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The Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club CAPE OF GOOD HOPE



False Bay Hospital is one of the better small hospitals,

according to our guest speaker **Dr James Rawlings**, who was an Orthopaedic surgeon and consultant there for many years. He shared many anecdotes in an amusing and entertaining talk which went from being chased by traffic cops as he sped to an emergency in Casualty, to having to evacuate the hospital following a bomb scare, & being called to treat the tragic accident when a young man, Anthony Ghillino from Fish Hoek, was thrown off the back of a bakkie in a MVA on OuKaapseweg. This young man sustained a C4 spinal injury and has subsequently adjusted and transformed his life. He is incredibly involved in helping paraplegics and administrating an excellent establishment for the **Quad Para Association** in Cape Town from his specialised wheelchair – using only his chin to activate the various mechanisms. We were

joined by almost 20 visitors to enjoy this special time.



Jean... the Queen of Gardens, has gathered her team and done it again!!

With the support of Eddie and his hardworking man called "Fly" plus her band of Rotarians and loyal friends, she has transformed the patch of weeds at the intersection of Kommetjie and Quarry Roads into a magnificent rockery of indigenous plants. Well done to everyone for a Fantastic Team Effort & donation of the plants, topsoil and labour 😊



District EarlyAct Training Workshop

Barbara Hurwitz the District Youth Pillar Coordinator ran an effective and efficient Earlyact training on Saturday morning with attractive 'young looking' slides. Well done Barbara on getting all the information across in such an easy manner, and within your time constraints, and thanks for the plug you gave our Club 😊



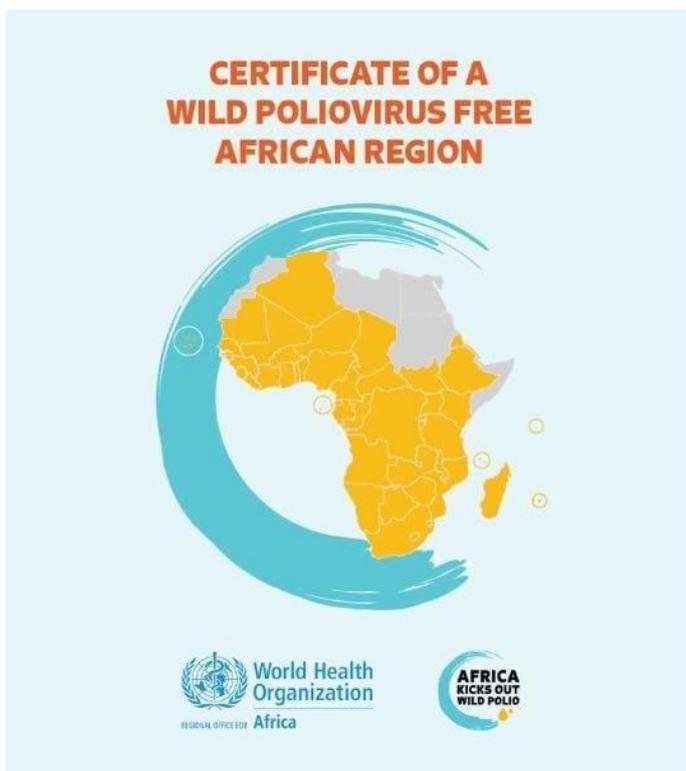
AFRICA IS Officially POLIO FREE

Rotary and its GPEI partners celebrate a monumental achievement, say global eradication of Wild Polio is possible with the continued dedication and persistence of Rotarians

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** on 25 August announced that transmission of the wild poliovirus has officially been stopped in all 47 countries of its African region. This is an historic and vital step toward global eradication of polio, which is Rotary's top priority.

After decades of hard won gains in the region, Rotary and its partners in the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)** — WHO, U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the vaccine alliance — are proclaiming the milestone an achievement in public health. This is proof that strong commitment, coordination, and perseverance can rid the world of Polio.

The certification that the African region is free of Wild Poliovirus comes after the independent Africa Regional Certification Commission (ARCC) conducted thorough field verifications that confirmed no new cases and analysed documentation of polio surveillance, immunization, and laboratory capacity by Cameroon, Central African Republic, Nigeria, and South Sudan. The commission had already accepted the documentation of the other 43 countries in the region



We, the members of the Africa Regional Commission for Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication, conclude today, Tuesday, 25 August 2020, that the transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus has been interrupted in all 47 countries of the WHO African Region.

 Prof Rose Gana Fomban Leke Chairperson	 Dr Arlene King	 Dr Mark Pallansch
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 Dr Ibrahim Kane	 Dr Naddumba Edward Kirende	 Dr Raul Jorge Lopes-Feló
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 Dr Ngokoana Esther Khama	 Dr Rudolf H. Tangermann	 Prof William Bahati Pungu Matuja

**** Here is a link to an interview on Power FM with Shelley Finch :

<https://omny.fm/shows/power-lunch/africa-finally-free-of-wild-poliovirus>



AFRICAN REGION CERTIFIED WILD POLIO-FREE

Dear Rotarians,

It our pleasure to announce to you that the [African region has just been certified wild poliovirus-free](#).

Rotary members have played an invaluable role in the effort to rid the African region of wild polio. We should be proud of all the hard work that we've done to eliminate the Wild Poliovirus throughout Africa and in nearly every country in the world.

This progress is the result of a decades-long effort across [the 47 countries of the African region](#). It has involved millions of health workers traveling by foot, boat, bike and bus, innovative strategies to vaccinate children amid conflict and insecurity, and a huge disease surveillance network to test cases of paralysis and check sewage for the virus.

