



JANINE'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Rotarians!

Thank you, for all you are doing to *Make Dreams Real!* During my visits to your clubs I have learned about your many activities at home and around the world. You do great work!

I would like to share the Polio update we received at the Zone Institute in Portland. The news continues to be encouraging. When Rotary started this project in 1985, the polio virus was active in about 125 countries around the world. Currently polio is endemic in only four countries; India, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Yes, that is progress!

A bit of history....polio is an ancient disease. This has been determined from hieroglyphics dating 5000 years that show the existence of polio. It is phenomenal to think that Rotary has undertaken the eradication of something that has been around for so long.

By 1988 Rotary had raised \$240 million to eradicate polio. That number has now increased to \$750 million. Two billion children around the world have been immunized. What we need to remember is that \$6 billion has been spent to date with the additional funds coming from governments and non-governmental organizations around the world. Rotary has many partners in this effort.

I'm sure you are all aware that the Gates Foundation donated \$100 million to The Rotary Foundation to continue the eradication efforts. This was a "challenge" grant and Rotary must raise an additional \$100 million by December 31, 2010. The good news is that \$25 million has been raised to date.

Many clubs in District 5220 have already sent in their \$1000 contribution for this year and are part of that \$25 million. Thank you for that! Many more of you are raising the money to do so. Thank you too! Rotary International hopes that every club world wide will contribute \$1000 for each of the next three years. We don't have to do this all ourselves. Maybe plan a small fund raiser and give your community the opportunity to END POLIO NOW.

As they say, "Polio is only a plane ride away".



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OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH
NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH



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