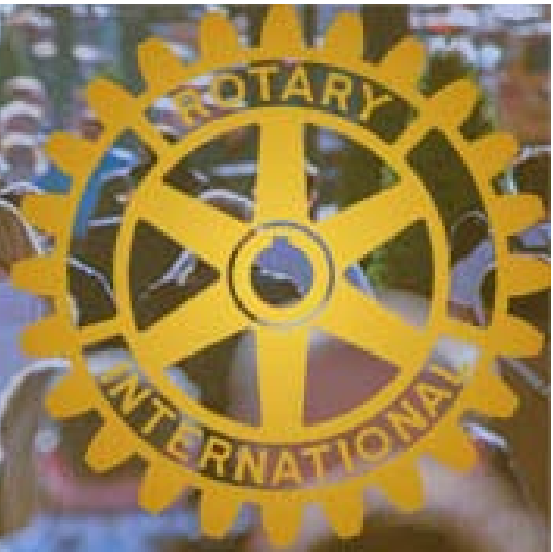




Rotary District 7600



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October 2020

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District News

A Message from DG Judy Cocherell,

Can it possibly be October? The year is flying by. I have been busy with club visits both virtually and in-person. I have made 53 total club visits with 28 virtual and 25 in-person. Two of the visits were to 3 clubs combined. The three Eastern Shore Clubs met virtually and Petersburg, Petersburg Breakfast and Colonial Heights met in person. I have enjoyed all the visits. It is great meeting so many Rotarians and hearing about all the good things you are doing despite the Pandemic. Please send any ideas for Virtual Fundraising or good Virtual Speakers to your Area Governor so we can get together an idea bank. Sharing ideas helps us all!

October 24 is a Saturday and is World Polio Day. We are planning a World Polio Day Telethon with lots of great speakers including RI President Holger Knaack and our two Directors

Stephanie Urchick and Peter Kyle. The event will be held from 10:45 until 2:00 on the 24th. The telethon is for Zones 33 and 34 and Colleen Bonadonna is in charge of it and has lined up some fabulous speakers. Some clubs are planning to watch it together. One club is ordering box lunches and eating outside while watching it on an outdoor screen. Please let Colleen know if you are planning a club event that day.

Our District Conference is coming up on November 6-8 at the brand-new Oceanfront Marriott in Virginia Beach. Lots of great activities are planned including President's Rep Anne Matthews who is a past Rotary International Vice President, Past Director and past Trustee. She is a wonderful speaker. We will have a beach themed party on Friday evening with the Tiki Bar Band and a Roaring Twenties Event on Saturday which is black tie optional and costumes optional. We will follow safety measures as prescribed by the CDC and the State. We will offer a virtual alternative if desired. Please go to DACdb to register and choose your meals. Make sure you check District Event on District Calendar then go down to November 6. Go to bottom of page and click on hotel link. Rooms are only \$129!!

So, Happy October to all. Hope you all have a great month and connect and engage and go out to do good in the world!! Thanks for all you do for Rotary!

ROTARY DISTRICT 7600 CONFERENCE **AT THE BEACH**

2020/21

Nov 6, 2020 - Nov 8, 2020

The Marriott Virginia Beach Oceanfront
4201 Atlantic Avenue Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

Room rates are ONLY \$129 USD/night

NOTE: You will see a resort fee listed on the summary of charges with your confirmation. The resort fee has been waived for our group even though it is listed on the summary of charges. The resort fee will be removed from your folio at the time of departure.

Hotel reservations must be made separately from Conference registration.

Self parking is complimentary. Valet parking is available at a fee.

Member Registration

Request eZLink Registration Link

Registration

TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT:

1. If you're a Member, click:
Member Registration to register yourself and/or your guest(s) by logging in.
2. If you don't know your password, click:
Request eZLink Registration Link to request a personalized link to register. Your personalized link to register will arrive via email in a few minutes.
3. If you're not a member, click:
Public Registration to register yourself (and a guest).



