



122 MILLION

Number of children's lives saved since 1900

More children survived in 2015 than in 2014. More survived in 2014 than in 2013, and so on. If you add it all up, 122 million children under age five have been saved over the past 25 years. These are children who would have died if mortality rates had stayed where they were in 1990.

The most magical number Bill & Melinda Gates know is zero. This is the number they strive toward every day at their foundation. Zero malaria. Zero TB. Zero HIV. Zero malnutrition. Zero preventable deaths. Zero difference between the health of a poor child and every other child.

Moving toward zero is perhaps the biggest difference between their philanthropy and a business. In the private sector, the goal is to stay in business. In their case, nothing would make them happier than going out of business because they had achieved their goals.

Polio is closest to reaching this magic number. Bill Gates and Warren Buffet talked about polio a lot. When they were growing up, they, as many of us did, saw things youngsters never see today: children with polio on crutches and leg braces, photos of kids in iron lungs. By the late 1970s, with the help of vaccines, the United States eliminated polio, but it still raged around the world. In 1988, when the global campaign was launched to end polio, there were 350,000 new cases each year.



Bill Gates thanks Rotary for Polio Campaign

Bill & Melinda Gates have not given up on zero Polio; neither should we.

We are part of the ZERO campaign, instrumental in the aim through our promise to the children of the world that one day we would rid the world of this dreaded disease.

Despite the availability of vaccines polio in Britain remained a threat, with 707 acute cases and 79 deaths in the UK as late as 1961. In 1962, Britain switched to Sabin's OPV vaccine, in line with most countries in the developed world. There have been no domestically acquired cases of the disease in the UK since 1982.

But, despite our achievements to date, in 2017, down to 3 cases of the wild polio virus reported in Afghanistan and 2 cases in Pakistan, we have not reached our goal!

Your giving remains essential to reaching our goal.

Remember, for each £1 contribution the Gates' Foundation will match it two to one.

The Gates' foundation has committed up to US\$70 million per year until 2018 which if fully realised, puts the value of the partnership with Rotary at more than US\$500 million



Celebrate a century of doing good

Let's party!



Typhoo Tea is coming on board to help with the **Purple4Polio** campaign and will be donating some tea and mugs for our **Purple4Polio** tea parties.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

"Rotary is built of men made of good stuff; the ideal of service is developing into practice. As a consequence, the organization will never stand still."



~ Arch C. Klumph
Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, USA
April, 1929

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Thank you for your contributions and comments to the editor

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View from the Top

Rotarians are finding creative ways to celebrate our Rotary Foundation centennial and showcase our Foundation's century-long commitment to doing good in the world. Some Rotarians are honouring our Foundation by sponsoring global grant projects.

For example, fighting dengue fever in Indonesia, providing sanitation facilities in Colombia, and promoting early detection of breast cancer in Turkey.

Rotaractors and Interactors have answered the call to perform 100 acts of good this year. They are donating blood, visiting the elderly, and volunteering at food pantries.

By celebrating this milestone, we are sharing our success stories with the world.

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you can be completely confident that your fellow Rotarians put those donations to work on life-changing projects in our six areas of focus. That confidence should inspire our continued support, especially when we consider the remarkable results.

In 2016, cable news channel CNBC named The Rotary Foundation one of the "Top 10 Charities Changing the World," citing our PolioPlus program as well as our financial health, accountability, and transparency of reporting. In addition, the Association of Fundraising Professionals named The Rotary Foundation the World's Outstanding Foundation for 2016.

In 2015-16, our Foundation provided \$76 million for all global grants, which also fight disease, save mothers and children, promote peace, support education, and provide economic opportunities to many people worldwide. Your gifts are what make this good work possible.

Our centennial year is not over yet. You still have time to plan a special event, make a centennial contribution, and add more acts of good.

Kalyan Banerjee, Trustee Chair 2016-17

Roamin' in the Gloamin!



EMGA Zone 17 Alasdair Seale reports

Rotary has teamed up with a Scotland wide charity event to enable Rotarians in Scotland, and all those brave enough to travel north, to raise funds on one of a number of scenic charity walks in major Scottish cities over the coming months. Aberdeen 4th June , Dundee 20th August and Edinburgh 17th September.

