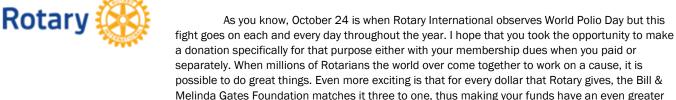
December 2022

# Steel Wheel

## Lorain Rotary Club

Dear Lorain Rotarians:



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,



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

## **Rotarian Assignments**

Sergeant-At-Arms

December

Elaine Georgas

Liz Tepper

Governor Diana Savage visit December 15th–Holiday Program, details to come

**October Speakers** 

December 1st-District

#### Greeters

December 1st-Palma Stipe

December 15th–Morgan Hammond



TBA

## **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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