

# Rotary



## District 7305

The Connector - June 2022

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

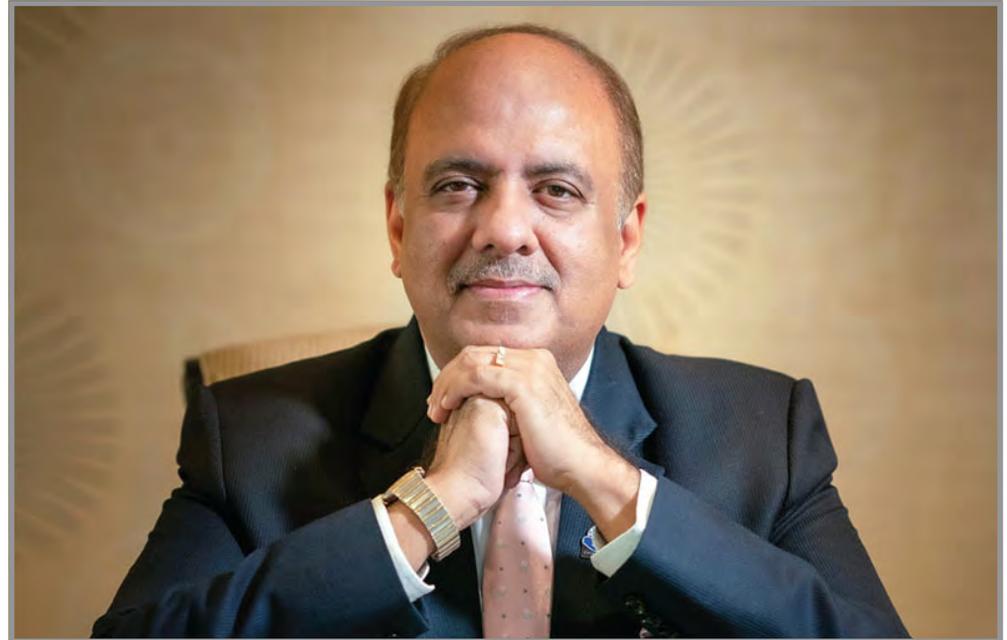
### RI President's Message

Due to your positive response to the Each One, Bring One initiative, I am so happy to see that the membership trends in Rotary are looking up. Let us not lose this momentum - keep inviting new members, and also work hard to retain every member we attract. I look forward to seeing you next month in Houston at the 2022 Rotary International Convention, which I assure you will be a great event.

Also in Houston this June, we will be hosting my final presidential conference. We have devoted this year to conferences built around Rotary's areas of focus. They have been a tremendous success, both in terms of attendance and in the ideas that were generated.

Last fall, our conference in the Philippines, which focused on protecting the environment and growing local economies, attracted 2,200 people online. In Brazil, our meeting centered around water, sanitation, and hygiene and how it relates to disease prevention and treatment; more than 600 people attended. That was followed by an event about the environment, economy, and peace in Maputo, Mozambique, which attracted around 400 in-person attendees and another 700 virtually. Our conference about keeping the economy and environment in harmony, held in Venice, Italy, had more than 600 in attendance.

Through these conferences and my world travels, numerous leaders have met with me and agreed to



collaborate with Rotary. They include the prime minister of Mauritius, the president of Seychelles, the deputy prime minister of Bahrain, and the presidents of Albania and Kosovo. Clearly, Rotary is making an impact, and the world is eager for our leadership.

In Houston, the final presidential conference, Serve to Bring Peace, will focus on an area in which Rotary has long provided leadership. Everything we do in Rotary helps create the conditions that foster peace in communities, nations, and ourselves.

In March, I was able to see firsthand the tremendous difference Rotary is making in Ukraine, as refugees continue to pour into Poland. Donors have contributed millions of dollars to this effort; our projects are making a tremendous difference, and there is enormous gratitude for your continued generosity and support.

It is heartbreaking to see up close all the lives that have been uprooted,

and the Ukrainian people are not alone. A devastating civil war in Yemen continues. The humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan is deepening. Armed conflicts affect nations across Africa, including Libya, South Sudan, the Central African Republic, northern Mozambique, Ethiopia, and Cameroon. And major refugee crises continue in Syria and Venezuela.

