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POLIO REARS IT'S UGLY HEAD IN SYRIA

from the Washington Post



A fresh outbreak there has paralyzed more than a dozen children.

As wonderful as the world's ambitious quest to eradicate the poliovirus is, there also have been setbacks. All of a sudden, a new outbreak has appeared in Syria. Is the goal about to be lost? Not exactly, but the mixture of optimism and worry is warranted.

As recently as the mid-1980s, polio paralyzed more than 350,000 children a year in 125 countries where it was endemic. By contrast, so far this year, the last three endemic countries have reported a total of only six cases of wild poliovirus: four in Afghanistan, two in Pakistan and none so far this year in Nigeria. This is an extraordinary accomplishment.

The numbers are so low today that eradication may indeed be within reach if there is not another setback in the remaining endemic countries. For this, immunization and surveillance must be sustained.

On June 12, philanthropists and governments once again backed the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a public-private partnership aimed at the second-ever eradication of a disease, after smallpox.

At the Rotary International convention in Atlanta, \$1.2 billion was pledged. Up to \$150 million raised in the next three years by Rotary International will be matched two-to-one by the Gates Foundation, which pledged a total of \$450 million, including the match. The remaining will come from other donors, all to make sure there is no relapse and a final fight to the finish.

The one dark spot is Syria, where a fresh outbreak has paralyzed 17 children, most from Mayadin, south of Deir al-Zour, and one child from Raqqa, where the Islamic State is headquartered.

This is the second polio outbreak of the war, caused by a weakened form of the virus from the vaccine itself, which in rare cases mutates and becomes virulent against the unvaccinated. The real culprit is the upheaval of war.

Message from DG

Dawn deFuria

Greetings from Governor Dawn!

I hope the Rotary year has gotten off to a great start for you as it has for me!



It's an honor for me to serve District 7450 as Governor for the 2017-2018 year. I am so excited and I am ready to serve and be a "resource" for you and your clubs. While I am the fourth woman Governor of our district and I am one of 103 women who are District Governors this year under the leadership of Rotary International President Ian Riseley from Australia.

I first want to thank everyone who attended our Governor's Installation on June 20th at the People's Light Theater. I want to give a special thank you to RIDE Jeffry Cadorette for his participation as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The venue was beautiful and there was a lot of energy and FUN in the room. We had many Past District Governors join us for the evening. PDG Sandy Costanzo, our first woman Governor was there with her husband Matt coming from Atlantic City. We recognized PDG's Lynmar Brock, Dr. Bob Poole, Hogie Hanson, Mark McGill, Art Judson and Tom McCarthy for their many years of dedicated service to Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Longwood passed the "Home Club of the Governor" banner to the Rotary Club of Greater West Chester Sunrise, where it will reside for the next year.

The train whistles were a big hit and I am hoping every President will use their whistle to end their meeting every week!

The last few months of the year as DGE were filled with a lot of planning and training opportunities. The 2017-2018 Presidents and the rest of my team are outstanding Rotarians that have been trained for the year and are ready to serve: Rotary Making a Difference. Their dedication and the time they have given to Rotary will ensure that the clubs in our district will have an amazing year as we Get on Board with Rotary!!!

It was terrific to see such a large number of D-7450 Rotarians in Atlanta for the International Convention this year. I believe we had 109 people join us for an exciting convention.

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My hope is that those Rotarians and many more will join us in Toronto next June. The dates are June 23-June 27th. The theme is "Inspiration Around Every Corner".

I want to thank PDG Dave Haradon for his service this past year as our District Governor, leading with the theme of "Rotary Serving Humanity".

By the time you receive this month's edition of our revived newsletter, "The Ace Express" (The acronym I will be using this year is ACE, which stands for Appreciate, Congratulate and Educate), we will be getting ready for the Philadelphia 4th of July Parade. With the help of Philadelphia Rotary Club President Jeff Saperstein, we will have a trolley that we can ride on and the best news is that we will be on television! Thank you Jeff!

On July 12th, we will be having a meeting on starting a "Passport Club", giving more flexibility to members to meet twice a month and still give back to our community. We will be meeting at Charlotte's restaurant in Broomall. The cost is \$25.00. Sign up on DACdb and join us!

