

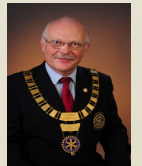
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Dear Rotary friends

Welcome to this fourth Newsletter 2014-15 in Zone 16.

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1. Dear Rotary Leaders – dear Rotary Friends

It is no more than two months left of this Rotary year. In Norway spring is beautiful, the days are longer than the nights and people are happy. No snow to shuffle at yet no grass to cut. In other words: a happy time of the year.

As you know, we are facing huge challenges when it comes to polio. But we are getting closer and closer to our goal: to end Polio. A lot of you have given your time and money to this fight through many years, let us finish to the last step! I have yet no idea of what numbers we will reach this year, as a lot of the contributions usually are given in May and June. But it looks good so far and I am very happy about that!

This year our zone has 8 Global Grants (GG). That is 50% of the districts and not bad! I hope we will have even more next year. We know that some of you have been struggling to get your GG approved. The zone's acceptance rate of 80% means that four out of five applications submitted to date have been approved, but it is still below the worldwide average of 90%. We want to get up to 90%, and are working with Espen Malmberg in Zürich to make a tool kit to improve our success. We are also preparing a webinar on GG this autumn. More information will be given later this spring.

2. Welcome to Foundation Seminar November 20th

The Seminar will be at Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth near Birmingham along with Institute.

We hope you will join us for a whole day about Foundation matters. We can promise you updated news, excellent speakers, breakout -sessions with several topics to choose from. And above all – possibilities to speak with other DRFCs, specialist from Evenstone and other Rotary Leaders. Read about the Institute www.rotarygbi.org/institute/ We will come back with detailed program. Hope to see you all!



3. Polio



On 22 April the situation was as follows:

Country	2014 (calendar year)	2015 (to date)	Date of last case
Pakistan	306	20	17 Mar 15
Afghanistan	28	1	21 Jan 15
Somalia	5	0	11 Aug 14
Nigeria	6	0	24 July 14
Cameroon	5	0	9 July 14
Equatorial Guinea	5	0	3 May 14
Iraq	2	0	7 April 14
Syria	1	0	21 Jan 14
Ethiopia	1	0	4 Jan 14
Total	359	21	

Rotary Program Updates

Afghanistan

- The National PolioPlus Committee Chair in Afghanistan participated in a Cross Border Coordination Meeting for Afghanistan and Pakistan on 16-17 April in Kabul. The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Public Health to help coordinate activities and ensure the migrant population traveling between the two countries can be reached with the polio vaccine.
- A PolioPlus Partners grant of \$51,367 was recently approved to support the additional vaccinators needed to immunize travelers who must show evidence of a polio vaccination before they can obtain their visas for travel to India.

Nigeria

- Nigeria has not reported a case of polio since July 2014, and stands on the brink of achieving polio free status. With recent elections, there is concern that this progress will be threatened during the transition to a new government. The National PolioPlus Committee in Nigeria continues to play an important role in ensuring the progress is sustained through their outreach to government and religious leaders and through their support of health camps in the high risk areas of the country.
- Rotary clubs in Nigeria are involved in a range of projects intended to help in the polio eradication effort. The Rotary club of Lagos held a ceremony to distribute wheel chairs to polio survivors. Nigerian Rotaract members from District 9110 and 9012 held a conference to discuss how they could work together in support of the program.

Pakistan

- National PolioPlus Committee Chair Aziz Memon met with Aseefa Bhutto Zardari at Bilawal House on 16 April 2015 to discuss the polio situation in Sindh. She offered support for Rotary's polio eradication efforts in Pakistan, including advocacy and media outreach to help raise awareness and funds for the program.
- Karachi West is one of the highest risks Districts in Sindh. In order to raise awareness, build community relationships and address immediate health concerns, the Deputy Commissioner West and the National PolioPlus Committee in Pakistan have established a series of health Camps in high risk areas of Karachi West to overcome demand refusals in the local community.
- The Rotary Club of Karachi Sunset Millennium in conjunction with the German Consulate Karachi has completed work on a Maternal and Child Health Centre in Buddhapur village Jamshoro. The center has been constructed with the support of Rotary and US\$1 million in medical equipment donated by the German consulate. Staff will conduct routine

immunization, administer polio drops, and provide a range of other health services.

Advocacy Update

United States

- Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL), who has been recognized by Rotary as a Polio Eradication Champion, sponsored a commemorative resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Salk Vaccine, progress toward polio eradication and the role of Rotary International and partners in the effort.

