



2023-24 Presidential Theme



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Gordon R. McNally*

Rotary International President for 2023-24, Gordon McNally, plans to make **mental health** a focus, and emphasized continuity in advancing the goals of previous leaders, including empowering girls and eradicating polio.

He urges members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.



Click [this link](#) to hear RI President McNally's speech at the 2023 Melbourne Convention.

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* Editor Kitty Bucsko

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

OCTOBER 2023 MESSAGE

Mental Health and your club

The World Health Organization designates 10 October as World Mental Health Day, and with Rotary placing special focus on mental health this year, I would like to help answer the question posed to me most often when I travel to meet members: How can my club get started?

There are some wonderful examples of Rotary members taking action already. In the Philippines, the Rotary Club of Tiaong-Hiyas held a 12-week health challenge for mothers in the community to promote some baseline health screenings and coaching on a healthier lifestyle.



By the end of the challenge, the mothers had a special bond and decided to form a Rotary Community Corps called Ilaw ng Tahganan (“one who lights up the home”) with the goal of involving more mothers in health education and wellness support – and later youth services, teen pregnancy prevention, and help with unhealthy substance use. Almost a year later, the RCC is preparing to open its own health center where mothers can come for peer-to-peer support.

Another strong example is in Colorado. In the fall of 2021, a small group of stakeholders from the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch formed the Rotary Clubs of Colorado Endowed Fellowship for Pediatric Mental Health, which enhances the ability of Children’s Hospital Colorado to recruit and train pediatric psychiatry providers and allows the hospital network to make additional appointments. This increases access to mental healthcare for children and decreases provider shortages.

Since then, the project has brought on new supporters and is now fully funded with a \$500,000 endowment. Investment income from this endowment will support a fellow – a psychologist or psychiatrist – at Children’s Hospital. A new fellow will be named every one to two years, beginning spring of 2024. Over time, this will create a cohort to bolster the mental health workforce, treating kids from all 64 Colorado counties and neighbouring states.

There are many more great mental health projects stories on Rotary Showcase, and I invite you to share your experiences as you begin your own projects. Also, please reach out to mindhealth@rotary.org with any thoughts or ideas you would like to share about mental health in the Rotary world.

On October 10, I will host a Facebook Live event when we will recognize World Mental Health Day and further explore how Rotary members can begin this journey. But I would like to leave you with one way every Rotary member can make a difference.

Right now, there is someone you know in the Rotary world – in your club, from a project you’ve worked on, in a Rotary Fellowship or Rotary Action Group – who could use a little more of your time and attention. Rotary is this great gift of global friendship, and that also means being there for each other.

Discovering the human connections that bind us is what we do through our membership every day. It’s what Rotary has always been about, and we can build on it by helping each other find peace at home.

We need to learn how to ask now just “How are you?” but also “How are you really?” By doing so, Rotary can continue to *Create Hope in the World.*”

R. Gordon R. McInally
President, Rotary International

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE CHAIR

OCTOBER 2023 - MESSAGE

Our goal is in sight

On 24 October, we renew our commitment to our top humanitarian goal for World Polio Day.

This year, let's remember a young health worker in Pakistan known as Bibi Marjana (Miss Marjana). She braves the snow and cold in the mountains to vaccinate 84 children in rural areas, visiting each home, often miles apart.

Marjana is one of the thousands of frontline workers in Afghanistan, Pakistan and outbreak areas I consider heroes in the final push to end polio. The work they do, coupled with the vision of our partners and the support you give, is moving mountains.

With Rotary's partnership, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative is aggressively pursuing two key goals from its 2022-26 strategy. First, we aim to halt wild poliovirus type 1 transmission. This year, only six cases have been documented as of this writing. Could this be the year we see the last of these poliovirus cases? We're cautiously optimistic that it might.

Second, we aim to report the final case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2, or cDPV2, in outbreak countries. About 80 percent of cVDPV2 cases last year occurred in subnational areas of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, and Yemen. We must implement tailored strategies to stop the virus in these areas.

Other challenges persist, including political tensions, security risks and access issues, and the lasting effect of the pandemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Despite these challenges, we are making progress. Poliovirus strains are diminishing, as is the number of affected regions where polio once prevailed. A new vaccine we have introduced reduces the incidence of the circulating vaccine-derived virus type 2.

Rotary is the organization that had the audacity to take on a global effort to protect children everywhere from disability or even death due to polio. We must have the tenacity to see it to the finish line.

What can you do to help us get there, you ask? Join or initiate a PolioPlus Society in your club or district and engage all members in this historic moment. And don't forget that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation continues to amplify Rotary's donations to polio eradication with a 2-to-1 match for every dollar.

You can also advocate the cause of polio eradication with governments to secure political and financial support and promote Rotary's leadership role in all media.

Like Marjana marching up the mountain, we have our goal in sight, and we will keep going until we get there.

BARRY RASSIN
Foundation Trustee Chair





Join us for World Polio Day

World Polio Day 2023

Visit endpolio.org



24 October is World Polio Day!

As [World Polio Day](https://endpolio.org) approaches, we need your help to amplify our message about eradicating polio to protect the world's children from a devastating disease.

We have made tremendous progress since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched:

- A 99.9% reduction in cases of illness caused by wild poliovirus
- 3 billion children immunized
- 125 countries where polio was endemic reduced to two — Afghanistan and Pakistan — with the virus contained in just a few districts and provinces

But even just one case still represents one child's life forever changed by polio. That's why **Rotary members must remain tenacious and keep our promise: We won't stop until we know that no child will ever again experience the paralyzing effects of polio.**

Let's use World Polio Day to advocate for the support we need to make history by eradicating polio. Together, we end polio!

Get involved

Take action this World Polio Day by hosting virtual and community events, creating fundraisers, and talking about the importance of polio eradication on social media.

Plan

If you haven't started planning your World Polio Day action, now is the time! Visit the [World Polio Day Resources page](#) for tips and tools your club can use to help achieve a polio-free world.

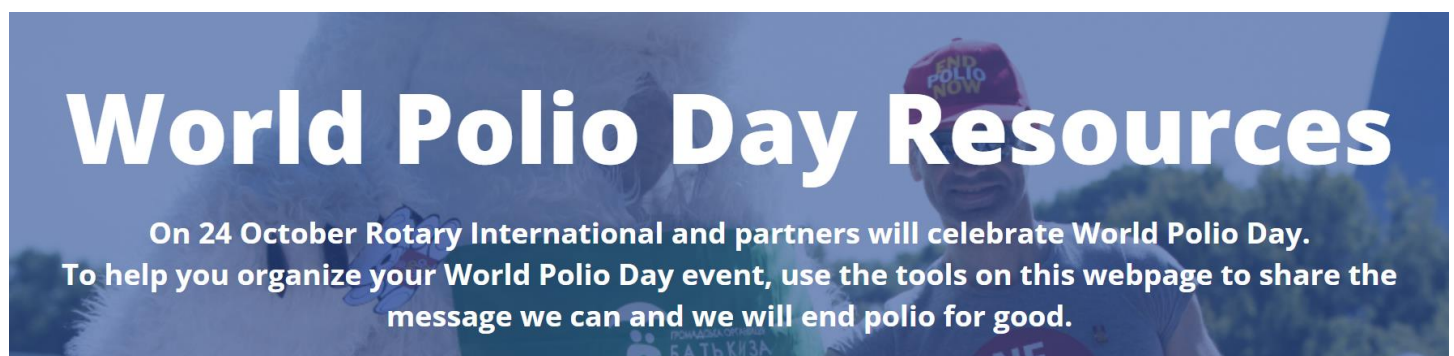
Register

[Register your club's participation in World Polio Day](#) to show how you're taking action to eradicate polio. The districts that have the highest percentage of registered clubs by 24 October will receive a special video message from RI President R. Gordon R. McNally.

