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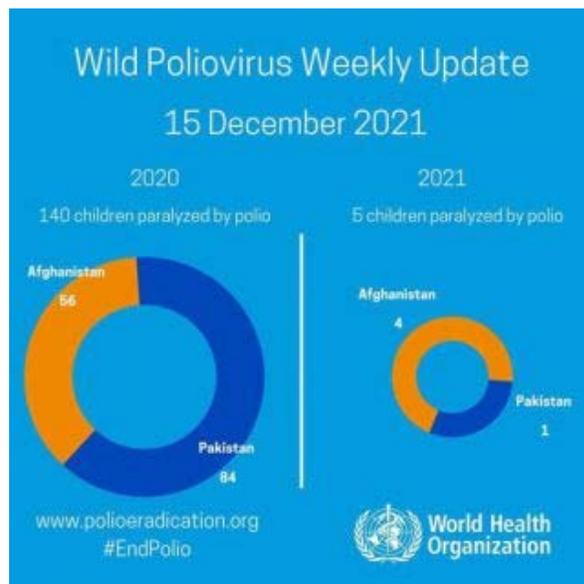
Polio Plus Year in review 2021

*By Colleen Bonadonna, District Polio Plus
Chair*

As of December 30, 2021 there were 5 cases of Wild Polio; 1 in Pakistan and 4 in Afghanistan this is compared to 140 cases in 2020 and 176 in 2019. This is great news to see the reduction of Wild Polio cases. While we see this positive trend, we must be mindful that we cannot celebrate until we reach the goal of no cases and then remain free of polio for 3 years to obtain a Polio free status.

As we begin the new year, polio campaigns will continue working in countries at greatest risk to reach the underserved throughout the world. The World Health Organization points out that the contributions from the Polio network has created a valuable infrastructure of highly experienced resources and networks which are serving as the backbone of the COVID-19 response. ¹

Simply stated what has been created working to eradicate Polio is helping to respond to other viral and infectious conditions. The Polio Plus Networks is sustainable in more than one way.



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Healthcare workers are working harder than ever to vaccinate for polio and Covid-19, they are truly the heroes in our efforts.

Something many in the district do not realize; the district has two Polio Plus Coordinators assisting me, Stan Wall in the Richmond area and Pam Tubbs in Norfolk region. Both are well versed in the Polio status and can speak to your clubs, as well as myself.

Currently, my presentation is **Rotary Beyond the Club** where I speak on how your club can take part in international projects, including Polio. The team looks forward to speaking to your club and helping you reach your goal with the Polio Plus Program.

1. Contributions of the Polio Network to COVID-19 Response, World Health Organization 2020

Club News

During December, clubs across the district spread holiday joy, raised money, completed projects, and enjoyed the fun of the season. There was Salvation Army bell ringing, road cleanups, parades, and parties. It didn't matter whether the members dressed up in suits and dresses or ugly Christmas sweaters at their club holiday parties, it's the company and fellowship with club members that counted. And now on to the second half of the Rotary year.

Clubs Across the District Bell-Ringing for Salvation Army:

By Neva Lynde

All across our Rotary District 7600, Rotarians are simply amazing - spending the first weekend of December ringing the bell for our Salvation Army partners who also do so much good in the community. Below are just a few of the clubs who shared their pictures



**James City County
Satellite Club**
members participated
(right)

**North Suffolk
Rotarians** did bell
ringing at Food Lion at
3215 Bridge Rd, Suffolk,
VA. *(left)*



The **Franklin Club** had The Snow Queen, Rotarian Lorraine Whitehead, who also rang the bell. The club has a long-standing tradition of ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.



Goochland Rotarians were out in full force this season ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. Another great partnership to help folks in our community! *(right)*



South Hill: (right)



Newport News club members rang the bell. (left)



Warwick: (left)



Goochland Club:

Christmas Mother Ann Casey spoke to share the great work of the program in the county. Rotary has been an integral part of this program for many years. In fact, there are have been five Rotarians who have been Christmas Mothers and one Christmas Father!



Another fulfilled activity for many clubs involved Holiday Parties:



Goochland Club: Joy Kline says, "A busy night of holiday festivities. The first was for the Rotary Club of Goochland party that included sweater contests. I don't have a picture at the event, but the picture here is what Mike and I wore. We won the 'best sweaters by a couple award!'" (left)

South Hill Christmas: (right)

The South Hill Rotary Club tacky Christmas Sweaters 2021.



