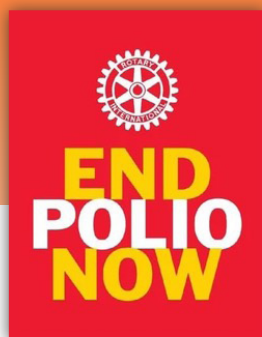
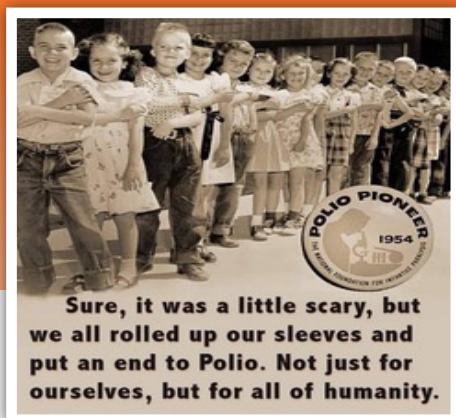


End Polio Now Update

Rotary International Districts 5010, 5040, 5050, 5060, 6360, 5370, 5550



Introduction and Thank you

I'm excited about the opportunity to work with you as Polio champions in our Rotary zone. My name is Jackie Hobal from Edmonton, Alberta, District 5370. Thank you for being part of this most important End Polio Now campaign and thank you for your efforts in 2023-2024 fundraising goals.

I was privileged to meet up with Mike McGovern, Rotary's End Polio Now Chair, in Singapore in May.

Polio is fighting for its life . . .

I'm sure most of you have heard the news from Gaza. The good news is that we have an aggressive surveillance system as a result of our Polio plus initiatives. We have also had an aggressive response from the WHO, UNICEF and other partners which has resulted in a declaration of peace for three days in the north central and south of Gaza. Well over 600,000 children under the age of 10 will be immunized.



**Together, we are making strides toward a polio-free world.
Let's keep the momentum going!
Feel free to reach out at any time.
Share your news and activities.**

Here is a link to a video about the campaign in GAZA:
[WHO / GAZA POLIO VACCINATION CAMPAIGN DAY 1](#)

This is really reassuring that the vaccination has finally taken place.



Bad News – Good News

We are still fighting polio in Afghanistan and Pakistan. To date there are 34 cases. The surveillance teams are equipped and able to track and find cases much more readily than in the past. As a result, more cases have been discovered. The good news is that once cases are discovered, precautions can be made effectively.

World Health Organization. Numbers now at 34. Wild Polio Virus Summary:

The number of wild polio cases for 2024 as of Sept 1, 2024 is 34.

There were 17 in Pakistan and 17 in Afghanistan.

The Rotary Foundation  **END POLIO NOW** **VIRTUAL SESSION BEGINS**
OCTOBER 24TH, 2024 • 12 PM MT
2 PM ET • 7 PM SCOTLAND

World Polio Day

Time to start planning your World Polio Day Event!

Get ideas at [EndPolio.org](https://www.endpolio.org).

Register your event at

<https://www.endpolio.org/register-your-event>. Sign up for

our zone world Polio day events Oct 2 and Oct 24.



FOCUS ON POLIO World Polio Day

SPEAKERS



Gordon R McNally
Rotary Foundation Trustee, 2024-28
Rotary International President, 2023-24

Join experts from University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine and Rotary International who will provide a unique perspective on our mission to **End Polio Now!**



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2024-2026, Zones 28 & 32

To Register for the virtual session scan code



OR use link below

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PolioPlus Society

Remembering the child in each polio case

The PolioPlus Society is a program currently being used by the Districts throughout the Rotary World

What is the PolioPlus Society? In an effort to increase sustainable giving, the PolioPlus Society (PPS) was formed to encourage Rotarians to commit to a minimum of \$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth. Society members receive a special PPS pin, an End Polio Now bracelet, and a certificate.

How to donate to PolioPlus thru the PPS:

1. Go to my.rotary.org/donate and click on "Polio Fund".
2. We encourage Rotarians to join *PolioPlus Direct* (the recurring option). Signing up for automatic giving with a credit card. \$10 (or more) per month will qualify them for the society.
3. Of course, they can also donate through their club.

A promotional graphic for the PolioPlus Society. It features the text "PolioPlus SOCIETY" in large yellow letters. Below it, a blue banner says "Your Donation Saves Lives" with a small icon of a person. Another banner says "Donations Earn PHF" with a gold coin icon. A third banner says "2x1 Match by Gates Fndn" with a "2x1" icon. To the right is a circular logo with a globe and a water drop, surrounded by the text "POLIPLUS SOCIETY" and "Rotary". At the top right, it asks "HAVE YOU JOINED THE EFFORT TO #ENDPOLIONOW?". At the bottom, there is a QR code, the text "EndPolio.Org/Donate", and the slogan "TOGETHER, WE END POLIO". The Rotary logo and "END POLIO NOW" are also present.

We are doing so much more than Eradicating Polio!

More information at this link:

[The plus in PolioPlus](#)

A graphic titled "Club Excellence Award" in large yellow letters. Below the title, it asks "HOW MUCH MONEY WILL BE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION POLIPLUS FUND BY YOUR CLUB AND ITS MEMBERS DURING THE ROTARY YEAR?". The main message is "\$1500 IS THE POLIO GOAL FOR CLUBS". It encourages achieving this by adding new PolioPlus Society members from the club, helping #EndPolioNow, and noting that PPS members will complete the goal. At the bottom, there is a QR code, the text "EndPolio.org/Donate", and the PolioPlus Society logo.



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