



WORLD POLIO DAY SHOWS THE POWER OF ROTARY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joe Kosanovic

I recently returned from Eugene where I attended the District's Paul Harris dinner on Friday, October 14th, followed the next day with the 2nd Quarterly Grants meeting. Both events were wonderful opportunities to fellowship and experience the "Power of Rotary". A story-telling workshop earlier on Friday provided me the opportunity to meet the

featured speaker, PDG Savi Bhim, from the Simi Valley California Sunrise Rotary Club. We discussed how the importance of storytelling fits into our videos documenting club events. Her inspirational dinner presentation highlighted Rotary International's global efforts that has touched the hearts of millions across the globe.

At the District Grants meeting, funding was approved to provide Ukraine with two mobile medical vans which will help save the lives of hundreds of individuals in need of medical care in areas where access is minimal because of the war's destruction. District Governor Aimee Walsh made an appeal following dinner for additional funding to cover a projected shortfall. Rotarians stepped up to the plate with cash contributions totaling over \$17,000. Wow!

"The Power of Rotary" will be highlighted on Monday, October 24, World Polio Day. Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever. If all eradication efforts stopped today, it is projected that within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year. Most people don't know that polio still affects children around the world. Help spread the word.

I joined the Polio Plus Society this year because I believe in the "Power of Rotary" and the "Power of One".

In the words of Edward Everett Hale, *'I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.'*

MEETING SCHEDULE

- Thursday, Oct. 20 – Weekly hybrid Meeting**
Julie Lyche, ED, Family Access Network,
- Thursday, Oct. 27 – Weekly hybrid Meeting**
Dr. Charan Cline, RSD Superintendent
- Thursday, Nov. 10 – Weekly hybrid Meeting**
Michael Hart, Gompers Distillery
- Thursday, Nov. 17 – Weekly hybrid Meeting**
Anthony Poponi, inspirational speaker

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, **Oct. 21** – Coffee Clatter, 8:30-9:30
Redmond Rotary will host Redmond Chamber

Polio eradication pledging moment October 18, 2022

Leland Johnson, Rotary Foundation Chair

On Oct. 18, 2022, GPEI leaders, donors, polio-affected countries and advocates will gather in Berlin at the World Health Summit for the polio pledging moment – **Investing in a Polio-free Future for More Resilient Health Systems** – co-hosted by Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

This event will be a vital opportunity for donors, country leaders and partners to convene and reaffirm the global commitment to eradication and pledge resources toward the \$4.8 billion in order to implement the 2022-2026 GPEI Strategy in full and achieve a world where no child is paralyzed by polio again.

For details on how to register to attend in Berlin, please visit the [World Health Summit website](#). To tune in virtually, please visit the Zoom link at the event information page [here](#).



World Polio Day is October 24

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We remain "this close".....but the total eradication of polio continues as a prime priority of the Rotary International effort.

In April, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative launched an appeal for \$4.8 billion to fund its 2022-26 strategy for speeding up outbreak response times, making vaccination campaigns more effective, and gaining access to hard-to-reach areas. Germany is co-hosting a pledging event for the GPEI strategy at the World Health Summit in Berlin in October in conjunction with World Polio Day

on October 24. A fundraising partnership between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation generates up to \$150 million annually to contribute to the effort. Here is a look at how that money used:

- \$17.8M on the vaccine, now the new nOPV2 formula.
- \$12.7M on detecting the disease, the key to rapid and high-quality response
- \$53.6M on raising awareness inc. working with religious leaders & local officials toward building trust
- \$52.7 million on getting the vaccine to children, up to 370 million annually through 2026
- \$10.9 million on epidemiologists and technical experts at an international level
- \$1.3 million on ongoing research toward updating the vaccine

Redmond Rotary member Anna Contreras helped bring one of Central Oregon's largest fundraisers to Redmond.

By Tim Trainor & Redmond Spokesman Review

After COVID-19 forced the Heaven Can Wait 5K walk/run into a virtual fundraiser, the popular event returned Oct. 2 to a new location: Redmond's Dry Canyon. More than 900 racers took part and more than \$30,000 was raised, according to initial estimates.

The run/walk raises money for Sara's Project and will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2. The event

will start and end at the Redmond High School stadium with a course that runs through Dry Canyon.

The event, in previous years, had been in Bend. It has been one of the largest races and fundraisers in Central Oregon.

