

### **District 5690 News**



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# ROTARY DISTRICT 5690

### Message from District Governor Sterling Hall

Dear District Rotarians, Happy New Year!

During this time of the year we all seem to be trying to start a new year's resolution, continue one we didn't get finished from last year or reexamine one

we've tried before. No matter where you are in this mix, I hope you have included Rotary.

Your club has a new slate of officers for the coming year in July. If you are one of your club's new officers, you have started receiving emails about the up and coming PETS training. Please don't ignore those emails. They are full of valuable information for your term in office. Read them, follow what they ask you to do and go to PETS. The information and training is made to make you the best leader you can be. Good luck to you and I will look forward to seeing you at PETS. Register here if you have not already done so: http://www.heartlandpets.org

The January Rotarian had stories about Rotarians and the extraordinary work they have been involved with through their clubs. I recommend you pick the magazine up again and read these Rotarians' stories. As I travel across the state and

visit your clubs, I don't see any difference between you and the Rotarians in the magazine. I see you as an Inspiration to your club and community. Keep up the Great Work

The year is starting to close down for me. I have still not heard from all the clubs about an event you would like me to attend. Please let me know about one and we will get it scheduled with your club. If I don't get a response from you, come March after PETS I'll start to schedule a visit to your club. I look forward to our time together.

#### You are the Inspiration!

Yours in Rotary,

#### Sterling Hall

2018-19 District Governor 5690 Rotary Club of Sublette



#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Feb. 9, 2019 A Conference For Peace Houston, TX

Feb. 28-March 2, 2019 PETS

Wichita Marriott

Rotary Intl. Convention Hamburg, Germany

Winfield, KS

June 1-5, 2019

May 29-June 2, 2019 RYLA—Southwestern College

#### Message from 5670 District Governor Andrea Krauss

Have you ever attended a Rotary International convention? Whether the answer is Yes or No, this is the perfect time to "Capture the Moment" in Hamburg, Germany at the 110th Rotary International convention, June 1-5, 2019. At the convention, you will be able to connect with People of Action from all over the world. Registration is only \$495 per person for 5 days of world class speakers and break-out sessions to help you get the most out of your membership in Rotary.



port, and take in a concert at the Elbphilharmonie, Hamburg's new landmark concert hall.

There is no better way to get a feel for the truly international impact of Rotary than by attending an international convention. Once you have been to one, you'll want to attend every year. Register at <a href="http://www.riconvention.org/en">http://www.riconvention.org/en</a>.

See you in Hamburg!

Be the Inspiration!

When you are not in the convention hall, take the opportunity to explore the wealth of historical and cultural sites around the city of Hamburg. Visit the St. Pauli District, see a musical (Hamburg ranks third only behind New York and London for musicals), visit Europe's second largest

Andrea Krug Krauss, DG 5670 Rotary Club of Russell

#### Prepare for PETS—DGE Kurt Harper

#### ATTENTION ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS, PRESIDENTS ELECT, and ASSISTANT GOVERNORS

PETS 2019 will be conducted at the Wichita Marriott February 28-March 2, 2019. While PETS is always critical to the training of incoming presidents, this year is exceptionally important in light of the merger of Districts 5690 and 5670. The PETS planning committee for

our Heartland PETS has been putting together an exciting program, with a few added features to add some fun and fellowship. Please make every effort that each club has elected its President Elect and other leadership before the end of 2018, so those incoming leaders can take part in this important event. Register here:

http://www.heartlandpets.org

In addition to the training on Friday and Saturday, we are planning an opportunity for fun and fellowship on Thursday evening. We will have identified local restaurants as destinations for small groups of attendees for dinner. Sign up will be largely first come, first served for a variety of small group dining experiences, and will be assisted in this venture by leadership of our local clubs. Watch for more details on this next month, as we get

closer to deadlines, but for now, please get those new officers elected and enrolled!

