



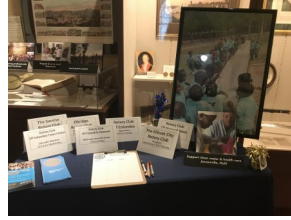
# NEWS CONNECTION

## ROTARY DISTRICT 7620 NEWSLETTER

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## HOWARD COUNTY CELEBRATES WORLD POLIO DAY

Rotarians know that Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease. Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years. In honor of World Polio Day the Howard 7 partnered with the Howard County Historical Society Museum to present: Polio: Yesterday's Lessons are Lessons for Today.



Temrah Okonski, the President of the Ellicott City Rotary Club spearheaded this event held on October 26. The event brought Rotarians and community members together for a lecture and fellowship time in the stately Ellicott City Historic Society Museum in downtown Ellicott City. The near eradication of Polio is because of a model cooperative effort between global health organizations that included Rotary. To date this is one of the world's largest successful health drives being a combined private and public partnership. Participants listened to Ken Solow, Past District 7620 Governor and Dare to Dream producer, explain how the work between Rotary and the World Health Organization changed the outcome of Polio. Linda Jessup a Rotarian from Silver Spring, author, and Polio survivor told her completing life story. Then retired pediatrician Dr. Williard Stanford explained why our society is still at risk for epidemic diseases. "Polio is our history and so it made sense to partner Rotary with The Howard County Historical Society", Okonski reflected.

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