



# Holyoke Rotary Club News

Issue: October 2018

## Rotary announces US \$96.5 million to end polio

EVANSTON, Ill. — This summer, Rotary announced nearly \$100 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year.

The announcement comes as Nigeria marks two years without any reported cases of wild poliovirus, following four reported cases in 2016.

“The fact that no new cases of wild poliovirus have been detected in Nigeria points to the improved surveillance and rapid response protocols Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners have established, particularly in insecure and inaccessible areas,” said Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee. “While this progress is promising, it’s time to redouble our efforts so we can continue to maintain the political and financial support necessary to end polio for good.”

While significant strides have been made against the paralyzing disease, wild poliovirus is still a threat in parts of the world, with 10 cases in Afghanistan and three cases in Pakistan this year so far. As long as a single child has polio, all children are at risk, which underscores the need for ongoing funding and political commitment to eradication.

To support polio eradication efforts in countries where polio remains endemic, Rotary is allocating the majority of the funds it announced today to Afghanistan (\$22.9 million), Pakistan (\$21.7 million), and Nigeria (\$16.1 million).

Further funding will support efforts to keep 12 vulnerable African countries polio-free: Cameroon (\$98,600), Central African Republic (\$394,400), Chad (\$1.71 million), Democratic Republic of the Congo (\$10.4 million), Guinea (\$527,300), Madagascar (\$690,000), Mali (\$923,200), Niger (\$85,300), Sierra Leone (\$245,300), Somalia (\$776,200), South Sudan (\$3.5 million), Sudan (\$2.6 million).

Africa will also see \$5.8 million in funding for surveillance activities and \$467,800 for technical assistance. Additional funding will go to Bangladesh (\$504,200), Indonesia (\$157,800), Myanmar (\$197,200), and Nepal (\$160,500), with an additional \$96,300 funding surveillance in Southeast Asia. The remainder of the funding (\$6.6 million) will go to the World Health Organization (WHO) for research activities.

Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million a year to be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, yielding \$450 for polio eradication activities over a three-year period. To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.8 billion to fight the disease, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio immunization program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary became a core partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Gates Foundation later joined. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases in 1988 to 22 confirmed in 2017.

## EXCITING NEWS!!!

### The Holyoke Rotary Club Ball

The Club commissioned a “Rotary Ball” to be placed strategically in the City. Maureen found our Ball and graciously took photos to share with the Club. Below is one of those photos. It looks Great! You can see it for yourself at the corner of Northampton and Lincoln streets. This is a great way to highlight our Club and help beautify the City at the same time. We thank all those who had a hand in this project.



### First Evening Meeting for our Club

Arrangements have been finalized for our Clubs first evening meeting. The meeting will be held at Slainte, 80 Jarvis Avenue, Holyoke from 5:30 to 7:00 PM on October 2, 2018. This will be in lieu of our usual luncheon meeting, so do not show up at the Delaney House that day. Please pass the word around of this exciting change to our routine. We hope all of our members and many of their friends will be able to attend this event.



### Member Birthdays

Erickson, Steven	Oct 06
MacGregor, Rebecca	Oct 15

### Rotary Anniversaries

Glica, Cappie	7 Years
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## Upcoming Meetings

**DATE:** October 2, 2018  
**INVOCATION:** Kathy Viens  
**PROGRAM:** EVENING MEETING AT SLAINTE  
**TIME:** 5:30 - 7:00 pm

**DATE:** October 9, 2018  
**INVOCATION:** Helen Arnold  
**PROGRAM CHAIR:** Christine Burns  
**PROGRAM SPEAKER:** Kamil Peters, contemporary metal artist will discuss metal working.

**DATE:** October 16, 2018  
**INVOCATION:** Marian Poe-Heineman  
**PROGRAM CHAIR:** Steve Erickson  
**PROGRAM SPEAKER:** TBD

**DATE:** October 23, 2018  
**INVOCATION:** Jon Lumbr  
**PROGRAM CHAIR:** Helene Florio  
**PROGRAM SPEAKER:** Jose Delgado, MGM's Director of Government Affairs.

**DATE:** October 30, 2018  
**INVOCATION:** Peggy Woods  
**PROGRAM CHAIR:** CLUB ASSEMBLY

## Upcoming Program Assignments

November 6	EVENING MEETING
November 13	TBD
November 20	Wayne Gass
November 27	Cappie Glica





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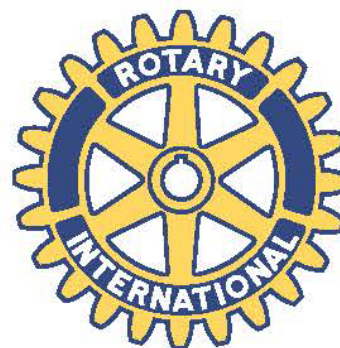
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Wayne Gass, Class of 2020  
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The club meets Tuesday, 12:15 p.m.  
at the Delaney House, north on Rte. 5, Holyoke

### 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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