I also want to thank Stacey Ballard from the Upper Main Line Rotary Club for her winning bid to throw the first ball out to the Phillies Phanatic on July 26th baseball game. Stacey bid \$2500.00 which will go to the End Polio Now initiative. With the Bill and Melinda Gates match we will have \$7500.00 going to Polio! Please congratulate Stacey when you see her!

The Phillies will be playing the Houston Astros, let's go out and have FUN and fellowship with our District Rotarians! Tickets are still available through Bronwyn Martin.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. Please don't hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns.

Let's not sit or stand on the sidelines in 2017-2018, let's "Get on Board with Rotary, **because Rotary is Making a Difference**"whooooo whoooooo!!!!

SERVING HUMANITY 100 years

Rotary Serving Humanity is the Rotary International Theme for this year and I think that it is a most appropriate theme that we Rotarians embody all the time and not just this year. SERVING HUMANITY.

The Rotary Club of Chester, PA was chartered on June 1, 1917. The Club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Philadelphia under the guidance of E. Wallace Chadwick, an attorney and later a Delaware County judge. Chester became the second club in the District, only twelve years after Rotary itself was founded in 1905. Remember that World War I was going on in Europe since 1915 and the United States formally entered the war on April 6, 1917. The Rotary Club of Chester is the oldest service club/organization in the City of Chester.

In 1921, the Chester Club sponsored the Rotary Club of West Chester and 20 years after its chartering, the Chester Club again sponsored another club, the Rotary Club of Swarthmore.

1937 saw the creation of the Coulter-Eynon Fund for medical and education needs. This fund provides some financial support for individuals who need assistance in meeting medical expenses.

In 1939, the Vocational Committee started a plan to have Chester High School boys observe the vocation in

which they were interested, impressed by this plan for the boys, the Business and Professional Women's Club of Chester sponsored a similar project for girls.

Sounds very much like the WorkReady Program that currently is going on in the City of Chester during the summer.

1969 saw the formation of the Rotary Club of Chichester, the third club sponsored by the Chester Club.

A Chester/Widener University Scholarship program was established in 1973 continuing a long relationship with the Chester Club and Widener University.

In 1987 Rotary International, after a Supreme Court decision, removed the gender requirement from its requirements for club charters. Barbara Hurst was the first woman admitted to the Rotary Club of Chester.

The Rotaract Club at Widener University was founded in 1991. Club members Joseph Cirilli and Edith Hilton were instrumental in the formation of this Rotaract club which celebrated its 25th anniversary last year.

In 1992, our club was instrumental in helping to raise funds to build a swimming pool for the Chester Boys Club.

Edith Hilton was the first woman elected as President of the Club in 1997.

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1997 also saw the Chester Club launching and funding of a Women and Infants' Clinic in Nigeria under the leadership of Dr. Dada.

Rotary International recognized the Rotary Club of Chester's Metro Medical Center in Nigeria as the third best project of the century in 2004. Out of all of the Rotary Clubs in the world, only 5 received this "Best project of the Century" award!

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Rotary International, in 2005, our club raised funds, installed and gave a town clock to the City of Chester located at the corner of 4th and Avenue of the States, just across from the Chester City Hall.

In 2011, the Chester Club first participated in Pennsylvania's One Book, Every Young Child initiative under the leadership of Francy Cross and has continued this project for the past 7 years. The Chester Club has had the help of several other local Rotary Clubs in the project. (To date, we, along with our fellow club partners, have distributed over 10,340 books to pre-school children.) For our participation in this project, we received awards from the Delaware County Intermediate Unit and a Literacy Service Excellence award at the RI International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal (Award received by club member Joy Jones).

In 2013 we participated in a WorkReady Chester Global Grant written by the Swarthmore Rotary Club. This \$40,000+ Global grant included 11 U.S. clubs and 7 international clubs. Funding of this WorkReady program aided in the development and implementation of a summer internship program for the City of Chester's youth.

