

District 6890

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TRF Newsletter

District Foundation Chair - PDG Mark G. Scolnick



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thank YOU for giving to the End Polio Now campaign through The Rotary Foundation. Please share thanks and the numbers with your club members. We ended 2023 with only 12 cases worldwide - 6 each in Afghanistan and Pakistan compared to 30 for 2022 and the 350,000 cases when we first started.

We have come such a long way since we started! Rotary has led this global initiative focused on ridding the world of POLIO for 30 years now, which has resulted in the reduction of polio cases by 99.9% since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

So yes, let's celebrate our achievement as we get closer to zero, but we can't get to zero without your Club and members giving. We need to raise \$50 million in order to receive the Gates Foundation 2-1 match. That means each dollar donated will be matched with an additional two dollars by the Gates Foundation. These funds support polio eradication efforts such as disease surveillance, technical assistance, and operational support for immunization activities.

The partnership between Rotary and the Gates Foundation has yielded \$2 billion, and Rotarians have given countless volunteer hours to fight polio. Be a part of the fight to end polio and have your donation matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Visit endpolio.org to learn more and [donate](#).

Also, please encourage your members to sign up for the [Polio Plus Society](#) @\$100.00 per year until polio is eradicated.

Thank you to all our Rotarians and clubs that give \$1500 a year to continue the fight to eradicate Polio and to those clubs that give their District Designated Funds to get to the \$1500 or more level. We have never been closer than we are now to eradicating this disease. If we don't, it will be at our doorstep before we know it. With 1,000,000 unvaccinated children in Florida we could have Polio in our own backyard as it is only a plane ride away!

The easiest way to keep your members engaged and giving on a regular basis is to ask them to sign up for automatic payments. We know this works---members mean to send in their donation but 80% put it off and forget. Below are the easy steps to do it. 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.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.**
- 4.Choose Recurring Donation**
- 5.Select Frequency- choose from Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually**
- 6.Choose Amount- \$10, \$50, \$100, \$200, or Other**
- 7.Personal Information, Payment Details, and Billing Address**
- 8.Click on Submit**
- 9.Print your Confirmation**

TALKING POINTS FOR JANUARY-

- ~Is your Clubs' giving ahead of last year or is it behind? If you don't know feel free to ask Mark Scolnick (markscolnickdistrict6890@gmail.com)
- ~Do you need to schedule a speaker about Foundation, Grants, Polio, etc. for your Club? We can help you with that!
- ~Club Presidents will be receiving a report on their club soon. Be on the lookout for your report. It will show your Clubs support for our Polio effort and the other humanitarian efforts that Rotarians are involved with.
- ~Challenge your club's Foundation Committee to increase the number of Paul Harris Society members in your club. Contact Doug Roderick with any questions.
- ~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 at home and in communities around the world.
- For the 15th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest Four Star Rating possible from Charity Navigator. This is hugely impactful and should be stressed with you members so they are assured that their gifts to The Rotary Foundation are being well spent and overseen properly.

POLIO CASES

SO FAR 2024 = 0

2023 TOTAL = 12

AFGHANISTAN: 6

PAKISTAN: 6

2022 TOTAL = 30



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