

District 6890

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TRF Newsletter

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POLIO UPDATE

Sadly our run of zero new cases of the WPV1 (Wild Poliovirus Type 1) has come to end with one new case reported in Pakistan from Bannu, part of the seven polio-endemic districts located in the southern area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with onset of paralysis on 20 February 2023.

In Afghanistan the government has instituted 4 national immunization days. This will immunize 10 million children.

Read more Polio News here - including a recap of Rotary International President Jennifer Jones speech at the UK House of Commons - <https://polioeradication.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/polio-news-march2023-en.pdf>

POLIO SURVIVORS

Below is a link to an interview with Texan native Paul Alexander who has been in an iron lung for most of his life. Feel free to share at a meeting. It only takes about 5 minutes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xowUq7JgFeQ>
You can also read more about him here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Alexander_\(polio_survivor\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Alexander_(polio_survivor))

We have Polio survivors in our District, adults who have the symptoms that return later in life. They suffer the effects daily. Some are Rotarians and many are willing to speak to your clubs.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Has your club given \$1500 to the Rotary Foundation this year? Yes, it is a big ask, but vital so we can get the 2:1 match from the Gates Foundation. We must raise \$50 million in order to get the match each year. Every dollar becomes \$3.00. The impact of every donation is HUGE!

Have you used your DDF (District Designated Funds) yet? Time is running out: 30 days left! If you need help, please reach out to your District Foundation team.



Talking Points:

- April 24-30 is World Immunization Week. Learn more and download a toolkit at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/world-immunization-week-vaccines-keep-communities-healthy>
- Do you want to schedule a speaker about Foundation, Grants, Polio, etc. for your Club? We can supply you with one!
- Please remember to tell your members where your District Designated Funds (DDF) comes from. Make sure everyone clearly understands that giving to the Rotary Foundation now will bring back funds later to continue doing projects in your community. This should help you increase their present giving!
- Be sure to encourage continued giving, but also be sure to show appreciation for that giving and thank members for their support. It is crucial to express thanks and have members understand how vital their contributions are. They make an impact by funding transformative projects in communities around the world.
- Your support to The Rotary Foundation allows others to see by having a cataract operation, to drink clean water by building a well or installing water filters, to live polio free by vaccinating children, to save the environment by planting trees, to read books by building libraries and schools,, and to live without hunger by feeding families.



Below are the easy steps to enroll in RECURRING DONATIONS. To sign up for Rotary Direct, use this link - <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

How To Enroll For Recurring Donations to The Rotary Foundation

- 1.Go to Rotary.org
- 2.Click on DONATE Button in the top right corner of your screen
- 3.Click on the Red DONATE
- 4.Choose Annual Fund - This gives our club DDF, District Designated Funds, which means that half your donation will come back to our club after 3 years.
- 5.Choose Recurring Donation
- 6.Select Frequency- choose from Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually
- 7.Choose Amount- \$10, \$50, \$100, \$200, or Other
- 8.Personal Information, Payment Details, and Billing Address
- 9.Click on Submit
- 10.Print your Confirmation

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