THIS ROTARY CONFERENCE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN-PERSON

Face coverings are required in all indoor public areas. The health and safety of our guests is our top priority; COVID-19 updates and what to expect at our hotel.



This will be a first-ever hybrid District Conference and will include an online silent auction, Zoom sessions, a service project, and a Rotaract component. **Sign up now at DACdb.**

> Read the Schedule of Events [HERE](#).

> **House of Friendship:**



> **Service Project:**

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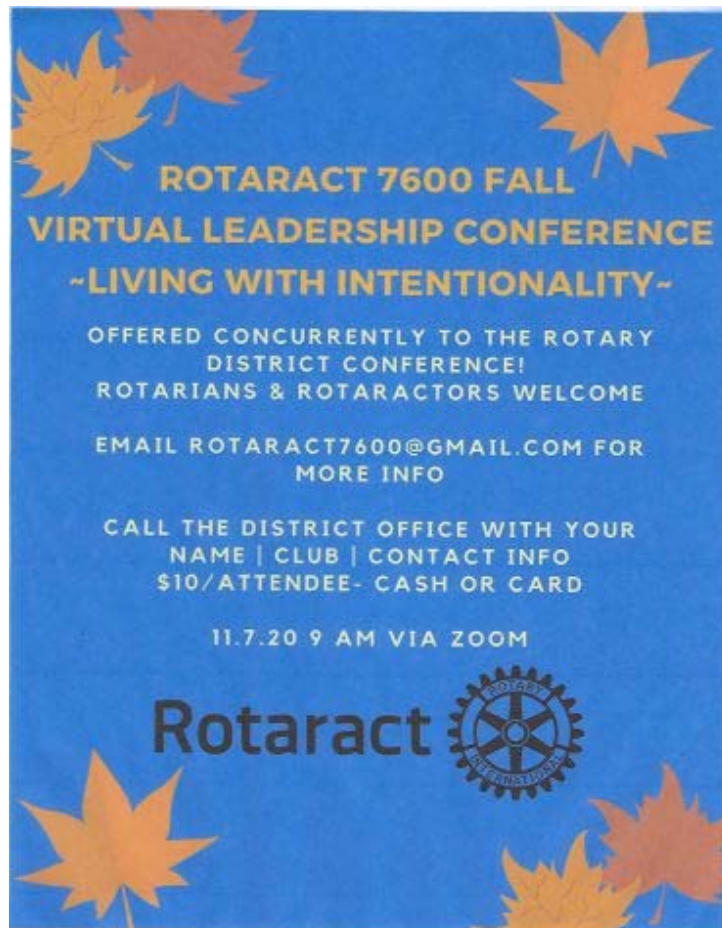
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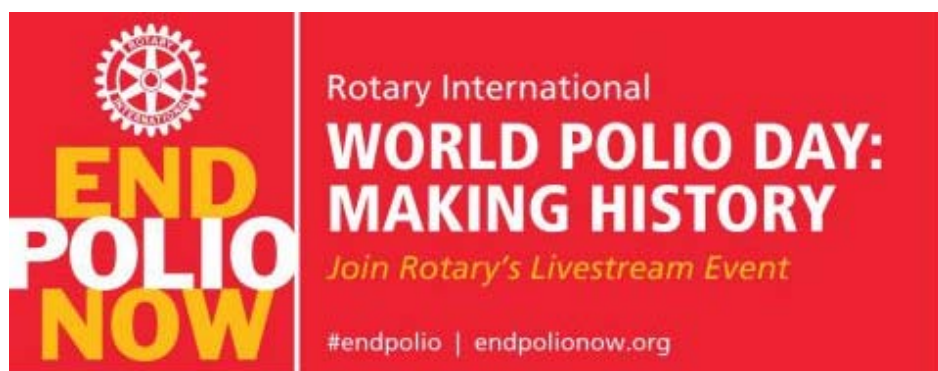
> **Silent Auction:** To access the auction, download and install the Bid Beacon App from the app store using the appropriate button, or use the web version on any device that can view websites with a modern browser (Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Edge).