Over the last two decades, countless Rotary members in countries across the African region and around the world have worked together to raise funds, immunize children, advocate with local and national leaders, and raise awareness about the importance of vaccination, enabling the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to effectively respond to and stop polio outbreaks.

This milestone is an incredible public health achievement for Rotary members, the African region, and our GPEI partners, and a huge step forward on the road to global polio eradication. But we still have important work to do in order to eradicate wild polio in the last two endemic countries.

We have faced many challenges in our journey to eradicate polio. But we've made remarkable progress, and the polio infrastructure that Rotarians helped build will serve as a lasting legacy that will continue to help protect vulnerable children against other diseases for decades to come.

We are calling on you today to recommit yourselves to ending Polio. We need each and every one of you to help finish this fight and [continue raising \\$50 million each year for PolioPlus](#). The eradication of Wild Polio in the African region shows us that Polio eradication is achievable, and that our hard work, partnerships and financial commitment continue to propel us forward, even during a global pandemic. Thank you for your continued efforts, for achieving a wild polio-free African region, and for remaining committed to fulfilling our promise of a polio-free world. Sincerely,

Holger Knaack
President, Rotary International

K.R. Ravindran
Chair, The Rotary Foundation

Former President Nelson Mandela, in his 1996 address at the Organisation for African Unity Summit, originally kicked off the **"Kick Polio Out of Africa"** campaign when he declared ***"only unified efforts which galvanise whole societies towards these goals will succeed in kicking this virus, that looks very much like a football, out of African and eventually, out of the world"***. As part of this initiative, and to coincide with the FIFA World Cup Soccer Tournament which was held in South Africa in 2010 project coordinator PDG June Webber decided to send a soccer ball, which was at the heart of the campaign, signed by Emeritus Desmond Tutu (himself a polio survivor) through 23 Polio-affected countries in Africa. The objective of this four-month pan-African public awareness campaign was to build support for the final push to Kick Polio Out of the continent.

The ball was "kicked off" by international soccer player Hans Vonk, on 23 February to coincide with the EPN landmark lighting of the Old Port Captain's Building, coordinated by PI Chair at the time, Janey Ball.

The KPOA campaign was a game changer, raising global awareness of the potential, the need and benefit of eradicating polio. It was Rotary teamwork in Africa at its absolute best. It also helped mobilize parents of over 100 million children under the age of five for mass immunizations throughout the continent. The campaign resulted in unprecedented press coverage, helping to increase the various fundraising ventures that had been set for the programme, thus considerably enhancing Rotary's public image.



Luis Giay - Rotary International President 1996-1997

A member of the from the Rotary Club of Arrecifes, Buenos Aires has passed on to Higher Service.

Rotary has lost one of its top leaders today.

Our big Rotary family is in mourning.

You left a great legacy for Rotary and the Rotarian Action Group for Peace

Your enthusiasm forever lives on in our minds and hearts.

Rest in peace dear friend PRIP Luis Giay.

MEET OUR 2020/21

DISTRICT GOVERNORS



D9210: Lucie Kasanga



D9211: Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga



D9212: Patrick Obath and his spouse Theresa Ngonyo Obath (Terry).



D9370: Maud Boikanyo



D9350: Carl-Heinz Duisberg with his wife Caroline.



D9400: Annemarie Mostert with her spouse Hans.

Club Meeting & Speaker Programme August - October 2020

Speaker	1 Sept	Zoom	Celebrating POLIO with a variety of speakers	7pm
Membership	5 Sept	Zoom	Membership Workshop - Building new Clubs	10 – 11:30 am
Committee Feedback	8 Sept	Zoom	Sub - Committee – report back meeting	7pm
Meeting in Covid times	12 Sep	Zoom	How to operate meetings under Coved restrictions	10am
BOARD	14 Sept	Zoom	BOARD MEETING	5pm
BUSINESS	15 Sept	Zoom	BUSINESS MEETING	7pm
	19 Sept	Zoom	Membership Workshop-Making Membership Inclusive	10-11:30
	22 Sept	Zoom	TBA	7pm
Guest Speaker	29 Sept	Zoom	Guest Speaker Meeting	7pm
	6 Oct	Zoom	Proposed - Fundraising Show	
BOARD MEETING	12 Oct	Zoom	BOARD MEETING	5pm
BUSINESS MEETING	13 Oct	Zoom	BUSINESS MEETING	7pm
RFHD – Dept of Health	14 Oct		Rotary Family Health Day - Webinar	TBC
RFHD – Rotary Clubs	15 Oct	Various	RFHD – Public Handout ceremony	TBC
	20 Oct		TBA	
	24 Oct	Zoom	Virtual Mini Conference	
Guest Speaker	27 Oct		Guest Speaker Meeting	7pm

Meeting Agenda details and Rotarian Duties

	TUESDAY 1 - SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 8 - SEPTEMBER
WELCOME by PRESIDENT KOOS	Members & guests	Members & guests
LOYAL - TOAST to SOUTH AFRICA	Susan O'Hagan Ward	Kirti Patel
TOAST to RI & other appropriate clubs	Marge Upfold	Hans Zwets
TOAST to Frontline Workers	Hans Zwets	Gillian Anderson
SECRETARIAL NOTICES	Bev Frieslich	Bev Frieslich
Introduce Speaker		
SPEAKER & TOPIC	Celebrating POLIO	Subcommittee Feedback
Thank Speaker		
SERGEANT	Marge Upfold	Hans Zwets
FOUR WAY TEST	Barbara Hurwitz	Maughreen Ladbrook
THANK YOU & GOODBYE	President Koos	President Koos