Fundraise

[Use Raise for Rotary to start a World Polio Day online fundraiser](#). All contributions will go to the PolioPlus Fund. The top Raise for Rotary World Polio Day 2023 fundraisers will be featured on My Rotary.

(Click the graphic below for resources.)



MONTH OF OCTOBER

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

While October 24 is World Polio Day, **Rotary's October focus is on Economic and Community Development.** This is a great opportunity for Rotarians to become aware of, and consider, United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 8.

SDG 8 aims to promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all. This goal emphasizes the need to create opportunities for quality employment, enhance labor rights, improve the overall work environment, and foster entrepreneurship and innovation. It also seeks to address issues such as child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking.

Under Goal 8, the UN seeks to achieve the following targets by 2030:

1. Sustain per capita economic growth in accordance with national circumstances and, in particular, at least 7 percent gross domestic product growth per annum in the least developed countries.
2. Achieve higher levels of productivity of economies through diversification, technological upgrading, and innovation, including through a focus on high-value-added and labor-intensive sectors.
3. Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity, and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises.
4. Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavor to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-year framework of programs on sustainable consumption and production, with developed countries taking the lead.
5. By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value.
6. By 2020, substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education, or training.
7. Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labor, end modern slavery and human trafficking, and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labor, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labor in all its forms.
8. Protect labor rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment.
9. By 2030, devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products.

Overall, SDG 8 underscores the importance of sustainable economic growth that benefits all members of society while ensuring decent work and fair labor practices.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

How can you help communities to prosper? Focusing on the Mental Health of the community can help communities to prosper. Our RI President McNally has hoped to focus on Mental Health during his year at the head of our organization.

*On that note, below is an article on Mental Health from
<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotarians-address-mental-health-issues-head-on>.*

Rotarians Address Mental Health Issues Head On

by Anne Stein

Rotary has a remarkable record when it comes to health initiatives. We've helped bring polio to the brink of eradication, and clubs have carried out myriad projects focused on preventing disease and supporting maternal and child health. Now the global pandemic has brought attention to another aspect of health that is often overlooked: mental health. In many places, depression, anxiety, and suicide are seen as things to be ashamed of and kept quiet. But Rotary members are recognizing the gaps in understanding and resources and are stepping up to help.

"A year ago, we had 50 members of the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives," says Bonnie Black, a member of the Rotary Club of Plattsburgh, New York, and the chair of the action group. "We've tripled our membership during the pandemic, and I believe it's due to the heightened awareness of mental health and wellness."

More than 264 million people worldwide are affected by depression, according to the World Health Organization, and although many mental health conditions can be effectively treated at relatively low cost, many people who need treatment do not receive it.

Felix-Kingsley Obialo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ibadan Idi-Ishin, Nigeria, manages the local arm of a project called *Wellness in a Box*, which his club has worked on in partnership with the Rotary Club of Wellesley, Massachusetts. "Mental health is an area that has been neglected by many people for too long because of the stigma associated with it," says Obialo. "The involvement of Rotary clubs will gradually reduce the stigma, and more and more people will begin to be comfortable around the issue."

Refugees and migrants receive free access to mental health services in Germany

When Pia Skarabis-Querfeld saw refugees pouring into Germany to escape war and other atrocities in 2014, the Berlin-based doctor felt compelled to help. Skarabis-Querfeld, a member of the Rotary Club of Kleinmachnow, eventually launched a nonprofit called Medizin Hilft (Medicine Helps). With support from a Rotary Foundation global grant and clubs around the globe, the nearly all-volunteer organization donates thousands of hours of medical care to refugees and migrants each year.

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Member of the Rotary Club of Ibadan Idi-Ishin, Nigeria, and Wellness
in a Box manager

But doctors in the group quickly noticed that in addition to needing care for physical ailments, about half of their patients had symptoms of psychological problems or psychiatric disorders, including depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and addiction. In 2020, the Rotary Club of Morehead City-Lookout, North Carolina, worked with Medizin Hilft to secure another global grant that allows the organization to offer free mental health services.

Under the guidance of Ulla Michels-Vermeulen, a psychologist who is also a member of the Kleinmachnow club, psychologists, psychiatrists, translators, and social workers help people like Fatma, a Syrian nurse who once treated bomb attack victims. When the situation became too dangerous in Syria, she left home. But fleeing was traumatic, explains Michels-Vermeulen.

While crossing the Mediterranean, Fatma watched several passengers drown before another vessel came to the rescue of their drifting boat. She spent time in a refugee camp, where people slept in tents, there were no doctors, and there was not enough to eat. She was sexually assaulted several times on the journey.

"Fatma has been accepted to stay [in Germany] and is going to school to learn German, but she is still getting counseling. She is suffering from nightmares, sleeplessness, concentration problems, and flashbacks," Michels-Vermeulen says. "It costs society a lot if we ignore these mental health problems. And it's a human right to get support if you are ill."

Social media campaign strives to break the stigma of mental health

After Darren Hands invited speakers to talk about mental health at a District 1175 (England) conference a few years ago, he and other local Rotarians were inspired to do more. "It was very powerful, and afterwards we thought, 'What can we as Rotarians do when it comes to mental health? We're people of action but not mental health professionals. But surely there's some-thing we can do to help,'" says Hands, president of the Rotary Club of Plympton.

They came up with a social media campaign called "Don't Bottle It Up," which encourages people affected by depression, anxiety, or other issues to reach out for help.

"The majority of people with mental health issues wait over a year to talk to someone," explains Hands. "Hopefully we can help break down some of the stigma through this campaign."

[Click here to read the rest of the article.](#)

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Psychologist and member of the Kleinmachnow club

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

[Click here to view a short video](#) about how the Rotary Foundation helps Indian weavers achieve better wages and working conditions.



Overview – Promoting economic and community development

Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day.

Our Rotary members promote economic and community development and reduce poverty in underserved communities through some of the following:

- training
- well-paying jobs, and
- access to financial management institutions

Projects range from providing people with equipment to vocational training.

Our Rotary members work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

[Click here to read more.](#)



GRANTS REPORT - DISTRICT 6330

October 2023

As of September 13, 2023, we have 15 District Grants approved and underway. Another 16 are awaiting the completion of the full application.