The URL for web version is <https://app.bidbeacon.com> in case you need to paste it into a browser. Once you have registered with the app, click join auction and enter **PL9R9T** to access the auction.

> **Rotaract Conference:**



Read the schedule for the Rotaract component [HERE](#).



What is your club doing for World Polio Day?

Rotary designated World Polio Day (October 24th) as a way to honor Dr. Jonas Salk and educate the world at large on the efforts to eradicate Polio worldwide. Rotary clubs around the globe will hold fundraising and public awareness events to mark this day.

The district is holding a virtual telethon with amazing speakers, music, an auction and prizes. For more details go [HERE](#).

Many clubs will be holding events; your club can also join in with another club if you don't have an event planned. What will your club do, if your club is holding an event share it with the district? The Richmond Club is will be doing a 2 mile Walk for 2 drops, New Kent Club is selling Two Drops Jewelry which has 2 drops in the designs, the Hampton Roads Club has a red cup campaign.

We would love to hear what your club is doing, send your project and a picture to Colleen@bonadonna.com or dgordonn@roseandwomble.com

District Upcoming Events:

Submitted by Dianne Gordonn, District Public Image Chair

Saturday, October 3 ♦ Via Zoom Rotary & Rotaract Grant Partnerships

How can Rotaract and Rotary Clubs work together to create and implement a meaningful District Grant?

Rotaractors and Rotarians in Clubs that have a relationship together should join us for this

virtual training event.

**Saturday, October 10 & Sunday October 11 (both days attendance required)
Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Part I ♦ Building Better Rotarians & Rotary Clubs**
A Virtual Class learning environment, RLI I includes:

- The Roots of Rotary
- My Club & Beyond
- Engaging Members
- Our Foundation
- Creating Service Projects

Sign up on the Calendar page on dacdb.com. Help to make your Club the best it can be.

**Saturday, October 24
Virtual World Polio Day Telethon**

Hosted by Districts 6700, 7630 and 7730, this Telethon corresponds with World Polio Day 2020 with the theme ♦A win against polio is a win for global health.♦ Join Rotary International President, Holger Knaack, RI Past President Ravi Ravindran and other Senior RI Leadership as we build on our eradication of polio successes. The program will provide a status update on Rotary and our partners♦ polio eradication efforts, and will also focus on how investment in polio eradication is critical for other global health initiatives, such as the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

More details to come. Immediate questions? Contact Colleen Bonadonna at colleen@bonadonna.net.

**Friday, November 6, through Sunday, November 8 (register once for all three days)
District 7600 Conference at the Beach 2020/21 at the brand new Oceanfront
Marriott in Virginia Beach**

In person or virtual, both are available to you. Whatever way you prefer to join us, we want you with us. Special room rates at the Hotel for our Conference. There is a link to the hotel when you register for the Conference on dacdb.com.

We hope to see you at this great event. It will follow all CDC and State guidelines for health and safety. The Marriott is employing safe practices and Marriott as a corporation has gone over and beyond suggested measures.

For more information or questions you may have about this event, please contact either of our District Conference Chairs Shel Douglas sheldouglas1@gmail.com and Bonnie Field bonniesnappfield@gmail.com.

All of this is on dacdb.com on the Calendar page so head over and register!

Club News

New Kent Club:

Submitted by Colleen Bonadonna



The Rotary Club of New Kent is selling *Two Drops Jewelry* as a Polio Fundraiser. Two drops of the oral Polio vaccine are given to children under the age of 5 in countries at risk for wild polio. Two Drops Jewelry came about as a way to raise awareness and funds for the Polio Eradication efforts. The jewelry incorporates two drops into each piece. Most are upcycled designs from vintage pieces combined with some new parts, others are new pieces that have been altered to incorporate the two drops, each is unique in their design. The pieces are assembled by Rotarians and **100% of funds** go directly to the Polio Plus program at the Rotary Foundation. The pieces range from \$10 to \$30, so each piece will protect 100-300 children from the risk of Polio. Pictures and prices are available on the RC of New Kent's Facebook page.



