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*Editor's note:
Malibu Rotary Club
members attended
the Rotary District
Breakfast on July 31
instead of having a
club meeting on
August 1. Guest
Speaker at the
District breakfast
was Carol Pandak.*

For the past 12 years,
Carol Pandak has
worked for national

and international nonprofit organizations, including the Society of Actuaries, the American Academy of Pediatrics and Rotary International. At Rotary, Ms. Pandak has spent most of her career with The Rotary Foundation. Currently, she oversees the day-to-day operation of Rotary's polio eradication initiative. She is in fact Division Manager for Polio Plus, and represents Rotary in meetings with its global partners in eradicating polio in the world. She works out of the Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. She flew to Los Angeles just to speak at the Rotary District Breakfast on July 31, and update local Rotarians on the current status of polio.

Only one percent left of the world still is being infected with new polio cases. Thanks to a global partnership involving governments, the World Health Organization, Rotary International, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the total number of polio cases worldwide has gone from 350,000 a year prior to 1988, to just 650 in 2011.

That is a truly amazing feat.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has removed India from the list of active polio-endemic countries, following a year in which the country reported no new cases of the virus. Ghulam Nabi Azad, India's minister of health and family welfare, announced the decision during the Polio Summit 2012 jointly sponsored by the government of India and Rotary International, 25-26 February in New Delhi. Azad received a letter from Dr. Margaret Chan, head of the WHO, informing him that India's name had been removed from the list. India's recent success has proven that eradication is possible. Not so long ago, people thought that India would be the last place on earth to stop transmission of the disease. Yet despite the difficulties, the four partner agencies of the GPEI, the Indian Government and the Indian people worked together to see it done.

Although 50 % of the funding of the India Polio eradication program came from the Rotary Foundation, 24% was self funded by the government of India.

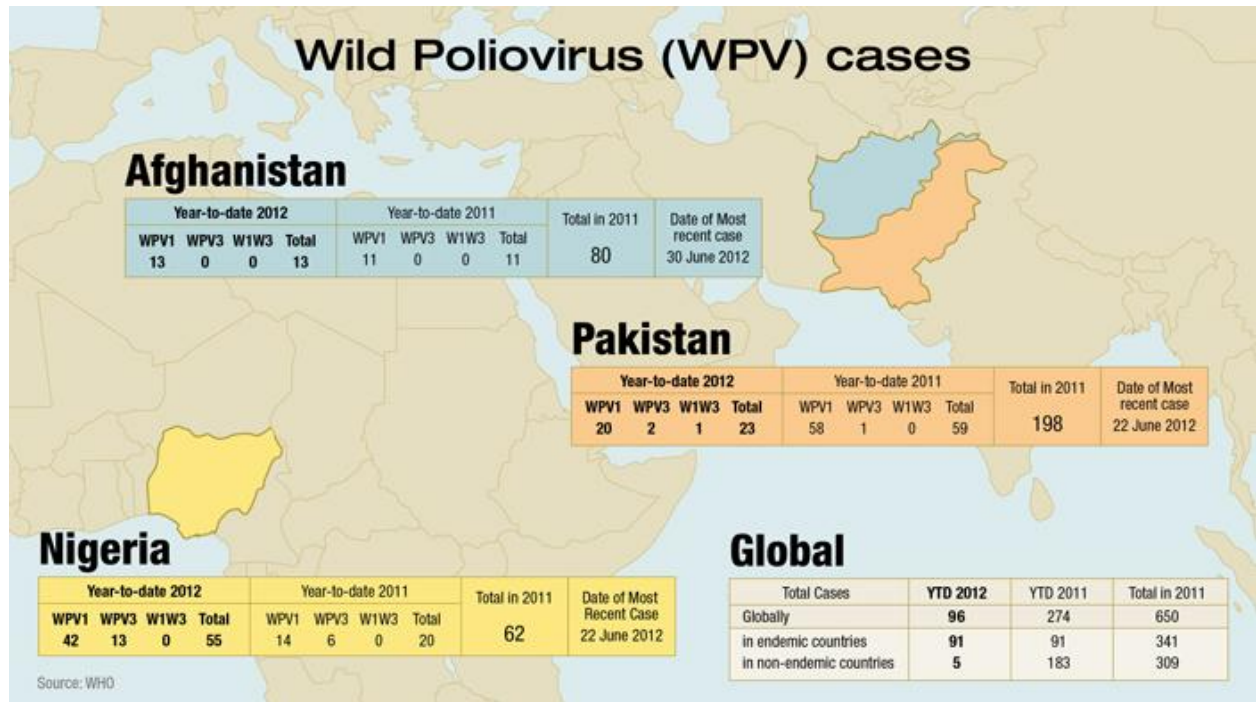
Rotary Foundation launched the worldwide Polio eradication program in 1985, after success it had seen earlier in immunizing children in the Philippines. Polio afflicts children under age 5, and to completely eradicate the disease children need to get booster shots until age 5. Salk's original vaccine was developed in 1955 and by 1963 Dr Albin Sabine developed oral Vaccine to include protection against three strains of polio and was licensed as "trivalent oral poliovirus vaccine" (OPV). OPV was the vaccine of choice for the United States and most other countries of the world from 1963 until changes in U.S. policy in the 1990s. In 1988, an enhanced-potency IPV formulation became available and by 1997 had become part of the routine schedule for infants and children, given in a sequential combination with OPV. In 2000, an all-IPV vaccine schedule was adopted in the United States. We have been told that polio has been eradicated in all countries of the world except Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. It turns out that one country in which polio was eradicated had a few cases last year. That country is Chad, which neighbors Nigeria, and which had visitors from Nigeria bring the disease back to Chad.