It's a simple idea and is supported by Sir Tom Hunter - a well-known benefactor, entrepreneur and philanthropist. In short The Kiltwalk team organise the walks and volunteers walk for a charity of their choice. The good news is that the Rotary Foundation (RFUK) is a sponsor charity which means any walker can just tick a box on the website when registering and all their sponsorship goes to our Rotary Foundation.

So if you fancy a beautiful sponsored walk while raising money for Our Foundation, look no further. Just get on the website to register, tick the box for TRF and raise some sponsorship. Wearing the kilt while walking is definitely preferred - but not essential. If you are travelling from afar, Alasdair has offered to source pre-loved good condition kilts from charity shops for you!

<http://www.thekiltwalk.co.uk/>



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focus on a century service

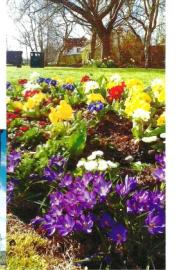
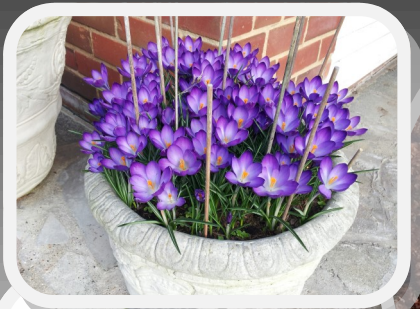
The Rotary Club of

Exmouth & District offers you the celebration car sticker at a highly discounted price, i.e. one third of that of a normal car sticker. Your own celebration car sticker would cost £1.50 inc p&p or for a group 10 @ £6.00 inc p&p

For each sticker sold, the Rotary Club of Exmouth & District will contribute 10p to Our Rotary Foundation.

Please let our projects committee know of your interest through the editor email: fah.venn@btinternet.com or tel: 01392 876017

A Purple Patch in our quest to End Polio Forever!



Harrietsham in Bloom
Crocus kindly donated by the
Rotary Club of
The Weald of Kent
Purple4Polio-2017



Thanks to Rotary Clubs in
Bicester, Cherwell, Clanfield, Exmouth, Faringdon, Maidenhead, Weald of Kent
and Currie Balerno
and partners Children's Hospice South West, Exmouth in Bloom,
Harrietsham in Bloom and RHS

Good News from ARRFC Celia

The Rotary Club of Tynedale arranged for purple crocuses to be planted in various places in and around their region. In addition, crocus buttonholes have been very well received in Tynedale and as far away as Carlisle. Their visual impact has been noted in a number of ways. For example, nursery children (age 2-3) in Carlisle were encouraged to produce paintings and collages of the emerging flowers and were instructed about the good work done to prevent little children from becoming infected with a nasty illness. The children were obviously impressed by the message as several parents reported over the following days that the message had been relayed very clearly at home.

John McCabe, International Chairman



Coordinator's Institute in Evanston.

Every year change occurs at Club and District level; the Director's team at Regional level is no different.

I was extremely honoured to be asked to take over the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator's (RRFC's) role for Zone 17 (Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Isle of Man, northern & central England) from Allan MacLauchlan – a hard task to follow.

The April Institute in Evanston for incoming Coordinators reinforced how fortunate we are with Britain & Ireland in that all districts in Zone 17 are relatively close to each other, there are no time Zones to cross, and there are no (significant!) language differences or war zones to contend with – not all RRFCs are so fortunate.

The Institute is designed to be a 'fun, informative and engaging' series of interactive sessions and plenary sessions. I certainly learnt a lot and referred to the Institute as the best training opportunity that I had experienced since putting my head above the parapet and becoming my Club's President.

More details of how the Zone 17 team will offering support to the District Governors and their teams in future issues – one aspect will be underpinning all activities will be 'team working' across all elements of RI's Strategic Plan.

As for the photograph – I saw these wine bottles in an Evanston store and wondered whether the labels depicted the aging process over the three years of a RRFC's appointment!