As always, we have diverse projects that address the unique needs of the communities in which we live and serve.



London area clubs and Habitat for Humanity

Six Rotary Clubs in London are working together with Habitat for Humanity to build Rotary House for Elizabeth. The Rotarians, in addition to a financial contribution, will donate 100 hours of time during the building process.

What an amazing way to partner with others in the community to achieve a truly impactful outcome!

St. Mary's offers ESL classes

The Rotary Club of St. Mary's has responded to an influx of Ukrainians and other displaced people by offering ESL classes. Again, there are partnerships with others in the community. The United Church is providing a meeting place free of charge and Rotarians assist with setting up the meeting location each week.

What an amazing way to identify a need in the community and respond with a much-needed service!

Warton and Mental Health

The Rotary Club of Warton has partnered with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to bring a Children's Mental Health Program to three local schools, including the school at Neyaashiinigiing. Once the initial setup of the program has been funded, CMHA has agreed to maintain the program in future years. Rotarians will assist with Parent Information Evenings and preparing kits for the students to take home.

What a great way to partner with others to ensure sustainability in the delivery of a much-needed program!

What needs exist in your community? How can your Rotary Club take action to meet the needs? Perhaps you would like to join with other Rotary Clubs to achieve a major project. Perhaps you would like to partner with other Service Clubs or Not-for-Profits in your community.

The opportunities are endless.

Start those conversations now! Be ready to apply for a District Grant in the spring of 2024 and make the 24/25 Rotary year an impactful one in your community.

If you have any questions about District Grants, please reach out to

District 6330 Grants Committee Chair:
Pat Cavan - patriciacavan@gmail.com



Pat Cavan

DISTRICT GRANT TIMELINE

Eligible projects will start and end within the same Rotary year – July through June.

Please note - *To qualify to submit a **District Grant application**, a club must have at least two members successfully complete the District Grant Management Course in the Rotary 6330 website - and - have a signed Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) for the relevant period on file with the District 6330 Rotary Foundation Committee.*

If you wish to apply for a district grant, familiarize yourself with the District Grant process that can be found online at <https://rotary6330training.com/district%20grants%20101/index.html>

Here's a sample timeline for grants for this current Rotary year (2023-24). Note that the request for the district grant must have been submitted already – before May 31, 2023 – not later. But it's not too late for the Rotary Year 2024-25 – so plan ahead!

DATES A PROJECT FOR ROTARY YEAR 2023-24	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
Before May 31, 2023, for Rotary year 2023-24	Submit a grant request (proposal) for the next Rotary year (2023-24). Include a preliminary balanced budget.
July 1 to July 31 of 2023 for 2023-24	Wait for approval of the proposed project by District and TRF. Do not start the project yet.
July 1 to December 31 of 2023	Approval of application by District. Do not start the project until approved.
July 1 to December 31 of 2023	After approval, submit the full application with supporting documents to the district.
July 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024	Complete the project during the Rotary year.
July 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024	Complete the project and submit satisfactory Individual Project Report with supporting documents within 8 weeks of project completion.
July 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024	Club Receives the grant funding.
May 31, 2023, to June 30, 2024	District submits report and returns unused grant funds to TRF.
Before May 31, 2024	Submit grant application for 2024-25

So, in planning ahead - for a district grant for the next year – 2024-25 – the application must be sent to the district before May 31, 2024.

If you're planning for a district grant, be well aware of the timelines. ([Source](#))

GLOBAL GRANT CLUB QUALIFICATION

<https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/lp/101/Grant%2520Management%2520Seminar>

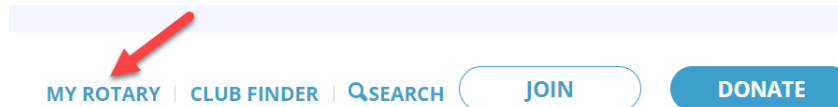
Please note - *To qualify to submit a **Global Grant application**, a club must have at least two members successfully complete the Club Qualification Course in the Rotary International website - and - have a signed Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) for the relevant period on file with the District 6330 Rotary Foundation Committee.*

To access the Club Qualification course, click this link:

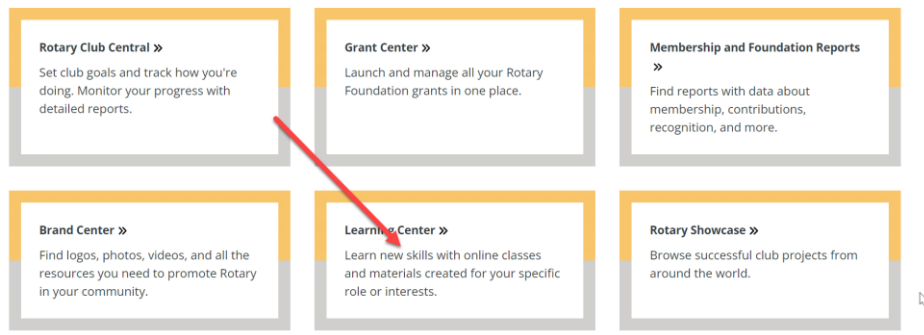
<https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/lp/101/Grant%2520Management%2520Seminar>

If that link doesn't work, here are the various steps to follow –

1. Browse to <https://www.rotary.org/en>
2. Click **My Rotary**



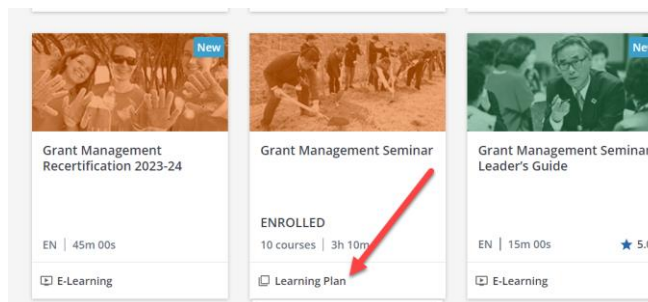
3. Scroll down and click **Learning Centre**.



4. Again, scroll down and click **Courses in English**.



5. Scroll down again and click Grant Management Seminar – Learning Plan.



There are 10 modules to be completed to qualify for the Grants Management program.

About this Learning Plan

Interested in applying for a global grant? These courses can serve as part of the required training on grants in order to qualify your club to apply for global grants. Check with your district on their specific requirements around training.

These courses will look at a grant from start to finish. It's best to take these courses before you start thinking about the type of global grant activity you want to do.

Interested in applying for a global grant and you have already completed this nine-course series? The Grant Management Recertification course can serve as part of the required training on grants in order to qualify your club to apply for grants. Check with your district on their specific requirements around training.

And when you have finished the course

When you have completed all modules in the course, send a copy of your certificate of completion to:

[David Elliott](mailto:David@davidjelliott.ca) (David@davidjelliott.ca), District Rotary Foundation Chair.



The Rotary Foundation



"Do all the good you can,
for all the people you can,
in all the ways you can,
just as long as ever you can."

