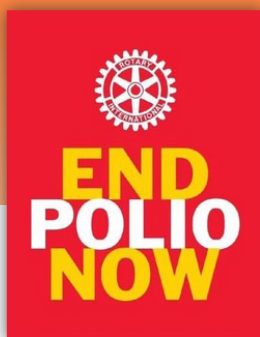
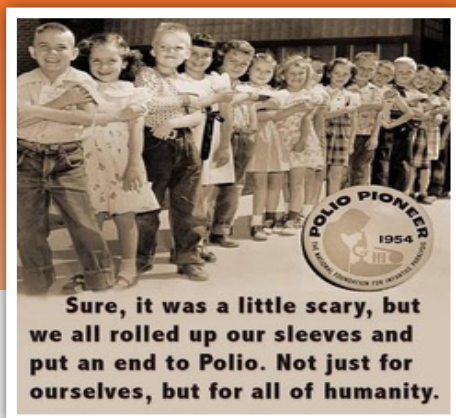


End Polio Now Update

Rotary International Districts 5010, 5040, 5050, 5060, 6360, 5370, 5550



Introduction and Thank you

I'm excited about the opportunity to work with you as Polio champions in our Rotary zone. My name is Jackie Hobal from Edmonton, Alberta, District 5370. Thank you for being part of this most important End Polio Now campaign and thank you for your efforts in 2023-2024 fundraising goals.

I was privileged to meet up with Mike McGovern, Rotary's End Polio Now Chair, in Singapore in May.

Polio is fighting for its life . . .

I'm sure most of you have heard the news from Gaza. The good news is that we have an aggressive surveillance system as a result of our Polio plus initiatives. We have also had an aggressive response from the WHO, UNICEF and other partners which has resulted in a declaration of peace for three days in the north central and south of Gaza. Well over 600,000 children under the age of 10 will be immunized.



**Together, we are making strides toward a polio-free world.
Let's keep the momentum going!
Feel free to reach out at any time.
Share your news and activities.**

Here is a link to a video about the campaign in GAZA:
[WHO / GAZA POLIO VACCINATION CAMPAIGN DAY 1](#)

This is really reassuring that the vaccination has finally taken place.



Bad News – Good News

We are still fighting polio in Afghanistan and Pakistan. To date there are 34 cases. The surveillance teams are equipped and able to track and find cases much more readily than in the past. As a result, more cases have been discovered. The good news is that once cases are discovered, precautions can be made effectively.

World Health Organization. Numbers now at 34. **Wild Polio Virus Summary:**

The number of wild polio cases for **2024** as of Sept 1, 2024 is **34**.

There were 17 in Pakistan and 17 in Afghanistan.



END POLIO NOW

VIRTUAL SESSION BEGINS

OCTOBER 24TH, 2024 • 12 PM MT
2 PM ET • 7 PM SCOTLAND

FOCUS ON POLIO

World Polio Day

SPEAKERS





Gordon R McNally
 Rotary Foundation Trustee, 2024-28
 Rotary International President, 2023-24



Dr. Mark Joffe
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To **Register** for
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 scan code



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<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/9101234567890>



Chris Etienne
 Rotary International Director
 2024-2026, Zones 28 & 32

World Polio Day

Time to start planning your World Polio Day Event!

Get ideas at [EndPolio.org](https://www.endpolio.org).

Register your event at

<https://www.endpolio.org/register-your-event>. Sign up for our zone world Polio day events Oct 2 and Oct 24.

PolioPlus Society

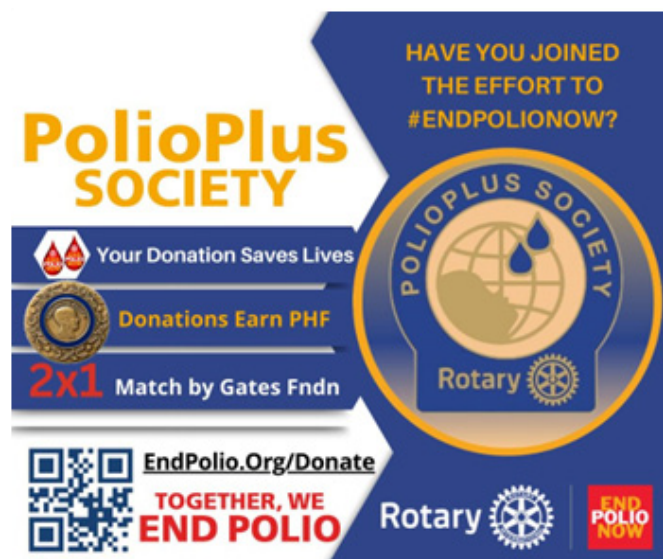
Remembering the child in each polio case

The PolioPlus Society is a program currently being used by the Districts throughout the Rotary World

What is the PolioPlus Society? In an effort to increase sustainable giving, the PolioPlus Society (PPS) was formed to encourage Rotarians to commit to a minimum of \$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth. Society members receive a special PPS pin, an End Polio Now bracelet, and a certificate.

How to donate to PolioPlus thru the PPS:

1. Go to my.rotary.org/donate and click on "Polio Fund".
2. We encourage Rotarians to join *PolioPlus Direct* (the recurring option). Signing up for automatic giving with a credit card. \$10 (or more) per month will qualify them for the society.
3. Of course, they can also donate through their club.



We are doing so much more than Eradicating Polio!

More information at this link:

The plus in PolioPlus



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