End Polio Now Coordinator Zone 17 Mike Parry,

Scenes from Conference 2017 Manchester



The busy Rotary Foundation Area – the “bear necessities” available!



“I’ll be with you all the way”

says Ade Adepitan – Ade has agreed to become our latest Rotary Purple4Polio Ambassador.

Rotarians across Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland are delighted to welcome Paralympian, broadcaster and polio survivor Ade Adepitan as our latest Rotary Purple4Polio Ambassador.

Ade commented: “Rotary always does a lot of good work on polio you are one of the leading charities on polio if not the leading charity.”



The boys bring the tasters! Stop me and buy one!



Man in the Iron Lung! If you recognise this man – let the editor know!



However, a serious exercise in recognising the bad past of polio.

Eva's Story



18 year old Eva Edgeworth-Anderson gave an inspirational presentation on polio at the District 1175 Conference in March; watched by Noel Trevaskis, Rotary International Director, the Rotary International President's representative. He commented:

"The presentation on polio at District 1175 Conference was the best presentation I have ever seen on polio".

She spoke of her challenge two years ago to Rotarians not finish with polio until we have closed the door. Eva agreed that whilst being so close we have still to close the gap! She provoked the audience into giving the "this close" sign then challenged us all to close our fingers in anticipation that we will have eradicated polio; we Rotarians can then show the "okay" sign that the job has been completed.

Eva asked and urged Rotary and all Rotarians, on behalf of the children of the world, not to give up on the eradication of polio.

Noel has sent this public message

"Eva, if you were invited to Australia in 2018 for the Zone 8 Institute, which is on the first weekend of September, would you be available? Airfares would be covered and accommodation. I don't know how that would fit in with your studies at Uni. "

District Governor Stephen Lay has added: "I don't think we could get a better endorsement of Conference than the comment he makes", and on Facebook, "This is a true example of how "Rotary helps young people, regardless of their ability, to achieve their potential, and how Rotary can use that potential to motivate and inspire Rotarians. Eva was identified as a promising public speaker in Youth Speaks in 2013 and has since spoken on several occasions to Rotarians across Devon and Cornwall to encourage them to finish the polio job. It was not Youth Speaks that has given her this tremendous opportunity to travel to Australia at Rotary expense – it was us Rotarians having the foresight and power of conviction to ask Eva to do more, much more!" Have a look at this:

Polio - Part 1 by Eva Edgeworth-Anderson with Rtn Roger Byrom (RC Braunton Green) and Rtn Jim Henderson (RC Penryn) <https://youtu.be/K7WF1nx9-Xw>

Footnote: Noel Trevaskis is a member of Bega Rotary, Zone 7 & 8 New South Wales, Australia, a Paul Harris Fellow and major donor to Our Foundation.

What's on!

[Rotary and the Fight to End Polio](#)

13th May – 16th July

FREE Exhibition

The exhibition, promoted by the Rotary Club of Bewdley, will explain Poliomyelitis (polio) and the story of how, through a Rotary led campaign, this debilitating disease will very shortly be destroyed forever.

May 2017 Youth Service Month

June 2017 Rotary Fellowships Month

Our Rotary Foundation's 100th anniversary

10-14 June — [The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Celebration](#), Atlanta, Georgia, USA

30 June — Last day for [Rotary](#) and [Rotaract clubs](#) to report activities to earn a Presidential Citation

30 June — [Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award](#) nominations are due

30 June — [Rotary Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award](#) nominations (from zones) are due

30 June — [Rotary Alumni Association of the Year](#) nominations (from zones) due

Cancellation of the Coventry Peace Conference 10th April 2017.

In the last edition of Zone In we featured an article promoting what was intended to be the first National Youth Peace Conference to be held in Great Britain and Ireland. It was to have been organised by the RIBI Foundation Committee and supported by funding from the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator's Funds.

Regrettably I had not fully investigated the constraints upon the use of these funds and was not aware that some of the key elements of the conference could not be sourced from these funds.