While we don't know its exact origin, the above widely quoted saying summarizes what Rotary and The Rotary Foundation are all about:

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Thank you to everyone in D6330 who has given to the Foundation, who has participated in a Foundation project, or has helped spread the word about the Foundation. **Thank you!**

[Click here to view a short video](#) about your contributions to TRF and the good that you do! We're changing lives through our vision and unwavering commitment, bringing hope to those who need it most.

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

What's the Paul Harris Society?

Not to be confused with a Paul Harris Fellow (which means a life-time gift of \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation's annual fund), the Paul Harris Society is the name given to those Rotarians who pledge a \$1000 gift annually – every year.

You may know these committed individuals -- they wear a "flag" below their Rotary pin that reads "PHS."

One easy way to give at the \$1000 level is through Rotary Direct -- sign up and an amount of money you designate is automatically deducted from your account each month. Learn more at www.rotary.org.

Members of the Paul Harris Society know that the need never ends -- and neither should the giving.

D6330 Long-time Paul Harris Society Chair is Rotarian Jamie Pole.



Rotarian Jamie Pole

What your giving supports

Paul Harris Society gifts have helped provide:

- Vocational training for teachers establishing an early childhood education center in South Africa
- Water filters, toilets, and hygiene training to prevent fluorosis, diarrhea, and other diseases in India
- A scholarship for a medical professional in Italy to research treatments that minimize mortality rates among premature babies
- Peace-building seminars for 200 teachers and 1,300 students in Uganda
- Treated mosquito nets and medical services that prevent malaria in Mali



In District 6330 we are proud to have over 116 members in our Paul Harris Society.

We have over 32 of our clubs that now have members in the Paul Harris Society.

JOHN HEWKO, GENERAL SECRETARY AND CEO AT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Miles to End Polio

John Hewko



John Hewko, General Secretary and CEO at Rotary International

Why am I fundraising for The Rotary Foundation?

Because polio anywhere is a threat to children and unvaccinated individuals everywhere.

This will be my 11th time joining Rotary members to cycle in El Tour de Tucson to raise funds for polio eradication. Donating to this fundraiser helps Rotary International reach every child with the polio vaccine.

Click here to [Support Miles to End Polio](#).



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF WORLD POLIO DAY?

Every year, on 24 October, we observe World Polio Day to raise awareness of the importance of polio vaccination to protect every child from this devastating disease, and to celebrate the many parents, professionals and volunteers whose contributions make polio eradication achievable.

One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

24 October

Rotary has been a pioneer in the fight against polio and started efforts in 1978 with a very ambitious goal to reach a polio-free world.

Rotary International and UNICEF work together as leading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to protect every child against polio.

Polio

In 1985, Rotary launched its [PolioPlus](#) programme, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$2 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 3 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in donor governments' decisions to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort. Within the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), Rotary's focus is on advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness building.

Polio today

Today, only two countries have not stopped the transmission of the wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Six wild polio cases were confirmed worldwide in 2021, which is a reduction of more than 99 percent since the 1980s, when the world saw approximately 1,000 children paralysed by polio every day. The world has never been so close to eradication, which is why Rotary's continued commitment and focus on polio eradication remains critical.

Challenges

Stopping the wild poliovirus from spreading and paralysing children in the last remaining pockets of Afghanistan and Pakistan is proving to be the most difficult yet, due to factors including discrepancies in the quality of vaccination campaigns, massive mobile populations, conflict, insecurity and, in some instances, parental refusals due to vaccine misinformation. Until polio is eradicated, all countries remain at risk of outbreaks.

Ensuring success

Rotary raises over \$50 million per year, with every dollar matched with two dollars from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These funds help to provide much-needed operational support, medical personnel and laboratory equipment, and support the crucial work of engaging community leaders and parents to build trust in vaccines. Governments, corporations, and private individuals all play a crucial role in funding.

“In the days before Jonas Salk’s revolutionary polio vaccine, there was a real fear for families that their children would contract the disease. Realizing the great potential of this vaccine, Rotary helped rally the world around total eradication in 1988, with the creation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.”

– Henrietta Fore, Former Executive Director of UNICEF.

Rotary in Action

More than 1 million Rotary members have donated their time and personal resources to end polio. Every year, hundreds of Rotary members work side by side with health workers to vaccinate children in polio-affected countries.

Rotary members work with UNICEF and other partners to prepare and distribute mass communication tools to reach people in areas isolated by conflict, geography, or poverty. Rotary members also recruit fellow volunteers, assist with transporting the vaccine, and provide other logistical support.

[Click here to view a short video – Thank you, Rotary!](#)



[Click here to read more.](#)

ABOUT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary International is a global civil society organization, headquartered in the United States, that brings together a **global network of volunteers who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges**. Rotary connects 1.4 million members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary's work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working towards a polio-free world.

Rotary brings together **the kind of people who step forward to take on important issues for local communities worldwide**. Rotary members hail from a range of professional backgrounds – doctors, artists, small business owners and executives – all calling themselves Rotarians. Rotary connects these unique perspectives and helps leverage its members' expertise to improve lives everywhere.

Rotary has been a **crucial partner of UNICEF since 1988**, when Rotary, UNICEF, the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention formed the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

The Rotary Foundation helps fund humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives conducted by Rotary members and their partners. Clubs and districts can apply for grants from the Foundation to invest in projects and provide scholarships. The Foundation leads the charge on worldwide Rotary campaigns such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Rotarians and friends of Rotary support the Foundation's work through voluntary contributions.

[Click here to view a short video highlighting World Polio Day, 2021.](#)



A POLIOPLUS / ROTARY TIMELINE

Here is a timeline of Rotary's Involvement with its PolioPlus Campaign!

From <https://www.rotary.org/en/partners-eradicating-polio-timeline>

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years. Since 1979, we have vaccinated more than 2.5 billion children. But we haven't done it alone. Here is a timeline for our partnerships.

TIMELINE: PARTNERS IN ERADICATING POLIO



1979 – early 1980s. Rotary undertakes a series of polio immunization campaigns throughout Southeast Asia and Latin America, beginning with one in 1979 in the Philippines and followed by similar activities in Cambodia, Haiti, Morocco, Paraguay, and Sierra Leone.

1985. Rotary introduces PolioPlus – the first effort to immunize every child in the world with polio vaccine – and aims to raise \$120 million. During its 1988 convention in Philadelphia, Rotary announces it has raised \$247 million, more than double the target amount.



1988. Rotary pushes forward the global resolution to eradicate polio at the 1988 World Health Assembly in Geneva. It also spearheads the launch of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF.

2002-03. Rotary launches the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign with a fundraising target of \$80 million. The campaign, netting \$135 million, eclipses Rotary's goal. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation contributes \$1 million when it honors Rotary with its Gates Award for Global Health, its first gift to Rotary's efforts to end polio.



2007. The Gates Foundation announces its first major grant to polio eradication – a \$100 million challenge to Rotary, promising to match funds raised by Rotarians.