Health officials in Pakistan say they are redoubling efforts to vaccinate every child against polio after 198 new cases were reported in the country last year, the largest number anywhere

in the world.

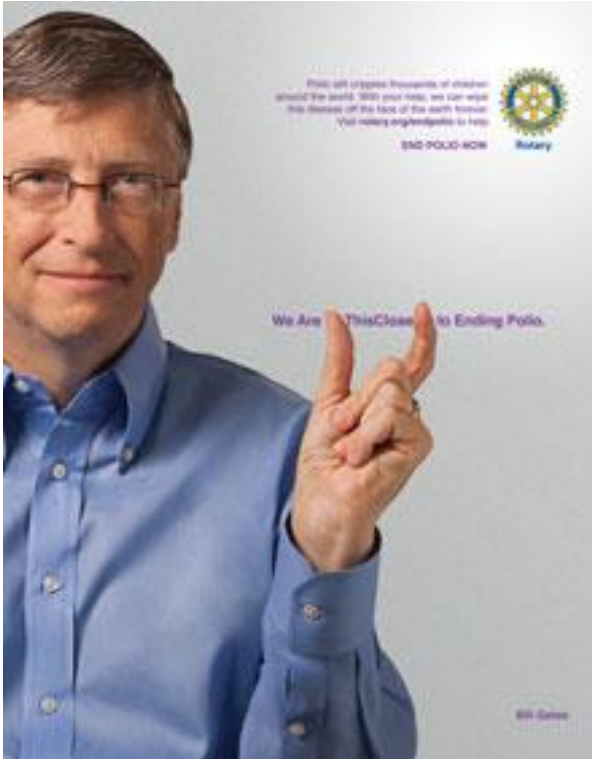
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This year effort to finally eliminate polio has been stepped up like never before. Advertising campaigns featuring sports and entertainment celebrities are seen on TV commercials doing “This Close,” promos, indicating how close we are for polio eradication with the help of people throughout the world.

The government leaders of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria are all on board now with Rotary, WHO and the PolioPlus campaign.

According to a statement released by Afghan presidential palace, Afghan president Hamid Karzai was awarded a medal by Rotary International for his efforts to eliminate Poliomyelitis virus in Afghanistan.

The source further added, Kalyan Banerjee president of Rotary International following his meeting with the Afghan president Hamid Karzai awarded him an award and praised him for his efforts and campaign to eliminate Poliomyelitis virus.



Rotary surpassed the Bill and Melinda Gates challenge in raising \$200 million for PolioPlus (Rotarians raised \$227 million). Rotary has donated \$405 million dollars in

it's PolioPlus campaign.

A country is not certified as being polio-free until 3 to 4 years after the last new case. We are not there yet. And the last part is the most difficult because of the dangers of security and those last 3 countries. Three polio workers were recently shot in Pakistan, and Afghanistan is in constant war.

But we are optimistic that these challenges will be overcome and the devastating disease of polio will be eliminated.