James River Club:



James River Rotarians and Huguenot Trail District Boy Scouts of America volunteers were hard at work at Cub Camp working on a bridge!

Goochland Club:



On September 12, Rotarians had another workday at the new Rotary Club of Goochland "Exercise Trail and Dog Park" at Hidden Rock Park in Goochland County, VA. If you have not seen this new Exercise Trail and Dog Park, be sure to check it out!

The club also has a brand new newsletter - to read the first issue go [HERE](#).

Richmond Club:



The RVA Rotary ramp team was finally back in action recently working on building wheelchair ramps for project: HOMES!

James City County Satellite Club

Submitted by Neva Lynde



Above - Ms. Angel Washington, Principal, James River Elementary School (left), accepted some of the personal whiteboards, markers and erasers donated by the James City County Rotary Satellite Club, from Rotarian Sarah Randall (right), to enhance the students' distance learning experience. The Satellite Club is partnering with the James River Elementary School Parent -Teacher Association this year.

Below - A James River Elementary School first-grader shows off the Rotary label on the back of her whiteboard.



Yorktown Club:
Submitted by Ashley White



Pictured l-r: Michelle Pollock (Rotarian), Clark Rich (friend of Rotary), Harry Fagan (club president), Ed Jackson (Rotarian), Detta Rich (Yorktown Satellite club), and Crystal Summers (Yorktown Satellite Club)

The Yorktown Club held its first day of their food drive on Sunday, September 20th at Kroger in Yorktown, VA. This is part of their project for a District Grant supporting Bread for Life, a food pantry in Gloucester, VA. They also held a second day on Saturday September 26th at the same location.

Petersburg Club:

Congratulations to Bill Pollard who had the winning ticket and won \$200 in the 50/50 raffle at the Petersburg Rotary Charity Golf Tournament. He says, "I never have a winning raffle ticket. The last three numbers of my lucky winning ticket were 666. I gave \$100 back to the Rotary club. My team shot a 58 and finished in fourth place. A fun day of golf and fellowship."

Newport News Club:



At a recent club meeting, members welcomed Mr. Greg Tilley from SCORE! For over 50 years, SCORE has served as America's premier source of free business mentoring and education. Since opening a Branch office in Newport News in 2019, SCORE has helped more than 100 small businesses locally. There are 15+ SCORE mentors in the Newport News Chapter with a variety of expertise, including finance and accounting, government contracting, sales and marketing, human resources, non-profits, and more. SCORE offers workshops, webinars, templates and other resources to small businesses, including mentoring which is free and confidential. Volunteering for SCORE is a great way to be engaged and give back to the small business community. The members thank Greg for a great presentation!

Virginia Peninsula Club:



On Saturday September 19th, the Virginia Peninsula Rotary Club joined with the Newport News Public Art Foundation to put final touches on the landscaping of a beautiful piece of Open Air Art located in Newport News Park. We moved top soil, planted sod and shared the good will of Rotary with their community. "It's been months since we got to spend time together as a group. There's nothing like spending time with good friends donating our time for a good purpose."

Norfolk Club:



President Jim Kitz and others packed 440 food boxes for senior citizens in their community.



Rotary Club of Norfolk was out in the community again doing good works at Barraud Park. The clean-up crew included Sigur Whitaker, Joey Rothgery, Marty Raiss, Tom Ambler, Bill Eisenbeiss, Walt Sobczyk, Chris Bugg, Mike Richardson, and President Jim Kitz.