2009. Bill Gates pledges an additional \$255 million at Rotary's International Assembly, and Rotary increases its fundraising goal to \$200 million.



2011. Bill Gates speaks at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans.

2012. Rotary raises \$228.7 million, surpassing the original goal of \$200 million. In the same year, Jeff Raikes, then-CEO of the Gates Foundation, announces an additional \$50 million contribution to polio eradication efforts at Rotary's International Assembly.



2013. An announcement at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon sets the stage for a new extension of the partnership between Rotary and the Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation agrees to match 2-to-1 every dollar committed by Rotary, up to \$35 million per year, through 2018. Throughout the campaign, Rotary exceeds its annual fundraising goal.



2017. On the heels of the success of the 2-to-1 matching grant, Rotary and the Gates Foundation announce an increased combined pledge of up to \$450 million at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. Rotary's new goal is to contribute \$50 million per year over three years. With a 2-to-1 match, the Gates Foundation's contribution will increase to \$300 million if Rotary reaches its fundraising target.



Polio Fund

Your donation helps Rotary reach every child with the polio vaccine.

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has:

- Reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project in the Philippines in 1979
- Helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries
- Contributed more than \$1.8 billion toward eradicating the disease worldwide

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.



[Start your fundraiser](#)

[About Rotary](#)

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We are People of Action

Our global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, and leaders volunteer their skills and resources to solve issues and address community needs.

TAKE ACTION WITH US



Get Involved

Join Rotary's 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Calendar of Events



United Nations

October 10

[World Mental Health Day](#)

October 11

[International Day of the Girl Child](#)

October 13

[International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction](#)

October 14

[World Migratory Bird Day \(UNEP\)](#)

October 16

[World Food Day](#)

October 17

[International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)

October 24 to 31

[Global Media and Information Literacy Week](#)
[Disarmament Week](#)

October 24

[United Nations Day](#)
[World Development Information Day](#)



October 29

[International Day of Care and Support](#)

Polio this week

as of 13 September 2023



Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Pakistan: five WPV1 positive environmental samples
- Central African Republic: one cVDPV2 case
- Chad: four cVDPV2 cases
- Dr Congo: six cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- Yemen: one cVDPV2 case

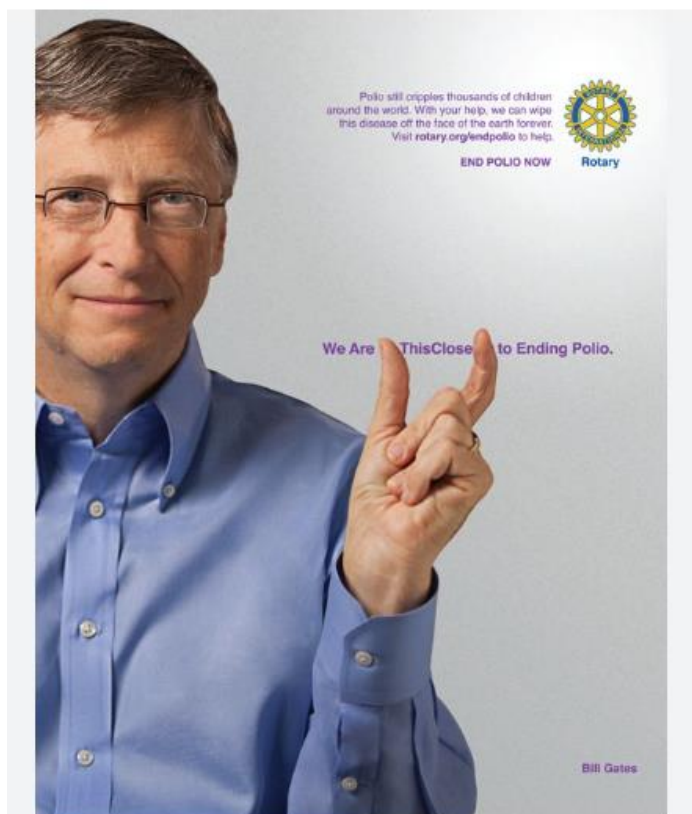
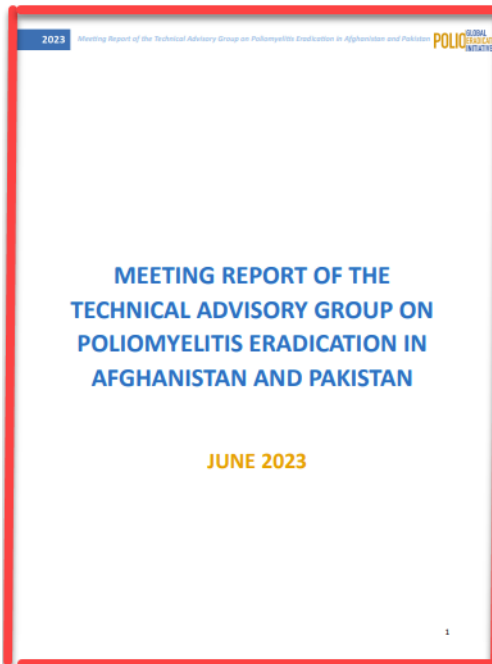
Until the last child is immunized,
Polio is just a plane ride away
From me, my friends and my family.



[For more information, click here - http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/](http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/)

[Click here to learn the difference](#) between Wild Polio Virus (WPV) and Vaccine-derived Polio Virus. (VDPV)

