

Steel Wheel

Lorain Rotary Club

Dear Lorain Rotarians:



As you know, October 24 is when Rotary International observes World Polio Day but this fight goes on each and every day throughout the year. I hope that you took the opportunity to make a donation specifically for that purpose either with your membership dues when you paid or separately. When millions of Rotarians the world over come together to work on a cause, it is possible to do great things. Even more exciting is that for every dollar that Rotary gives, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation matches it three to one, thus making your funds have an even greater impact.

So what is polio? Poliomyelitis is a highly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5. Most know it as poliovirus. The virus is spread person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can attack the nervous system, and in some instances, lead to paralysis. Although there is no cure, there is a safe and effective vaccine – one which Rotary and our partners use to immunize over **2.5 billion children** worldwide.

Unless we eradicate polio, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 new cases could occur around the world each year. In the past few years, only two countries have reported cases of polio caused by the wild virus, but no child anywhere is safe until we've vaccinated every child.

I know that many of us who have been in Rotary for a while had hoped that we would already be celebrating the eradication of this scourge. That we haven't yet is an excellent reminder of the real-world challenges that well-intentioned people face when trying to do good. The world is a complex and turbulent place often and something that might seem simple like helping people avoid a crippling disease ends up interwoven with politics and world affairs. Nonetheless, Rotarians will persist and I hope that all of us will see the day when we can celebrate the end of Polio.

If you would still like to donate to this cause, you can donate online at:

[Donate to End Polio | End Polio](#) or <https://www.endpolio.org/donate>

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Containing polio to just 3 countries is a tremendous achievement, and proof of what's possible when we come together. In addition to donating, you can support the effort throughout the year by helping to shine a spotlight on polio by advocating, fundraising, and educating on the need to end polio now.

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,

Betsey Kamm



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Rotarian Assignments

Sergeant-At-Arms

December

Elaine Georgas

Liz Tepper

January

TBA

October Speakers

December 1st—District
Governor Diana Savage visit

December 15th—Holiday
Program, details to come

Greeters

December 1st—Palma Stipe

December 15th—Morgan
Hammond



Upcoming Speaker assignments

January TBA

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

December 16th—Rick Soto

December 17th—Danielle
Coward

December 19th—Rob Levit

December 30th—Stacey
Scealf

Anniversaries

Tom Boyer—November 1973

Sandy Kaiser—November 1991

Chris Pataky—November 2019

Jack Bradley—December 2020

Jessicka Castro—December 2020

John Morrisson—December 2001

Jim Park—December 2000

Rick Soto—December 2020

Sanford Washington-Dec 2020



Board of Directors Minutes (unapproved)

October & November minutes available upon request to members



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