

# UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2-8  
World Interact Week

November 20-21  
Rotary Zones 33 & 34  
Virtual Leadership Summit

April 23-24, 2021  
District Conference  
The Graduate, Annapolis

# DISTRICT OBSERVED WORLD POLIO DAY

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The District thanks PolioPlus Program Chair Billy Louis of the Prince George's County Rotary and Polio Committee members PDG Bob Parkinson, Lexington Park Rotary; Bob Sartwell, Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary; Kenneth Weiss, Gaithersburg Rotary; Sonia Liu, Metro Bethesda Rotary; and John Reed, Potomac Rotary for planning, organizing, and promoting the Polio Plus program throughout District 7620 and in the Rotary Zones and beyond to community leaders. We also thank District Public Relations Chair Ashley Waters, PDG and Rotary District Foundation Chair Rich Glover and all others who assisted in making the event a success, allowing us to join the conversation to learn the latest information on Rotary's continued efforts to eradicate Polio.

Over one million Rotarians around the world have raised

funds, immunized children, and promoted vaccinations. In fact, by working together with our partners and governments across the globe, we have been successful in the immunization of over 2.5 billion children in over a hundred

## Rotary role in Global Polio Eradication

- World's largest humanitarian service organization with a global network of 1.2 million members in more than 170 countries.
- First to have the vision of a polio-free world, through PolioPlus, 1985
- Primary responsibilities include fundraising, advocacy, and volunteer recruitment.
- More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time and personal resources to polio eradication.
- Rotary members provide field support during National Immunization Days through social mobilization and by administering the oral polio vaccine to children.
- Main private sector donor
- By the time the world is certified polio-free, Rotary's contributions will exceed **US\$2.72 bn**, including US\$ 1.3 bn in matching funds from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



countries. With our combined support, our plans hold that Polio could be the second human disease to be eradicated, following small pox.

As our leader, Rotary International President Holger Knaack, has said, ***"We can fulfill the promise we made to the children of the world."***

Our efforts continue, and we welcome your generous donations to our District 7620 End Polio Now campaign.

**DID YOU KNOW POLIO COULD BE THE SECOND HUMAN DISEASE TO EVER BE ERADICATED?**

WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER



**ROTARY AND ITS PARTNERS HAVE REDUCED POLIO CASES BY 99.9% SINCE 1988.**

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