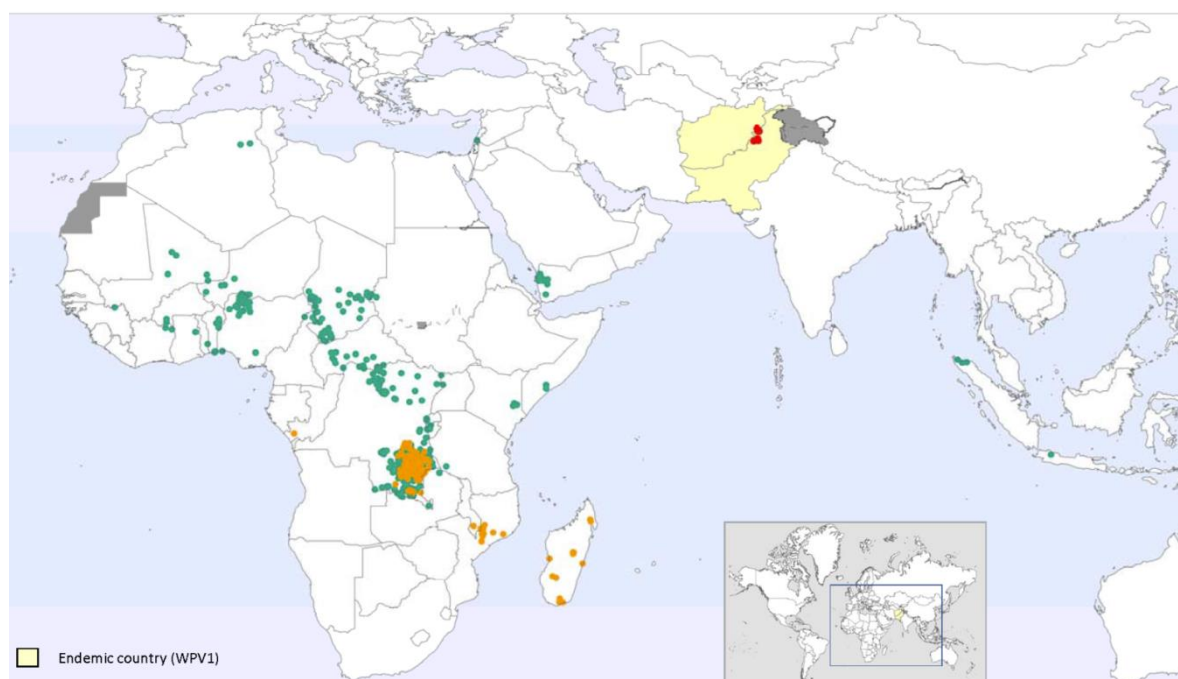




[Click here to download and read the updated report.](#)



Global WPV1 & cVDPV Cases¹, Previous 12 Months²



Data in WHO HQ as of 29 Aug. 2023

¹Excludes viruses detected from environmental surveillance; ²Onset of paralysis: 30 Aug. 2022 to 29 Aug. 2023

WPV1 cases (latest onset)		
Pakistan	3	11 July 2023
Afghanistan	5	18 May 2023
cVDPV1 cases (latest onset)		
DR Congo	159	17 May 2023
Madagascar	19	03 May 2023
Mozambique	13	27 February 2023
Malawi	1	01 December 2022
Congo	1	15 October 2022
cVDPV2 cases (latest onset)		
Kenya	3	22 June 2023
Chad	50	20 June 2023
Guinea	1	19 June 2023
Burundi	2	15 June 2023
Nigeria	26	13 June 2023
CAR (Central African Republic)	13	09 June 2023
Burkina Faso	2	04 June 2023
Tanzania	1	26 May 2023
DR Congo	272	24 May 2023
Côte d'Ivoire	2	05 May 2023
Mali	5	28 April 2023
Yemen	11	18 April 2023
Zambia	1	03 April 2023
Benin	9	15 March 2023
Somalia	2	02 March 2023
Indonesia	4	20 February 2023
Israel	1	13 February 2023
Niger	5	25 December 2022
Cameroon	3	22 December 2022
Algeria	2	13 December 2022
Sudan	1	31 October 2022
Togo	1	30 September 2022
Ghana	1	14 September 2022

POLIOPLUS SOCIETY



Our **District 6330** proudly joins The Rotary Foundation and fellow districts across the world to announce the new Polio Plus Society and invite all our members to join.

This simple act of generosity by our fellow Rotarians around the world will bring the life saving polio immunization to countless children until the day that the world has been rid of the virus. We are truly *This Close*, and we need your help to complete the job.



The Polio Plus Society is an organization of like-minded individuals who have committed to contribute \$100 US or more each and every year to Polio Plus until the world has been declared free of the Wild Polio Virus. This is our commitment to fulfill the promise Rotary made in 1985 to immunize all the children of the world.

It's easy and rewarding to become a member. Download, complete and submit the Polio Plus Society Pledge Form and email to the Polio Chair at katherine.hahn@rotarystratford.com Complete your contribution commitment in one of three ways:

Contribute with your credit card online at: <https://www.endpolio.org/donate>

- OR -

Write a for cheque for \$100 or cheque for the US \$100 equivalent (or more!) to The Rotary Foundation with "Polio Plus" in the memo line and give it to your club's Rotary Foundation Chair for submission.

- OR -

Enroll in Rotary's recurring giving program, Rotary Direct, which makes giving easy, fast, and secure. You can schedule a monthly, quarterly, or annual donation that empowers Rotarians to change lives in communities around the world. <https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct>

YES, all donations will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Anyone can join the society, not only Rotarians. Everyone will be recognized with a special pin, an End Polio Now bracelet, a Society Certificate, and a great feeling in their heart.

With your help, we will reach every last child and achieve a polio free world. Please reach out to [Katherine](#) and sign up today

The Beginnings of Rotary – *continued from last month*



Campaigning for a Rotary Elective Position Prohibited

One of the interesting bylaws of Rotary International provides that “no Rotarian shall campaign, canvass, or electioneer for elective position in Rotary International.” This provision includes the office of district governor, Rotary International director, RI president, and various elected committees. The Rotary policy prohibits the circulation of brochures, literature, or letters by a candidate or by anyone on behalf of such a candidate.

After a Rotarian has indicated an intention to be a candidate for one of the elective Rotary offices, he or she must refrain from speaking engagements, appearances, or publicity that could reasonably be construed as furthering his or her candidacy. The only information that may be sent to clubs relating to candidates for an elective position is that officially distributed by the general secretary of RI. A Rotarian who becomes a candidate for an elective position, such as district governor or RI director, must avoid any action that would be interpreted as giving him or her an unfair advantage over other candidates.

In Rotary, it is believed that a Rotarian’s record of service and qualifications for office stand on their own and do not require publicity or special promotion.

Sponsor a New Member

Contribute to our Club’s membership by bringing in qualified business and professional leaders who are interested in, and committed, to advancing the mission of Rotary. Together with our fellow Rotarians, you can help your club fully represent our community’s business and professional life.

As a Rotarian, one of your primary responsibilities is to help identify and propose new members. Consider the following approaches for finding future Rotarians:

- Wear your Rotary pin to initiate conversations about your involvement with Rotary.
- Share stories of exciting club projects with colleagues, friends, and acquaintances.
- Distribute *Rotary Basics* (595-EN), *This is Rotary* (001-EN), and *What’s Rotary?* (419-EN). All three publications are available from shop.rotary.org, the RI Catalogue, or your international office.
- Invite friends, co-workers, and colleagues to join you at your weekly Rotary meeting.
- Ask potential members to become involved with a club activity or service project.
- Encourage prospective members to tour the RI website, view membership videos, and complete a Prospective Member Form (www.rotary.org/membershipreferral)



Rotary becomes stronger with each new member.

Source: <https://rotary1.org/101-things-about-rotary/>

GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Giving Tuesday 2023 will be Tuesday, November 28, 2023.
The date is always the Tuesday after U.S. Thanksgiving.

As at October 1, there are only 58 days left until November 28 – Giving Tuesday!

Considered by many as the day that kicks off the giving season, Giving Tuesday directly follows three major shopping days in the U.S. - Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday.

Because it usually falls on a day in late November or early December, some nonprofits use the day as an opportunity to launch **end-of-year giving campaigns** to take advantage of people making their final tax-deductible donations for the year.



Nonprofits benefit from the generosity of those wishing to make a positive impact during the holiday season. Giving Tuesday is a day that encourages people to give back in whatever ways they can. It presents nonprofit organizations with the chance to raise even more money than they would on an average day.

