the facts about the disease and understanding our club's support every year since the race started in Peachtree City, it became apparent that this was a cause I wanted to support, raise awareness for and help ♦ Lead the Way to the first Survivor ♦! ♦

♦ As an employee of Cooper Lighting Solutions, I felt that this was definitely a cause that our company and employees would also support, so I took on the role of captain for this team as well this year and started rallying the troops for both teams to join together and to do so in person, while still social distancing. ♦

The death rate from Alzheimer's has increased by 146% since 2018 and has now become the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States. It is also projected that this disease will cost the US more than \$1.1 trillion by 2050. There are more than 16 million caregivers and one in three seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia. With our aging population here in the local community, this hit home with many of the walkers that this disease would continue to be a challenge until a cure is found!

#### About Rotary

The Rotary Club of Peachtree City was established in 1967 and is the oldest service club in Fayette County. We have approximately 120 members and we meet each Thursday at noon at the Peachtree City Conference Center.

Rotary focuses on promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. We do this by providing service to others, promoting integrity, and advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

#### About Cooper Lighting Solutions

Cooper Lighting Solutions is a business unit of Signify, the world leader in lighting. Together, they have a shared purpose to unlock the extraordinary potential of light for brighter lives and a better world. They build forward-thinking lighting solutions that make people's lives safer, while making buildings, homes and cities smarter and more sustainable by delivering an industry-leading portfolio of indoor and outdoor lighting, lighting controls and smart lighting systems.

## Glenwood Rotary club helps keep meals program rolling

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, October 26, 2020



**Glenwood Rotarians Marin Rajdl (left) and David Sheppard pick up meals to deliver from the senior meal site in Glenwood. Since Sheppard, as president-elect of the Glenwood Rotary Club, took over administration of drivers for Meals-on-Wheels, volunteers have kept the program rolling, delivering meals to area residents' homes on a daily basis.**

Each Monday through Friday, about 25 Glenwood area residents receive a hot noon lunch thanks to the volunteers who deliver those meals.

It's called Meals on Wheels and the program is alive and well in the Glenwood area thanks to the Glenwood Rotary Club, volunteer drivers and Sharon Bloomgren, who cooks the daily meals. David Sheppard, president-elect of the Glenwood Rotary Club stepped up recently to help organize and schedule the volunteer drivers, many of whom are Rotarians themselves.

In the past, the local Rotary club had agreed to take on delivery of the meals for a month, but when the month ended, the meals still needed to be delivered and finding volunteer drivers was a challenge to the program. After talking with a few Rotarians, it was decided the Glenwood Rotary Club would take responsibility for scheduling volunteer drivers to deliver the meals each weekday.

It was something Rotary could do to fill a community need, Sheppard explained.

The real problem was having someone or some organization take charge of the delivery finding volunteers to deliver the meals on a day-to-day basis each month of the year.

The delivery schedule was filled with Rotary and non-Rotary drivers and an increased substitution list was created so that if a driver couldn't make it on a certain day, there were plenty of people to call on to deliver the meals.

It's gone much smoother, Sheppard said. The program requires three drivers per day Monday through Friday. That's 15 routes per week and about 780 per year. We are growing the list of volunteers needed to deliver the meals. Even in a small community like Glenwood, it's actually quite an effort, he said.

Once people get involved they find it incredibly gratifying, Sheppard explained.

The unsung hero of the entire operation, according to Sheppard, is Sharon Bloomgren. She's here every day rain, snow, sleet or cold cooking the meals. Many days she does it alone and she seeks no glory or even a thank you, Sheppard said. She just goes about her work because that's where her heart is.

Credit should be given to those who volunteer to deliver the meals. The whole thing works because people are willing to help. That's really what the Rotary motto, Service above Self is all about. The core of this program is the volunteers, he added.

He said he always wanted to be involved in the Meals on Wheels program, but his job meant he was on the road most days. When he retired recently, he had the time and volunteered first to deliver meals. It's a really good feeling to do something for the community, he said.

