



## Mark your calendars for World Polio Day 2023

Join the global movement on 24 October as Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs around the world take action to promote awareness of polio and raise funding for Rotary's polio eradication efforts. With poliovirus being reported in previously polio-free areas, the past few years have truly shown that polio anywhere is a threat to children everywhere.

In this critical year for polio eradication, **we need your help** to show the world the tenacity of Rotary members in accomplishing an audacious goal: a polio-free world. Visit our [World Polio Day](#) webpage for resources and tips on how you and your club can participate in promoting a polio-free world on 24 October.

Let's make polio history. Together, we end polio!

**Register your club's participation**

## Remembering the children with PolioPlus Societies

PolioPlus Societies are being established around the world, and with World Polio Day just a couple of months away, now is the perfect time to make sure there's a PolioPlus Society in your district! In this blog post from Brenda Cressey, past trustee chair of The Rotary Foundation, she shares why the district-based PolioPlus Societies are an important way to fulfill Rotary's promise to the children of the world to end polio.



[Read the blog post](#)

## Polio's "hidden figures" in Tuskegee

Published in the June 2023 issue of *Rotary* magazine, a story that begins with a search for an indoor swimming pool for people with polio uncovers a much more important but relatively unknown history of how, at the height of segregation, a group of Black doctors and scientists focused on stopping polio in Tuskegee, Alabama, USA, and beyond.



[Read the full story](#)

## Disability as a driving force for success

Rotarian and polio survivor Badara Dafé is intimately familiar with the journey to overcome polio. Dafé's life has been defined by hard work, determination, and the support of family — qualities that are also essential to Rotary's polio eradication efforts. In his blog post on Rotary Voices, Dafé shares his experiences growing up as a polio survivor and how he became involved in Rotary.



[Read the blog post](#)

## Nominations are open for Rotary's Service Award for a Polio-Free World

Optimistic. Dedicated. Persistent. These words describe Rotarians around the world who, through PolioPlus, have committed themselves to the fight against polio. You can help us honor their hard work and share their stories by nominating them for Rotary's Service Award for a Polio-Free World.



It's now easier than ever to recognize extraordinary service to polio eradication. You can review the eligibility criteria beforehand and nominate a candidate online using the button below. **Nominations are due by 1 October 2023.**

[Nominate a Rotarian](#)

## Rotary and polio in the news

- The **Monaco Tribune**, a leading online magazine in Monaco, featured Jennifer Jones, then RI president, visiting Prince Albert II of Monaco in June. While there, Jones presented His Serene Highness with Rotary's Polio Eradication Champion Award.
- Leonardo Weissmann, a Rotarian and a specialist in infectious disease, contributed an article to **Veja**, a Brazilian weekly news magazine, about Brazil's Ministry of Health switching from the live oral poliovirus vaccine to the inactivated, injectable polio vaccine.
- **Cwmbran Life**, a community news blog in Wales, featured the Interact Club of Croesyceiliog School, along with the Rotary Club of Henllys, Cwmbran, Wales. The members created a purple flower garden in their community to raise awareness for End Polio Now.
- The **News-Item**, a local newspaper in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, USA, interviewed Jeff Coup, PolioPlus chair for Rotary District 7360, about his involvement with Rotary's PolioPlus initiative and the area's annual Pedals Out Polio bicycle ride.

## 5 actions you can take to support #EndPolio

1. Follow End Polio Now on **Facebook** and **Twitter**, and share our content.
2. Help your club organize an activity for **World Polio Day** (and don't forget to **register** it).
3. Promote World Polio Day on social media. Sample message: A polio-free world is possible, but we can only achieve it by acting together. On 24 October, join @Rotary for #WorldPolioDay and together, we #EndPolio. [endpolio.io/wpd](https://endpolio.io/wpd)
4. Ask whether your district has a PolioPlus Society. If not, encourage your district governor to start one.
5. Encourage others to sign up for the End Polio Now newsletter. To sign up, visit [endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org), scroll to the bottom of the webpage, and enter your email address.

## Resources for polio awareness and fundraising

- [End Polio Now Resource Center](#)
- [Rotary Brand Center Polio Resources](#)
- [Global Polio Eradication Initiative Website](#)
- [Raise for Rotary](#)

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