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Rotary's Polio Eradication Initiative - FAQ

Do you have questions about Rotary's pledge to end polio? We've got answers.

By Etelka Lehoczky

You've likely heard a lot about polio in recent weeks. Rotary members talk about it all year, but never more than in the month leading up to World Polio Day on 24 October. It's one of the most important days of the year for Rotary — a time to reaffirm our nearly four-decade commitment to eliminating this disease from the world.

Polio eradication may seem complicated, but it's actually fairly straightforward. If you've ever wondered about the science of the disease, the history of Rotary's fight against it, or the progress of the global eradication effort, find the answers to those questions and more below.

What is polio, and why is it such a threat?

Poliomyelitis, also known as polio, is a highly infectious disease that mainly affects nerves in the spinal cord and brain stem. Most people infected with the virus don't show any symptoms, but a small number become paralyzed. Polio primarily targets children under age five.

Polio can spread rapidly from person to person, such as through a cough or a sneeze. If an infected person doesn't wash their hands after coughing or using the toilet, they can transmit the virus even if they don't know they're infected. Polio can also spread through contaminated water in areas with poor sanitation.

Wild poliovirus occurs naturally in the environment and has three types. Type 2 and type 3 were declared eradicated in the 2010s, but type 1 remains. Variant poliovirus occurs when the weakened strain of virus contained in the oral vaccine circulates for a long time and mutates into a form that can cause paralysis like wild polio. Variant poliovirus cases are rare.

Why does Rotary care about polio eradication?

Rotary members are determined to end polio for many reasons — including that its effects are terrible, and its main victims are young children. Rotary International began working to vaccinate children against polio in 1979. In 1985, Rotary created its PolioPlus program to amplify these efforts. Then in 1988, Rotary and our partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

We've come a remarkably long way since then. Polio was endemic in 125 countries in 1988; that's down to two now. The global effort to eradicate polio has prevented an estimated 20 million cases of paralysis.

Wiping out this disease is possible. We are very close to ensuring that no child suffers from polio ever again.

How widespread is polio? Can it affect me?

Wild polio remains endemic in only Afghanistan and Pakistan. But because it spreads so easily, one or two cases can quickly multiply. In our world of global travel, an infected person can carry the disease to the other side of the world even if they aren't sick themselves. In 2022, an adult in New York, USA, contracted polio and was paralyzed. Genetic testing of the virus infecting that person linked it to polio viruses found in London and Jerusalem. This shows that as long as polio exists somewhere in the world, nobody is truly safe.

How do we fight polio?

Polio is fought primarily with vaccines and environmental surveillance. The GPEI promotes both routine and supplementary campaigns to immunize young children. Surveillance consists of identifying and promptly reporting polio cases and monitoring sewage water for the presence of the virus.

What role does Rotary have in the GPEI?

Rotary helped create the GPEI, whose other core partners include the World Health Organization, the Gates Foundation, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

Rotary members fight polio in many ways, including:

Raising funds

Soliciting support from governments, nongovernmental organizations, and corporations

Immunizing children

Raising awareness in their communities

Rotary has helped immunize 3 billion children against polio, contributed more than US\$2.9 billion to global polio eradication efforts, and helped secure more than US\$11 billion from donor governments.

How can I help eradicate polio?

Find a **World Polio Day event** through your local Rotary or Rotaract club and keep working against polio at other times of the year as well. You can:

Organize an event to raise funds and promote awareness in your community. Try a group walk or bike ride, a concert featuring local bands, or a barbecue.

Write a **letter to the editor** of your local newspaper about the importance of continuing the fight against polio.

Write to your local and national representatives to ask for their continued support.

Post on social media about the need to eradicate polio.

Create a fundraising campaign using **Raise for Rotary**, our online crowdfunding tool.

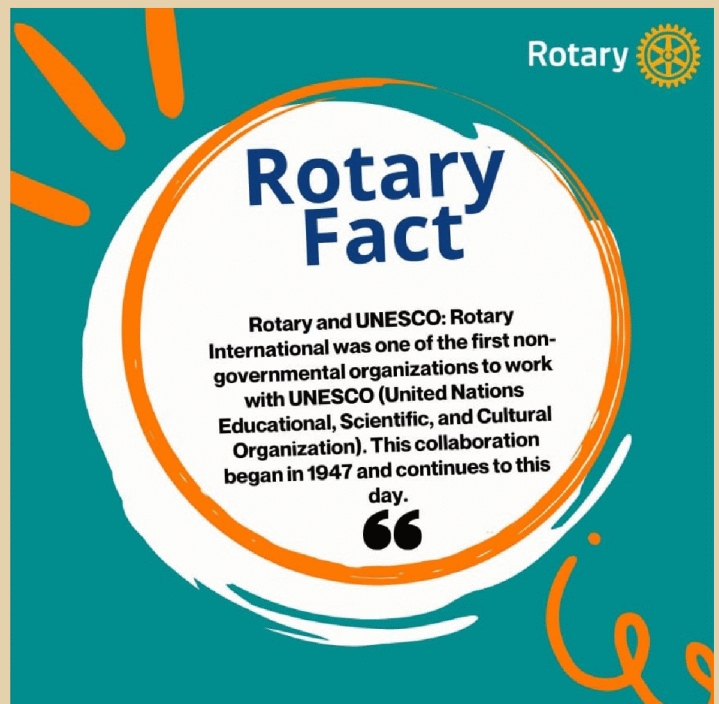
Rotary knows that a world without polio is within our grasp. On World Polio Day and throughout the year, we'll keep fighting.

