



Nigeria goes one year without a case of polio

Africa's only polio-endemic country marks one year since its last case of the disease

[CITY, STATE](July 24, 2015)— Today marks one year since the last case of wild poliovirus was found in Nigeria, the only remaining country in Africa where polio had never been stopped. This achievement could signal that the world will soon see a polio-free Africa, a major milestone in global public health. [CLUB/DISTRICT NAME] has long supported efforts to end this crippling disease, through donations of [\$XX] and [FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, RAISING AWARENESS, ETC.].

Rotary— the global organization composed of more than 34,000 community-based Rotary clubs — has been a leader in the fight to eradicate polio since 1985, when it launched PolioPlus, the first global initiative to immunize children against polio. The organization has contributed more than \$1.4 billion to efforts to end the disease.

Nigeria's last polio case occurred on July 24, 2014, in southern Kano state. As a result, the World Health Organization (WHO) may soon remove Nigeria from the list of polio-endemic countries. Africa hasn't seen a new case since August 11, 2014. When Nigeria and the entire African region go three years without a case of polio, WHO will certify them as polio-free. In 2014, WHO declared India and its Southeast Asia region polio-free.

Despite today's milestone, experts caution that the world must remain vigilant. The next two years will be critical to ensuring that Nigeria remains on track and keeps polio from returning. The support of donors, governments, and partners like Rotary is needed more than ever to ensure there is no recurrence of the disease.

Beyond Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only countries left where polio has never been stopped. According to experts, eradication efforts will be most challenging in Pakistan, which accounted for nearly 90 percent of the world's polio cases in 2014. But there has been recent progress. In June, Pakistan reported a decline of more than 70 percent in polio cases in 2015, compared with the same time period last year. Also, Rotary and its partners are implementing innovative new strategies to address the challenge there.

In 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio annually, in 125 countries — about 1,000 cases per day. Rotary and its partners have reduced that figure by more than 99.9 percent, and in 2014, there were fewer than 400 cases in the entire world.

North Scott Rotary encourages all of its members to support Rotary's efforts to end polio by donating and helping with fundraiser.

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August 8: Paul Seelau: RYLA wrap up

August 8: Bob (Ann) Bainter, Dick Cole, Paul Kalainoff: Work at MVF

August 9: Paul Seelau, Marty O'Boyle, Steve Suiter: Work at MVF

Make ups available at nearby Rotary Clubs

Monday, Noon..... Clinton, Rastrelli's Restaurant, Lyons
Monday, Noon..... Davenport Outing Club, 2109 N. Brady St.
Monday, 12:10 pm Muscatine, Hotel Muscatine 101 W. Miss Dr
Monday, 12:15 pm .. Moline, Trinity Lutheran Church 1313 13th Ave
Monday, 6:00 pm Quad Cities Illinois, Hy Vee 42nd Ave, Moline
Tuesday, 7:15 am .. River Cities, Brothers Restaurant, Rapids City, IL
Tuesday, noon Rock Island, QC Botanical Center
Wednesday Noon Bettendorf, Crust Stone Pizza 53rd Ave.
Wednesday, Noon Tipton, 1143 Cedar Valley Rd
Wednesday 5:00 pm ... North Scott Mini-Meet at Maloney's, Eldridge
Thursday, 7:00 am.....Iowa Quad Cities, J-Bar Elmore Ave.
Thursday, 12:15 pm.....East Moline, Christ United Methodist Church
Thursday, Noon..... Milan, Pinnacle Country Club
Friday Noon.....North Scott, Steeplegate Inn, Davenport.

**NORTH SCOTT ROTARY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Thursday, August 13: 5:30-8:15 P.M. Niabi Zoo Field Trip for the whole family. Train and Carousel included, ride as many times as you like!! Catered meal by Bridges, served 5:45-6:45 P.M. Registration is closed.

Friday, August 14: NO meeting, replaced by Zoo.

Friday, August 21: Regular meeting. Program to be announced. Jeff Helms, presiding.

Friday, August 28: Program: Bill Northey: Iowa Secretary of Agriculture. Rich Horst, Host.

Friday, September 4: No meeting, Labor Day Holiday

Friday, September 11: 11:00 A.M. Board meeting at the Steeplegate, pool area.