New Kent Party: (left) **Churchill Party** (right)

Norfolk Party:
(right)



And then there were parades:

The **Chesapeake Rotary Christmas Parade** was a success! It takes a strong team of dedicated people to pull an event like this off! This is a volunteer-based event, and all funds go to charity! We were excited to have local Grant Holloway, Olympic Medalist as the Grand Marshal! They send a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this a successful event!

Thank you to Chesapeake Regional Healthcare for being our main sponsor! The club also thanks the following sponsors Chesapeake Regional Healthcare, AG Wraps, Amazing Glazed, CERT Volunteers, Chesapeake Public Library, Chesapeake Parks, Rec and Tourism, Chesapeake Police and Fire Dept., Chick-Fil-A, Grassfield Fusion Performing Group, Great Bridge Shopping Center, Hotrodders Cafe, Basnight Electric & Sound, John & Sean Murphy Edward Jones, Lawrence Pharmacy, Mister Jim's Subs, Priority Auto Group, Riddle Associates Inc. Commercial Real Estate, Southern Bank and Title Concepts.



The **Mechanicsville Club** has sponsored a Christmas Parade for many years in the village of Mechanicsville. *(left)*

The **South Hill Club's** parade... *(right)*



Multiple Club District Grant - The Rotary Sunshade Project



The district grant entitled Washington Henry Elementary School "Classrooms without Walls" involved the Rotary Clubs of Ashland, Hanover, Innsbrook, and Mechanicsville. The goal for this project was to provide sun cover for students taking classes outside. It included two parts: First, WHES students designed and built an outdoor learning center for future classroom and reading activities. The design included a flower bed, walkways, a storage shed, a small green house, a reading area, and a teaching area. Second, four area Rotary Clubs combined resources

to build two sunshade structures to cover the teaching and reading areas. The clubs purchased the hardware and sunshades from Carolina Shade Sails, LLC. in Greensboro, NC. *Picture caption: Circling around for the dedication ceremony. Members of the Ashland, Hanover, Innsbrook, and Mechanicsville Rotary Clubs. Staff and students and their parents from the Washington-Henry Elementary School. Margaret Hill, Executive Director of the*

Hanover Education Foundation.

South Hill Club Paul Harris presentation:

The South Hill Rotary Club presented Charles Wright with a certificate honoring his late wife Marilyn Wright as a Paul Harris Fellow recently for her support of Rotary with her husband over the years.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who make a commitment to, or have a commitment made in their name to the Rotary Foundation.



A Paul Harris fellow makes you a part of the eradication of polio, finding cures for other diseases, a partner in creating PEACE, a person who supports clean water and sanitation where the worth of water is measured in LIVES. It also makes you someone who believes that all babies, children, and moms should have good medical resources. Marilyn was involved in the community and supported Rotary endeavors as well as other projects. Club President Lynn Ellis made the presentation.

Lisa Clary Photo



Innsbrook Club:

Our club's Spooky Spokes Bike Hike event won the "Inspiring Young Riders Award" from Sports Backers. The Rotary Club of Innsbrook led a huge Spooky Spokes bike ride with at least 170 kids, parents, and volunteers to take advantage of the Halloween spirit this bike month in a family-friendly ride to support local law enforcement charities.

Award accepted by Gerard Shaia



Powhatan Club:



The Powhatan High School Interact Club along with members of The Rotary Club of Powhatan teamed up for a yard cleanup project for a family in Powhatan. Thank you to Interact members and Rotarians for taking a day to give back and put Service Above Self!!

Franklin Club's Week of Service included food packing and a road cleanup.

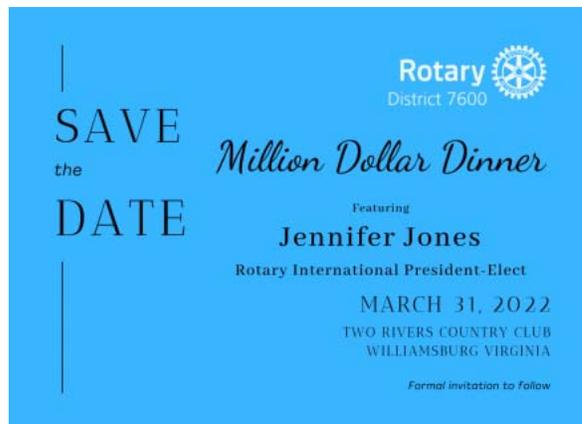


Tip of the Month:

It's hard to believe, but the Rotary year is half done! Now is the time to begin to prepare for the next Rotary year. Be sure to input your upcoming club officers in DACdb. A club President or Secretary has the capability to make the changes. Go to DACdb and login > My Club > Admin functions > Edit Club Positions.

