



# Holyoke Rotary Club News

Issue: March 2018

## Rotary gives \$53.5 million to help eradicate polio

EVANSTON, Ill. (Jan. 25, 2018) — With 22 confirmed cases in 2017 to date, and just one case in 2018, the world is on the brink of eradicating polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year.

Rotary gives \$53.5 million to help eradicate polio and challenges the world to continue the fight to end the disease.

More than half of the funds will support efforts to end polio in two of the three countries where polio remains endemic:

Afghanistan: \$12.03 million

Pakistan: \$19.31 million

Further funding will support efforts to keep 10 vulnerable countries polio-free:

- Cameroon: \$1.61 million
- Central African Republic: \$428,000
- Chad: \$2.33 million
- The Democratic Republic of Congo: \$6.48 million
- Ethiopia: \$1.82 million
- Iraq: \$2 million
- Niger: \$1.71 million
- Somalia: \$3.29 million
- South Sudan: \$835,300
- Syria: \$428,000



An additional \$731,338 will fund research to be conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO), and another \$518,000 will go toward technical assistance in West and Central Africa.

While significant strides have been made against the disease, polio remains a threat in hard-to-reach and underserved areas and conflict zones. Despite a historically low case count, as long as a single child has polio, all children are at risk, which underscores the need for continued funding and political commitment to eradication.

Rotary has committed to raising \$150 million over the next three years, which will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, yielding \$450 million for polio eradication activities, including immunization and surveillance.

Rotary started its polio eradication program PolioPlus in 1985, and in 1988 became a partner in the GPEI, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation later became a partner. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases in 1988 to just 22 confirmed cases in 2017 (as of 25 January). Rotary has contributed a total of more than \$1.7 billion — including matching funds from the Gates Foundation — and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from polio.

## Member Birthdays

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Kagan Levine, Joan | Mar 13 |
| Schoenemann, Marty | Mar 15 |
| Mantoni, Margaret  | Mar 26 |
| Silver, Lou        | Mar 29 |

## Rotary Anniversaries

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Arnold, Helen | 4 years |
|---------------|---------|

## Upcoming Meetings

**DATE:** March 6, 2018

**INVOCATION:** Rebecca MacGregor

**PROGRAM CHAIR:** Kerry Parsons

**PROGRAM SPEAKER:** Hayley Feyre Dunn, Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, will discuss the 2018 Parade preparation and details.

**DATE:** March 13, 2018

**INVOCATION:** Brittney Kelleher

**PROGRAM CHAIR:** Venus Robinson

**PROGRAM SPEAKER:** Richard Fulkerson, Director of Financial Services at Shriners Hospital, will give an update on Shriners Hospital

**DATE:** March 20, 2018

**INVOCATION:** Kathy Viens

**PROGRAM CHAIR:** Bonnie Randall

**PROGRAM SPEAKER:** TBD

**DATE:** March 27, 2018

**INVOCATION:** Helen Arnold

**PROGRAM CHAIR:** CLUB ASSEMBLY - Membership

## Upcoming Program Assignments

|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| 03-April-2018 | Bill Rogalski          |
| 10-April-2018 | Maureen Ross O'Connell |
| 17-April-2018 | Peter Rosskothén       |
| 24-April-2018 | CLUB ASSEMBLY          |





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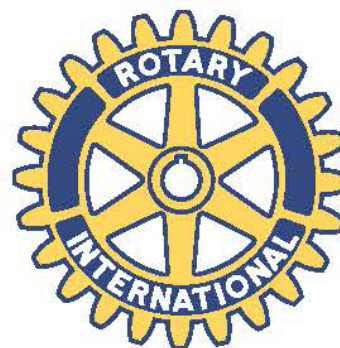
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1915/16



2017/2018

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Bob Woodill, Secretary  
Katie Buckley, Recording Secretary  
Venus Robinson, Past President

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Jan Soja, Class of 2018  
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Bob Desnoyers, Class of 2019  
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Maureen Ross-O'Connell, Class of 2019  
Wayne Gass, Class of 2020  
Ed McCarron, Class of 2020  
Jon Lumbra, Class of 2020

The club meets Tuesday, 12:15 p.m.  
at the Delaney House, north on Rte. 5, Holyoke

### The Four-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 GOODWILL and BETTER FREINDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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