Know your ROTARY

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURE

Rotary is composed of three interconnected parts that work to create lasting change in communities around the world.

- **Rotary Clubs:** These are the local, foundational units of the organization, comprising business, professional, and community leaders. There are more than 46,000 clubs worldwide. Members ("Rotarians") meet regularly for fellowship and to plan local service projects and other initiatives.
- **Rotary International (RI):** This is the global association of all Rotary clubs, governed by a Board of Directors led by an international president. RI coordinates global programs and initiatives, such as its campaign to eradicate polio.
- **The Rotary Foundation:** This non-profit entity is the engine for Rotary's humanitarian work. It funds global grants and initiatives that focus on seven key areas:
 - o Promoting peace
 - o Fighting disease
 - o Providing clean water
 - o Improving maternal and child health
 - o Supporting education
 - o Growing local economies
 - o Protecting the environment



World Polio Day

Rotary Club of Calcutta North East participated in an event held on 24th October, 2025 to mark the World Polio Day. Our club joined as a co-host for the program. PP Rtn Sudip Kumar Dutta, PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul and secretary Rtn Sabyasachi Roy were present along with the president. PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul donated USD 500 & President Rtn Angana Paul donated USD 238 to the polio fund.



First Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of Scottish Church Collegiate School

First Installation ceremony of the Interact Club of Scottish Church Collegiate School, sponsored by Rotary Club of Calcutta North East was held on 25th October 2025, marking a memorable beginning for the young Interactors. The event was graced by distinguished guests — Past District Governor Rtn. Prabir Chatterjee, District Governor Elect Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya, District Interact Co-Chair Rtn. Nilanjan Sen and Mr. Bivash Saneil, Headmaster of the institution. Their inspiring words enlightened the students about the values of Rotary and the global connection of the Interact movement.

PDG Rtn Prabir Chatterjee gave an overview of Rotary and its activities and explained why young people should join the Organisation. He elaborated on the 4 way test and handed over a framed poster of the same while his eloquent speech was appreciated by everybody in the auditorium. District Governor Elect Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya also encouraged the new members to utilize the platform and create a difference in the society. District Interact Co-Chair Rtn. Nilanjan Sen through his brief speech pledged support to the newly formed club. Headmaster, Mr. Bivash Saneil expressed his gratitude and motivated his students to actively serve and help in building a better community. The session ended with President Rtn Angana Paul delivering her speech and handing over a seed money of Rs 3000/- to the club to help them start their journey.

From RCCNE, President Rtn Angana Paul was present along with secretary Rtn Sabyasachi Roy, PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul, PP Rtn Ramprasad Chattopadhyay, Rtn Prof Amitava Dutta, PP Rtn Shubadip Roy, PP Rtn Sudip Kumar Dutta, PP Rtn Sujit Dutt, IPP Rtn Subasish Halder, PP Rtn Subhasish Ghosh, PP Rtn Saumendra Mohan Rakshit, Rtn Dr Debarati Paul, Rtn Arup Kumar Chatterjee and Rtn Sukanta Khan.

The inauguration was a grand success, filled with enthusiasm, inspiration, and a renewed commitment to service and leadership among the young Interactors.



Family Corner



The President thanks PP Rtn Saumendra Mohan Rakshit and Mrs Tansusree Rakshit for organizing a fellowship get together to propagate the spirit and bonding of members of RCCNE.

Project Report : Free Cataract Screening Camp

Rotary Club of Calcutta North East successfully conducted a Free Cataract Screening Camp on 12th October, 2025 at Kakinara. A total of 122 beneficiaries were screened, out of which many were identified for cataract surgery which will be conducted later at Hooghly Eye Hospital.

Thorough their gracious presence PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul, PP Rtn Vivekananda Bhowmick, Secretary Rtn Sabyasachi Roy, PP Rtn Ram Prasad Chattopadhyay, Rtn Swapnamita Roy, Rtn Salil Kumar Chandra, and Rtn Rathindranath Dey actively supported the project.

The highlight of the event was the presence of PDG Rtn Hira Lal Yadav, whose encouraging words and kind interaction inspired all present and made the project even more memorable.



Project Report : ELDERLY CARE

On the auspicious occasion of Kali Puja, members of the Rotary Club of Calcutta North East visited Natun Ghar — a free old age home for elderly destitute women in Kestopur. The club provided a month's ration, blankets, and a special festive lunch for the residents, spreading love and warmth during the festive season. The club was represented by President Rtn. Angana Paul, Secretary Rtn. Sabyasachi Roy, PP Rtn. Vivekananda Bhowmick, PP Rtn. Ramprasad Chattopadhyay and Rtn. Sukanta Khan for gracing the event.

