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NEWSLETTER



The State of Polio Plus in Rotary

By Nick Hall

DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

How apropos that as the common-cold and flu season get underway, we find ourselves at the start of Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month. But how ironic that after years of decline, the number of polio cases worldwide has begun to increase. During 2017 there were 22 cases, and this year 27 have been confirmed. This is primarily because in war-torn Afghanistan, where large segments of the population are isolated, the number of cases has nearly doubled compared with last year. It's why, on November 27, the World Health Organization announced the possibility of a polio resurgence is a **"Public Health Emergency of International Concern"**. In addition, strains of vaccine-derived polio have been found in Somalia, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, Niger, and Papua New Guinea. Closer to home, a distant cousin of polio that belongs to the same Enterovirus genus and causes very similar symptoms has been confirmed in 31 states.

Now is the time to increase our end-polio effort before it's too late. Many countries, including the United States, are vulnerable due to large segments of the population lacking immunity to the virus. If the virus is imported into such nations, a resurgence of polio is likely. That's why a global public health emergency has been declared.

What can you and your club do to prevent a resurgence of polio?

- If you don't already, consider earmarking Happy Dollars for the End Polio Now campaign.
- Designate a portion of the club's fund-raiser(s) to the Rotary Foundation. In doing so, you'll help reduce not only the spread of the polio virus, but other water borne illnesses as well.
- Support a Global Project that helps improve the quality of water in a developing country.

Remember, any infectious disease anywhere in the world could enter any state through any airport and at most anytime. Taking steps to reduce the spread of disease, even in a faraway land, is preventing its spread to the United States.

Foundation Calendar Year Deadlines



Attention Club Leaders, don't let the end of the calendar year slip up on you!

Here are some things to remember:

CHECKS: Both the postmark on the envelope and the date written on the check must be no later than 31 December, and processed by the bank no later than 07 January. Send checks to: The Rotary Foundation 14280 Collections Center Drive Chicago, IL 60693

CREDIT CARD ONLINE VIA ROTARY.ORG: Must be authorized on or prior to midnight on 31 December 2018 Central Standard Time. **VIA FAX OR PHONE TO WORLD HEADQUARTERS:** Electronic items should indicate that the fax was sent no later than 31 December 2018. For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions electronically or via mail, rather fax them to 847-328-5260.

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By Daniel Martin

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