

Rotary greetings “People of Action”,

As your District Polio Chair, District Governor Sue has asked me to inform you that she would like all clubs in our District to hold another Polio Walk. Last year’s walk was very successful and we would like to build on that momentum. Instead of ponchos we will be providing signs that can be carried by members as they walk. The signs will be available at the District Conference at no cost to clubs.

The number of signs will be limited so we are encouraging you to be creative and design your own signs. Go into the schools and get children to outline their hands and cut it out, and colour their pinkie purple and explain that it is the left hand and the little finger that is marked which shows that the child has received the two drops. The children’s hand outlines could be used on the signs.

For other ideas on going into schools, I will be posting a brief handbook called “Purple Pinkie Day Handbook” on the District website under the title Polio Plus. There are some good suggestions on how to involve an Interact club in this pamphlet. Share your ideas and suggestions with other clubs, and where possible join other clubs.

Have fun with your ideas! Dedicate a meeting to making “purple pinkie” hands and ask local restaurants, and craft breweries to sell them for a “loonie”. Make sure you supply them with information that explains our Polio initiative. I am attaching a suggested “fact sheet”.

World Polio Day is not only an opportunity to celebrate what has been accomplished in the effort to eradicate Polio, it is also an opportunity to inform our communities that Polio is still out there and is only a plane ride away.

There is lots of information and videos on the RI website endpolio.org. Look under the title Resource Centre and also check out YouTube. Remember “Zero is the Magic Number”. We are close, only two countries have had cases this year of the wild polio virus.

Tell the Rotary world what you are doing by posting on endpolio.org/world-polio-day. See you at the upcoming Dare to Dream District conference at the Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville !

Yours in Rotary
PDG Brian Menton