

District 6890

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# TRF Newsletter

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**POLIO UPDATE: We ended 2023 with only 12 cases worldwide - 6 each in Afghanistan and Pakistan compared to 30 for 2022 and WE ARE STILL AT ZERO FOR 2024!!!! The last case in Afghanistan was 9/4/2023 and in Pakistan it was 10/24/2023.**

**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](https://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 MARCH-

~Polio survivor and eradication advocate, Paul Alexander has passed away at the age of 78, after living in an iron lung for over 70 years. Paul contracted polio in 1952 when he was six and the disease left him unable to breathe independently leading to his placement in an iron lung. Despite his physical constraints, Paul obtained a law degree, wrote a memoir, and was a strong advocate for polio eradication.

~Do you need to schedule a speaker about Foundation, Grants, Polio, etc. for your Club? We can help you with that!

~With support from the WHO, vaccinators now use an app that shows them the houses they need to go to. It will then show which ones have been "vaccinated" in real time and which ones were missed. This allows for better accuracy than using paper maps and it's easy to use. Workers are safer and can get more done. We have come a long way!

-Want to help The Rotary Foundation and help yourself at the same time? This is how I did it: I purchased a charitable gift annuity and that annuity bought today will return at 6.5%. That is correct - while Irma and I are alive we get 6.5% on the money we gave them. Then there are also some tax benefits to that. If you want a no pressure illustration with your information just let me know-it's a great tool to build your retirement on and help our Rotary Foundation at the same time.

### POLIO CASES

SO FAR 2024 = 0

2023 TOTAL = 12

AFGHANISTAN: 6

PAKISTAN: 6

2022 TOTAL = 30



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