The most touching moment of the visit was when the residents of Natun Ghar gifted us beautiful handmade bracelets — a token of their love and blessings, truly the best gift we received this Diwali.



ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA NORTHEAST MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NO. 1632

Date : 9th October, 2025

**Venue : The Antelope, 3, Ho Chi Minh Sarani,
Kolkata - 700017**

Call to Order

President Rtn Angana Paul greeted and wished “ Suvo Bijoya” to all the members with sweets and called the meeting to order. The National Anthem was led by PP Rtn Subhasish Kar, with all members joining in respect.

President’s Address & Project Reports

President welcomed all the members and presented updates on recent club projects:

- Project “Gift a smile” a puja parikrama on 21st October 2025 with 250 underprivileged school girls. PP Rtn Biswajit Choudhuri along with his entire family member, like every year organised breakfast and lunch followed by pandal hopping on bus in collaboration with the Club. President, PP Rtn Saumendra Mohan Rakshit, Secretary Rtn Sabyasachi Roy and Rtn Yudhajit Choudhuri attended the project.
- On 23rd October, a Puja Parikrama for elderly disabled was organised by the Club at Simla Bayam Samiti. PP Rtn Shubadip Roy treated the beneficiaries with Ice-cream. President, PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul and IPP Rtn Subasish Halder attended the program.
- A display for branding Rotary was put up in front of SIMLA BAYAM SAMITY puja entrance gate. This was for spreading awareness of ongoing “prevention of THALASSEMIA and POLIO” drive. Cost of the display is Rs. 5000 paid by the Club.

Joint Project

- With RC Behala, Breast Cancer awareness program at Rotary Sadan on 20th September. President along with PP Rtn Sudip Dutta attended the program.
- With RC South Central “ Nabo Chetna Mela” – it was to support under privileged artisans.
- With RC Ballygunge – On 25th September, a “Durgautsav award” with differently able and senior citizen.
- With RC Harmony – on 19th September, a fellowship cultural program “Viswajoge Saratsange”. From the club Rtn Puspita Mukherjee and Rtn Ahana Ghosh participated in the program. President Rtn Angana Paul, PP Rtn Sudip Kumar Dutta and Secretary Rtn Sabyasachi Roy attended the program.

President’s Announcements – Upcoming Projects

- On 12th October, CATARACT screening CAMP at RCC Kankinara in collaboration with RC Hooghly Eye Hospital. Selected candidate will get the opportunity to opt for the cataract operation at a subsidised rate at RC Hooghly Eye Hospital. PDG Rtn Hira Lal Yadav will attend the camp along with Club President, Club Secretary, and other club members. The beneficiaries will given refreshments by the club.
- RCCNE’s new Interact Club Scottish Church

Collegiate School will have the first Installation cum charter ceremony on 25th October 2025. District delegates will be invited and President requested all the Club members to join in this event.

- Visit to “Natun Ghar” an old age home for homeless old woman will be on “Kalipuja day” 22nd October 2025. Club will donate grocery items for daily needs and lunch on that day. Club member are requested to attend.
- Cervical Cancer Vaccination at Pandua Girls School. PP Rtn Biswajit Choudhuri will organise the project at his native place and in the school named in his grandfather’s name. Date and time will be fixed and circulated later on.

RCCNE Flagship Project “MAA”

- President invited project chairman PP Rtn Ramprasad Chattopadhyay to provide the updates and the developments about this upcoming project. He had given a brief about the plan and developments. Number of beneficiaries will be 800, Budgets of expenditure is discussed and the fund raising appeal to all will sent as soon as possible.

Treasurer’s Report

The President invited the Club Treasurer, PP Rtn. Chandra Kumar Paul, provided an update on the current status of member dues. The club’s bank account KYC updation is done. Treasurer reported that SBI account is operational now and change in signatories has been done. Updation of Club bank account address is under process.

Secretarial Business

Club Secretary Rtn Sabyasachi Roy extended his greetings and thanks to all members present. He confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting, offered birthday and anniversary wishes to members and their families, and announced that the next regular meeting cum AG meeting will be held on 30th October 2025.

Conclusion

With no other business to address, President Rtn Angana Paul concluded the meeting and invited all members to join the fellowship gathering. She also Requested and invited all the members to attend the next upcoming AG visit cum Regular meeting on 30th October 2025.

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- **BLISS** : PP Rtn Sujit Dutt
 - **Fellowship** : PP Rtn Biswajit Choudhuri
 - **Snacks** : Rtn Ahana Ghosh & Rtn Pushpita Mukherjee
- Minutes Prepared by:** Rtn Sabyasachi Roy, Secretary

Birthday Greetings

04 Nov : Rtn Shubadip Roy
04 Nov : Prapti, d/o Rtn Sukanta Khan
12 Nov : Rtn Prabir Kumar Paul
12 Nov : Rtn Kalyan Saha