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World Polio Day

Today, on World Polio Day, Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners announced that wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) has been eradicated worldwide. WPV3 is only the third infectious human disease-causing pathogen to be eradicated in history, following smallpox and wild poliovirus type 2. This achievement means that two of the three wild polio strains have now been wiped out, an important marker of progress against the disease.

The announcement comes on the heels of recent news that Nigeria has gone three years without a case of wild poliovirus, which means that the entire African region could be certified wild poliovirus-free in sometime in 2020.

“The eradication of wild poliovirus type three is a critical step in Rotary’s fight to eradicate polio,” said Michael K. McGovern, Chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee. “Even as we’re addressing major challenges in Pakistan and Afghanistan, we continue to make historic progress that shows us that eradication is possible. Today is World Polio Day—a time to reflect on our efforts, how far we’ve come, and the work that still needs to be done to fulfill our promise of a polio-free world. It’s important that we remain optimistic and harness the momentum of this good news as we tackle the remaining challenges in the global effort to end polio.”

Anyone can help Rotary and its partners continue to make progress against polio. Donate to End Polio Now and view Rotary’s World Polio Day program, which will be available starting at 12 PM CDT/6 PM CEST.

CC: RI Board of Directors, TRF Board of Trustees, International PolioPlus Committee, District Governors, Club Presidents, 2019-20 EPN Countdown to History Campaign Committee, Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the US, PolioPlus National Advocacy Advisors, National PolioPlus Committee Chairs, Regional Leaders, End Polio Now Zone Coordinators.

World Polio Day Video: <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day?fbclid=IwAR0qCCraTpW5VvWKg1DkNWnWMzAB-vp2S0Jg6vCG7Iy3whVpp6E593JSAGE>

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"It's a world of laughter,

A world of tears.

It's a world of hopes,

And a world of fears.

There's so much that we share,

That it's time we're aware,

It's a small world after all.

Chorus:

It's a small world after all.

It's a small world after all.

It's a small world after all.

It's a small, small world.

There is just one moon,

And one golden sun.

And a smile means,

Friendship to everyone.

Though the mountains divide,

And the oceans are wide,

It's a small world after all.

Chorus:

It's a small world after all.

It's a small world after all.

It's a small world after all.

It's a small, small world"

It's A Small World (After All) ... Indeed

Riding the water boat with my Grandsons on the 23rd of October 2019 at It's A Small World Exhibit in Disney World, I was moved by the words and notion that we live in a small world. My two Grandsons, ages 2 and 4 were obviously enamored with the display of cultures, peoples, and places of the world as we traversed the water way. In case you don't remember the words, I have provided them below. I'm sure the chorus will come to you automatically as you read these words.

How many times have we told each other that Polio is "only a plane ride away"? Small world, isn't it?

Or- "Oh, but it is so far away, why should we worry about it, it's not in the United States anymore."

Well let's keep it out of the United States and while we are at it let's make sure it is driven from the entire world. And after all, it is the Rotary battle cry- "End Polio Now." I was reminded of that today at Epcot, when a stranger walked up to Annie and I and yelled "Go Rotary, End Polio Now." He was no doubt moved by our T-shirts, but I know from his facial expression and eyes, that he was fully aware of what was at stake and not just repeating the T-shirt motto. He walked off, before I could speak to him, so I don't know what nationality he was, but does it matter?

He exhibited a manifestation of what I used to speak about to my students at the Air Advisor Academy at McGuire AFB, NJ. It was that every mother and father's desire for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" in raising their children. I had watched that same desire manifest itself daily for four months in Afghanistan in 2007, while on my daily trek to and from work. I watched a father and his children as they planted and then cultivated a crop of maize or corn in their garden. Our only communication was occasional hand waves, but I know this father was exercising his desire for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for his children. I'll bet he had his children vaccinated against polio as well. I suspect he eventually realized by my daily appearance and hand gesture, that he was making me happy as well.

Sure, some of the cultural approaches to this common pursuit of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" would seem foreign to us, but ultimately that common desire throughout the world is not unique.