#### Kurt A. Harper

District Governor, 2019-20—District 5680 RI Russia-US Intercountry Committee, President U.S. Section, 2017-18

#### Recruit Students for RYLA Camp—May 29-June 2, 2019

Have you recruited your students for RYLA camp yet? It is time. Rotary/Southwestern Leadership Camp will be Wednesday, May 29 to Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. This camp

is for current high school Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors that each Rotary Club selects.

All the forms to register your students can be found at <a href="https://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp">https://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp</a> OR visit www.rotary5690.org. Registration form is at: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/SouthwesternCollege/">https://form.jotform.com/SouthwesternCollege/</a>



Make sure and register early to assure a spot for your students. Registration deadline is May 11, 2019.Payment should be sent to Dean Kennedy, P. O. Box 637, Winfield, KS

67156. Rotary and your students can make a difference for our communities!

Students from District 5670 have been invited to attend this year. Rotary and your students can make a difference for our communities!

#### Call for District 5680 Governor Nominations for 2021 - 2022

The month of November begins the process for selecting the District 5680 Governor for the 2021-2022 Rotary year. One of the most important things a club can do is to allow the district to benefit from your club's leaders by encouraging them to be a District 5680 leader.

Clubs are invited to submit their suggestions for nomination for Governor of District 5680 for the Rotary Year 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022) no later than January 15, 2019. To be eligible for Governor, a candidate must have the qualifications and agree to accept the duties of a Governor as set forth in the 2016 Manual of Procedure (MOP). DG (5690) Sterling Hall and DG Andrea Krauss (5670) have sent copies of the applicable pages of the MOP as well as other important documents related to the nomination of a district governor to all club presidents via email.

Pertinent dates for the District Governor Nomination process are as follows:

November 20 District Governors Sterling Hall (5690) and

Andrea Krauss (5670) have invited clubs to submit suggestions to the nominating committee in an official call to all club presidents via email. Candidates submitted will be considered by the nominating commit-

tee.

Dec / Jan Additional announcements for District Gov-

ernor will be published in the December and January issues of the monthly newslet-

ter.

January 15 Deadline for the receipt by either the gover-

nor or the nominating committee chair of club nominations of District Governor can-

didates.

February 15 Deadline for selection of nominee for governor by the nominating committee. The nominating committee chair will promptly notify all candidates of the decision.

This position is challenging but very rewarding and you are asked to review your member list and consider nominating a candidate. If you have questions, call any committee member.

Nomination committee members are

Small Clubs June Trentham **RC** Hugoton Medium Clubs Mike Mills RC McPherson **RC** Winfield Large Clubs Kelle Thompson PDG RC Salina **Gary Norris** PDG Robert Mendoza RC Derby PDG Randy Krug RC Russell Dean Kennedy **RC** Winfield PDG

Send suggestions to any committee member above

PDG Rod Kreie, Nomination Committee Secretary <a href="mailto:rkreie@gpbiosciences.com">rkreie@gpbiosciences.com</a>
620-353-8415

**Note:** Districts 5670 and 5690 are merging to District 5680 encompassing the western 2/3 of Kansas and the Oklahoma Panhandle, effective July 1, 2019.

At the time the merger talks began, both districts had selected a DG for 2019-2020. It was agreed that **Kurt Harper (RC Wichita)** would serve as DG for 2019-2020 and that **Dana Brewer (RC Concordia)** would serve as DG for the 2020-2021 Rotary year.

#### January is Vocational Service Month

January is Vocational Service Month. Celebrate by working on a club vocational service project, surveying your members' skills and forming a vocational training team, or holding a business networking event for members. Find more ideas for expanding your club's vocational service in <u>Vocational Service in Action</u>.

#### 2019-20 Rotary Theme Announced



Rotary International Presidentelect Mark Daniel Maloney explained his vision for building a stronger Rotary, calling on leaders to expand connections to their communities and to embrace innovative membership

models. A member of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA, Maloney unveiled the 2019-20 presidential theme, *Rotary Connects the World*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's annual training event, the International Assembly, in San Diego, California, USA.

"The first emphasis is to grow Rotary — to grow our service; to grow the impact of our projects; but, most importantly, to grow our membership so that we can achieve more," Maloney said.

Maloney believes that connection is at the heart of the Rotary experience.