Rotary will always be on the side of the peaceful resolution of conflict and providing aid and comfort to people in need. Rotary was there at the end of World War II, promoting the creation of the United Nations and standing up for the cause of peacebuilding worldwide. It is time to renew our mission and perform our role as one of the world's great promoters of peace.

There is no better way to Serve to Change Lives than to serve the cause of peace.

*Shekhar Mehta*

President, Rotary International

#### Quote of the Month:

*"It's a cruel season that makes you get ready for bed while it's light out."*

*Bill Watterson*

## Don't Forget to Update Your Club's Roster by June 30!

As we approach the end of the 2021-2022 Rotary year, there are two important tasks that must be completed by your club leadership.

The first is to see that your club's roster of active members is current. Your club's dues at the beginning of the Rotary year are based on the roster count of your club as of July 1. If there are any changes to be made, they must be completed by June 30. Once your club's dues invoice is created, the membership count cannot be adjusted.

The second task is that each year, it is important to ensure that the officers for your club are listed for the upcoming Rotary year, to ensure both our District and Rotary International have the correct officers listed in the databases. This will ensure that, when important communications are sent out to club officers, your club officers are included. The most important officer positions to be listed are: President, Secretary, Treasurer, President-Elect, and Membership Chair for the upcoming year. However, you are encouraged to enter other positions such as: Public Image Chair, Youth Services Chair, Webmaster, just to name a few. If there is a position that



*Make sure that your club leadership updates your current membership numbers before the start of the new Rotary year on July 1, 2022. They should also make sure that all 2022-2023 club officers are correctly listed as that allows these individuals access to certain services at Rotary International.*

you do not see listed, please let us know and we will add that position in DACdb as well.

Both of these updates can be done by logging onto the DACdb system. Entries made in DACdb will also update the Rotary International database. Listed officers of your club have the authority to make these updates. If there is a non-officer member of your club who normally handles such things, we can grant them access as well.

If you need assistance in logging into DACdb, or in completing these

tasks, please send an email to [IT@rotarydistrict7305.org](mailto:IT@rotarydistrict7305.org) and a member of the District IT Team will help you complete the updates in just a few minutes.

We appreciate your attention to this matter so that we can roll into the new year with complete and accurate membership and officer listings in both the District 7305 and Rotary International databases.

If you have already completed these tasks and have notified us; thank you for your time.

*The Rotary District 7305 IT Team*

## Ambridge Rotary Free Medical Equipment Program

If you know of anyone in your community that is in need of medical equipment, but doesn't have the means to get it, please know that the Rotary club of Ambridge's Free Loan Program may have what you need.

The following special equipment is available for immediate use:

- Stair Lift: straight for 14-15 stairs
- Hospital Bed with mattress
- Power Wheelchair

In addition, they have the following items available:

- Numerous Walkers
- Crutches & Canes
- Potty Chairs
- Tub and Shower Chairs/Benches
- And several other miscellaneous items - please inquire.

To reserve any of these items, please contact PDG Walt Sickles at: [walt.rotarydg1314@yahoo.com](mailto:walt.rotarydg1314@yahoo.com) or give him a call at 724-462-6929



*The Ambridge Rotary club's Medical Equipment Free Loan Program has several types of equipment available for immediate use. Please contact PDG Walt Sickles, [walt.rotarydg1314@yahoo.com](mailto:walt.rotarydg1314@yahoo.com) or 724-462-6929 for more information.*

## District Grant Training

As you probably know, each year Rotary Clubs in our District are able to participate in District & Global Grants in partnership with The Rotary Foundation.

To participate, Clubs must average at least \$100 per member to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation & participate in Grant Training before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

One training was held at the District Assembly this past April. And we will be conducting the makeup training on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 12 PM at the office of Rupp-Fiore Insurance at 12875 US-30, North, PA 15642.

If you are unsure where you Club stands with regard to the above requirements, please see the listing below.

