



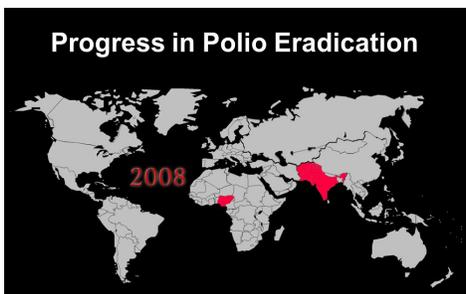
OCTOBER 19, 2015

An unseasonably warm week for the middle of October. Where has the month gone? It's hard to believe that winter is only about two months away. Could we possibly be lucky enough to have a mild winter this year?

END POLIO NOW!

Ed Foster, a Past District Governor and Polio survivor joined us on Monday to share his personal story and how we, as Rotarians, can keep our promise to eradicate Polio.

Foster discussed the progress made in eradicating Polio throughout the world and spoke about the continued challenges that remain. For the past thirty years, Rotary International has been instrumental in the fight against Polio, with the goal of completely eradicating the disease.

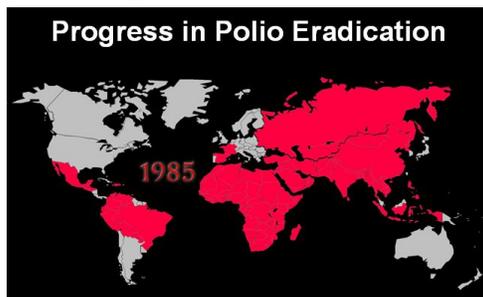


There are 3 types of Polio, Type 1, Type 2, and Type 3. Type 2 has not been diagnosed since 1999, and Type 3 has not been diagnosed since 2012. Currently, there are 51 documented cases of Polio worldwide, compared to 221 one year ago. In the past year, only 4 countries have reported active Polio cases; Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, and Nigeria. Currently, India has the largest number of cases. As of July 24, 2015, Nigeria has had a full year with zero documented cases. Nigeria's last case was diagnosed on August 11, 2014. In the past year, Pakistan reported 37 cases and Afghanistan reported 13 cases.

Furthermore, in each of these 4 countries, Polio has been found to circulate in limited geographic areas

of each country, an important step in the process of eradication.

Speaking to the importance of vaccinations to completely eradicate Polio, an independent analysis sponsored by The World Health Organization found that Polio control would cost more than completing the eradication process. In addition, switching to Polio control and relying on routine immunization alone would result in over 200,000 children again paralyzed by Polio each year.



In 1985, there were over 350,000 cases of Polio each year in 125 countries. Today, annual cases of Polio are down to less than 1500 a year. Although Polio is more geographically limited than ever before, challenges remain.



At the Council of Legislation in 2007, Rotarians adopted the proposed resolution to 'endorse and affirm that the eradication of polio is a goal of the highest order of Rotary International.' *Continued on page 3*

Joke of the Week!



Hot Off The Presses!

Make sure to pick up your new Rotary Directory book! \$2.00 per book is being asked to help off-set printing costs. Special thanks to Cody Wales and Lynzee McDowell from JohnsonRauhoff on all the work put into creating these directories.



Last week, at the 10/12 meeting, we welcomed Carol Sizer to our club. Please make sure to welcome this new member who ceremoniously wore her late husband Steve's Rotary shirt for her

induction. Carol is sponsored by Jackie Huie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- 10/23 World Polio Day! Join the [live-stream global update](#) online at 6:30 p.m.
- 10/26 Meeting - Lt. Martin Kurtz, Marine Division/Water Rescue Team
- 11/2 Jan Radde & Doug Ferrall, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- 11/20 American Red Cross Blood Drive at Hilton Garden Inn
- 12/2 Rotary Holiday Party



Blood Drive

Hilton Garden Inn Chateau B

1300 Cinema Way
Benton Harbor

**Friday, November 20, 2015
12:00 PM to 5:45 PM**

Come to donate for a chance to win one of three turkeys!

To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: HiltonBH) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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Rotarians with Guests

Rae German brought Kristi Aubrey
Jackie Huie brought Cody Wales and Lynzee McDowell
Gyl Kasewurm brought Peter Hutchinson

As a reminder, when you've brought a new member into the club, the job doesn't stop there. Make sure you're guiding your new members to get involved, engaged and connected!

END POLIO (CONTINUED)



In 2007, The Bill and Melinda Gates

Foundation got involved in the fight against Polio. They gave a \$355 million dollar grant to the Rotary Foundation towards eradicating Polio, the largest grant ever given to a volunteer service organization.

There are many way Rotarians can support Rotary's Global Polio Eradication Initiative's \$200 Million Challenge. Both cash and District

Designated Funds will be accepted to help meet the challenge. Contributions to the Challenge will qualify for Paul Harris Fellow and Major Donor recognition.

You can also text "POLIO" to 90999 to make a \$5 donation with your cell phone. Please help support Rotary's \$200 million challenge to eradicate Polio!

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Are you a local small business owner? Whirlpool Corp. is looking for vendors for an upcoming Holiday Market on Thursday, December 10. At this event, local businesses will have the opportunity to sell their wares and help Whirlpool employees meet their Holiday shopping needs. This event is not open to the public.

[Space is limited, please register today!](#) In lieu of a booth fee, it's asked that 5% of sales be donated to Harbor Habitat for Humanity. If you have questions, please contact emily_m_hosinski@whirlpool.com.



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