Midlothian Club:



Boards and Bags Cornhole Fundraiser: Bring your A game to our 1st ever BOARDS & BAGS CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT ♦ presented by Rotary International. The event takes place on Saturday, October 10th at Atlas 42 in Glen Allen. Enjoy Cornhole fun, prizes, food and drink all for great local causes! Cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Sign up and/or become a sponsor of this year ♦s event [HERE](#):

South Hill Club



The South Hill Rotary Club dedicated the benches placed at the all inclusive playground in Centennial Park in South Hill recently. The club placed the benches with plaques honoring late members Carol Crough and Jerry Klingenberg. Crough's daughter Kerry McCarville set the project in motion a few years ago to honor and remember her mother who had a great love for the park and the last part of the project finally came together. The club also had time to apply for a district grant and decided to also honor late member Klingenberg. There were a few unexpected hiccups along the way with the project including COVID-19 but thanks to the club and the Town of South Hill's crew it finally came together. Kerry was on hand to help with the dedication of the benches and was very happy to see the project completed.

Powhatan Club:

Submitted by District Rich Salon



Area 18 Governor Rich Salon was asked to be the Speaker at the Powhatan Rotary Club on September 10th. The club requested he share the vision of the upcoming launch of a Rotary Fellowship for the Richmond-area clubs - called Rotary Means Business. A ♦Fellowship♦ within Rotary consists of members who share a common interest. Each of us knows that Rotary was formed as a business networking group in 1905. Fast forward to 2004, when one of the clubs here in the U.S. created the Rotary Means Business Fellowship and today it is active in many parts of the world. Within Rotary, our product remains service, and we are awesome at it! However, Rotarians can also seek help from fellow Rotarians to grow professionally. This fellowship is being initiated on October 8, 2020 with a meeting for the Richmond-area clubs, based on a strong level of interest among local Rotarians.

Hampton Roads Club:



The club's last Adopt-A-Highway Saturday is done. They didn't miss a beat this year - it just looked a little different. Good thing about trash pick up, you don't really stand together for more than a minute (for photos). Thank you to club's lead this year, Pat Tamakloe.

Warwick at City Center Newport News Club:

Submitted by Jennifer Daknis

On behalf of The Warwick Rotary Foundation and The Rotary Club of Warwick at City Center, President Sharon Martin presented donation checks to the following organizations: \$5,000 to the Virginia Living Museum, \$1,500 to THRIVE Peninsula and \$500 to the Girl Scouts of Coastal Virginia.



Photo 1: VLM Executive Director Rebecca Kleinhample and Club President Sharon Martin



Photo 2: Warwick Rotary Foundation Trustee Jennifer Daknis, THRIVE Peninsula Executive Director Angela York and Club President Sharon Martin



Photo 3: Girl Scouts of Colonial Coast Chief Executive Director and Rotarian Tracy Keller and Club President Sharon Martin

Rotary  Club of James River (Richmond)

Annual Sporting Clays Tournament

Give It A Shot! 

Tuesday, October 20, 2020
Old Forge Sporting Clays
7945 Long Beach Road, Providence Forge, VA 23140

\$500 - Team | \$100 - Individual
Breakfast & Registration: 8:30 AM (arrive no later than 9 AM)
Lunch: 12:30 PM

James River Club:

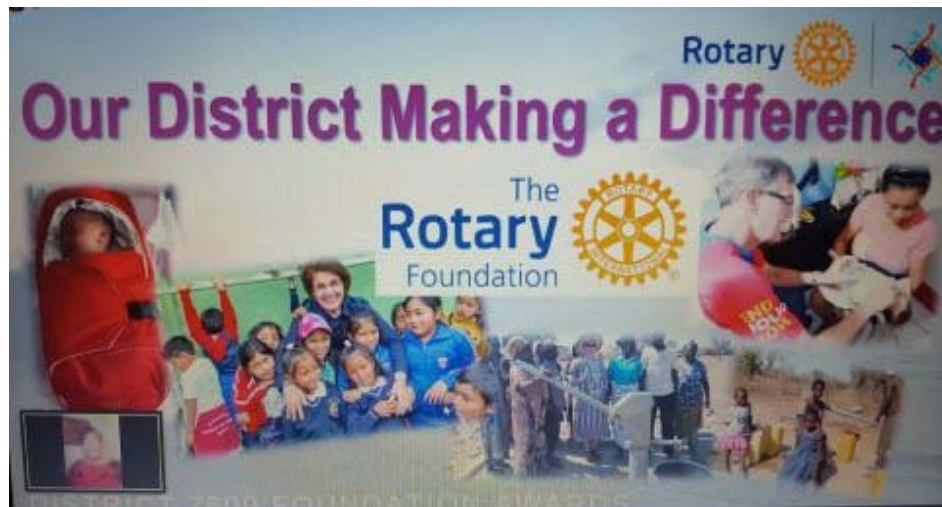
Foundation News

The
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Foundation





A Message from Stephen Beer, your District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair > [HERE](#).



The District's Foundation Awards ceremony was held virtually on Zoom with about 70 people attending. DG Judy Cocherell welcomed all to the online meeting followed by Tonda Arthur leading the Pledge; Rudy Garcia leading the 4-Way Test; and Mike Jallo giving the Invocation. Dr. Stephanie Urchick was guest speaker and shared her experiences as a Polio vaccinator in India and other ways she has been impacted by The Rotary Foundation and all the good works it does worldwide. PDG Clenise Platt thanked District 7600 Rotarians for their efforts in raising funds during the 2019-20 Rotary year. David Rosenthal announced the awards for clubs and individuals. Congratulations to all the clubs and the individuals who earned recognitions!!

Read specifics [HERE](#).



Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee

An Article by Ryan Hyland

Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee, joins 100 pioneers, artists, leaders, icons, and titans as one of *TIME's* 100 Most Influential People. *TIME* announced its 2020 honorees during a 22 September television broadcast on ABC, recognizing Funsho for his instrumental leadership and work with Rotary members and partners to achieve the eradication of wild polio in the African region.

He is the first Rotary member to receive this honor for work toward eradicating polio.

A Rotarian for 35 years, Funsho is a member of the Rotary Club of Lekki, Nigeria, past governor of District 9110, and serves on Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. Funsho is a cardiologist and a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London. He lives in Lagos, Nigeria with his wife Aisha. They have four children; Habeeb, Kike, Abdullahi and Fatima; and five grandchildren.

TIME 100 comprises individuals whose leadership, talent, discoveries, and philanthropy have made a difference in the world. Past honorees include Bono, the Dalai Lama, Bill Gates, Nelson Mandela, Angela Merkel, Oprah Winfrey, and Malala Yousafzai.

"I'm honored to be recognized by TIME for my part in ensuring that no child in Africa will ever again be paralyzed by wild polio, a disease that once disabled 75,000 African children every single year," said Funsho. "Eradicating the wild poliovirus in Africa was a team effort that required cooperation and dedication of governments, partners, Rotary members, hundreds of thousands of health workers, and countless parents who chose to have their children vaccinated against polio."

As the chair of Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee, since 2013 Funsho has led PolioPlus efforts in the country, building upon the work of his predecessors. He has worked alongside Rotarians in Nigeria to raise awareness about the importance of polio immunization, encouraged governments and public figures to support polio eradication, and served as a vocal leader and advocate for Rotary and its fight to end polio. He works closely with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative partner organizations: the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