How will your club help to raise money for The Rotary Foundation on Giving Tuesday?

- **A goal to consider is a total club donation equal to \$100 USD per member.**
- You can challenge your members to pledge support for Rotary's Foundation!

A challenge - Which Rotary Clubs in D6330 will reach their TRF goals or more on Giving Tuesday?

Why should you donate to TRF?

The bottom line - Giving Tuesday happens once a year, but your gift of Rotary will make a difference for a lifetime. This Giving Tuesday, consider making a special gift to [The Rotary Foundation](https://www.rotary.org/en/the-rotary-foundation) and together we can continue *doing good in the world* and we can **Create Hope in the World**.

Click here to donate - <https://my.rotary.org/en/giving-tuesday>

The Rotary Foundation – the Engine that runs Rotary!



WAYS TO GIVE TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Your donation changes lives! and this information bears repeating...

There are numerous ways to support The Rotary Foundation.

Every amount contributed to The Rotary Foundation is spent in support of humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs, and their operations. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out worthy projects worldwide.

Here are a few of the ways that your contribution can make a difference:

- \$100 can buy textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia
- \$5,000 can buy vaccine to immunize 10,000 children against polio
- \$24,000 can buy an academic-year Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship
- \$100,000 can buy funding for two to complete a two-year graduate program for a Rotary World Peace Fellow

Donate Online

When you donate online, you get to choose where your donations go. Support thousands of service projects our people of action are tackling around the world. Outright gifts can be made easily with The Rotary Foundation online contribution form.

This method expedites processing your tax receipt and Paul Harris Fellow recognition points. For online donations please visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate>.

- **Memorial or Tribute Donations:** A gift to The Rotary Foundation is a meaningful way to honour a loved one.
- **Recurring Donations:** Rotary Direct allows you to help year-round by automatically giving each month, quarter, or year.

The
Rotary
Foundation



ROTARY'S SHARE SYSTEM



Donation to Annual Fund **SHARE**

Donation is invested for
3 years; growth supports
Foundation operations.



SPENDING DECISIONS SHARED

World Fund (Trustee discretion)



GLOBAL
GRANTS AND
PROGRAMS*

District Designated Funds (DDF) (District discretion)



DISTRICT GLOBAL
GRANTS GRANTS

*Includes PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers, other districts,
and the Endowment Fund (areas of focus)

Learn how you can support our Annual Fund.

[Click here to read and learn more.](#)

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1' to discover an aspect of the history of Rotary

Excerpt from the book "My road to Rotary" by Paul HARRIS

Paul Harris explains his original intuition

"After a dinner with friends, an idea came to me: why in this great Chicago not have a group of friends from different professions, without taking into account either their political opinions or their religion, with broad acceptance of the opinions of each ?

Couldn't this friendship provide the basis for mutual assistance?

I did not immediately follow up on my sparkling idea; months and even years have passed.

In the course of great events, a man who believes in what he is doing must walk alone for a certain time.

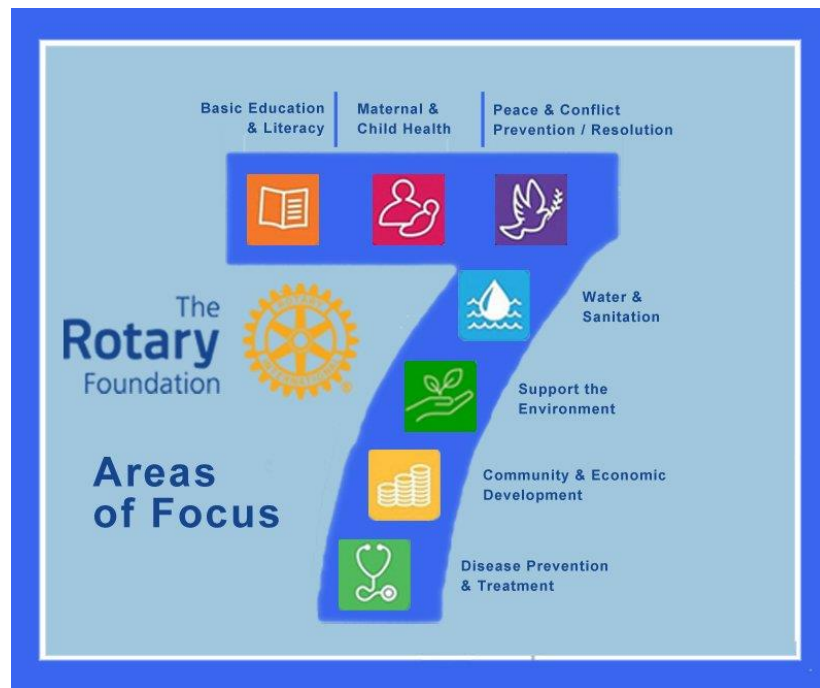
It was finally in February 1905 that I asked three young professionals, Silvester Schiele, Gustavus Loehr and Hiram Shorey, to join me to present to them my project of mutual cooperation and simple friendship as each of us had known it in our village.

They accepted my plan. »



The Rotarian Minute is a creation of District 1700. Please send any comments or suggestions to laminute1700@gmail.com

FOUNDATION GRANTS – 7 AREAS OF FOCUS



Rotarians can get involved in various types of service –
Club Service, Community Service, International Service, Vocational Service,
New Generations (Youth) Service

A list of Rotary's 7 areas of focus and a brief description of each:

1. **Peacebuilding and conflict prevention:** Rotary aims to address the root causes of conflict and promote sustainable peace through initiatives that support education and training, promote community dialogue, and build networks of peacebuilders.
2. **Disease prevention and treatment:** Rotary works to improve health outcomes and reduce the spread of disease through initiatives that promote immunization, provide access to clean water and sanitation, and support medical research.
3. **Water and sanitation:** Rotary aims to improve access to clean water and sanitation in underserved communities, through initiatives that promote infrastructure development, support education and training, and raise awareness about the importance of clean water and sanitation.
4. **Maternal and child health:** Rotary works to improve maternal and child health outcomes by supporting initiatives that provide access to prenatal and postnatal care, promote vaccination, and support nutrition and education programs for mothers and children.



5. **Basic education and literacy:** Rotary aims to improve access to education and literacy for children and adults, through initiatives that support teacher training, provide educational resources and materials, and promote community-based programs that increase literacy rates.
6. **Economic and community development:** Rotary works to support economic and community development initiatives that promote job creation, increase access to financial services, and support small business development and entrepreneurship.
7. **Supporting the environment:** Rotary aims to support environmental sustainability initiatives, through programs that promote conservation, improve access to clean energy, and support the development of sustainable agriculture and other eco-friendly practices.



Overall, Rotary's areas of focus represent some of the world's most pressing challenges and reflect the organization's commitment to making a positive impact in local and global communities.

By supporting initiatives in these areas, Rotary can leverage its resources and expertise to address some of the most complex challenges facing the world today.



Do you need a make-up? missed meetings? To learn about other Rotary clubs?