Sheppard also credited American Solutions for Business (ABS) of Glenwood for providing the kitchen facility so that the meals can be prepared. We're very fortunate to have this facility, he said of the senior center located on the corner of First Street SE and Franklin Street.

The Meals on Wheels program is really under the radar for a lot of people, but the community is fortunate to have it operating right here in Glenwood.

Those who want the meals delivered don't need to state a reason for getting the meals. They just need to call and ask for meal delivery. Residents can have one meal delivered each day or five meals each week. The cost is \$4 per meal and if a meal is needed on the weekend, a frozen meal is sent with the regular meal on Fridays, he explained.

The meals are nutritional and very affordable and they're available to the general public, not just the elderly. They're really for anybody who wants a meal delivered, it was stated.

Anyone who wants to volunteer to deliver the meals can contact David Sheppard via email: [thesheppardgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thesheppardgroup@gmail.com).

To sign up for a hot home-delivered meal contact the Senior Nutrition Site, or call 634-7837.

## 2021 District Conference Jekyll Island

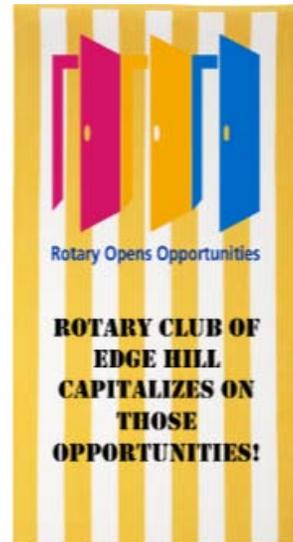
By Joseph Davidson on Monday, September 28, 2020



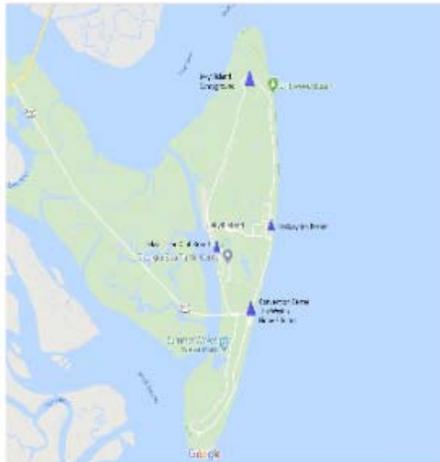
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[Info on meeting safely on Jekyll Island](#)



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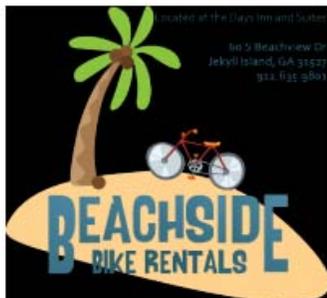
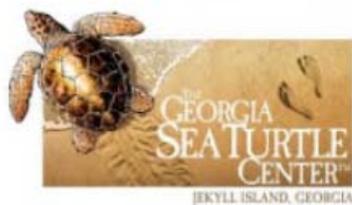
[Hotel Info & Registration](#)



Conference Agenda



Fun in the Sun Activities



**RI President's October Message**

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, August 31, 2020



**Holger Knaack**

**President 2020-21**

**October 2020**

During a recent Zoom meeting with Rotarians and Rotaractors, I looked at the smiling faces on my screen and realized how much our organization has changed in a short period. It is clear that there is no going back to the "old normal" in Rotary ♦ and I see that as an exciting opportunity!

Innovation and change are happening at so many levels as we rethink and remake Rotary. Rotary's new flexibility is blending with digital culture to drive change in ways that many of us have never seen before. We can learn a lot from Rotarians like Rebecca Fry ♦ who, at age 31, already has 15 years of Rotary experience.

