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ROTARY NEWS

Rotary congratulates African region on becoming wild poliovirus-free

Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) are proud to announce an historic public health achievement as the World Health Organization's African region is now certified wild poliovirus-free.

The milestone comes four years after Nigeria – the last polio-endemic country in Africa – recorded its final case of wild poliovirus following decades of effort from GPEI partners, local and national leaders, and health workers throughout the African region. Over the course of the effort, 9 billion doses of oral polio vaccine have been administered, hundreds of millions of children have been immunized, and 1.8 million cases of wild poliovirus have been averted throughout the region.

Today's announcement is in part a result of the cumulative actions of Rotary and its members, who have contributed nearly US\$890 million—and countless volunteer hours—to eliminate polio in the African region.



“In the face of a pandemic, the world has had very little good news to celebrate in global health this year, and the challenges ahead are formidable,” said Rotary International President Holger Knaack. That is why we must recognize this great achievement and commend all of the people who played important roles in eradicating wild polio in the African region.

“It took tremendous effort and partnership over many years. I'm particularly grateful for the Rotary members throughout Africa and around the world who have dedicated themselves to making polio a disease of the past.”

The road to the African region's wild poliovirus-free certification has been paved by the dedication of health workers—mainly women—who travelled by every form of transportation imaginable to reach children with the polio vaccine; those who found solutions for reaching children in regions rife with conflict and insecurity; those leading surveillance activities to test cases of paralysis and check sewage for the virus, and the leadership of all 47 countries in the African region.

Polio vaccination efforts throughout the African region must continue, and routine immunization must be strengthened to keep immunity levels high so the wild poliovirus does not return and to protect children against rare occurrences of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus. The wild virus continues to circulate in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and as long as it circulates anywhere, all children are at risk.

Rotary's nearly 32,000 members in Africa have played a critical role in helping the region achieve its wild polio-free status by holding events to raise funds and awareness for polio, and working with world governments and national and local leaders to secure funding and support for polio eradication. Rotary members around the world have donated their time and money to supporting polio eradication, the organization's top priority.

ROTARY HISTORY ABOUT ROTARY AND POLIO

Rotary has contributed more than \$2.1 billion to fight polio, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio eradication program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary formed the GPEI with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance later joined. When the initiative launched, there were 350,000 cases of polio every year. Today the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent. Visit Rotary.org and endpolio.org for more about Rotary and its efforts to eradicate polio.

What Is Polio?

Poliomyelitis is a highly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5. Most know it as poliovirus. The virus is spread person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can attack the nervous system, and in some instances, lead to paralysis. Although there is no cure, there is a safe and effective vaccine – one which Rotary and our partners use to immunize over 2.5 billion children worldwide.

The world's progress in fighting polio might be one of the best-kept secrets in global health.

Bill Gates, Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

CLUB NEWS



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District Project “Namma Nela Nanna Gida” - Tree Planting



Quote of the Week

“Only a life lived in the service of others is worth living.” – Albert Einstein

Regular Meeting and Meeting with Mangalore Central



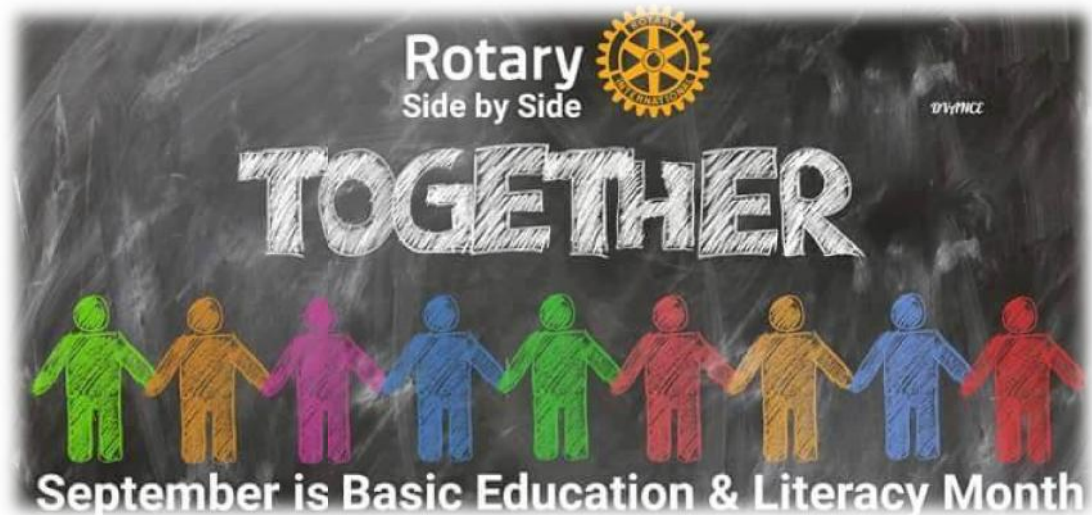
Birthday Wishes

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| 1. Annet Anjana | D/O Rtn KS Babu | 03 rd Sept |
| 2. Ann Dr Anitha Ravishankar | W/O Rtn Dr Ravishankar Rao | 12 th Sept |
| 3. Rtn Vinay Bagambila | | 17 th Sept |
| 4. Rtn Dr Ananthan | | 19 th Sept |
| 5. Rtn Vikramdatta | | 19 th Sept |

Next Date to Remember

26th Sept 2020 – Vana Mahostava at Ullala Bail

28th Sept 2020 - Weekly Meeting(BOD)



Charter on June 09, 2008. Meets at KS Hegde Hospital Auditorium ,
Deralakatte on Monday at 6 p.m

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