2016 saw our club participate in PROJECT C.U.R.E. Thanks to the efforts of club member Aubrey Proud we were able to work with the Keystone-Crozer Health System to pack and move excess medical equipment from the Community Hospital and Crozer North Campus. Members of our club along with Widener University Rotaractors and the Widener University Future Nurses Association we packed over 85 boxes of medical supplies, moved 72 hospital beds and other medical equipment. In February, 2017, 44 of the beds were packed into a container and shipped to a hospital in Tunisia.

The Club has and is currently supporting and participating in the "Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army", the End Polio Now Rotary International Foundation emphasis, Christmas in July for the Salvation Army, On-going support to the Rotaplast program and participating and supporting the "Stop Hunger Now" food packing program.

For the past 2 years it has been my honor to be the President and to work with the dedicated members of the club in serving the needs of the Chester Community and the world. Where will the club be 100 years from now when it celebrates its 200th Anniversary I don't know, I only know that as long as there is a need for groups such as Rotary International to meet the humanitarian needs in the community and the world, this club will continue to help meet those needs.



Front: Rotarian District Governor Dave Haradon, Louise Burroughs, Club President Warren Sell, County Councilman Mike Culp, Assistant District Governor Francy Cross, Jessica Hoopes, Art Sybrandy and Andre Dixon

Back row: Eric Bayne, Edith Hilton, District Governor Elect, Dawn DeFuria, County Council Vice Chair Colleen Morrone, Council Chairman Mario Civera Jr., Councilman John McBlain, Councilman Dave White, Charles O'Hala and Thomas Moore.





Top 10 Reasons To Promote Service in Your Club



#10: Service is good for your Club.

Service provides physical and mental rewards for your membership.

It Reduces stress: Experts report that when you focus on someone other than yourself, it interrupts usual tension-producing patterns.

It Makes you healthier: Moods and emotions, like optimism, joy, and control over one's fate, strengthen the immune system.

#9: Service saves community resources.

Service provides valuable community services so more money can be spent on local improvements.

The estimated value of a volunteer's time in California is \$26.87 per hour based on the Corporation for National & Community Service.

#8: Service provides a great networking opportunity

Service provides an unparalleled opportunity to meet and get to know the Community and members of your Club.

#7: Service brings people together.

Through service, your Club will

Uniting people from diverse backgrounds to work toward a common goal

Building camaraderie and teamwork

#6: Service will bring you new members

Inviting people to your causes before inviting them to lunch will generate membership growth

#5: Service strengthens your community.

Through service, your Club can

Support families (daycare and eldercare)

Improve schools (tutoring, literacy)

Support youth (mentoring and after-school programs)

Beautify the community (beach and park cleanups)

#4: Your Club will learn a lot.

Volunteers learn things like these:

Self: Volunteers discover hidden talents that may change your view on your self worth.

Government: Through working with local non-profit agencies, volunteers learn about the functions and operation of our government.

Community: Volunteers gain knowledge of local resources available to solve community needs.

#3: You get a chance to give back.

Your Club will like supporting community resources that they use themselves or that benefit people they care about.

#2: Service encourages civic responsibility.

Community service and volunteerism are an investment in your community and the people who live in it.

#1: Your Club will make a difference.

Every person counts!



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CHESTER COUNTY CHALLENGE FOR CANCER Annual Charity Bicycle Ride

Originally a part of the annual May Festival that benefits the Chester County Hospital, the Brandywine Valley Heating and Air Conditioning Challenge for Cancer bicycle ride event was created as a fund-raiser for the Cancer Center of the hospital and the Neighborhood Hospice Organization. This year was its nineteenth year and the ride has raised over \$500,000 for the two organizations. The ride has attracted over 700 riders in each of its years and is comprised of separate loops of 5, 10, 30, 50 and 65 miles. The rides leave from the Fern Hill Medical Building near the borough of West Chester and travels through scenic, hilly Chester County. The ride has attracted people from all over southeastern Pennsylvania and also New Jersey and Delaware.



The success of the ride is dependent on a significant number of volunteers that handle a variety of functions during the event. A ride committee, made up of about 15 people, has served to organize and coordinate the event for all of these years. The additional volunteers, numbering about 75 people per year, perform services such as monitoring intersections, working at rest stops, driving support vehicles, cooking the barbecue, and handling the registration duties. We receive volunteer services from a local ambulance service and also a bicycle shop supplies our technical support.