It's also a good time to check your club goals and update them in My Rotary > Rotary Club Central > Manage > Club and District Administration > Rotary Club Central > Goal Center. You can also update your club's completed projects in Service Activities.

Foundation News



Read Stephen Beer's message about becoming a Bequest Society member [HERE](#)

Former GSE Team requests donations for disaster relief for Cebu in the Phillipines, which was hit by a major typhoon in mid-December.

Read more [HERE](#)



Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation release position statement on COVID-19 vaccination"

Reprinted from the December 2021 issue of The Rotarian Magazine

As the first organization to envision a polio-free world through mass immunization of children, Rotary believes the decision to vaccinate is a humanitarian imperative. The Rotary International Board of Directors and Rotary Foundation Trustees believe that:

1. Global vaccination is the path to ending the pandemic, and we strongly encourage vaccination for all individuals, including our members.

2. Misinformation hinders the fight against COVID-19, and we are committed to providing our members with science-based information.
3. Rotary is engaged in assuring equity in vaccine access to all people. Through joint efforts with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance we are leveraging our frontline experience with polio to facilitate vaccine delivery.
4. Rotary salutes health care workers everywhere as they continue to provide lifesaving services. We encourage clubs to offer recognition and encouragement to these heroes.
5. Rotary and Rotaract clubs are encouraged to redouble their efforts to support COVID-19 prevention and vaccination efforts.
6. As one of the greatest advances of modern medicine, vaccines are safe, effective and save millions of lives each year. They have eliminated or controlled numerous diseases such as polio, smallpox, measles, and Ebola, and now, there is the opportunity to end the COVID-19 pandemic through vaccination.
7. The eradication of polio remains the goal of the highest order for Rotary. We can continue to apply the lessons we have learned in fighting polio to COVID-19 response efforts. ♦

Eighteen 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs in District 7600



On the evening of November 11, the Rotary District Foundation Committee welcomed two clubs to the roster of 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs in the district. The Rotary Clubs of Hampton and Richmond joined the 16 other clubs with that designation. Those clubs are: Blackstone, Bon Air, Churchland, Colonial Heights, Hampton Roads, James City County, James River, Mechanicsville, Newport News, Norfolk Sunrise, Petersburg, Prince George County, The Historic Triangle, Town Center at Virginia Beach, Virginia Peninsula, and Williamsburg.

The 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club Award is a designation that recognizes clubs in which every dues-paying member is a Paul Harris Fellow at the time the District

Governor requests such banner recognition. This is a one-time only award, but the intent is that the club maintains its membership at the 100% Paul Harris Fellow level.

In the photo the Rotary Club of Richmond Club Foundation Chair, Paul Neumann, is presenting the 100% Paul Harris Fellow Award received at the Foundation Awards Banquet to the club President, Chuck Duval.

Congratulations go out, not only to the clubs of Hampton and Richmond, but to all of the proud 100% Paul Harris Fellow clubs in District 7600.

Rotarians Being Thankful ♦ A Club Exercise Template Created by Sue V. Carter

Sue Carter of the Rotary Club of Farmville created a club exercise in 2020 to help Rotarians in her club connect with all of the people and experiences in their lives for which they were thankful. In the early days of the pandemic and drastic changes in work and social activities such an exercise helped Rotarians recognize and reflect on the aspects of their lives for which they could be grateful.

She would be delighted for anyone to use her 2020 exercise as a template or as the creative spark to tailor for their own club uses. Find the PDF for her exercise [HERE](#).

With a bright new 2022 year beginning, it might be just the time for Rotarians and everyone else to take stock of the experiences and people in their lives which have brought them happiness and meaning.





Sue is a past president of her club as well as a strong supporter of The Rotary Foundation as a Paul Harris Fellow, a member of The Paul Harris Society, as well as a member of the District 7600 Alumni Association. After a trip on a District Global Grant in Ghana in 2019, she came back inspired to develop a \$75,000 grant to provide natal delivery equipment and supplies to 13 hospitals and clinics in Ghana.

Sue is a proud immigrant from Bosnia/Herzegovina. She has a Master of Science Degree from Longwood University and is the Human Services Director at Hampden-Sydney College.