



WORLD POLIO DAY

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One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

The world is on the verge of eliminating one of the most dreaded disease of the 20th century - poliomyelitis. During the first half of the 30th century, polio crippled over a million people every year. Even today children in some developing countries continue to fall victim to the disease. But thanks to Rotary International and the 1.2 million Rotary members worldwide, the disease will soon be all but a memory



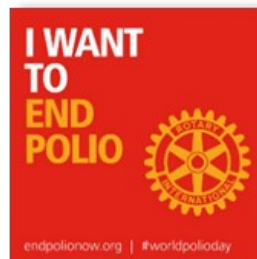
In 1988 there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. Great progress has been made since then. Today, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9% to 2 cases in 2021 – one in Pakistan and one in Afghanistan.

Since 1985, Rotarians around the world have contributed nearly US\$2.2 billion to help immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio and have helped secure billions of dollars from donor governments worldwide. And, with World Polio Day approaching, Rotary is ramping up its advocacy work in the 200 countries and regions where Rotary Clubs exist to encourage every national government to commit to the funding levels needed to close the gap.

1. *Create awareness within your club and community.*
2. *Have a fundraiser to support our World Polio Day / End Polio Now efforts.*
3. *Attend District 5000 World Polio Day event on Sunday the 24th of October from 9–11 am.*
4. *Attend Rotary International live streamed World Polio Day program on October 24th*
5. *Join the PolioPlus Society— Today.*

With Polio nearly eradicated, we must sustain this progress and continue to reach every child with the polio vaccine. Without full funding and commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to polio-free countries, putting all children everywhere at risk. This year, Rotary is again committed to raising US\$50 Million each year to support global polio eradication efforts. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to match that 2-to-1, for a total yearly contribution of \$150 Million.

How do we help?? Join the 2020 – 2021 PolioPlus Society members by completing the PolioPlus Society [Pledge Form](#) and making your donation to End Polio Now.



The PolioPlus Society is an organization of like-minded individuals committed to fulfilling the promise Rotary made in 1985 to immunize all children of the world from the devastating polio virus by contributing \$100 or more each year to Polio Plus until the world has been certified free of the Wild Polio Virus.

To become a member of Rotary District 5000 PolioPlus Society, simply complete and submit the Polio Plus Society [Pledge Form](#) by either clicking the link or scanning the QR code below.

Then, make your tax-deductible donation in one of the following ways:

1. Contribute with your credit card online at: <https://www.endpolio.org/donate>
2. **Contribute** by check to The Rotary Foundation, with “Polio Plus” in the memo section and mail to:
55 S. Judd Street, Apt 2206
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
3. Contribute as little as \$10 monthly utilizing Rotary Direct at: [RotaryDirectForm.pdf \(rotaryor.org\)](#)

All donations will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Until the last child is immunized, and the world is certified polio-free, every child is at risk. With your contribution, you are ensuring that every child will receive the polio vaccine and the polio virus has been destroyed.

Please contact District 5000 PolioPlus Coordinator with any questions you may have:

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[Pledge Form](#)

“Eradicating Polio – Rotary’s Number One Priority”

<i>Ala Moana</i>	7
<i>Diamond Head</i>	1
<i>Downtown Honolulu</i>	6
<i>E-Club of Hawaii</i>	8
<i>Hickam Pearl Harbor</i>	1
<i>Hilo Bay</i>	2
<i>Hilo</i>	3
<i>Honolulu</i>	2
<i>Honolulu Sunrise</i>	4
<i>Honolulu Sunset</i>	5
<i>Kaneohe</i>	8
<i>Kapolei</i>	4
<i>Kapolei Sunset</i>	3
<i>Kihei-Wailea</i>	1
<i>Kona Sunrise</i>	11
<i>Maui</i>	5
<i>Metropolitan Honolulu</i>	1
<i>Mililani Sunrise</i>	2
<i>Pearl Harbor</i>	2
<i>Poipu Beach</i>	3
<i>South Hilo</i>	2
<i>Upcountry Maui</i>	1
<i>Waianae Coast</i>	8
<i>Waikiki</i>	4
<i>West Honolulu</i>	5
<i>West Kauai</i>	1
<i>West Pearl Harbor</i>	2
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Thank you all for your annual commitment and remember, if you haven't done so already, it's time to make your 2021- 2022 contribution.