"(Rotary) allows us to connect with each other, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences," Maloney said. "It connects us to people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us to our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help."

Maloney also called on every Rotary and Rotaract club to identify segments of their community not represented in their club by creating a membership committee with diverse members.



"Through Rotary, we connect to the incredible diversity of humanity on a truly unique footing, forging deep and lasting ties in pursuit of a common goal," he added. "In this ever more divided world, Rotary connects us all."

Maloney urged leaders to offer alternative meeting experiences and service opportunities to make it easier for busy professionals and

people with many family obligations to serve in leadership roles.

"We need to foster a culture where Rotary does not compete with the family, but rather complements it," Maloney said. "That means taking real, practical steps to change the existing culture: being realistic in our expectations, considerate in our scheduling, and welcoming of children at Rotary events on every level."

Maloney said many of the barriers that prevent people from serving as leaders in Rotary are based on expectations that are no longer relevant.

"It is time to adapt, to change our culture, and to convey the message that you can be a great district governor without visiting every club individually, and a great president without doing everything yourself."

2019-20 District 5680 Kurt and Kelly Harper were in the audience and spent the week of January 13, 2019 training for their role as leaders of our new District 5680.

Rotary Connects the World

#### Get 2019-20 Theme Materials

RI President-elect Maloney's theme for 2019-20, *Rotary Connects the World*, asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that Rotary Connects the World, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.

Download 2019-20 theme logo and materials here: https://my.rotary.org/en/document/ri-theme-2019-20

Download the 2019-20 Presidential Theme & Rotary Citation brochure here:

https://my.rotary.org/en/document/presidential-theme-and-rotary-citation-brochure-2019-20





#### Rotary's Vision Statement

"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

In this season of Club elections for President-Elect/Nominee and other club leadership, as well as the planning for the upcoming PETS; it is appropriate for us as Rotarian leaders to think about setting goals and planning for the upcoming 2019-20 Ro-

tary year.

#### Why Should We Set Goals?

- Goals create purpose!
- Purpose generates plans!
- Plans produce action!
- Action builds habits!
- Good Habits create success!

And, what Rotarian leader can object to creating success for fellow Rotarians and our clubs? I hope the answer is none of us. So, creating goals is one way to ensure club success. But what do goals look like?

Most professionals today, regardless of field, have heard of SMART goals, SMARTER goals or even SMARTEST goals. They are acronyms which focuses our attention on how to achieve our individual and/or organizational objectives by setting goals that are: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant (realistic), Timely (Time-specific), Evaluate and Reward (revise or redo). Writing SMART (ER,EST) goals enable us to clearing know our direction, resources needed, accountability and success.

However, there are alternatives to SMART goals when it comes to motivating yourself to achieve a goal. CLEAR goals work on a similar basis but instead require objectives to be:

- Collaborative (Goals should encourage employees to work together collaboratively and in teams)
- Limited (Goals should be limited in both scope and duration)

Emotional (Goals should make an emotional connection to employees, tapping into their energy and passion)

- Appreciable (Large goals should be broken down into smaller goals so they can be accomplished more quickly and easily for long-term gain)
- Refinable (Set goals with a headstrong and steadfast objective, but as new situations or information arise, give yourself permission to refine and modify your goals)

The CLEAR method can suit those in people management (as are all of us who lead in Rotary) better as the collaboration and emotional aspects complement the engagement of multiple individuals all working towards the same goal.

When you set a SMART/CLEAR/ETC. goal, whether in business, career, or life, it must be a clear and compelling statement--one that can be built out, embraced, and acted upon by every member of the team (the club in our case). So, our leadership action is for each of us to use good

business practices by planning ahead, setting strong SMART goals, evaluating those goals throughout the year, changing course as needed and letting all of your actions be based upon the club's agreed upon goals.

