

Attendance: There were 18 dedicated members who enjoyed a morning of fellowship with their fellow Rotarians and guests.

Guests: PDG Pat Chernesky, Chair Polio Plus; Chris Smith



The Sergeant requested members to donate to the RI Foundation in celebration of the following activities and events: for not knowing how to make holy water (boil the hell out of it);



The Sergeant matched every dollar. For the Anglican Church for video loan project to support food security – tapes can be donated (\$20); Ron for someone borrowing a truck but it was found by the police (\$8); For the Husky and Roughrider wins \$5); For the expiry of the yogurt on his birthday; Tom for being at meeting after missing some meetings (\$50); Less for Samson who is out of the country and for the number of movers in the Club; Garth for Granddaughter who has new job with School Division. Raised \$196.

Announcements



1) EDADZ BACKPACK Drop Off

- a) You can Drop off items at John Benesh's Office.
- b) There is a Box in the reception area
- c) Any bag is OK, not just back packs.
- d) Your may bring the backpacks to the meeting to give to John B.

2)

3) Creating Community Project.

- a) Some clubs are getting together to work together and break down the barriers between clubs.
- b) We can invite Rotarians and other Service Clubs
- c) DATE: October 28 at 7:00 P.M.
- d) REGISTER with Leanne.
- e) ZOOM link – Leanne will send link to those registered.

4) Your Announcement Here



5) Coop Gift Cards

- a) Art Postle has coop gift cards.

Club Business

Restorative Action Program.

The Club has supported RAP for a number of years. It started as a Rotary Project.

MOTION:

That the Club donate \$2000 to the Restorative Action Program. **CARRIED**

Mover/Second: John Benesh, Robert Fisher

Program

Rotary Minute



WOMEN IN ROTARY

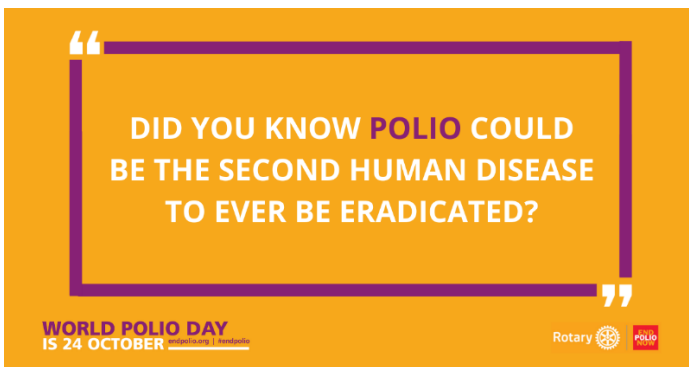
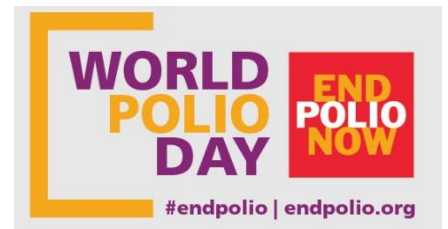
Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. The RI board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California

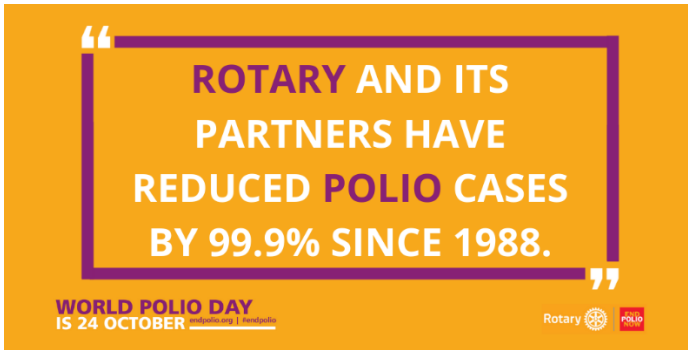
Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes. The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary.

Polio Plus Update

PDG Pat Chernesky, Chair Polio Plus, provided members an update on PolioPlus. October 24th was World Polio Day. Pat has been DG and ADG.