*I see Rotary as a phenomenal platform to change the world. I believe I can have the greatest influence by empowering others to create the change they wish to see in the world. I've gained leadership insights through my experiences in RYLA and Rotaract, and now, as charter president of the Rotary Social Impact Network, a new e-club.*

*Engaging Rotary program alumni is key in forming new clubs. Our club is proof that Rotaractors and other alumni want to join Rotary ♦ but sometimes they can't find the Rotary club that's right for them. Our club has 31 members, all between the ages of 23 and 41, and almost all of them are alumni of Rotary programs.*

*We need to be able to integrate and align Rotary with the other personal and professional goals we're pursuing. In chartering this club, we set out to design a personalized model of Rotary that is focused on added value for our members. We have also sought to leverage connections ♦ through Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, and other international partnerships ♦ in order to elevate our members' experiences beyond the club.*

*Our club meets and manages most of its projects online, using Microsoft Teams to engage 24/7 in topics that interest our members. This also means our club is not geographically bound to any one location: Although many of us are in Australia, we also have members in Germany, Italy, Mexico, Tanzania, and the United States.*

*Also key for our club is measuring the impact of our projects. For Plastic Free July this year, we created an awareness campaign promoting ways that individuals could reduce their use of plastics, and we reached more than 6,000 people. It's a project with a tangible impact that anyone can take part in wherever they are. I'm proud that, through our club, we are bringing people together for a new type of Rotary experience. I am excited for our future.*

## **Economic Development & Community Development Month**

By Tina Fischlin on Wednesday, October 7, 2020

As Rotarians, we are encouraged by the acts of kindness in our community and around the world. While the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed some efforts, it has also affirmed how much we accomplish as People of Action and brought some unexpected opportunities. The resilience and service by Rotary clubs in our District are inspiring.

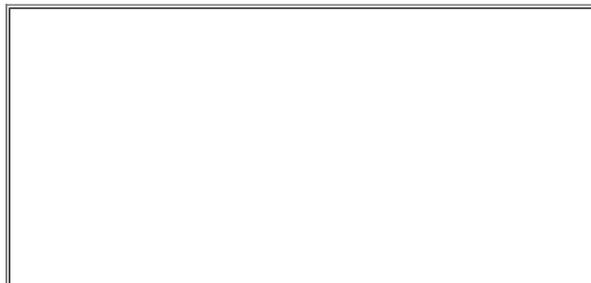
For example, on my recent governor ♦s visit to the Rotary Club of Loganville, I had an ♦opportunity ♦ to participate in the ribbon-cutting event at Loganville High School ♦s College and Career Resource Center. The center will provide assistance and resources as students prepare for life after high school. (See photo.)

♦May Peace Prevail On Earth ♦ was demonstrated by District 6910 clubs ♦ participation in the International Peace Day. We had great participation among clubs who registered events. Your donations to the Rotary Foundation empower our dedication to peace by supporting the Rotary International ♦s Peace Fellowship. We are a Peace District because of your support of The Rotary Foundation. Read more about Peace Fellowship: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>

How will your club celebrate World Polio Day on October 24? We reached a milestone: eradicating polio out of Africa! But the work is not done. We must continue our efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Remember to register your event at <https://www.endpolio.org/register-your-event>.

October is Economic and Community Development. The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable and long-term economic improvements in their communities. Click on the link here to gain inspiration from other Rotarians: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vzd0nypweY&t=3s>

As President Nick Frankle says, ♦**The mission of the Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development** is defined as being a source of knowledge and expertise that helps Rotarians plan, implement, and manage impactful and sustainable economic development projects and create lasting change in poor and underserved communities. ♦ To learn more, please visit <http://ragm.org/>.





Meet Wendy Bird, Founder of Pearls with Purpose. She is dedicated and passionate about providing women in impoverished regions an opportunity to be self-sustaining.

<https://pearlswithpurpose.org/>

Let s continue to be the positive newsmakers in our communities and around the world!

## #1 In The World

Thursday, September 17, 2020



Tommy and Chantel Bagwell Honored as they become Platinum Trustee Circle Members of the Arch Klumph Society.

