



Against the backdrop of an ongoing global pandemic and political upheaval in Afghanistan, we continue to make significant progress in polio eradication, demonstrating the resilience and determination of all those who are working to achieve a polio-free world for children everywhere. Although this year may feel a little different, given current events, on World Polio Day, 24 October, we reflect on the progress we've made and the challenges we've faced not only over the past year but throughout the history of the PolioPlus program.

As of 29 September 2021, only two cases of polio caused by wild poliovirus have been reported — one in Afghanistan and one in Pakistan. There has also been a significant reduction in wild poliovirus detected in the environment. Also in decline are cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV), which occur when the live, weakened virus used in the oral polio vaccine circulates in under immunized communities and reverts in strength in a way that can cause paralysis.

The situation in Afghanistan presents more uncertainty but also possible opportunities. As a nonpolitical entity, the GPEI has a long history of working with various stakeholders in the
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Meeting

Faced with some technical problems with ZOOM, President Julie had to start the meeting while Martha F. held up her cell phone so those attending remotely could be part of the meeting.

We then conducted our normal business and announcements while we awaited the arrival of President Julie's husband John who worked diligently to get ZOOM working on a different computer. He succeeded just in time for our speaker our own David N.

David's talk was about a book club made up

of mostly members of our club. The theme of the club is Social Justice. The members are assigned a book to read once a month and then get together via ZOOM and discuss it.

The discuss is not about particular details in the book but rather what the overall theme is. The emphasis is on learning about the injustice in the world and how it effects people. This ties in with Rotary's commitment concerning Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (EDI). This month's Rotarian contains an article on EDI and the philosophy behind it.

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country, including government officials and nongovernmental organizations. World Health Organization and UNICEF staff have largely remained in the country. Polio vaccinations continue through permanent transit teams posted in high-traffic areas of most regions, at border crossing sites, and at a Rotary-sponsored transit point in Kunar Province.

Despite the political changes, there has been no major impact on surveillance to detect the poliovirus. Case investigation, stool sample collection, and environmental testing continue, and sewage and stool specimens are being shipped to a lab in Pakistan.

On this World Polio Day, we celebrate the progress we've made since Rotary launched its PolioPlus program in 1985, and we marvel at the opportunity to eradicate a human disease for only the second time in history. While being realistic about the challenges, the GPEI has a record of operating successfully during complex health and humanitarian emergencies in countries and regions such as Angola, Northern Nigeria

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"We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong."

The district has formed a council call Pathways to address EDI in the district. I member of that council will speake to our club sometime after the first of the year.

For more information go to [www,rotary.org/dei](http://www.rotary.org/dei).

The book club is open to all, member or not. You can join by contacting either Jim B. or Martha F.

Progress Rotary Has made

- Nearly 3 billion children have been vaccinated against polio
- 19.4 million people who otherwise would have been paralyzed by polio can walk today.
- 1.5 million childhood deaths have been prevented by the GPEI's delivery of vitamin A, a nutrient that is essential for healthy growth and development to children during polio immunization campaigns.
- Cases of polio caused by wild poliovirus have been reduced by more than 99.9%.
- The number of countries that report cases of polio caused by the wild virus has been reduced from 125 to two.
- Rotary has invested more than US\$2.2 billion in global polio eradication efforts
- Rotary has also helped secure an additional \$10 billion in donations for global polio eradication efforts from governments.
- If polio eradication efforts stopped now, within 10 years, 200,000 children could be paralyzed every year.

Rotary International and the U.S. Peace Corps have renewed our partnership through 2024. Our organizations have a long history of sharing resources and knowledge to increase the impact of our development projects. Through this partnership, which was made official in 2014, both the Peace Corps and Rotary improve lives and build stronger communities by addressing the causes of violence and conflict, such as poverty, illiteracy, disease, and lack of access to clean water and sanitation facilities.



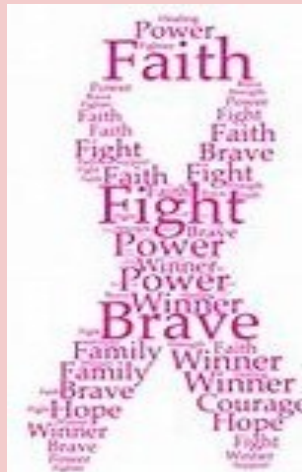
October is cancer Awareness Month

Cancer affects 1 in 3 people in the United States. Chances are that you or someone you know has been affected by cancer. People are made up of trillions of cells that over their lifetime normally grow and divide as needed. When cells are abnormal or get old, they usually die. Cancer starts when something goes wrong in this process and your cells keep making new cells and the old or abnormal ones don't die when they should. As the cancer cells grow out of control, they can crowd out normal cells. This makes it hard for your body to work the way it should. For many people, cancer can be treated successfully. In fact, more people than ever before lead full lives after cancer treatment.

There are many types of cancer. Cancer can develop anywhere in the body and is named for the part of the body where it started. For instance, breast cancer that starts in the breast is still called breast cancer even if it spreads (metastasizes) to other parts of the body.

According to the World Health most common cancer among lives of hundreds of thousands countries at all levels of mod- United States will develop

- In 2021, an estimated breast cancer will be diag- as 49,290 new cases of non the United States
- 63% of breast cancer cases (there is no sign that the breast), for which the 5-year
- This year, an estimated 43,600 women will die from breast cancer in the U.S.
- Although rare, men get breast cancer too. In 2021, an estimated 2,650 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year in the U.S. and approximately 530 will die.
- 1 in 8 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime
- Breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, except for skin cancers. It is estimated that in 2021, approximately 30% of all new women cancer diagnoses will be breast cancer.
- There are over 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.
- On average, every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States.



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281,550 new cases of invasive nosed in women in the U.S. as well -invasive (in situ) breast cancer.in are diagnosed at a localized stage cancer has spread outside of the survival rate is 99%.

In recent years, perhaps coinciding with the decline in prescriptive hormone replacement therapy after menopause, we have seen a gradual reduction in female breast cancer incidence rates among women aged 50 and older.

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Currently we are conducting “hybrid” meetings every Wednesday **starting at 5:00pm**. You can attend in person at Lake Miona (face masks and Villages ID required), or join by ZOOM.

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Meetings

Oct 27th Whispering Oaks Winery Fellowship

Committee Meetings

Nov 10th Board Meeting

Event

Oct 24th World Polio Day

Oct 27th Whispering Oaks Wine Tasting

Oct 30th - Nov 15 District Food Drive

Nov 4th Talent Show Fundraiser

Nov 7th Renaissance Faire