**SCRIPT FOR “*POLIOPLUS*” VIDEO**

Interactors need your help to help eradicate POLIO!

**▪ World Polio Day is October 24th and is the birthday of the inventor of the polio vaccine, Dr. Jonas Salk**

**▪ All District 5890 Interact clubs are working together to raise $20,000 by March 31, 2017 for the "*Interact***

***District 5890 End Polio Now Fundraising Challenge*" to raise funds for Rotary’s PolioPlus program to**

**eradicate polio from the world!**

**▪ At our 2017 Interact District Conference in March, End Polio Now Awards will be given to the Interact**

**clubs that raise the most money.**

**▪ In 1985, Rotarians dedicated themselves to eradicating polio worldwide.**

**▪ Back then, polio was paralyzing 500,000 children each year.**

**▪ Today, 193 countries are polio free thanks to Rotary!**

**▪ However, polio still exists in 2 countries....Pakistan and Afghanistan, and now Nigeria has cases.**

**▪ An since polio still exists in these countries, the disease could spread to children into other countries**

**that had already been declared polio free.**

**▪ Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease that still strikes children mainly**

**under the age of five in countries in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.**

**▪ It is a virus, and is as easy to catch as the common cold.**

**▪ This disease can cause paralysis, and sometimes death.**

**▪ Paralysis is within hours, and polio paralysis is almost always irreversible.**

**▪ Polio attacks the motor neurons of the brain stem, causing breathing difficulty, or even death, and**

**has been the world’s greatest cause of disability**

**▪ If we don’t eradicate polio now, more than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years**

**▪ Because there is NO CURE for polio, the best protection is PREVENTION.**

**▪ For as little as US$0.60 worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.**

**▪ Since 1985, Rotarians have contributed $1.2 BILLION to immunize 2.5 BILLION children against polio.**

**▪ Rotary has welcomed more than 40 celebrities and other major public figures into a public awareness**

**campaign and ambassador program call the "This Close" to ending polio. Program ambassadors**

**include Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Desmond Tutu, violinist Itzhak Perlman, golfer Jack Nicklaus,**

**Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, actors Jackie Chan, Amanda Peet, and Archie Panjabi, Grammy Award-**

**winning singers Angelique Kido and Ziggy Marley, environmentalist Dr. Jane Goodall, plus boxing**

**champion and Past President of the Rotary Club of Manilia 101, Manny Pacquiao.**

**▪ Help spend Bill Gates’ money! From 2013 to 2018, every US dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication**

**will instantly become three dollars, thanks to at 2-to-1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.**

**▪ Our district-wide Interact Group Fundraising Project is the Purple Pinkie Project (or insert your project)**

**▪ This project will create awareness in our school, and in our community, that polio still exists in the**

**world.**

**▪ All 82 District 5890 Interact clubs are working together on this project, and our goal is to raise $20,000.**

**▪ Each Interact club is asking their sponsoring Rotary clubs to partially or fully match the funds that their**

**Interactors raise, and we'll give our funds to the Rotary club so they can send it to Rotary International.**

**▪ As Interactors, we want to join Rotary in the final push to end polio...and help make history today!**