Neither is the desire to rid this earth of polio- unique to one hemisphere or continent. It is a disease which affects and threatens us all and needs to be addressed! After nearly forty years of striving to rid the earth of this disease, Rotary and its partners are nearly there, but seem to have so far to go. It's not that far in such a small world, but we can't quit now. *Continued on page 3.*

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My mother didn't quit in 1955 when she all but ran to the doctor's office to get the polio vaccine for me and then in 1957 for my brother. And, that was after a tragic turn of events, that resulted in an incorrect vaccine dose being delivered to thousands of children in the U.S. resulting in some deaths. My Aunt didn't quit when she acquired the disease as a young adult in the 1950s. A high school classmate didn't give up when she acquired polio, leaving her with a lifelong limp. They and thousands of mothers like them didn't quit; how can we?

Naturally, our effort to "End Polio Now" takes money, and lots of it. We encourage ourselves constantly to donate funds and "Walk the Talk" in this effort and we will continue to do so, but we also need to "Talk the Walk" more than ever. Rotarians are historically quiet humanitarians as our own Marcia Loughman offered on a recent WNEP Channel 16 interview. Now is the time to be LOUD humanitarians, as was Marcia.

You have already seen that with the recent Rotary District sponsorship of the Steamtown Marathon. And throughout the Rotary District we have seen that with club's various World Rotary Day events- not only raising funds for the End Polio Now effort but raising the roof with noise and awareness of this more than 30-year-old effort.

You'll see more in the next year, as our Rotary District Polio Committee's "End Polio Now" efforts are shouted out in local media articles, radio interviews, TV interviews, and any other medium that offers itself.

And you can too! Get noisy Rotarians- "END POLIO NOW"

Yours in Rotary,

DAVID PALMER,
Rotary Committee Chair
Rotary District 7410



District News



PDG Bob Wehe who passed away almost two years ago is giving drops in 2008 on an NID to India.



AND PINOT FOR POLIO

October 24, 2019

- The Willowtree Inn
- Sycamore Grille
- Shawnee Craft Brewery
- Marita's Cantina
- The Gem and Keystone
- Banter's Hard Cider
- The Cinder Inn
- Beer House Cafe
- Peppe's Bistro
- Mountain View Winery
- Siamsa Irish Pub
- Cherry Creek Hideaway
- Tolino Vineyards Stroudsburg
- Derailed Taphouse



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2020
PEOPLE OF ACTION
Conference

Save the dates!

April 18

May 2



Rotary



The Stroudsburgs

Pints & Pinot for Polio

Stroudsburgs Rotary held a fellowship and pub crawl event on October 24th to spread awareness and raise funds to End Polio. 17 local restaurants, wineries and bars participated and donated 10% of their "pints and pinot" sales. Total numbers aren't in yet but the pictures speak for themselves and it looks like everyone had a great time!



Clubs In Action



10th Annual All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet

In honor of World Polio Day, on October 20th at our annual breakfast fundraiser, proceeds from raffle basket sale were earmarked to be donated to the polio eradication fund.

Raffle basket tickets raised \$504.



*Omelet makers Heinz Hoffmann
And Andy Martin*



*L-R Trail Rotary's president, Ellen Kanton,
Joan Kupetsky and the Interact
Advisor, LTHS Librarian Kelly Hopkins*

Susquehanna Community School's "Pennies for Polio."

Collected \$62.54. A busy group, with more events to come.

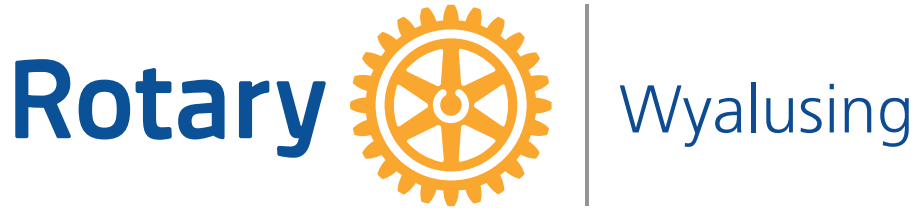


Bradford County Commissioners on World Polio Day with Wyalusing Rotary



*Jon Naugle President of Wyalusing Rotary, with the Bradford
County Commissioners proclaiming Oct. 24th as World Polio Day
in Bradford County.*

Clubs In Action



Wyalusing Area Rotary End Polio Now Week Activities



Mary and Wes Skillings collecting donations to End Polio Now Photo Courtesy Rocket-Courier

The Wyalusing Area Rotary club conducted awareness raising and fund raising events during the week of October 20th leading up to World Polio Day on October 24th. Rotarians collected donations for three afternoons and handed out End Polio Now pins at Connie's Market, the local grocery store.

