

District 6890

TRF Newsletter

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POLIO UPDATE

In 1979, James Bomar, Jr. the president of Rotary International, traveled to the Philippines as part of Rotary's earliest work to immunize children against Polio. After he had put drops of vaccine into one baby's mouth, he felt a child's hand tugging on his trouser leg to get his attention.

Bomar looked down and saw the baby's brother looking up at him, and the boy said earnestly, "Thank you Rotary."

This is what we do when we give our \$50 million yearly to the End Polio effort of The Rotary Foundation. If each Club and or its members gives \$1500, we can reach our goal. Your Club will be recognized if it does this with either cash or District Designated Funds. Your Club only has 2 weeks to use its District Designated Funds, so please do not wait.

Your donations help us reach zero-dose children in the areas where it's needed most and strengthen polio surveillance programs so that we can stop outbreaks before they spread. Thanks to a 2-to-1 matching gift by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, your contribution will be tripled — increasing your impact and helping us achieve a polio-free world.

Remember - Rotary is the engine and the Rotary Foundation is the fuel!

The heart of Rotary is our clubs—dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship. In order to do more locally and around the world we need more "fuel" to support The Rotary Foundation. This can be done easily by recurring donations (see directions on Page 2)

Attending the Rotary convention in Melbourne? You are invited to the PolioPlus breakout session "Delivering on the Dream of a Polio-free World," scheduled for 31 May from 9:00-10:00 AM. Come to this session, moderated by International PolioPlus Committee Chair Michael McGovern, to hear a global update on the status of polio eradication efforts from WHO Polio Eradication Director Aidan O'Leary and remarks from Past RI President John Germ, RI Director Jessie Harman, and Rotary Foundation Trustee and National PolioPlus Committee Chair in Pakistan Aziz Memon. If you are not attending, we will report back to you in next month's issue what we learn.

Meanwhile, we can tell you that this is a critical year for the global effort to eradicate polio. According to the GPEI's current eradication strategy, our goal for 2023 is to fully interrupt all remaining poliovirus transmission globally. So, what is the program's focus for this year? It is to reach zero-dose children in the most consequential geographies — that is, the areas that have the greatest impact on the global eradication effort. Read more about this here: <https://polioeradication.org/news-post/2023-zero-dose-children-in-seven-subnational-most-consequential-geographies-hold-key-to-success/>



Talking Points:

- 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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