G7

- Rotarians in all G7 member states have reached out to their G7 representatives to encourage the commitment of G7 countries to global polio eradication at the 2015 summit which will be held in early June. Germany's National Advocacy Advisor Hildegard Dressino has been invited to participate in a G7 NGO forum with Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel.

European Union

- Thanks in large part to the work of Rotarians, 145 Members of European Parliament have signed the European Declaration to encourage the European Commissions continued political and financial support for polio eradication. Rotary and partners are continuing to work to secure the fully 377 signatures needed by the 9 June deadline.
- Global Polio eradication efforts and Rotary's role therein will be featured on an EU website during World Immunization Week.
- Rotary will hold a lunch discussion on polio eradication in the European Parliament on 29 April. Featured participants include European Development Commissioner Neven Mimica, MEP Linda McAvan, Chair of the Development Committee, Judith Diment, Chair of Rotary's Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force, and John Lange, Chair of the Polio Partners Group.

Calendar of Events

- 25-30 April – World Immunization Week
- 28 April – Polio symposium, Brasilia, Brazil
- 29 April -30 April - Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) meeting
- 29 April – Kangaroo Meeting in the European Union
- 30 April – Rotary presentation to House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development
- 13 May – Reception Honoring US Congressional Champions of Polio Eradication, Washington D.C.
- 18-26 May – World Health Assembly
- 23 May – Missouri Celebration of 30 Years of PolioPlus
- 2-3 June 2015 – IPPC meeting
- 23-27 June Polio Celebrity Ambassador Isabelli Fontana travels to Angola

As you will see by 22 April there have been no new cases in Nigeria since 24 July 2014. Afghanistan had 1 case 21 January and Pakistan 21 cases reporting the latest case 17 March.

We urge all clubs and districts to keep on supporting the End Polio Now campaign – We are *THIS CLOSE*.

If you want to hear more about Polio and the campaign, then contact:

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4. ORF – Our Rotary Foundation here and now – by Jørgen Ørum.

Polio. Sunday, 12 April, marks 60 years since the Salk polio vaccine was declared safe, effective, and potent



JOHN KENNY, Trustee Chair 2014-15

Chair's message

When the new grant model for The Rotary Foundation was introduced under the Future Vision Plan, the Trustees decided that it should be reviewed in the 2015-16 Rotary year so that your experiences could help make our processes as effective as possible.

The Trustees recognize that grants involve many participants who may have different expectations, so I have **appointed an independent committee of four past RI presidents to ensure that all views will be considered, and to ensure confidentiality to anyone who may want it.**

The committee would like to hear about your experiences with the areas of focus and district and global grants, and to seek your ideas for any improvements that could make our Rotary Foundation the best possible. It comprises myself and Past RI Presidents Kalyan Banerjee, Ray Klingensmith, and Bill Boyd, who will serve as chair. We welcome your suggestions, which you can email to futurevisionbillboyd@outlook.com.

We will read and analyze your ideas and meet at the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, to decide on any items that should be given to the Trustees Programs Committee. That committee will undertake the necessary surveys to ensure we are reflecting the opinions of every Rotary member, and will report back to us at the January 2016 International Assembly. We intend to make our recommendations at the April 2016 meeting of the Trustees.

We seek your support to ensure that our Rotary Foundation continues to do good in the world in the best possible way.

Our Rotary Foundation funded 488 district grants worth a total of \$23.5 million and 868 global grants worth \$47.3 million.

We have learned that some sponsors of global grants have struggled with needs assessments, sustainability, and monitoring and evaluation. This is where the cadre can be of practical assistance, so its members have been asked to increase their availability to grant sponsors from the start of the application process. Clubs and districts that sponsor grants can access this assistance by contacting their regional grants officer.

We are looking to add volunteers to our cadre in all areas of focus and in auditing. If you are interested in joining, email cadre@rotary.org for more information.

The aim of the Trustees is to make the new grant model as user-friendly as possible to clubs and districts!

5. Deadline for articles to the first Newsletter in the Rotary Year 2015-16 (number 1) .

The deadline for articles etc. to next number of The Zone 16 Newsletter is 25th July 2015.

I take the opportunity to thank you all for your co-operation in the last Year. I was elected for one Year and I don't want to be re-elected for another term. I wish you all a good time and work in the future to benefit for The Rotary Foundation. I wish my successor as ARRFC good luck.



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Warm Greetings
Jørgen Ørum
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