On October 24th Rotarians Jon and Michèle Naugle presented the History of Polio Eradication to four World History and World Geography classes at the Wyalusing Valley High School.

In the evening of October 24th the Wyalusing Rotary Club had an evening of fellowship featuring Pints, Pinot, Pop and Popcorn and a basket raffle at the Wyalusing Hotel. The event was co-sponsored by the Bradford County Regional Arts Council (BCRAC) and the Wyalusing Hotel.

A highlight of the evening was a chance to connect with Dottie Trumbower, a polio survivor and post-polio syndrome sufferer from Towanda. She is interested in reaching out to others suffering from post-polio syndrome to share experiences and seek effective treatments. Post-polio syndrome is relatively unknown by physicians in the area.

Thanks to volunteers and the people that donated at Connie's Market, the sponsorship of the Wyalusing Hotel and everyone who purchased tickets for the Basket Raffle we raised a total of \$847.52. These funds will be matched 2:1 match by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation resulting in a total of \$2,542.56 for the effort to eradicate polio. Not bad for a small community with less than 600 residents.



Interact Club Members and Cheyenne Anaya and Emalie Caccia, and Rotarians Carol Goodman and Michèle Naugle arrange the baskets for the raffle



Jon and Michèle Naugle presenting the History of Polio Eradication at the Wyalusing Valley High School.



Rotarian Carol Goodman and Dottie Trumbower, both polio survivors, share experiences.

Clubs In Action

Rotary



Hamlin-Lake Ariel

Pints for Polio

The Rotary Club of Hamlin/Lake Ariel hosted their "Pints for Polio" event on World Polio Day, October 24th. The venue was R Place on 590 in Hamlin who so generously agreed to partner with them in this event. A portion of their proceeds for the evening was donated to the Club in addition to the donations received from the patrons of the establishment.

Rotarian John Giguere was a guest bartender and wife/fellow Rotarian Susan waited tables. Both took the time earlier in the week to have some prior training at the venue so they could be the best bartender and waitress possible. Other members of the club attended the event and mingled with the patrons of the establishment in an effort to spread the word about Rotary's effort to "End Polio Now".

The club raised a total of \$628 which will be submitted in to the Rotary Foundation for the Polio Plus Fund.

A great time was had by all and we look forward to doing this kind of event again in the future! "



Clubs Events

Ghost Walks In Mauch Chunk

Enjoy intriguing tales of lore of reported ghoulish encounters and stories of historic properties and people along Broadway in Jim Thorpe.

The one mile round trip walks start in the basement of the Inn at Jim Thorpe, 24 Broadway. Led by a costumed storyteller, the walks, all outside, last about an hour, unless the spirits have other ideas!

Walks are generally planned for Fridays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 7 & 8:30, September-December. See our website for a complete list of dates and times. Walks are subject to change if the spirits call for rain.

Although walk-ins are always welcome, space on each walk is limited, so call the number below to reserve your spot. Private walks may be available on certain dates and times. Call for more information.

Look for your GhostHost in the basement of the Inn at Jim Thorpe to purchase tickets 15 minutes before walk time. First come, first served, without reservations which are strongly suggested. Knowledgeable individuals are welcome to share their own experiences.

Adults: **\$12**

Children: 7-12: **\$6**

Not recommended for children under 7 years old.

jimthorperotary.org/ghostwalks.cfm

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2019 Stroudsburgs Rotary 5th Annual High School Seniors Leadership Luncheon

Including selected Senior Class Future Leaders from all Monroe County High Schools including East Stroudsburg North/South, Monroe Career and Technical, Notre Dame, Pleasant Valley, Pocono Mountain East/West and Stroudsburg

Keynote Speaker: Victoria Cooper

Victoria is a licensed professional counselor and licensed behavioral specialist who owns The Consulting Firm, a company that offers therapy and psychological strategies to businesses. Her diversified experience includes a background working with young people, which has always ignited her passion for supporting others.

