

A humanitarian pause has allowed a two-round polio vaccination campaign that began in Gaza on 1 September. Initial reports indicate the campaign started successfully, with teams showing strong commitment and high levels of community participation.

Rotary is committing US\$500,000 to bolster the initiative, channeling these funds through a dedicated Polio Outbreak Response Fund. This contribution represents Rotary's sustained support to the WHO in combating polio globally.

Rotary will continue to work with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and other agencies as vaccination efforts unfold.

Financial contributions to the PolioPlus fund will help Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners achieve a world in which no child is paralyzed by polio again.

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Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

Our mission

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

THE EARLY RISER

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EVERY YEAR



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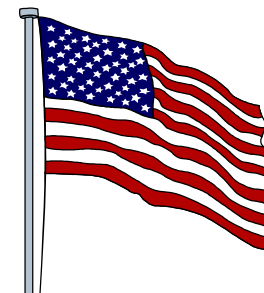
THE ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

First: Is it the TRUTH?

Second: Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Third: Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Fourth: Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



ROTARY PRAYER

Oh Lord, and giver of all good, we thank Thee for our daily food.

May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help to serve Thee all of our days.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WICHITA FALLS NORTH



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FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

- September 13 --- Wichita County District Attorney, John Gillespie ~ Brandy Fields
- September 20 ----- Board Meeting**
- September 27 ----- *Scholarship Disbursement at MSU*
- September 28 ----- Buddy Walk for the ARC**
- October 4 ----- Ann Lucas
- October 11 ----- Mrunalini Radker
- October 18 ----- Board Meeting**
- October 25 ----- Bill Neale
- November 1 ----- Rob Noble
- November 8 ----- Oku Okeke
- November 15 ----- **Board Meeting**
- November 22 ----- Mark Peterson
- November 29 ----- **NO MEETING ~ THANKSGIVING**
- December 6 ----- Jeani Secord
- December 13 ----- Troy Secord
- December 20 ----- **Board Meeting**

NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETING HELD AT THE HAMPTON INN

President Matt led the club in the Rotary Prayer and the Pledges.

Brandy treated the club to an assortment of doughnuts. Thank you very much!

There were no birthdays, anniversaries, etc. to report.

The brag bucket was fed by Clint (5) It would have been his mother’s 104th birthday. Also bragging were Troy, Ajay and Matt.



Julie occupied the “Rotary North Hot Seat”.

Brandy introduced Wichita County District Attorney John Gillespie as the weekly program. Mr. Gillespie told the club about what they are doing at the D.A.’s office.



The raffle raised \$28.00 and Jeani was the lucky winner, again! To a large round of applause, she drew the 5 of diamonds for a \$5.00 prize. If this week’s winners draws the ace of spades they will win \$118.00 + ½ of what is raised today. GOOD LUCK!

NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

ROTARY COMMITS FUNDS TO POLIO OUTBREAK RESPONSE IN GAZA

The recent detection of variant poliovirus type-2 isolates in environmental samples and the confirmation of a 10-month-old child who has contracted polio in Gaza is a stark reminder that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere.

The ongoing crisis in Gaza has contributed to reduced routine immunization rates and an increased risk of vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio. The crisis also poses a significant challenge to fully implementing disease surveillance and vaccination campaigns.

The World Health Organization (WHO) considers there to be a high risk for the spread of this polio strain within Gaza and internationally, particularly given the current situation's impact on public health services.