Pat has been on the District Polio Committee for several years.





There have only been 2 cases, down from 140 cases in 2020. Since 1988, we've seen a worldwide reduction in polio cases of 99.9%. For more than three years, we've seen wild polio cases in only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, There is currently 1 case in each country. The estimate is that 19 million children are walking because of Rotary.

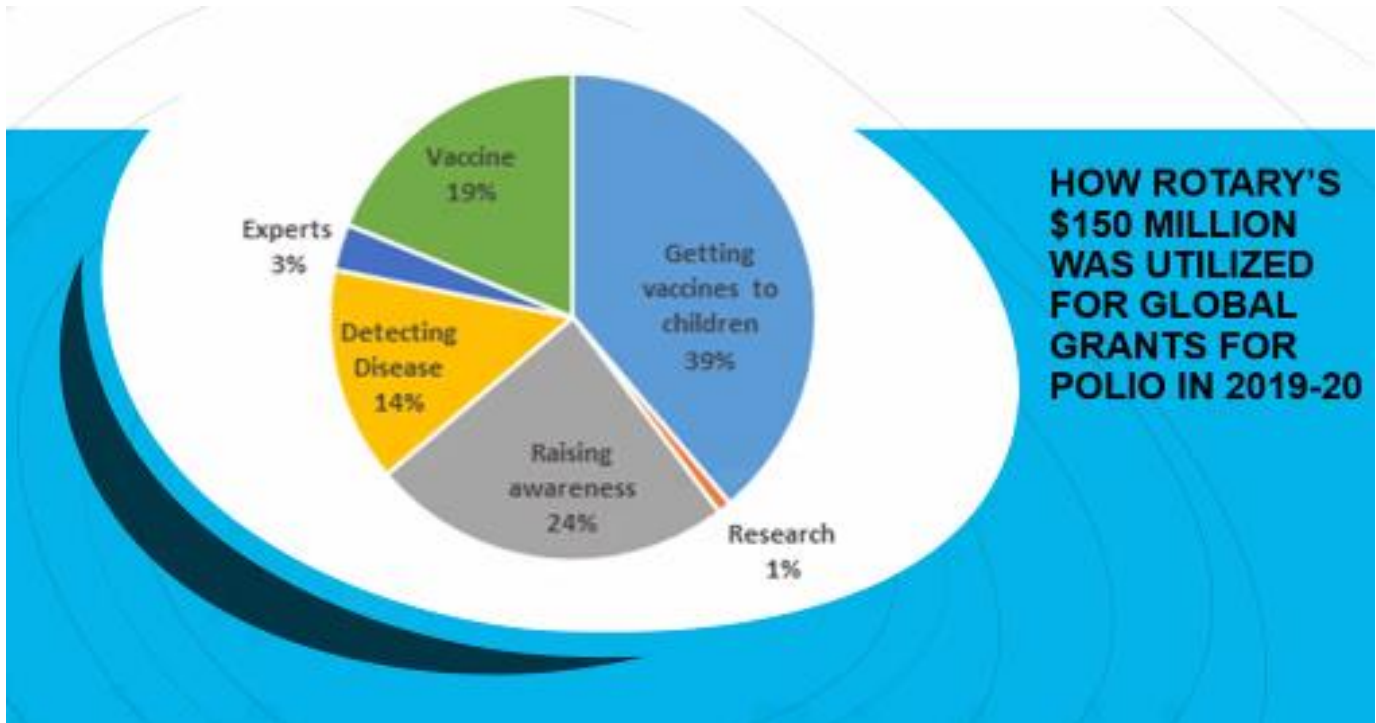
North America was polio free in the 1970 and Europe

There are 3 types of wild Polio virus. Type 2 and 3 were eradicated a few years ago. Type 1 is the current one.

