



## A Snapshot of World Polio Day 2017 in District 5040

### **Ladner**



Polio Day occurred on the same day as DG Don's visit. The club members all had their pinkie fingers died purple. A cheque for £700 for polio was presented to Don. These funds were in lieu of gifts to our meeting speakers. Members were asked to consider special donations to Polio eradication and 13 members responded with donations of \$3,365.00. The Interactors at Delta Secondary had a Crispy Crème Donut sale to raise money for Polio. *Peter Podovnikoff*

### **Powell River Sunrise**



Members enjoyed a Polio dinner at Royal Zayka hosted by Kami and TJ Bains. Rotarians from the Sunrise Club were joined by the evening club and raised just over \$2,000.00 for Polio. The food was amazing. Vivica Watson talked about her Rotary trip to Africa which was very emotional and heart warming, thank you for sharing! *Frank Clayton*

### **Prince George Clubs**



The three Prince George clubs held a special tri-club lunch meeting to celebrate World Polio Day. Attendees were asked to make pledge donation to PolioPlus during lunch. Brian Finley, District 5040 PolioPlus chair, was the guest speaker. The total pledges amounted to \$7,650. The event made the front page of the Prince George Citizen with a write-up about Rotary's End Polio campaign. *Kevin Beatty*

### **Prince Rupert**

Prince Rupert had a pot luck dinner in the lobby of the Lester Center. We watched a video on ending polio, and we had our exchange student play a couple of tunes on her Cello. We then passed a bucket around the room and each person donated money. At this point we had raised \$815.00. Then one of the Rotarians in the room matched the \$815, taking out total to \$1,630.00. We then read off our OB exchange student's recent update to our club, and with that, we had to make items out of play dough that was part of her story. Beautiful plastic trophies were handed out to the winning table. We had approximately 35 people in attendance. Great time was had by all. *Karen Basso*



### ***Richmond & Richmond Sunset***



These two Richmond clubs sponsored a performance of "My Dream - Love to Vancouver" by the China Disabled Peoples Performing Art Troupe. As a result of this sponsorship we received a donation for a total of \$10,000 from the organizer (\$5,000 for each club), that will be donated to Polio Plus.  
*James Hsieh*

### ***Squamish***



The Squamish club had several information booths set up around town to raise awareness about Polio and to collect donations. Over \$1,000 was donated. A foundation dinner for 16 guests was hosted by Denise & Dean Imbeau with the \$40 ticket all going to PolioPlus. The Howe Sound Interact club conducted a "pennies for polio" campaign. (pennies are still being counted!) *Brian Finley*

### ***Steveston***

The club did allocate the members' Foundation contributions to PolioPlus. This came to \$2,055.00. Other members may have contributed directly. I did join the e-conference, my first ever so a personal achievement and I will pass on the updated information. *Marion Whiting*

### ***Sunshine Coast – Sechelt***

The board passed a motion at the last board meeting to encourage members to donate to this year's PolioPlus. The board has set aside up to \$2000 to help our club Rotarians with donating. This is how it works:  
Bring in a cheque for \$200 for Polio. The club will issue a cheque to you for \$100. BUT WAIT there is more. You will get \$200 credit towards your Paul Harris Fellowship and a tax receipt for \$200. That tax receipt should reduce your taxes by about \$50. Result: Net cost to you \$50!  
And as to that \$2,000 our club has set aside to go to Polio, the result could be up to \$4,000. *Ken Beall*



## ***Terrace-Skeena Valley***



Despite, a very very miserable rainy day we held our Polio Walk 2017 – BECAUSE WE CAN. A lovely lady Audrey – piped the start of our walk on. The lady in the yellow poncho is a Polio Survivor who allowed me to record her story on the Saturday prior to this walk!! It was quite an emotional interview and one I can share. She brought her family and friends to walk with her and led the walk with myself and the piper. Thank heavens the spirits were high and happy. We raised over £1,000.00. *Leslie Erasmus.*

## ***Tsawwassen***



The Tsawwassen club held a special World Polio Day themed breakfast meeting. Prior to the day, members were e-mailed reminding them to bring in their donations. At the event foundation committee members wore the red Polio Plus shirts and we decorated the area with Polio Plus signs and a Polio awareness poster. We had a wine raffle at the door which made \$333. As well as guest speakers from our membership, Ralph Roberts, a polio survivor, told his story and Edwin Lee, a pharmacist, talked about polio vaccinations. Total donations including the wine raffle were \$8,778.

We also supported our Interact Club in their World Polio Day "Purple" bake sale. *Laura Dixon & John Lusted*

## ***Vancouver***

In honor of World Polio Day, our meeting included:

- An announcement of World Polio Day at the beginning of the meeting.
- An announcement that our Club Secretary, Franco Gallo, and our member, Min Kuang, had traveled to Seattle to participate live in Seattle's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual World Polio Day Event.
- A clear statement by Phil Webber, as Club President, that for every dollar given to the Polio Eradication Fund of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation would match it three to one; and
- A reminder to all members that in honour of Chris Motion's presentation and to thank him, as we thank all speakers, a contribution would be made to the Polio Eradication Fund which would see 500 children vaccinated against Polio.

*Phil Webber*



## ***Whistler***



At the monthly evening meeting/social at "*the Venue*", the club heard an update on the progress of the END POLIO NOW campaign. This was followed by a challenge from the floor to make a donation to PolioPlus which resulted in \$605.00 being raised for Polio.