

District 6890

TRF Newsletter

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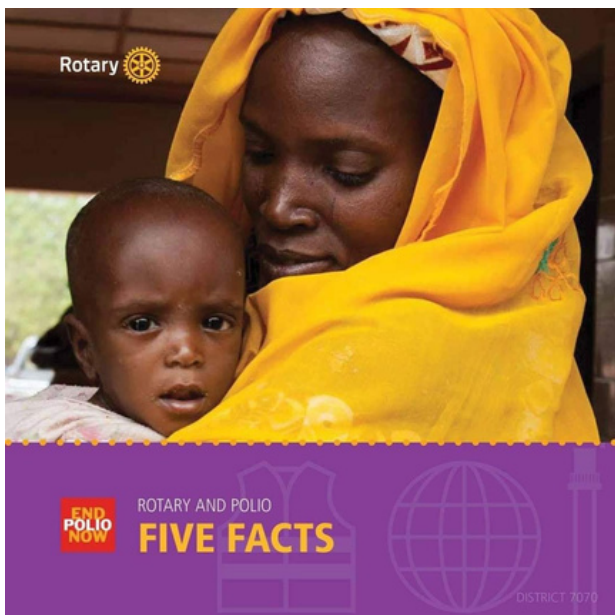


Thank you to all who have supported our efforts to eradicate Polio. Because of our work there have been no reported cases of wild poliovirus type1 so far this year. There were 30 cases total in 2022 and only 12 in 2023! Polio remains endemic in two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Until poliovirus transmission is interrupted in these countries, all countries remain at risk of importation of polio, especially vulnerable countries with weak public health and immunization services and travel or trade links to endemic countries.

We are not done with our eradication fight. We are very close to the finish line, and we can't stop! To be done, we need three years of zero cases before the world will officially be declared Polio Free! Rotary started this world wide effort in 1979 and we have continued to lead the way towards keeping our promise to the children of the world.

What is it that Rotarians need to do individually and collectively? First, make sure your club and/or members give at least \$1500 per year to our Polio effort. This is matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation. Every dollar becomes \$3! Can we count on your Club for a minimum of \$1500? Has your club set a goal for supporting the Rotary Foundation this Rotary year? It's not too late!

Remind your members that giving to the Rotary Foundation increases the amount that your club will receive back to use for local projects. The easiest way is for members to sign up for regular monthly contributions. It is EASY to enroll in RECURRING DONATIONS. To sign up for Rotary Direct, use this link - <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>



FIVE FACTS ABOUT POLIO

1. Polio mainly affects children under the age of 5.
2. There is no cure, but polio is preventable with a vaccine.
3. Only two countries remain endemic: Pakistan & Afghanistan.
4. We've reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988.
5. Until we end polio forever, every child is at risk. This crippling disease is only a plane ride away!



POLIO UPDATE

As of February 1, 2024 - ZERO New Wpvl cases

2023 Total was 12 - Six each in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Foundation Talking Points to share with your members:

- What's your club goal for contributions to The Rotary Foundation? Right now our Foundation support is at 25% of our goal.
- Please remind your members to enroll for auto pay. This makes it so easy to make giving automatic.
- Also, ask members to donate on their birthday and anniversary. Announcing their gift during Happy Dollars helps motivate others to give as well.
- Good news for members who want to help The Rotary Foundation and want to increase their own income at the same time. The payout rates for Charitable Annuities are now at the highest in 10 years- wow! You also get some tax advantages. If you want an idea how that would work for you have your members call Mark Scolnick 863-944-3497, NO Pressure.
- Club leaders, did you know that 22% of donations to our Foundation are from Paul Harris Society members? Please let your members know about this program. For more information call Doug Roderick 843-283-2941.
- Clubs projects do great work locally and Global Grants do great work that help people in the thousands not hundreds. That is why every member should support The Rotary Foundation for as much as they can. Even if it is \$25 a year, it matters!

