

Coming Events

- 8 **Jeanne Walls**
Costa Rica Project
- 13 **Board Meeting**
5:30 pm
14361 Sommerville Court
- 15 **Kaitlyn Sundheim**
VA Special Olympics 16
- 16 **Flying Squirrels Game**
Benefit End Polio Now
- 22 **Bobby Fulcher**
Backpacks of Love
- 29 **Fifth Wednesday**
Stonehenge Country Club
12:30 pm

June

- 5 **Debbie Wall**
ShelterBox
- 12 **Bill Lohmann**
Dr. Copter
- 26 **Installation & Awards**
Salisbury Country Club
6 pm

From Raghavan Sadagopan
Innsbrook Rotary Club

The District grant to purchase a van for the Faison Center is complete.
 “We had over 11 participating clubs in the grant-which is awesome!
 Thanks for partnering with our club and supporting us in this grant.
 “We are sure the contributions will help deserving kids in the coming years.
 “Looking forward to working with your club in future grant projects.”



Busy Weekend for HT Rotarians

Food distribution at Chesterfield County Food Bank, walking for a cure to MS, and a slew of Kentucky Derby parties kept HT Rotarians busy over the weekend. Merle’s team for the MS walk brought in over \$3,000- team total #21 out of 127 teams donating!



Fifth Wednesday Plans

The traditional Fifth Wednesday (May 29, 12:30 pm at Stonehenge Country Club) is very important to the future of HT Rotary. As outlined in an email from PE Linda, this is an opportunity to check out Stonehenge as a potential new location for regular meetings. A vote will be taken at the meeting, so please make every effort to attend, enjoy the lunch and make your wishes heard.

Three Polio Workers Killed in One Week

ISLAMABAD— Two gunmen on a motorcycle shot and killed a polio vaccinator in the southwestern Pakistani city of Chanman last week, bringing the death toll among vaccinators working in the country's anti-polio drive to at least three in one week.

Polio vaccination teams have suffered several attacks since a country-wide vaccination drive began April 23. Polio workers, volunteers and their guards are frequently targeted in the South Asian country. Islamist militants and hardline clerics say the vaccination drive is a foreign plot to sterilize Muslim children and is a cover for western spies.

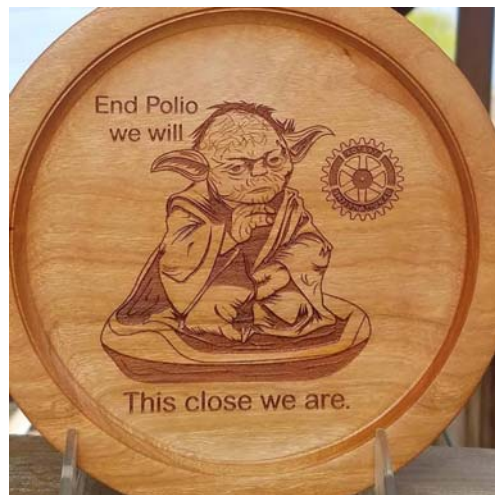
Haya Kahn, a resident of a tribal area bordering Afghanistan, who runs a shop, said he is skeptical of the polio vaccine. Neither he nor his parents have taken the vaccine, which can be delivered orally as drops, and they are living a healthy life, he said.

"We have doubts in our minds about this western vaccine," he said. "Tribal people are not sure what they are giving our children and what information they are collecting for spying. It's a western agenda, indeed."

Recently the government has started a public education campaign on the issue, and urged Muslim clerics to inform the population that the vaccine protects children from a disease that can lead to paralysis or death.

A global effort to eradicate polio is led by Rotary International, the Gate Foundation and the World Health Organization. It has left Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria as the only countries that have not stopped the transmission of the polio virus. The number of cases in Pakistan jumped to eight this year, after two new cases were found last week. The number of cases in the country dropped to 12 in 2018 from 58 in 2012, according to End Polio Pakistan. According to an independent tally by the news media, 95 polio workers have been killed doing their work since 2012.

More than 25,000 children were rushed to hospitals in northwestern Pakistan last week after false rumors that polio drops were making children sick, creating a panic. A man was detained on suspicion of conspiring against the polio vaccination campaign after a video went viral showing him urging students to pretend to faint after immunization.



Interact Film Awards

When members of the Interact Club of Tunis Inner City, Tunisia, set out to make a video about their club, they focused on the many projects that have kept club members busy and engaged throughout their city.

"The key message was to show that a group of teenagers can have an impact on their community," says Fatma Choura, the club's adviser and member of the Rotary Club of Radès, Tunisia. "They wanted to encourage other young people to become active and serve their communities."

The two-minute video was selected as best in the 2018 Interact Video Awards, earning the club \$1,000 to spend on a future project. Videos from the Interact Clubs of [Alexandria East Champions, Egypt](#); [San Salvador Noroeste, El Salvador](#); and [Colegio de Calumpit, Bulacan, Philippines](#), were named runners-up. A video from the Interact Club of [A.V.P. Trust Public School \(CBSE\) Gandhinagar, Tamil Nadu, India](#), was voted the 2018 fan favorite in a social media poll. All awardees received a letter from the Rotary International president and have their videos posted on social media. Choura says the Tunis Inner City club decided to film at the Olympic Stadium in Radès because it's an impressive backdrop and is located in the city of their sponsor club. The video's main character, a young woman, passes groups of Interactors who are acting out the club's five most meaningful projects. The film builds to its main message: "Through enjoying the good and overcoming the bad, we grew together, and we got closer until we became a family — a family aiming for higher goals and achievements and looking forward to making the world a better place."

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