News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting And District Breakfast



Malibu Rotary Club President **Bill Wishard** was happy that Malibu Rotary Club was responsible for 12 people at the Rotary District Breakfast on July 31. These included **Bill, Maggie and Hubert Luckerath, Chris Bauman, Margo Neal, David Baird, Fred Cornet, Pompeya Monteros, Donna Bohana, John Elman,** and Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar **Livia Giordiano**, who also brought a guest.

Various announcements were made of future Rotary District activities, including the free Rotary Literacy Breakfast on August 10th at Lawry's Restaruant 100 N. La Cienga, Los Angeles, and Rotary night at Dodger Stadium September 15th (\$30 tickets will donate \$12 each to Rotary Foundation. The Paul Harris Foundation Celebration Dinner Oct 27, 2012 6:00 PM at the Bonaventure Hotel has 3 auction possibilities for both buyers and those wanting to donate items to for the auctions. There is live auction, silent auction, and a new online auction. Rotary District Governor **Lew Bertrand** reminds everyone that the deadline for Rotary Grants is August 15. Forms for these grants are available on line.

One of the people who made an announcement at the District Breakfast was **J.T. Waring** of the LA 5 Rotary Club. J.T. has been working on water projects in Myanmar. There are now 26 of these projects, and the LA 5 Rotary Club is one of the sponsors. DG Lew Bertrand would like other clubs in the district to also get involved in these projects, which have a lot implications, not only for providing clean drinking water for the children in these orphanages, but because the oppressive government this country has allowed these projects to continue even as they have banned Rotary clubs from meeting in that country, it has possibly opened to the door for Rotary to again return to the country, and to charter their first club since the Myanmar takeover of Burma. We are hoping to have J.T. Waring come to the Malibu Rotary Club as a speaker.

Another topic at the Rotary Breakfast was the Ignite Program. This is an effort to increase Rotary Club membership in the world. Rotary as had 1.2 million members for some time, and they would like to get that number up to 1.3 million. The Ignite Program feature 7 different strategies to increase Rotary Club membership, and since each club is different the strategy can be tailored to each club. The District chair of this is Jerry Brown and he will speak to clubs about it.

Rotary District Picnic will be at Seaside Lagoon
Sep 09, 2012 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Governor Lew also talked about the Passport program. The first 10 people to take his or her "Rotary Passport" to all 66 other Rotary Clubs in the district and gets it signed by the club secretary will be given special Rotary Foundation level awards. Since it is possible that nobody other than the governor and his aid may accomplish this task the award will be given to the 10 people who make the attempt and turn in their passports to the district office. The next Rotary District Breakfast will feature the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II.

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Marine Sargent Winston Fiore Started his 5,000 mile Cross Country Motorcycle Trip in Malibu. His purpose is to bring awareness of children's cleft palate and raise money for the International Children's Surgical Foundation. The organization provides surgery, training for 3rd world surgeons, plus follow-up care for surgical correction of children's cleft palate disease. The US trip was in preparation for a 5,000 mile walking trip across Southeast Asia which he began in



September. Before he left he explained " My route will take me through eight different countries, beginning and ending in Singapore, and the yearlong trek will be an ongoing effort to raise funds for the ICSF and awareness for children living with clefts in the developing world. I chose to base this trip in Southeast Asia because of the region's high prevalence of cleft births."

Malibu Rotary Club is one of his sponsors. One surgery costs \$240.

See Winston's blog at

<http://www.smiletrek.org> (which includes multiple videos) as he travels across the world. He had e-mailed us after July 4th from the Phillipines.

"Smile Trek has officially surpassed its \$50,000 fundraising goal. That's 200 children who will be able to receive life-changing surgery, so a big thank you to all of you who helped make this possible!

Enjoy [my blog entry on China!](#)"

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website www.maliburotary.org for latest Calendar and future speakers and facebook pages for other news.

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Livia Giordiano

"On Being Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Zurich Switzerland Studying at Pepperdine University "

Livia Giordiano of Zurich Switzerland is the recipient of a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Grant to study Dispute Resolution at the Pepperdine University Law School in Malibu. The Malibu Rotary Club will be hosting Ms Giordiano, and sponsoring her at Rotary District events during the 2012-2013 Rotary and academic year.

Aug 15 2012

Zoe Dunne (tentative)

"Rotary High School Student Exchange"

Aug 22 2012

Rotary District Governor Lew Bertrand
"State of the New Expanded Rotary District 5280"

Aug 29 2012

Club Assembly at Tra di Noi
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