"As a resident of Redmond, I'm so excited to bring Heaven Can Wait to my town this year. We get to stage the event in a new place, and in a St. Charles community that's more centrally located and closer to people in Jefferson and Crook counties," said Anna."



Heaven Can Wait raises money for Sara's Project, a fund of the St. Charles Foundation that helps provide support services to people

in Central Oregon who are battling breast cancer. Over its 23-year existence, the event has raised approximately \$100,000 each year for assistance to under-insured patients, as well as therapies such as therapeutic massage, acupuncture, yoga, and reiki.

Heaven Can Wait has also become an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate cancer survivors while also remembering loved ones. Hundreds of survivors took part in this year's edition, according to Anna. For more information, email her at afcontreras@stcharleshealthcare.org.

Rotary Fields Grand Opening



Redmond School Superintendent Charan Cline officiated the Grand Opening of the Redmond Rotary Community Fields at the David M. Jaqua Sports Complex. Rotarians and many others were in the bleachers as Charan detailed the history of the Turf Field, which included the acquisition of the property to the description of the installed lighting.

President Joe Kosanovic and Marv Kaplan, representing Redmond Rotary, were recognized for the club's financial contribution to the project. Immediately following the ceremony, a youth football game entertained everybody on a beautiful fall day, complete with synchronized young cheerleaders on the sideline..

The Central Oregon Veteran's Ranch has had multiple wins recently.

By Tim Trainor & Redmond Spokesman Review

First, it took home two awards from New York-based film festivals for a documentary film made about the ranch. Later, COVR received a \$10,000 check on Oct. 5 at Wild Ride Brewing in Redmond — proceeds from the August MX13 Jump Show. Members of the Rotary Club of Redmond voted to choose the beneficiary of the fundraiser.



The ranch, a 19-acre working farm that opened in 2015, brings veterans together to engage in “agri-therapy.” It offers struggling veterans the opportunity to engage in peer-to-peer support as they work the land.

The documentary film, titled “Cover Me: The Path to Purpose” is directed by Dale Fabrigar. It captures local veterans as they come to terms with their service.

The idea for the film began after Alison Perry, the founder of the veteran’s ranch, gave Vinni Jacques a tour last year. After walking the grounds, he introduced her to film producer and actress Suzanne DeLaurentiis.

According to Perry, DeLaurentiis started crying within a few minutes of their conversation and asked how she could help. Soon they had planned the entire production of a documentary. “(When) opportunity comes along you have to take it,” Perry said.

The first screening was Sept. 17 in Los Angeles. An official public release date for the documentary is not set until either winter or spring 2023. Perry said the screening was well received, with people coming up after to share their own stories.

“People were crying,” she said. “It was an incredible experience to see it on the screen.”

She said the film was an opportunity to spread the model of the veteran’s ranch across the country. She has since heard from veterans who want to replicate the model in Washington State, Tennessee and Texas.

The military, she said, is like a family. When soldiers leave the service, they lose that connection. The ranch helps bring that connection and kinship back.

“This is a model of care that transforms lives,” Perry said. “It’s about building community for a marginalized population.” She said she was grateful for Redmond and the support they’ve seen from the surrounding community. The \$10,000 check from Justin Homan’s MX13 jump show, she said, meant much more to her than just supporting the film — it was supporting the message of the ranch. Homan is a Rotary member.

“We just feel a lot of support here locally,” she said. “It just means a lot.” Perry said it was hard to put into words what it felt like to see the film come together after the last year of production. “It’s an honor to do this work,” Perry said.

Marv Kaplan, a Vietnam veteran at the ranch who was featured in the film, felt similarly and said watching it the first time left him emotional. Kaplan, too, is a Rotary member. “The ranch hits the heart of what veterans need,” Kaplan said. “There’s trust. Trust and community. Those are the keywords... it’s not white walls.”

Adrian De La Rosa, operations manager for the ranch and Marine Corps veteran, said he’s never been a part of something like the film before and was grateful for the ranch. He said that for the first time in his life, he feels and knows the difference he’s making with his work. “I can see the transformation of the guys that we’re working with,” said De La Rosa. “It’s pretty incredible.”

De La Rosa said the film is aimed toward veterans — an often isolated demographic that is hard to reach. He said the filming crew were careful and respectful towards the veterans, knowing the demographic they were serving. He said they didn’t change their answers and left the interviews pure and raw. “The deeper I got into the documentary the more I was just grateful that they painted it that way,



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