

# WORLD POLIO DAY OCTOBER 24 AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

By Billy Louis, District PolioPlus Committee

District 7620 will host a World Polio Day event at 12:00pm on October 24, 2020. We have 2 exciting speakers, both knowledgeable on the world-wide polio efforts. We have Mr. Chuck Davidson, Zone 33 Polio Plus Coordinator, and Dr. Michel Zaffran, World Health Organization, Director of WHO/Polio Eradication Program.

Additionally, many clubs will participate in a World's Greatest Meal (WGM) (<https://wgmeal.com>) event. By necessity this year it will be mostly virtual. These events have Rotarians, friends, and family dining together and collecting donations for polio plus. Please visit their website for details on how to plan and execute an event, dedicating the contributions to the WGM program. Our PolioPlus team will be reaching out soon to coordinate directly with your clubs. We want to help you realize the goals stated above and help anyway we can. Please register for the World Polio Day Event at [Rotary7620.org](https://Rotary7620.org)



JOIN US VIRTUALLY FOR

**WORLD POLIO DAY 2020**

**OCTOBER 24, 2020  
12PM-1PM**

**REGISTER AT [ROTARY7620.ORG](https://Rotary7620.org)**

A polio-free world is possible, but we can achieve it only by taking action together. Join a conversation and update on Rotary's continued efforts with Chuck Davidson & Dr. Michel Zaffran.



## UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

### 3 October – Webinar – Virtual WASH Symposium – 10 am-5:00 pm

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) are basic necessities for a healthy environment

and a productive life. WASH is the common “blue thread” that runs through Rotary’s Areas of Focus and helps all development programs become stronger and more sustainable.

Main Speakers:

- John Hewko, Rotary International General Secretary/CEO.
- Carrie Hessler-Radelet, Immediate Past Peace Corps Director and Project Concern International, CEO.
- Stephanie Ogden, CARE International Water Team Director.

This symposium has a track record of being exceptional.

Sponsored by Rotary District 5450 WASH Committee and hosted by the Evergreen Rotary Club. Anyone around the world can attend by registering at

[DenverWashSymposium.Eventbrite.com](https://DenverWashSymposium.Eventbrite.com). Cost: \$25.

### 3 October -- “CZERO 2020”

**Conference** - E-RYLA for South Asian Rotaractors – sponsored by the Environmental Sustainability South Asia Rotary Action Group, via ZOOM. 10AM – 3PM (India time) (12:30 AM EST)

Register at: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEocumsqD0rEtSDfX7Zk3fF55s\\_hMtX32z](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEocumsqD0rEtSDfX7Zk3fF55s_hMtX32z)

Speakers include the following Eco-Warriors:

Chief Guest: Rotarian Ghulam Vahanvaty, Trustee, The Rotary Foundation

• Harini Nagendra, director of Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability, Azim Premji University, in Bangalore.

• Shabby Jacob, Creative leadership & innovation. Former Director for Sustainable Ventures at Nike World HQ in EU and US.

• Shneel Malik, Bio architecture to clear water solutions. Architect and Biodesign Researcher, working on PhD at the Bio-Integrated Design Lab at The Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL, UK.

• Vijay Dhasmana, Restoration of Forests. Eco-restoration and re-wilding practitioner,

Curator Aravali Biodiversity Park project, etc.

• Chetna Purushottam, Underwater architects: understanding the life of corals. DIVEIndia, head of marine conservation and education.

• Suhel Kadar, Ph.D, How citizen science can change the world. National Conservation Foundation head of Education & Public Engagement, studied at U.Florida, U.Cambridge, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, etc.

• Saravana Kumar, Wildlife photographer & documentary filmmaker, produced “Living with Elephants,” for example, has worked with NatGeo, BBC, Discovery & Animal Planet; founder Evanesence Studios. See his A Dream of Trees, on YouTube, <https://youtu.be/biazSyLYsEY>

• Dr. Binish Desai – How youth can be eco-torch bearers. Founder of EcoElectric Technologies – 150 eco-products under way, providing eco-friendly solutions for domestic & industrial waste by turning them into assets. Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2018.

### 15 October – Global Handwashing Day

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought the importance of handwashing with soap to the world’s attention, but there still is much to do. Many still do not wash with soap and certainly not thoroughly for 20 seconds. Rotarians can use the many resources available at [GlobalHandwashing.org](https://GlobalHandwashing.org) to emphasize this year’s theme “Hand Hygiene for All” in your local area. Read the article from Rotary Down Under on the innovative project Hand Hygiene for Health.

**15 October – Webinar – Promoting Literacy in Difficult Contexts:** Rotary’s Potential Contributions – 10:30 am to Noon EST. Keynote Speakers: Halsey Rogers, Lead Economist, World Bank; and Rabi Karmacharya, founder, Open Learning Exchange Nepal (mission is transforming education through technology). Co-sponsored by Washington Global RC, Literacy RAG. To register, click: <https://surveymonkey.com/r/zVTWPS8>

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