- Rotarians have contributed over US\$1.1 billion to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.
- WHO, UNICEF, The CDC, The Gates Foundation & Gavi are partners.
- Received US\$1.0 billion in matching funds from the Gates Foundation which we donated to polio eradication grants.
- The Gates Foundation will continue to match Rotary's US\$50 million annually with US\$100 million through 2023 (2 to 1).

END POLIO NOW

The Gates Foundation is matching 2:1 for every dollars raised by Rotary



WHAT WE LEARNED FROM 2019-20

- ❖ 160 OF 534 DISTRICTS DID NOT CONTRIBUTE DDF (DISTRICT DESIGNATED FUNDS) TO POLIOPLUS (30%)
- ❖ 17,820 OF 33,000 CLUBS, OR A MEMBER OF THEIR CLUB, DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO POLIOPLUS (54%)
- ❖ 1.1M OF 1.2M ROTARIANS DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO POLIOPLUS (90%) *

* SOME CLUBS GIVE FOR THEIR ROTARIANS

The virus is still endemic in 2 countries, even though there are only 2 cases.

The Plus in Polio Plus means that there are even more benefits than Polio – clean water grants, job creation grants, infrastructure for other diseases, sanitation.

The Vaccine Drops are effective, but the child is excreting the virus into the sanitary area – and can mutate and spread. The solution is to

Canadian Rotarians have raised 41 million dollars. Two prime ministers have received the leader award by the RI.

14 clubs have 100% participation by members. Some clubs match the donation.

Donations can be made to Rotary direct or through the club.

Race for Rotary. You can develop a challenge to raise funds. The funds go straight to the Foundation and they do all the paperwork. You can have the funds donated to the Foundation or to PolioPlus.

Polio

Poliomyelitis, or polio, is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. Poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in hours. It can strike people of any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio can be prevented by vaccines, but it is not curable. Unlike most diseases, polio can be eradicated.

PolioPlus

For more than 30 years, Rotary and our partners have driven the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Our [PolioPlus](#) program was the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication by vaccinating children on a massive scale. As a core partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), Rotary focuses on advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness-building.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Polio Today

When Rotary and its partners formed the GPEI in 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. Today, we have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent, and just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Because of the efforts of Rotary and its partners, nearly 19.4 million people who would otherwise have been paralyzed are walking, and more than 1.5 million people are alive who would otherwise have died. The infrastructure we helped build to end polio is also being used to treat and prevent other diseases (including COVID-19) and create lasting impact in other areas of public health.

Challenges

Rotary and our partners have made tremendous progress against polio, but eliminating all cases is going to take even more progress and perseverance. Afghanistan and Pakistan face unique challenges, including political insecurity, highly mobile populations, difficult terrain, and, in some instances, vaccine refusal and misinformation. With sufficient resources, the commitment of national governments, and innovations that improve access to remote areas, we are optimistic that we can eliminate polio.

Ensuring Success

Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million per year for polio eradication. The [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) has pledged to match that 2-to-1, for a total commitment of \$150 million each year. These funds

provide much-needed operational support, medical workers, laboratory equipment, and educational materials. Governments, corporations, and private donors all play a crucial role in funding.

Rotary in Action

More than 1 million Rotary members have donated their time and money to eradicate polio, and every year, hundreds of members work with health workers to vaccinate children in countries affected by polio. Rotary members work with [UNICEF](#) and other partners to prepare and distribute informational materials for people in areas that are isolated by conflict, geography, or poverty. They also mobilize to recruit fellow volunteers, assist in transporting the vaccine, and provide other logistical support.

