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A Call to End Polio

Rotarians joined Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and other supporters of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative on the steps of the U.S. Capitol 14 March to encourage Congress to continue to support the campaign to eradicate polio worldwide. The rally preceded a briefing for Congressional staff members on the importance of U.S. support for the campaign.

- Learn about the progress being made by Rotary and our partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#).
- Get the latest news from [Rotary](#) on the fight to finish polio.
- Follow stories about polio eradication on [Rotary's blog](#).

End Polio Summit steps up efforts in Pakistan

At the [End Polio Summit](#) in Islamabad, Pakistan, Rotarians committed to help make Pakistan polio-free by increasing advocacy aimed at government and religious leaders, immunizing migrant children at transit points, and conducting health camps and supporting local government councils in high-risk areas. The Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee organized the summit, which brought together representatives from Rotary International, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Pakistani government, and others 9 March.

Rotarians recognize United Kingdom's role in polio eradication

Five members of the [Rotary Club of Sittingbourne Invicta](#), Kent, England, celebrated Rotary's anniversary on 23 February by cycling through London to deliver a letter to Prime Minister David Cameron. The letter recognized the United Kingdom's role in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#). The cycle ride was part of the Rotarians' training for a planned 150-mile ride in July to support the effort to [End Polio Now](#).

Prime Minister Cameron wished the team the very best of luck in its fundraising efforts. "I salute Rotary's unflagging efforts throughout the decades and in almost every country towards eradicating polio and ending the suffering it causes," he said. "Rotary has made a huge contribution to the global campaign to reduce the burden of polio worldwide, but we still have much work to do to finish the job and eradicate it completely. The UK will work with all our partners to deliver a polio-free world for our children."

Activities roundup

The Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee paid tribute in Peshawar and Karachi in February to health workers who were killed while serving in the country's polio eradication effort. The Rotarians and provincial health officials also presented compensation to the victims' family members. Along with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary International has joined the government of Pakistan in [condemning the attacks](#) and extending deepest sympathy to the families of the victims.

The Polio Polar Plunge, sponsored by [District 7930](#) (parts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, USA), raised more than US\$60,000 on 23 February, Rotary's anniversary.

Rotarians in District 3630 (Korea) netted more than US\$18,000 through a fundraiser in celebration of Rotary's anniversary.

A basketball game fundraiser in Des Moines, Iowa, USA, sponsored by 16 Rotary clubs in [District 6000](#) and the Iowa Energy, an NBA Developmental League team, collected more than \$9,000.

See a [gallery of photos](#) of Rotary's anniversary activities, including support for polio eradication.

Rotary in the news

A March story in [The Independent](#) spotlights the global polio eradication effort, including Rotary's role.

Read a February joint op-ed in [The Vancouver Sun](#) by Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott and Canada's minister for International Cooperation, Julian Fantino.

An opinion piece by Rotarian Charles Adams Cogan in the [Star Tribune](#) underscores the final push needed to eradicate polio in Nigeria and elsewhere.

Follow a five-part series on the [AARP Blog](#) about a group of Rotary volunteers helping to eradicate polio in Kaduna, Nigeria.

Find more polio eradication news on the [Rotary and Polio Media Roundup](#) and the [Rotary Media Center](#).

What's ahead

[Global Vaccine Summit](#): Celebrating Progress, Saving Lives, 24-25 April, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Co-hosted by Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, crown prince of Abu Dhabi, in partnership with United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and Bill Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Watch for more information on upcoming events at www.endpolionow.org.

Resource guide

Check out [Global Outlook: A Rotarian's Guide to Advocacy for Polio Eradication](#).

Participate in the [World's Biggest Commercial](#) to publicize Rotary's polio eradication efforts. It's just one of many [Rotary resources](#) available.

Watch a video about [Rotary's fight to end polio](#).

Contribute to PolioPlus



The fight isn't over. Polio is a crippling, potentially fatal infectious disease, and if we don't finish the job of eradication, more than 10 million children under age five could be paralyzed in the next 40 years. For less than \$1, a child can be vaccinated for life. [Donate today](#).

End Polio Now reports monthly on the progress toward global polio eradication, highlighting Rotary International's role. Email: Contact.Center@rotary.org.



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