Material taken from: https://www.inc.com/peter-economy/ forget-smart-goals-try-clear-goals-instead.html and APO LEADS Program, Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity



Column submitted by Fred Heismever. District 5690 Trainer

#### **Effective Clubs**



#### Effective clubs are identified by their ability to:

- Sustain and increase their membership base
- Implement successful service projects in their community and communities in other countries
- Support the Rotary Foundation both financially and through program participation
- Develop leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level

#### Bill Gates: What I learned at work this year



"I thought we would be closer to eradicating polio today than we are. Unfortunately, there were more cases in 2018 than in

2017 (29 versus 22).

I underestimated how hard it would be to vaccinate children in places where there's political violence and war. Families move around to escape fighting, which makes it hard to keep track of children and make sure they get all the doses of the vaccine. Or sewage systems get destroyed, allowing the virus to spread as children come into contact with an infected person's excrement.

This is a key reason why Afghanistan and Pakistan have never been free of polio—in fact they are the only two countries that have never been free of polio.

I spend a lot of time on polio, part of it talking to the funders to make sure they continue their commitment even though eradication is taking longer than any of us would like. I remind them of the huge benefits of success, and the risk that the disease will return in a big way if we don't finish the job.

I also remind them what a difference innovation is making. We're now able to test sewage samples to track the virus and find the source before an outbreak starts. And the global health community is finding creative ways to work in war zones, having stopped outbreaks in Syria and Somalia in recent years.

Finally, I am hopeful about a new oral vaccine being tested in Belgium and Panama. The results should be out in 2019, and if this one proves effective, it would overcome some of the problems with previous oral vaccines when they're used in places where few children are immunized. The new vaccine could be in use as soon as 2020.

Despite all the challenges, I am still optimistic that we can eradicate polio soon."



#### A Conference for Peace

Rotary International Districts 5890 & 5910

A CONFERENCE FOR PEACE Rotary in Russia by Mikael Ahlberg & Jennifer Jones

February 9, 2019—9:00am—4:00 pm

Crown Plaza Houston 8686 Kirby Drive, Houston, TX 77054

Registration (\$75.00) includes Private Reception Friday, February 8, 2019, 6:00pm.

For more information contact: Carmen Cuneo, RI District 5890 Governor (713) 240-3058 cuneo@sbcglobal.net



Jennifer Jones (RI Vice President 2016 -2017) is recognized as one of RI's most recognized communicators and has presented globally. Given her extensive travels and experiences in humanitarian service, she has developed a keen sense of Peacemaking and Peacekeep-

ing. She will share her perspectives and lead the conversations on this more important Rotary Area of Focus.



Mikael Ahlberg (Rotary Presidential Co-Advisor to Russia) is a member of the Rotary Club of Oland Sodra, Sweden. He is a past RI Director and has served as district governor and GSE Team Leader and most recently as RI Treasur-

Leveraging his depth in international relations, and his present efforts to grow Rotary's presence in Russia, Mikael will provide insight into how Rotary is increasing its administrative and humanitarian presence in a country trying to adopt peaceful and Service Above Self measures.

# Club News from around the District

#### Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise:

Kensler Elementary staff hosted our meeting



at the school. Our thanks for their getting up early to be there and provide a wonderful

breakfast! President Steve presented a \$300 check (meal

money saved by being hosted at the school) to the school for use where needed.

Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise: Our club donated \$5,000 toward the USS Wichita project last September. The show was commissioned on Jan. 12, 2019 at the Naval Station Mayport, near Jacksonville,



FL. Club member and Wichita Mayor Jeff Longwell and several members of our club attended the exciting event.

Rotary Club W Wichita: We received a thank you note from Kerry Murray, President of Shelter Box Disaster Relief for the donation we made supporting the lifesaving work of Shelter Box. We made this donation from our Soup Luncheon which replaced our regular lunch at our meeting place.

Rotary Club Garden City: Club members spent time talking about Rotary and presenting sports equipment which was purchased by District



grant funds to Real Men Real Leaders. RMRL is a group that mentors boys mostly in the 5th through 8th grades to encourage them to stay in school.