Desperate attempts were made to source the shortfall, and despite the generous offer of support from the Rotary club of Kirkcudbright, there was still insufficient funding available to allow the conference to proceed. I therefore had to very reluctantly make the decision initially to postpone the event that was subsequently cancelled by others upon further review.

This was a source of great sadness for me personally, as I fervently believe that OUR First Area of Focus, the concept of Peace, and Conflict Resolution, will be the cornerstone on which our society's future will be based.

Allan Maclaughlan RRFC Zone 17 2014/17.

Fun(d)-Raisers



*Celebrate Rotary
with Fellowship*

The Rotary Club of Elgin has been successfully promoting the sale of a 10 year old Speyside single malt Whisky for some 12 years and has generated over £40,000 with all commissions going to Rotary Foundation to support the End Polio campaign. This will have covered the cost of over 100,000 inoculations against polio.
fellowship@elgin-rotary.org

Purple 4 Polio

PLANT A CROCUS & HELP END POLIO NOW
2017/18 ORDER FORM FOR PURPLE CROCUS CORMS
Just £95 per box of 5,000 purple crocus corms

ALL Rotary Club and RHS related group ORDERS must be submitted to the Rotary District Foundation Chair
who will collate all orders and arrange with Ian Priestley for the one delivery point per District

RHS related groups click here to find your nearest Rotary club <http://www.rotarygbi.org/club-finder/>

Rotary Club	_____	Rotary Club ID Number	_____
Contact Name	_____	Rotary District	_____
Email	_____	Tel No.	_____
Total No of Boxes	_____	At £95 per box	_____
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Essential additional information please

Are any of these boxes for an RHS related group?	Yes / No	If Yes please complete below
How many boxes are for use by an RHS related group alone?	No of Boxes
How many boxes are for a joint project by Rotary & RHS related group?	No of Boxes
How many boxes are for use by Rotary alone?	No of Boxes
RHS related group name	_____	
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Cheques made payable to 'RIBI' with Rotary club name & ID number on the back of it please

Collated order forms AND cheques to be sent from the District Foundation Chairs

by deadline of 31st July 2017 to

PDG Ian Priestley
1 Courses View
Chapel-en-le-Prith
Derbyshire
SK230JZ

Email: rotarycrocus2017@gmail.com

It would be great if every Rotary Club in Britain and Ireland bought at least 1 box
Planting these crocuses is a step towards our goal to eradicate polio - whilst providing a purple splash of colour and vibrancy
across all our communities and helping local wildlife too



Note: Clubs wishing to participate, please follow the instructions on the form and send the forms via their DRFC and not directly to PDG Ian Priestley. Thank you.

Purple 4 Polio Ice Cream

The P4P Ice Cream project was created by The Rotary Club of Huntly in Aberdeenshire and supports the UK-wide polio eradication campaign
Buying the P4P Ice Cream provides lifesaving protection against this crippling disease. Each 125ml tub can save a life: a 1 litre tub can save three!



125ml tub



1 litre tub

'Our ice cream has already provided more than 3850 polio immunisations'

THE HUNTLY ROTARY ICE CREAM TEAM

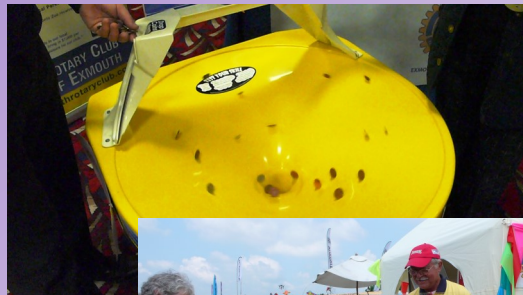


To find out more and to order ice cream visit
www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/purple4polio/ice-cream

Clubs are raising funds with
Spiral Wells

'Putting Fun into Fundraising'
Visit www.exmouthrotaryclub.co.uk

Rotary Club of Exmouth & District is delighted to be of service



Would you like to increase your fund-raising and reduce fatigue, enjoy fellowship and fun? Why not join the many clubs now sporting a spiral well in their districts which have raised an estimated £180,000?