

WEEK 13 FOUNDATION MINUTE – BE LIKE JACK

Who is Jack Blane? Many of us know him as a Rotarian leader in District 6440, a Past District Governor, a fellow Rotarian member, a neighbor or a friend. But Jack was a champion – a dedicated road warrior who traveled the world since the 1970's, to convince governments, donors and health care professionals to join in the fight to eradicate polio. Jack was a leader because he was persuasive, persistent and personable!

He also led by example. Over his many years as a Rotarian, Jack, a Legacy Society member, donated \$1 million to The Rotary Foundation to support the polio eradication effort. Since his death in March, 2018, his family has chosen to continue to support the **END POLIO NOW** effort by donating an additional \$500,000 in cash for Rotary's eradication efforts. When you calculate Jack's Rotary Footprint, at a cost of \$3.00 to vaccinate a child completely (6 doses needed), Jack has saved 500,000 children from paralysis, potential death, or possible other polio-related ailments. And that doesn't begin to include the continued impact of his legacy through matches from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

As we enter this Rotary giving season – focusing in October on End Polio Now – we hope every single Rotarian can **BE LIKE JACK!** How many children have you saved from this preventable disease? How many more can you help to enjoy life's potential? **MAKE IT PERSONAL!**

And as the saying goes.....**JUST DO IT!!!**