Friday, September 11: Regular meeting. Program to be announced. September birthdays celebrated. 50/50 Auction Raffle.

Friday, September 18: Golf Outing at Springbrook Country Club, DeWitt, IA. Jeff Helms, Chair

Friday, September 25: Regular meeting. Program to be announced.

Friday, October 2: Regular meeting. Program to be announced. October birthdays celebrated. 50/50 Auction Raffle.

Friday, October 9: Annual visit from the District Governor, Loring and Phyllis Miller, Leon, IA

Friday, November 20: Annual Fall Auction at Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose Campus. 5:30 P.M. Doors open and Silent Auction begins. 7:00 P.M. Dinner served. Live Entertainment. Many exciting changes this year!

ASSIGNMENTS

August 14: NO meeting, replaced by Zoo outing

August 21: Set up/tear down: Pat DeLuca; Greeters: Josh Cobie and Rich Pokora; Song Leader: Jeff Ashcraft; Piano: Mary Zerbe; Invocation: Paul Holzworth; Sergeant: Pat DeLuca

August 28: Set up/tear down: Dick Cole; Greeters: Chris Connolly and Loren Rickard; Song Leader: Lonnie Behnke; Piano: Terri Sager; Invocation: Steve Powell; Sergeant: Patrick Olsen

September 4: NO meeting, Labor Day

September 11: Set up/tear down: Deb Peterson; Greeters: Pat DeLuca and Lori Rochau; Song Leader: Kelly Meyer; Piano: Cathie Strieter; Invocation: Rev. Rich Pokora; Sergeant: Jim Smith

September 18: Golf Outing, Springbrook Country Club

September 25: Set up/tear down: Loren Richard; Greeters: Rich Horst and Carolyn Scheibe; Song Leader: Paul Holzworth; Piano: Tewanta Dover; Invocation: Jan Trimble; Sergeant: Ryan Varner

October 2: Set up/tear down: Jim Smith; Greeters: Jeff Helms and Jack Schinckel; Song Leader: Jody Johnston-Mohr; Piano: TBA; Invocation: Scott Case; Sergeant: Jeff Ashcraft

The 4 Way Test

Of the things we THINK SAY or DO

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

MAKE UPS TURNED IN

July 30: John Maxwell, Glen Keppy, Pat DeLuca, Andy Green, Gene Meyer, Rich Golinghorst, Scott Case, Jack Schinckel, Bill Tubbs: Corn Husking team

August 3: Kim Wilkins: Davenport Rotary at the MVF

August 5: Rob White and Dick Cole: Mini meet at Maloney's

August 6: Glen (Jean) Keppy, Dennis and Deb Peterson: Work at MVF

August 7: Merle Anderson, Charlie Jones, Marcia (Bill) Brandt: Work at MVF

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LAST WEEK

LAST MEETING – August 7, 2015 – Genevieve Gaston; Youth Exchange

Genevieve Gaston thanked the North Scott Rotary Club numerous times during her speech for sponsoring her on a 10 month exchange to Ecuador. She had graduated early from Davenport West High School and decided to follow in the steps of her two older siblings, who also did exchanges and were sponsored by North Scott Rotary.

She found attending school difficult at first, as she had already graduated in Iowa and the language difference was a struggle. She attended some language camps and with the help of her host father and sister, she was comfortable with the Spanish language in a few months.

The holidays were different than she was used to. Along with some other Students from the United States, they made a Thanksgiving dinner for their host families. Christmas Eve was just a small celebration, but New Year's was done up right, with dancing and the launching of Chinese Lanterns.

Friday's meeting was attended by 54 people. Guests were: Adam Kerns, Burlington Rotary, Duncan Cameron, Naples, FL Rotary and Chris and Vernetta Knapp from Iowa City AM Rotary Club. Also, Kevin Golinghorst, guest of Rich Golinghorst, Alexandra Dirck, guest of Pat Olsen and Lee and Lisa Gaston.

August birthdays were celebrated. Jeff Helms was the winner of the 50/50 auction raffle and took home \$82. Pat DeLuca was the sergeant and collected \$42 in fines.