



Tuesday  
October 27th, 2020

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# Club of Marco Island Sunrise

## Speaker(s) Today



**IMMUNIZATIONS**  
**Dr. Lorant Honoré,**  
Doctor of Pharmacy  
**Upcoming Speakers**

- 11/4 (WED) Sebastian Paz Antelo, X-ray Equipment for the Samaipata Hospita
- 11/10 Robert Thomas, Annual TRF Update
- 11/17 Tracy Frazzano, Chief of Police, Marco Island
- 11/24 Bill Coen, Recognizing Veterans
- 12/1 TBD
- 12/8 Anita Herrera, Guadalupe Center
- 12/15 TBD

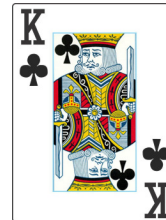
Today's Song/Poem/Quote:  
"Life Quality"  
(see back)



Rotarians at Work

## Keep Your Eye on the Money

This week's 50/50 Raffle is **\$596** and **14 cards left** in the deck. In order to win, your number must be called and you must pick the King of Clubs



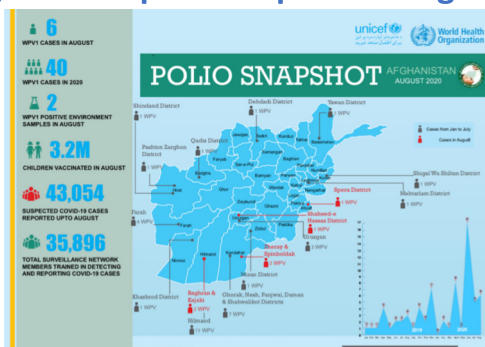
## What is Rotary?

- We're a leadership organization...
- We're made up of local business, professional and civic leaders
- We meet regularly, get to know each other, form friendships
- Work in community and we have fun doing it!

## The 4-Way Test

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

## Afghanistan polio snapshot – August 2020



<http://polioeradication.org/news-post/afghanistan-polio-snapshot-august-2020/>



## Coming Events:

- 11/4 Weekly Meeting on WED
- 11/12 Board Meeting, via Zoom, 7:30
- 11/21 Meals of Hope Packaging Event, location TBD
- 12/4 Holiday Party, TBD
- 12/10 Board Meeting, via Zoom, 7:30
- 12/18 Tentative Holiday Gathering, location TBD
- 1/12 Board Meeting, via Zoom, 7:30

## 2020-2021 Club Officers:

- President:** Erik Condee
- President Elect:** Tony Barnard
- President Elect Nominee:** William Morris
- Immediate Past President:** Tom Mann
- Secretary:** Harold "Bud" Palmer
- Treasurer:** Debra Shanahan
- Sergeant At Arms:** John Apolzan
- Board of Directors:** Wanda Day Burson, Eugenio Cardenas, Neil Snyder, Robert Thomas, Denise Pancyrz, Arne Sandberg, Natalia Armstrong
- Newsletter Editor:** Natalia Armstrong



Sandy Elliott  
Richard Kaplan

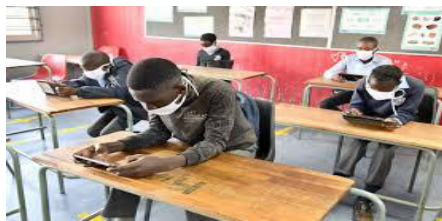
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Rotary Opens Opportunities



## Africa being declared free of the wild poliovirus by Ryan Hyland



Paralympic medalist and TV presenter Ade Adepitan, who co-hosts this year's program, says that the eradication of polio in Africa was personal for him. "Since I was born in Nigeria, this achievement is close to my heart," says Adepitan, a polio survivor who contracted the disease as a child. "I've been waiting for this day since I was young."

He notes that, just a decade ago, three-quarters of all of the world's polio cases caused by the wild virus were contracted in Africa. Now, more than a billion Africans are safe from the disease. "But we're not done," Adepitan cautions. "We're in pursuit of an even greater triumph — a world without polio. And I can't wait."

Rotary Foundation Trustee Geeta Manek, who co-hosts the program with Adepitan, says that World Polio Day is an opportunity for Rotary members to be motivated to "continue this fight."

She adds, "Rotarians around the world are working tirelessly to support the global effort to end polio."

### **A collective effort**

Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Lekki Phase 1, Lagos State, Nigeria, tells online viewers that the milestone couldn't have been reached without the efforts of Rotary members and leaders in Africa and around the world.

Funsho, who was recently [named one of TIME magazine's 100 Most Influential People of 2020](#), says countless Rotarians helped by holding events to raise awareness and to raise funds or by working with governments to secure funding and other support for polio eradication.

"Polio eradication is truly a collective effort ... This accomplishment belongs to all of us," says Funsho.

Rotary and its members have contributed nearly \$890 million toward polio eradication efforts in the African region. The funds have allowed Rotary to award PolioPlus grants to fund polio surveillance, transportation, awareness campaigns, and National Immunization Days.

This year's World Polio Day Online Global Update is streamed on Facebook in several languages and in a number of time zones around the world. The program, which is sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, features Jeffrey Kluger, editor at large for TIME magazine; Mark Wright, TV news host and member of the Rotary Club of Seattle, Washington, USA; and Angélique Kidjo, a Grammy Award-winning singer who performs her song "M'Baamba."

### **The challenges of 2020**

It's impossible to talk about 2020 without mentioning the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed more than a million people and devastated economies around the world.

In the program, a panel of global health experts from Rotary's partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) discusses how the infrastructure that Rotary and the GPEI have built to eradicate polio has helped communities tackle needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, too.

"The infrastructure we built through polio in terms of how to engage communities, how to work with communities, how to rapidly teach communities to actually deliver health interventions, do disease surveillance, et cetera, has been an extremely important part of the effort to tackle so many other diseases," says Dr. Bruce Aylward, senior adviser to the director general at the WHO.

Panelists also include Dr. Christopher Elias, president of the Global Development Division of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Henrietta H. Fore, executive director of UNICEF; and Rebecca Martin, director of the Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Elias says that when there are global health emergencies, such as outbreaks of other contagious diseases, Rotarians always help. "They take whatever they've learned from doing successful polio campaigns that have reached all the children in the village, and they apply that to reaching them with yellow fever or measles vaccine."

The program discusses several pandemic response tactics that rely on polio eradication infrastructure: Polio surveillance teams in Ethiopia are reporting COVID-19 cases, and emergency operation centers in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan that are usually used to fight polio are now also being used as coordination centers for COVID-19 response.

The online program also includes a video of brave volunteer health workers immunizing children in the restive state of Borno, Nigeria, and profiles a community mobilizer in Afghanistan who works tirelessly to ensure that children are protected from polio.

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*The quality of your life  
will be determined by  
the quality of your  
contribution. When you  
work to improve the lives  
of others, your life  
improves automatically.*

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Kluger speaks with several people, including three Rotary members, about their childhood experiences as "Polio Pioneers" — they were among more than a million children who took part in a huge trial of Jonas Salk's polio vaccine in the 1950s.

### **The future of the fight against polio**

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