Celebrity Support

Rotary has a growing list of public figures and celebrities who support our fight against polio, including Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; actresses Kristen Bell and Archie Panjabi; actor and wrestling superstar John Cena; supermodel Isabeli Fontana; Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu; action-movie star Jackie Chan; actor Donald Sutherland; boxing great Manny Pacquiao; pop star Psy; golf legend Jack Nicklaus; conservationist Jane Goodall; premier violinist Itzhak Perlman; Grammy Award winners A.R. Rahman, Angélique Kidjo, and Ziggy Marley; and peace advocate Queen Noor of Jordan. These ambassadors help Rotary educate the public about the disease and the fight to end polio for good.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Speaker and Topic
October	<i>Economic and Community Development</i>
25	PDG Pat Chernesky, Polio Plus
November	<i>Rotary Foundation</i>
1	Murray McArthur
8	Dwayne Heidt. Past chair of the Dundurn Rural Water Utility
15	Chad Armbruster. Owner of Future Electrics
22	Club Assembly
29	Lyndon Linklater from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner on what it means that "We Are All Treaty People"

Events

Date	Event	Rotary Club	Information/Contact

Welcome Song

We welcome you today
Good fellowship 'twill be
We're glad you chose to begin your day
With Meewasin Rotary

We hope that you will return
And join with us again
Fellowship at breakfast time
With Meewasin Rotary

4-WAY TEST

Is it the Truth?
Is it Fair to all concerned?
Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and giver of all good
We thank you for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days

COMMITTEES FOR 2021-2022

Administration—Meeting administration (program, facilities, meals, supplies)

Courtney (Chair and Club Secretary), Peterson (Asst. Club Secretary), Postle (Club Treasurer), Ferguson, Tenaski, Voldeng

Social—Sub-committee of Administration Committee Planning and organization of club social events

Klause, Loopkey

Foundation—Foundation donations, member recognition

Bailey (Chair), Fisher, Wilson

Indigenous Relations—In support of a District 5550 initiative

Cowsill, Nair

Literacy—In support of a Rotary International initiative

Postle (Chair), Clements, Stefiuk

Membership—Membership recruitment, engagement, and retention

Club members as a whole

Public Relations—Club and event promotion, communications, website management

Luross (Chair and Website Administrator), Whetstone (Eyeopener Editor), Birkmaier-Tillotson, Bwaya, Mundi, Pagliarini

Service—Club charitable giving, foundation grant applications

Benesh (Chair), Geenan, Howland, Sutherland

Youth—Youth exchanges, adventure programs, school programs

Kessler (Chair), McArthur, Muir, Paproski, Peterson

Officers and Directors – 2021-2022

Board Executive/Officers:

President: Jay Cowsill
 Past President Tom Geenan
 Vice President Vacant
 Co-Treasurers Art Postle/Glen Bailey
 Secretary Garth Courtney
 Ass't Secretary Nicole Peterson

Directors:

John Benesh
 Kris Tenaski
 Leanne Kessler
 Glen Bailey
 John Luross

Monthly Speaker / Program - Members in Charge

"Rotary Connects the World"

Note 1: The * indicates the lead person, others are support

Note 2: Please have list of speakers to Admin Committee at least 2-3 weeks prior to start of month

	Monthly Rotary Theme	2022-2022
July	<i>Start of new Rotary year</i>	
	Canada Day	
August	<i>Membership and New Club Development</i>	
September	<i>Basic Education and Literacy, (Corn Roast)</i>	
	Labour Day	
October	<i>Economic and Community Development</i>	
	Thanksgiving	
November	<i>Rotary Foundation</i>	McArthur, Bailey, Tenaski
	Remembrance Day	
December	<i>Disease Prevention and Treatment, (Club Elections)</i>	Fisher, Loopkey, Peterson, Nezi
	Christmas, Boxing Day	
January	<i>Vocational Service,</i>	Benesh, Geenan, Mundi, Paproski
	New Years Day	

	Monthly Rotary Theme	2022-2022
February	<i>Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution</i>	Birkmaier-Tillotson, Nair, Pagliarini
	Family Day (Third Monday)	
March	<i>Water and Sanitation</i>	Clements, , Howland, Stefiuk
	Easter (??)	
April	<i>Maternal and Child Health</i>	Klause, Muir, Sutherland, Wilson
	Easter (??)	
May	<i>Youth Service</i>	Kessler, Postle, Voldeng
	Victoria Day (Third Monday)	
June	<i>Rotary Fellowships</i>	Luross, Ferguson, Whetstone