On the day of the ride, all of the services and volunteers need to be coordinated and monitored through constant communication. In the past years, we have utilized cell phones to accomplish this task. At times, the cell phone service has not been available due to the remoteness of some of the locations. With the use of the Chester County Amateur Radio team, we are now able to provide immediate contact for our personnel in the event of a specific need or an emergency. We appreciate the consideration of this group in the request of the Challenge Committee for the use of their services.

At the end of the riding experience, the riders are treated to a full barbecue. This includes hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, and veggie burgers. There are also snack items and drinks provided. This is served at the registration area and provides a nice social time for the riders after they complete their ride. For many years, the Greater West Chester Rotary Club (GWCSR) has volunteered to do the cooking for the barbecue has been a financial sponsor of that part of the event. The GWCSR Club has been an integral part of the event since its inception. One of our original committee members was a member of the GWCSR. He

was diagnosed with colon cancer and passed away from the disease. The ride event was dedicated in his name the following year.

The proceeds for the ride are evenly distributed between the two agencies mentioned above. The Chester County Hospital believes that they will do all that they can to extend services to their patients.

They know that the more that they can do to support a patient through their cancer treatment or their hospice services, the better the outcome of the care. To this end, cancer patients are extended transportation services, yoga classes, massage, and educational treatment programs.

Women have come a long way in the Rotary world

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By Joseph Batory, Times Guest Columnist
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It was an "earth-shaking" moment in the Rotary world. In 1978, the Rotary Club of Duarte (California) admitted three women as members in violation of the Rotary International Constitution. As a result, the Rotary Club of Duarte had its club charter removed by Rotary International (March, 1978).

It then became a battle for gender-based equality to prevail. The California courts went back and forth for several years regarding a lawsuit by the Rotary Club of Duarte against Rotary International. But finally, the United States Supreme Court in 1987 ruled that Rotary clubs could not exclude women.

Things happened fast after that. By 1990, there were more than 20,000 female Rotary members. And currently there are more than 200,000 women Rotary members internationally.

"We really waited far too long to wait to achieve a Rotary that reflects the world in which we live," said Rotary International's incoming 2017-2018 president Iain Risely from Australia. And Risely noted that 103 of the 539 incoming governors internationally for 2017-2018 are "women leaders who will help Rotary connect with, and represent, and better serve, all of the members of all our communities."

One of those new Rotary women leaders is Dawn deFuria from the Greater West Chester Sunrise Club.

For the 2017-2018 year, she will become the fourth female to be the governor of our area's Rotary District 7450. The other Rotary female leaders from our area have been Bonnie Korengel (Longwood Rotary 2011-2012), Joan Batory (Philadelphia Rotary, 2010-2011) and Sandra Costanzo (Langhorne Rotary, 1999-2000).

Meanwhile, there are several female Rotarians who have reached the highest levels of Rotary International as officers. So how long before we see a woman president of Rotary International?

"I believe we'll see a female Rotary International president within the next five years," said Jennifer Jones, one of the four Rotary International current directors.

"And this will happen because that woman is qualified and not because she is a woman. We now have a critical mass of women in Rotary who have served or currently serving with distinction as directors and one of them is going to achieve that post!"

Paul Harris, who founded Rotary way back in 1905, offered these prophetic words. "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again!"

It took a while to write this change and it wasn't easy... but today Rotarians around the world are celebrating 30 years of "Women in Rotary."

Joseph Batory, a member of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, is the author of three books and has been widely published on politics and education.



*"First 100 Books Collected at
DGE Dawn's Installation"*



Books were given to the Treehouse Project in North Philadelphia

Clubs can also donate online at Treehousebooks.org. Contact Joan Batory at joan@joanbatory.com if you have any questions. Book and monetary donations count as one of the five projects to earn the District Literacy Committee Award



RI Convention 2017 in Atlanta- My First —Francy Cross

If you've never been to a Rotary International Convention then I must say one thing to you, "Go!"

There is a side of Rotary that you can only see, feel and experience at an international convention.