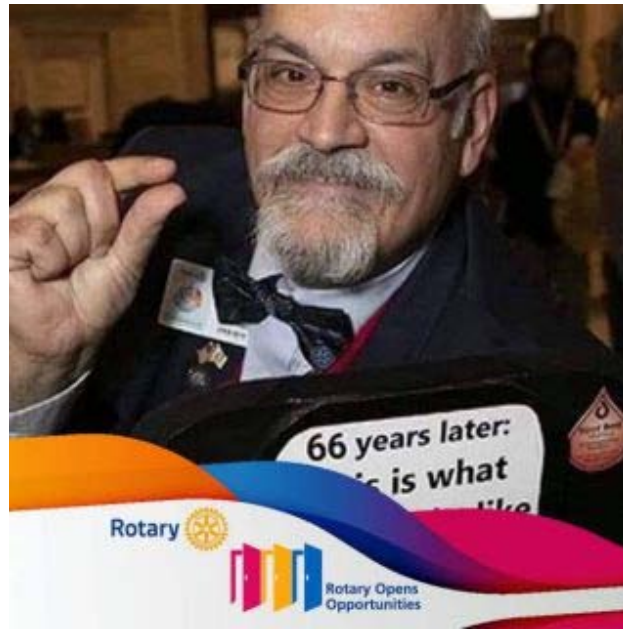
As a member of Nigeria's Presidential Task Force on Polio, he has coordinated immunizations and advocacy campaigns with the Minister of State for Health and the Inter-Agency Coordination Committee for Polio Eradication. He has also worked closely with the Sir Emeka Ofor Foundation, the Dangote Foundation, the Traditional Leaders Council and the Federation of Muslim Women's Association of Nigeria.

In August 2019, Nigeria reached three years without a case of wild poliovirus. Nigeria's progress, led by Rotary, its partners and local and national governments, was the result of decades of sustained efforts, including domestic and international financing, the commitment of hundreds of thousands of health workers, and innovative strategies to immunize children who previously couldn't be reached due to insecurity in the country's northern states.

On 25 August, the African region was certified wild polio-free. This historic announcement means that five of the WHO's six regions, representing more than 90 percent of the world's population, are now free of the wild poliovirus. The virus is still endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

With Africa's milestone, Rotary and its partners took a major step forward toward their goal of global eradication. Funsho told *TIME* magazine of the achievement: "The polio eradication program in Nigeria has gone through some difficult times, but I never once doubted that this day would come. Any time that we've experienced a setback, Rotary and our partners have been able to find solutions and develop strategies for reaching vulnerable children."

He added: "One thing I know for certain is if Nigeria could eliminate the wild poliovirus, any country can eliminate it."



John Nanni and His Ironies

by Carol Dois Woodward

John Nanni is known or known about by most Rotarians. We hear him speak or perform from his wheelchair and we make assumptions about his story. He is such an advocate for End Polio Now, we don't look much further to learn of some of the happier and the more delightful ironies he's encountered in his happy life.

So, who is the John Nanni we know now? He and his wife, Christine, live in Middletown, Delaware. John is a member of the Middletown-Odesa-Townsend Rotary club in District 7630 having been a Rotarian since 2010. He is already a Rotary Leadership Institute graduate. John has been the PolioPlus Chair for District 7630 since 2010 and has given over 200 PolioPlus talks. He has two, now grown, adopted children, Allison and Adam. Allison is an Intensive Care Nurse in Baltimore and Adam owns a cleaning business in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. John has a degree in Hotel Restaurant Management.

A Few Months Too Early:

Perhaps the first irony in John's fabulous life is that he was born and raised in Binghamton, New York. What is ironic about that you might ask? Binghamton was one of the pilot-test sites for the Salk polio vaccine. John describes himself as a Polio Survivor of Class 1953. He was diagnosed with Polio just months before the distribution of the Polio vaccine. He received excellent care a Great Aunt and mom who had learned the massage and physical therapy developed by Sister Kenny an Australian nurse. He was paralyzed from the neck down for six months but was walking a year later. He played sports in high school and life carried on until age 40 when he felt the renewal of muscle weakness and pain of Post- Polio Syndrome. Muscles that worked so hard to compensate for the muscles damaged in the acute polio period start wearing out. According to John, he uses the wheelchair as a way to conserve to preserve the muscle strength he has.