With a little help from Forsyth County Rotarian Tommy Bagwell and his wife Chantal, District 6910 was the highest giving district to PolioPlus in the world during the 2019-20 Rotary year! Likewise, their home club of Forsyth County was the highest giving club in the world! Can you guess the common denominator here?

Tommy and Chantal are Arch Klumph Society Platinum Trustees Circle members who are very passionate about raising funds for PolioPlus. According to Robert Hall, Vice-Chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Committee, in 2017 Tommy expressed his belief that in Georgia we ought to be doing a lot better when it comes to supporting Rotary s PolioPlus fund. After much discussion, he and Chantal decided to make the commitment to put up \$3 million dollars in matching funds over the course of three years. It then became Robert s job to find the contributors to put those matching funds to work.

The Bagwells surpassed their commitment giving over \$3 million. These funds will go a long way in Rotary s campaign to eradicate polio from the face of the earth and keep our promise to the children of the world. [Read More](#)

## Polio, Where Are We and How Are We Trying to End Polio?

By Bill Strickland on Wednesday, September 30, 2020

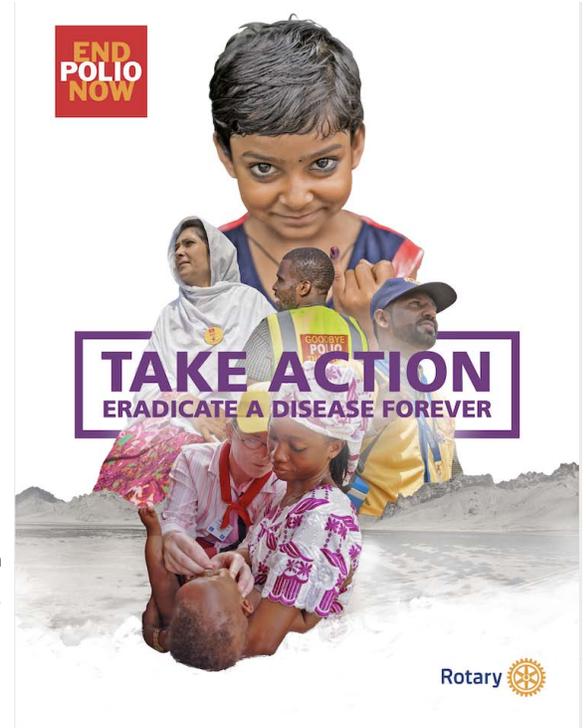
Polio cases are still going up in only two countries. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only two countries left with wild poliovirus. So far this year, we have had 120 cases of wild poliovirus. Afghanistan has had 47 cases and Pakistan has had 73 cases this year.

When COVID-19 hit, Polio inoculations were stopped and everyone stayed at home. But, just recently in Pakistan, the inoculations have started again. Health workers have started going door to door with armed soldiers. There have been some that have spread false rumors about the inoculations. Some were told that the inoculations were to sterilize children of the countries. The End Polio chairs from both countries are working

on correcting these false statements.

There are two types of polio vaccines. One was invented by Jonas Salk. His vaccine is a dead virus that is given in a shot. Albert Sabin invented a vaccine that is a very weak virus that is alive. The Sabin vaccine is given with just two drops. Sabin's vaccine is the most cost-effective vaccine in the world. Most people can have this vaccine and never get polio. In mostly poorly vaccinated populations, there will pop up a mutated type of vaccine-derived polio that can give someone polio. Only 1 in 500,000 might get the mutation from the live virus. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are working on a new polio serum that will not give any children polio.

We are so close to ending polio, we just need your help. When we get to the last case of polio, Rotary will stand with the leaders of the world to celebrate the End of Polio. Polio will be the only second disease eradicated in the World. Small Pox is the only disease eradicated so far.



**END POLIO NOW** **WORLD POLIO DAY** **IS 24 OCTOBER** [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) | [#endpolio](https://twitter.com/endpolio) Rotary 