The title of Victoria's address will be "The Social Currencies of Life"

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V: Chairman Level \$50:

Name listed in Program

VI: Event Tickets or Sponsor a Student \$25



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Volunteer Opportunities

Do you need volunteers to help with an upcoming project or event? Send me your requirements - date, time, specific help needed. Let's bring our clubs together in service!

District News

Traveling? Why not visit fellow Rotarians at other clubs in the District?

Please find dates and locations below.

Attention Club Presidents: If the information below is not up-to-date, please update it on the District website RotaryDistrict7410.org and let me know at rotary7410pi@yahoo.com

Club	#	New	Morning	Noonish	After Hours
Abingtons	51	0		12:10; TH; Ramada	
Athens	15	0		12:05; W; Microtel	
Blakeslee	11	0			6:30; W; Community Center
Dallas	47	0			6:30; TH; Irem Country Club
Dunmore	15	0			6:15; M; Carmella's
Forest City Area	12	0			6:30; 1st & 3rd M; Elegante
Freeland	5	0			5:45; M; MMI Prep Cafeteria
Hamlin-Lake Ariel	33	0			5:30; T; R Place
Hawley	23	0			6:00; TH; Settlers Inn
Hazleton	65	0		12:00; W; Genetti's	
Honesdale	38	0		12:00; T; Cordaro's	6:00; 1st T; Rotating
Jim Thorpe	23	0		12:00; T; Gathering Place	
Kingston	25	0			6:15; W; Theo's Metro
Lehighton	11	0		Check Facebook	6:00; M; Beacon Diner Twice Monthly
Milford-Matamoras	32	0		12:15; T; Balch's Restaurant	
Mountaintop	26	2	7:30; W; Chalet Restaurant		
Mt. Pocono	19	0			6:00; TH; Bailey's Steak House
New Milford	16	0			5:30; 1st & 3rd TH; Green Gables
Newfoundland	36	0			6:00; M; John's Italian Restaurant
North Pocono	17	0			6:00; TH; Elmhurst Country Club
North Scranton	27	0	8:00; W; Perkin's		
Passport Club	21	0	Rotating;	Check	Rotarypassportclub7410.org
Pittston	18	0		12:15; T; Perkin's	
Plains	21	1			6:00; 1st & 3rd W; Woodlands Inn
Plymouth	21	0			7:00; TH; Keeley's Alehouse
Pocono Mtns.	17	0			6:15; W; Carrazza's Italian Restaurant
Sayre	21	0		12:10; T; Grille at the Train Station	
Scranton	47	0		12:00; M; Radisson Hotel	
Slate Belt	19	0			6:00; TH; Scorecard Sports Bar
Smithfields	17	0			7:00; T; Shawnee Inn
Stroudsburgs	96	0		11:55; TH; Sycamore Grille	
" Satellite	?	0			6:15; TH; Peppe's Bistro, E. Stroudsburg
Towanda	13	0		12:05; M; Towanda Country Club	
Trail/Factoryville	14	0		12:00; T; Gin's	5:30; 4th T; D&L Rail House
Troy	26	0	7:30; TH; Iron Skillet		
Tunkhannock	73	1		12:15; TH; Purkey's Pink Apple	
Weatherly	10	0			6:30; TH; Weatherly Country Inn
Wellsboro	46	0		12:15; TH; Penn Wells Hotel	
West End	14	0	7:30; TH; West Pocono Library		
Wilkes-Barre	22	0		12:00; T; Genetti's Best Western Hotel	
Winola	10	0			6:00; TH; 1st Ardee's; 3rd Bartolai
Wyalusing Area	21	0	7; 1st TH; Mark's Valley View	12:00; 2nd TH; Wyalusing Hotel	5:30 Social; 3rd TH; Wyalusing Hotel
Wyoming	23	0			6:15; TH; Fire & Ice