I am so happy that I was able to have that amazing experience. I now have a fuller understanding of Rotary and its world wide impact. Yes, at times, I thought I'd explode with pride because I am a part of this awesome group. Let me tell you about my experience, in hopes that one day soon, you will share in my excitement.

On the first day, I got lost in a sea of Rotarians on their way to the Opening Session. But it was okay, they were a friendly bunch. So many different people from all over the world working and believing in the same cause. Just amazing! I could not speak to many of them, but we understood each other. Together we will work to eradicate Polio, stop human trafficking, provide clean water, educate our children and make our world a better place.

I met Rotarians from far away places like Perth, Australia. Jim and I struck up a conversation on the bus back to the hotel. I glanced over at his name tag and realized that we happened to share same last name!



Jim Cross meets Francy Cross



Swoop from the Wizards



Danielle Lallement from the San Francisco Evening Club



I met new friends, one who discovered my hidden talent.

Swoop from the Wizards, a division of the Globetrotters, taught me how to spin a basketball on a pen.

I was among strangers but I felt at home.

I also ran into old friends, from districts close by and from Youth Exchange. I caught up with Danielle Lallement from the San Francisco Evening Club, where my daughter is a member and who I've met at their club's charter night. She gave a wonderful presentation on how to attract new members. Good to see younger people not only interested in Rotary but participating in leadership roles.

When the Convention was over, I was a bit sad. I had more Rotary to learn, projects to see and people to meet. Good thing this is an annual event!

I am looking forward to the next RI Convention, who's on board?



party time” for Rotarians of the King of Prussia Rotary

It was “party time” for Rotarians of the King of Prussia Rotary as we gathered at the Bonefish Grill in KOP to celebrate two key club events of our 2016-2017 year. On 21 June we held our annual President’s Picnic, which this year was combined with our 60th year in Rotary. With the help of the Wayne Rotary Club as a sponsor, our “King of Clubs” was chartered in 1956.

We were joined in celebration by several Rotarians from the Wayne Rotary Club as well as our District Governor Dave Haradon, our incoming District Governor Dawn deFuria, Past District Governors Russ deFuria (2007-2008) and Doug Blazey (2014-2015). We very much appreciated the inter-club camaraderie among us.

Past President Carl Pinto welcomed our guests with a 60th Anniversary speech about our club’s beginnings “three score and naught year’s ago” in 1956 which included stanzas from our Club’s Charter President Carl A Beck who authored a ballad titled “Long Live the King”. This was written to help understand our kinship with King of Prussia and its famous Inn, which then stood in the middle of Route 202.



Genesis – I	
An inn was built to succor those Who traveled 'round the Earth. And its creator (by most forgot) Did name and dedicate This edifice unto his friend , King Frederick the Great.	Though cold, raw snow And wintry blow Did scream across the lands, The King of Prussia Inn held fast, And still today it stands.

President Guy Homer presented Club Achievement Awards to Jack Alfonse, Marianne Furman, Kevin Katarynick, Renata Maslowski, Bill Miller and Carl Pinto. In addition, Paul Harris Fellow recipients in attendance were recognized and presented with their respective pins; Bill Miller PHF, Barbara McMullan PHF +1, George Shoffner PHF +2, Kevin Katarynick PHF +3, Dave Staiger PHF +3 and Carl Pinto PHF +8. (At our regular club meeting June 26th, Barry Fry was presented his first Paul Harris Fellow and Earl Clairmont was present his PHF+7.) A total of 12 Paul Harris Fellow were obtained this past Rotary year.

Special recognition to Karen Geller was presented by incoming club president Bill Miller, for her 11 years of service with the Club and wished her well, as she and her husband Bob are relocating to the beaches of New Jersey. Bill also presented Guy with a gift of appreciation for his service to the Club as President for the past year.

Everyone in attendance agreed that the food and service presented by the Bonefish Grill was superb. The King of Clubs has endured for 60 years , and our Rotarians, past, present and future, have consistently provided for the needs of our community with one goal in mind, “**Service Above Self.**”



*President Guy Homer and
Incoming President Bill
Miller*

Submitted by: Carl Pinto, Executive Secretary,
Past Presiden, KOP Rotary.