Rotary Club Liberal: Rotarians lending a hand on Wednesday, January 23rd: John Engel, Chandler Kirkhart, Ken Trzaska, and Todd Carter with students from Phi Beta Lambda and Autobody assem-



bling furniture for the eBoutique project that we received matching grand funds for from the Rotary Foundation

Rotary Club Hutchinson: We enjoyed having Marilia Saboya, Rotary Youth Exchange student from Brazil, speak to our club. Shown here with her current host family.



Rotary Club Colby: The Colby Grade School After School Program was the designated recipient for donations generated from registrations for the 2018 Colby Rotary/ Colby-Thomas County Cham-



ber annual golf tournament held in May. A check for \$900.00 was presented to Kathy Vaughn, After School Program Director, center, at a recent meeting. Chamber President, Brette Hankin is pictured at right along with Rotary Club President, Jesse Guajardo.

Rotary Club Colby: For the past 10 years Colby Rotary Club has assembled food gift bags for local Meals on Wheels recipients and senior citizens residing at Meadow Lark Manor. The items for this year's 55 gift bags were generously donated by 18 club members. Colby Rotary provides the bags and this





year the club also donated a \$5.00 monetary gift for each bag. Christmas greeting cards featuring a variety of colorful designs by Colby Grade School first graders were included in each bag along with a club newsletter.

Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co Sunrise: Rtn Dave Abbott

shared a message from Margarita Juarez, president of the **RC Villa Luro Argentina** thanking Rotarians in D5690 who helped fund videogastroscopy equipment for the Children's Hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The equipment was presented to the director of the hospital in late December. Rtn Armida Hight helped facilitate the grant. Dis-



trict Rotary Foundation and Rotary Foundation funds were used to fund the equipment shown.

## More Club News

#### **Rotary Club W Wichita:**

Club members delivered the bookshelves we made to Benton Elementary and Lawrence Elementary1st graders. Each 1st grader received a bookshelf along with a bag of stickers and a couple of books to put on their new bookshelf. This project is about 30 years old and one student said his mom received one when she was in school!





Rotary Club Guymon: Our club has been assigned to 6 homerooms at Salyer Elementary over the lunch hour. Rotarians participated in the Literary Project at Salyer Elementary and took turns reading to the children during their lunch hour.

Rotary Club Colby: Rotarian Gary Adrian presented Brewster USD #314 third grade students with their personalized dictionaries on December 4.



Dictionaries were also distributed at Triplains School USD #275 in Winona.

#### Rotary Clubs W Wichita and W Sedgwick Co Sunrise:

Our clubs welcomed RITE (Rotary Intercountry Teacher Exchange) teachers from Panama and Argentina in mid-January. During their 4-week stay, they will visit a variety of schools on each level, including public, private and parochial schools. They will also be speaking to several areas Rotary clubs and experience some cultural activities. RITE is organized by Shelli Kadel (WW Rotary and Dalia Hale (Sunrise Rotary).

Rotary Club Beloit: Rotarians helped spread mulch at the West Side park playground, a project our club is heavily involved with.





Rotary Club Beloit: This year's Rotary Chili Day was very successful. The



people were served during lunch; 100 people were served for supper; and 15 meals were delivered. This was our 30th year of holding Chili Day and businesses in the community helped support it by printing tickets, providing PR and much more.



#### No Secrets in Rotary

by Lynn Perez-Hewitt, Zone 27 ARPIC, District 5450 Membership Chair 2018-2019 Rotary Zones 21-27 Newsletter, January 2019

Rotarians are way too good at keeping secrets. About themselves. People of Action is the opposite of a secret. Here's an example of a secret that isn't one anymore and why. I read about a generous investment the Pikes Peak Rotary Club made with their Foundations funds. Where did I read it? The Friends of Mueller State park enewsletter. It was the LEAD story! The small Rotary club in Woodland Park, CO funded 600 low-income 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Colorado Springs so they could visit the state park 45 minutes up the road on the west side of Pikes Peak.

As soon as I finished reading, I forwarded the newsletter to my colleagues in that District, so they could share the

story. Not only the story of the students, the story that a small club solved a problem, invested in the larger community, and introduced kids who would not have visited that State Park, to a spectacular place in the glorious countryside west of the homes. I imagine many Rotarians, like my husband and I do, support multiple agencies and good works. Here's an idea, if you can connect Rotary with one of your chosen agencies, not only do it. TELL US ALL!