John Discovers He's a Tenor:

Another happier irony in John's life. He is a tenor. What is so ironic about that? He started singing in a church choir when he was about 40. With his deep baritone speaking voice, you guessed it, he was thought to be a baritone singing voice as well. He decided to take some opera singing classes and learned that he has a tenor, not a baritone, voice. John and Christine are professional singers who perform as the Rhapsody in 2 Cabaret Act, www.rhapsodyin2.com.

As part of his professional life, John has been active in the nonprofit music organizations, as well as Rotary. He believes being a professional performer brings benefits to Rotary and Rotary brings benefits to his and Christine's professional career.

John and Christine's Marriage Thanks to a Music Camp:

Well, that might be hyperbole, but they did meet at a music camp which they attended each year. The camp offered a one-week free stay to any couple who met at the camp and married. Guess what? John and Christine were able to take advantage of that one-week free the next year!

More About the John We Know:

We know about John's commitment to a polio free world. Though unable to personally participate in National Immunization Days in India, Africa, and other places, he nonetheless participated in other ways to celebrate India Polio Free and Africa Polio Free announcements. In fact, in the years 2015, 2016, and 2017 he completed 800 plus volunteer hours annually. He is also now a platelet donor after a triple bypass surgery and has donated over 316 donations of platelets.

Some Things You May Not Know About John:

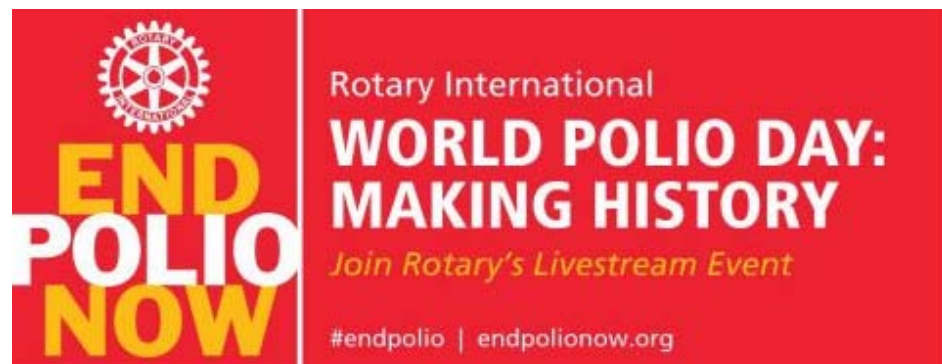
He is an avid New York Yankees Fan and is a 4-seat season ticket holder in the infamous Bleacher Creature Section of Yankee Stadium. John collects Rotary Pins (no surprise) and baseball pins and has an extensive collection in both categories. He also collects Donald Duck memorabilia. He has been a Donald Duck fan since the age of 7 when he learned how to talk like Donald Duck, nearly driving his dad nutty at times.

What is Ahead for John?

He will continue his collecting, professional singing, and attending Yankee's games. He will also continue to put a face on Post-Polio Syndrome and the accompanying polio fatigue; along with working hard to help Rotary End Polio Now so that no kid ever suffers again with this horrible disease. These are his most immediate Rotary goals. John is an organizer, performer, and participant in the World Polio Day Virtual Telethon on October 24, 2020. Please see the related article in this issue by District 7600 Polio Plus Chair, Colleen Bonadonna. And, being a pin collector, he has create a pin which one can obtain by making a \$40 or \$120 donation via private messenger on his Facebook page (www.facebook.com/johnnanni). Take a look.

Thank you, John, and we are looking forward to seeing you on the 24th.

Tip of the Month



Resources to use to promote your event:

- [How to Take Action](#)
- [Polio Letter](#)
- [Rotary & Polio Facts](#)
- [Sample Press Release](#)
- [Sample Proclamation](#)
- [Sample Social Media Messages](#)