Here is a list of online clubs where you can earn a make-up along with learning a whole lot more about Rotary! Why not visit them all?

- [Rotary E-Club of Canada One](#) – Rotary On Demand, Where you want, When you want!
- [Rotary Club of One World](#)
- [Rotary E-Club of World Peace](#)

[Click here to attend this week's posted meeting of E-Club of Canada One.](#)

These meetings are posted online and available 24/7!



Give where the need is greatest

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you fuel our service projects - projects that eradicate polio, promote peace, and improve developing communities.

[DONATE](#)



FAST FORWARD TO NOVEMBER

The focus in November is ...



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION!

What do you know about TRF?

FRIDAY
3RD
NOVEMBER

THE LEGEND LIVES ON



A TRIBUTE TO GORDON LIGHTFOOT

Performed by **Steve Rae and the Pony Man Band**



A retrospective concert covering much of
Gordon Lightfoot's most popular music.

"Emotional, nostalgic and uplifting!"

The Avondale
Stratford, ON

7:00 pm

Doors open 6pm

Tickets \$55



Rotary 
Club of Stratford

A night of wonderful music you won't want to miss,
with proceeds to support Rotary projects both locally and internationally.
The Avondale is located at 194 Avondale Ave, Stratford, ON.
Get your tickets today via Ticketscene: <https://www.ticketscene.ca/events/45734/>

ROTARY'S CORE VALUES

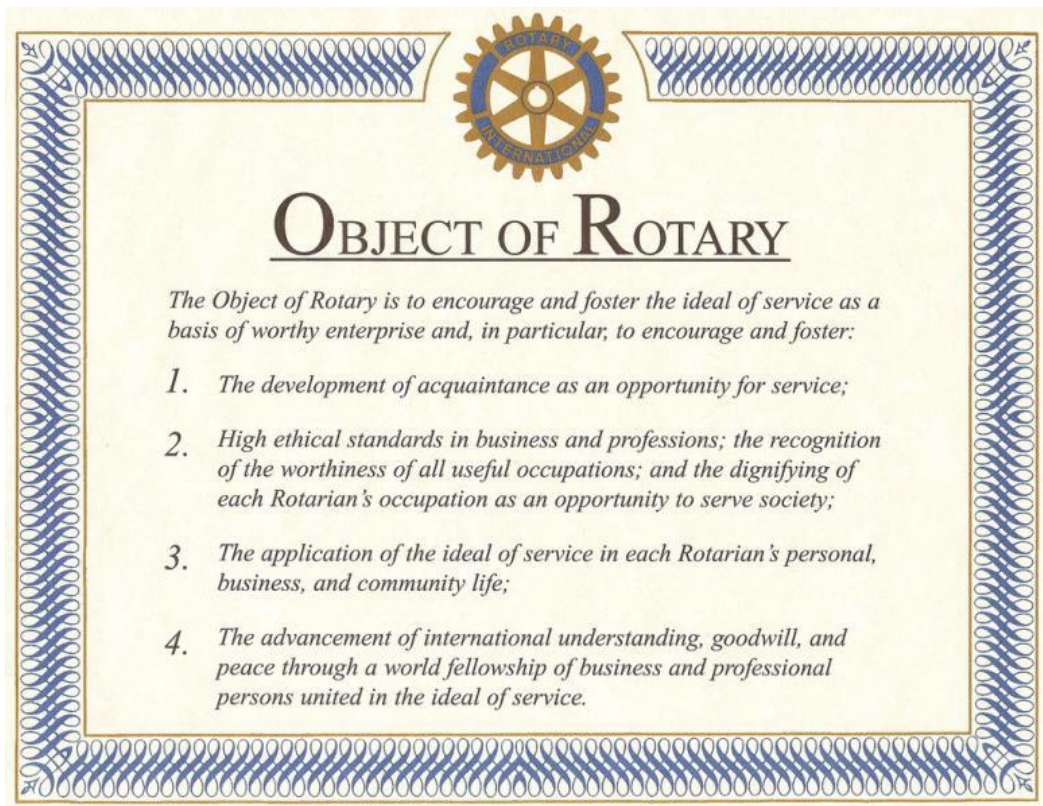


WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring business and professional leaders together to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a non-political and non-religious organization.

Rotarians can get involved in various types of service –

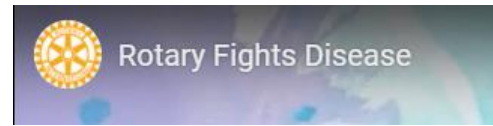
Club Service, Community Service, International Service, Vocational Service, New Generations Service



[Click the 4-way test above to hear the Four-Way Test by RC of Saskatoon Nutana.](#)

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

EREY – Every Rotarian Every Year



[Click here for a short video.](#)

Our **Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY)** initiative encourages all **Rotary club** members to *contribute something* each year to The Rotary Foundation. We hope that you can consider at least \$100 USD **every year** to help us reach our goal to support the Rotary Foundation financially **each year**.



Sustaining member. One who contributes \$100 USD every year is a *Sustaining Member*.
With EREY, we encourage you to contribute an amount you can afford every year.



ROTARY BEQUEST SOCIETY

What is a Rotary Foundation Bequest Society Member?

Those who have made commitments for future gifts of \$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation are invited to join the Bequest Society.

Donors may elect to receive various benefits and recognition pieces commemorating their commitment at each new recognition level, including pins, crystals, named funds, and special seating at the Rotary International Convention.

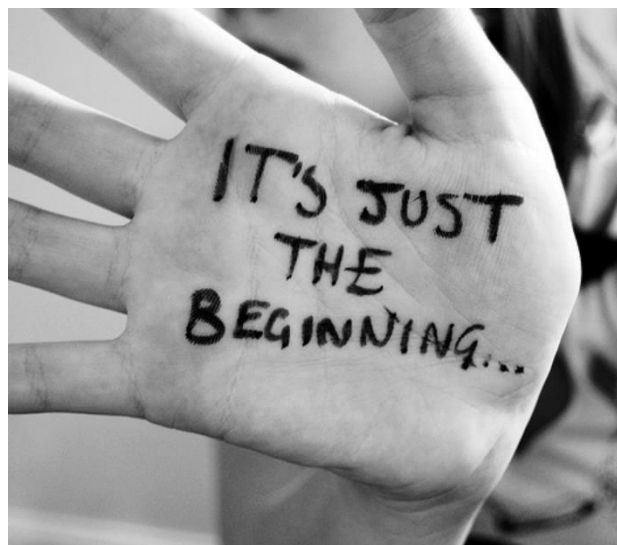
A bequest gift of at least \$10,000 in your name to The Rotary Foundation creates a legacy of your generosity and compassion as you are helping many people live better lives around the world.

Today there are over 18,000 Bequest Society Members worldwide.

Will you join them by leaving a gift to Rotary in your estate? Contact the Rotary Foundation's Planned Giving team.



But no -



When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever. In its place is something that you have left behind. Let it be something good.