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### [Rotary releases \\$34.8 million for polio immunization activities worldwide](#)

Rotary International released an additional \$34.8 million in grants to support polio immunization activities in 10 countries, including Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, the three countries where the disease has never been stopped. [The funds](#) will be used by the World Health Organization and UNICEF for polio immunization and surveillance activities in the 10 countries, as well as to provide technical assistance in several other countries in Africa.

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## Cyclists in Taiwan ride to end polio

### They raise nearly \$2 million to help fund the fight

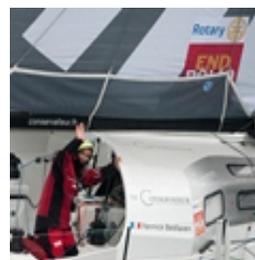
More than 400 Rotary members participated in a nine-day, 1,000-kilometer (621-mile) bike ride in Taiwan to [support polio eradication](#) and promote immunization efforts. “Though Taiwan is already a polio-free country, the people in Taiwan -- the Rotary members in particular -- are determined to join the campaign with all their abilities,” said Rotary member Kega Yao.



## Parisians set sail to support eradication campaign

### Rotary club, corporate sponsor net over \$230,000 in two years

The Rotary Club of Pays de Vitré, France, and Le Conservateur Group, a Paris-based asset management firm, have supported polio eradication for the past two years, raising more than \$230,000. The partnership [has raised funds and public awareness of polio](#) by entering *Le Conservateur*, a 40-foot sailboat displaying the End Polio Now logo, in a trans-Atlantic boat race.



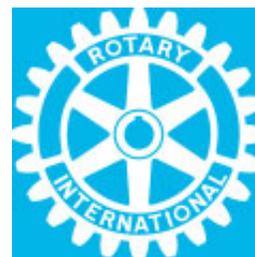
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Rotary's 2013-14 annual report shows what we can accomplish when members are active in their clubs and service projects.

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## Rotary members conquer Mount Kilimanjaro

## Corporations, individuals contribute to effort's success.

A team of 39 Rotary members and others climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania to [raise more than \\$32,000](#) for polio eradication, as well as to purchase a water-harvesting system for schools and a plastic-recycling machine for Kenya's largest waste dump. "Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa and we wanted the world to know how serious we are about the eradication of polio," said Carole Kimutai, president of the Rotary Club of Nairobi East, Kenya.

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### Activities roundup

Members of the [Rotary Club of Reading Matins](#), Berkshire, England, raised more than \$200,000 by participating in a Christmas [charity campaign](#) run by Yogscast, a producer of video games.

A [golf marathon](#) sponsored by District 6040 (Missouri, USA) raised \$42,530.

The [Rotary Club of Coronado](#), California, USA, netted \$30,000 through an End Polio Now wine-tasting event.

Members of the [Rotary Club of Glenwood Springs](#), Colorado, USA, raised \$3,500 through a raffle and participation in the Moab Half Marathon.

The [Rotary Club of Ajijic](#), Jalisco, Mexico, raised nearly \$1,700 through its annual End Polio Now dinner.

[Find more at endpolio.org](#)

[Advocate for a polio-free world](#)

[Learn about the polio endgame plan](#)

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### Resources & reference

Find out how the [End Polio Now -- Make History Today](#) fundraising campaign sponsored by Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation makes contributions work three times as hard.

Read [A Rotarian's Guide to the Race to End Polio](#).

Read a [Time.com story](#) about the risk posed to Nigeria's recent progress against polio by the country's upcoming elections. The story extensively quotes PolioPlus Director Carol Pandak and Nigeria PolioPlus Committee chair Tunji Funsho.

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*End Polio Now* is a monthly source of news, information, and resources for Rotary members who support the global effort to eradicate polio.

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