What Secrets are you keeping?

Share your club's activities with the rest of us!

Send your news to us so we can share in the District Newsletter!

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HEARTLAND PETS 2019 - Districts 5680 and 5710

February 28 – March 2, 2019

Wichita, Kansas Marriott Wichita Hotel

YOU'RE INVITED TO <u>TOIN FELLOW ROTARY LEADERS</u> BY PARTICIPATING IN PETS

SERVICE to your Club
FELLOWSHIP with fellow Rotarians
LEARNING more about our organization

Register today! <a href="http://www.heartlandpets.org">http://www.heartlandpets.org</a>

Rotarians volunteered

111.1 million hours

Rotarians raised

**414.7** million

for The Rotary Foundation

94 scholarships

granted by Rotary Peace Fellowships 1,306 global grants

awarded (totaling \$86.7 million)

Disease prevention and treatment

4.83 (\$35.7 million)

Water and sanitation

283 (\$18.8 million)

Economic and community development (\$10.5 million)

Basic education and literacy

174
(\$11 million)

Maternal and child health

102 (\$7.2 million)

Peace and conflict prevention/resolution

82 (\$3.5 million)

As of 1 July 2018

Day by day, year by year, Rotary members around the world are making a difference, transforming their communities, their nations, their world — and themselves. Learn more about our impact:on.rotary.org/annualreport



#### District 5690 Membership Report As Of December 31, 2018

Club	7/1/2018	12/31/2018	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2018-2019
Andover	31	33	2
Arkansas City	65	66	1
Beaver	19	19	0
Boise City	18	18	0
Cimarron	22	22	0
Derby	66	68	2
Dodge City	38	38	0
East Wichita	96	100	4
El Dorado	41	41	0
Garden City	51	46	-5
Guymon	24	25	1
Howard	16	15	-1
Hugoton	16	16	0
Hutchinson	100	89	-11
Johnson	16	16	0
Kingman	33	33	0
Kinsley	12	12	0
Larned	18	18	0
Liberal	46	49	3
Newton	62	58	-4
Pratt	55	57	2
Sublette	18	18	0
Syracuse	18	18	0
Texhoma	15	15	0
Ulysses	34	30	-4
Wellington	19	15	-4
W. Sedgwick Co	39	41	2
West Wichita	62	61	-1
Wichita-DT	404	411	7
Wichita-Old Town	8	8	0
Winfield	86	84	-2
TOTALS	1548	1540	-8



#### District 5690



#### www.rotary5690.org

This is your newsletter! Send your articles and club information to:

PDG Geri Appel, Editor Phone: 316-841-2592 Fax: 1-316-733-5077 appelg@kenlerman.com



2018-19 RI President Barry Rassin



Your Fellow Rotarians will be in Hamburg, June 1-5, 2019 for the 2019 Rotary Convention!

#### Polio Update @ 12/31/18

This year: Total wild polio cases for 2018: **33**. Last year: Total wild polio cases in 2017: **29** 

**AFGHANISTAN:** The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2018 is 21.

**PAKISTAN:** The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Pakistan in 2018 is 12.

#### **NIGERIA and THE LAKE CHAD BASIN:**

No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) since 21 August 2016.

More details at http://www.polioeradication.org

#### To Succeed by 2023—Extraordinary Joint Statement

In an extraordinary joint statement by the Chairs of the main independent, advisory and oversight committees of the GPEI, the Chairs urge everyone involved in polio eradication to ensure polio will finally be assigned to the history books by 2023. The authors are the chairs of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE), the Independent Monitoring Board, the Emergency Committee of the International Health Regulations (IHR) Regarding International Spread of Poliovirus and the Global Commission for the Certification of the Eradication of Poliomyelitis (GCC). The full statement can be read at <a href="http://polioeradication.org/news-post/to-succeed-by-2023-extraordinary-joint-statement-to-polio-eradicators/">http://polioeradicators/</a>