

District 6890

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TRF Newsletter

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Polio Update

Here is the progress we have made in the fight to END POLIO since 1979 when there were 350,000 cases of polio. In August of 2022 we were at 19 cases with a total of 30 for the year. So far in 2023 there have been 7 cases. Pakistan and Afghanistan are our two remaining countries where the wild polio virus needs to be eradicated. In remote villages in these countries, it is imperative that families are educated so they allow their children to receive the lifesaving drops. There is no cure, but there is a prevention!

In order to cross the finish line and keep our promise to give children a polio free world, we need to keep up our fundraising efforts. It costs \$1.1 billion to maintain the program for water testing, vaccine distribution research, etc.

Rotary has committed that we raise \$50M then we get the 2:1 match from the Gates Foundation! This is a contractual commitment we have kept since 2013. We can reach \$50M if every club gives at least \$1500. It is really that simple! Please make a plan for your club to fulfill this obligation. Eradicating Polio is Rotary's leading initiative. Let's all work together to make it happen!

Resources for polio awareness and fundraising

- End Polio Now Resource Center - <https://www.endpolio.org/resource-center>
- Rotary Brand Center Polio Resources - https://brandcenter.rotary.org/en-us/search?tab=0&dt_ourcauses=Ending+Polio&dt_assettype=Images%7CVideos%7CAudio&tt_lang=EN&dt_lang=EN
- Global Polio Eradication Initiative Website - <https://polioeradication.org/>
- Raise for Rotary - <https://raise.rotary.org/purposes/polio>

Rotary Foundation Update:

Last year our district finished with support of our members and friends at \$145.20 per member. Other Districts in Florida finished at \$190.00 per member. How about a goal of \$160.00 per member for this year? That is a difference of just \$14.00 per month. We can do this! It could come from a fundraiser, fines, happy dollars, collection containers, donations, etc. Share your ideas with us and we will be happy to pass them along!

District 6890 is extremely honored and excited to announce that we will have Rotary International President Elect Stephanie Urchick as our very special guest at our Annual Rotary Foundation Dinner! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us along with our friends from District 6950 for A Night with Stephanie on Thursday, November 16th at the beautiful Saddlebrook Resort in Wesley Chapel. More details will be forthcoming.

Talking Points- please share with your club members!

Polio Facts:

- Until we end polio forever, every child is at risk.
- Polio mainly affects children under age 5.
- There is no cure, but polio is preventable with a vaccine.
- We've reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988.
- World Polio Day (October 24) provides an opportunity to highlight global efforts toward a polio-free world and honor the tireless contributions of those on the frontlines in the fight to eradicate polio from every corner of the globe.
- World Polio Day is observed on October 24 every year to raise awareness for polio vaccination and eradication of polio. World Polio Day was established by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis.

It is not too early to start planning for World Polio Day. Please try to have a Proclamation presented by your local government and come up with a program, fundraiser, or other event to raise awareness of what Rotary is trying to accomplish. Celebrate how far we have come and how close we are to the finish line!



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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