**Clubs that have met the average of \$100 per member to The Annual Fund requirement, but still need to complete grant training:**

Beaver, Belle-Vernon, Bethel Park, Bethel-St.Clair, Braddock, Elizabeth, Ligonier, Parkway West, Penn Hills, Pleasant Hills, Point Marion, Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park

**Clubs that have completed the training, but still need to meet the average of \$100 member to The**



**Annual Fund** (Contributions must be processed by The Rotary Foundation by June 30<sup>th</sup>, but it is suggested to send your contribution no later than June 10<sup>th</sup>):

Ambridge, Bridgeville-South Fayette, Burrell-New Kensington Area, Churchill-Wilkins, Conemaugh Township, Connellsville, Greater McKees Rocks, Greensburg, Greentree, Hampton Township, Latrobe, Quaker Valley, Swissvale, Westmoreland, West Newton

**Clubs that have met all requirements and are qualified to participate in the grant programs for the 2022-2023 Rotary year.**

Carnegie-Collier, Crafton-Ingram,

Delmont-Salem, Forrest Hills, Fox Chapel, Johnstown, McMurray, Monroeville, Mount Pleasant, Murrysville-Export, New Brighton, Northern Allegheny, North Boroughs Oakland, Pittsburgh East, Shaler Area, Turtle Creek, Washington, White Oak, Wilkinsburg-Regent Square.

If you do not see your Club listed above, you still need to qualify with grant training and average \$100 per member to the Annual Fund before June 30<sup>th</sup>

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Jeff Klink, District 7305 Committee for the Rotary Foundation Chairman

## Eight New Bob Williams Memorial Rotary Scholarships Awarded



On May 14<sup>th</sup> the Rotary Foundation 7300 and The Scholarship Selection Committee held an Awards Ceremony for this Year's 8 recipients and their families at the Edgewood Country Club in Churchill. Members of the Foundation Board and Selection Committee also attended. The students each received a \$5,000 award. This is the ninth year we have awarded these scholarships. Over these years, in all, a total amount of \$401,000 has been awarded to 76 recipients. Text & picture courtesy of Robert Arbutke

## Looking for a Speaker?

One of the great things with Rotary is the vast variety of speakers that we get to hear at our meetings. However, at times it may be difficult to find that special speaker that can come up with a subject that we haven't heard about yet, or that is of special interest. To assist our clubs in finding these gems, this newsletter will be happy to put the spotlight on available speakers from our district.

In this issue we're taking a look at two great speakers that are available for you to book for your club meeting.

Tamara Girardi writes children's books, often inspired by things her four children say or do. One of her writing challenges is to write a new picture book idea every day, and she succeeds by going stealth and spying on the kiddos in their natural habitats. No spying was necessary to develop her first book, *Why, Daddy? Why?* Her then four-year-old daughter regularly asked questions framed with the word parents everywhere dread: why! The book was released May 10 from Familius press and was named an Amazon Editor's Pick, Best Book for Babies.

An author of young adult fiction as well, Tamara signed a book deal with Wise Wolf Books in June of 2021 for six young adult contemporary novels to release in 2022 and 2023. The first, *Gridiron Girl*, was released in March, and her second book in the series releases May 31. *Gridiron Girl* tells the story of Julia Medina, a girl who quits the volleyball team to compete against her boyfriend for the starting quarterback position on the football team.

Tamara is an Associate Professor of English at HACC, Central



*Tamara Girardi, a Rotarian with the RC of Burrell-New Kensington, is also an author and an Associate Professor of English. She is available as a speaker to tell you about the life as an author.*

Pennsylvania's Community College where she teaches creative writing, technical writing, composition, and literature online. She has a PhD in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and studied fiction at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland as an Ambassadorial Scholar through Rotary International. She has been a member of the New Kensington Rotary Club, now the Burrell-New Kensington Rotary Club, since 2009. More information about Tamara and her books is available on her website, [tamaragirardi.com](http://tamaragirardi.com).

Tamara's speaking topics include:  
***From Concept to Completion: A Writer's Process***

Readers tend to have a fascination with a writer's process. What inspired the writer's idea? How does the writer develop an idea? How long does it take? Does the writer use a computer, a notebook, both? In this presentation, Tamara will share her process as one example of how to bring a book from concept to completion.

***Iron Valley Vikings: The Story of the Four-Book Sports Series***

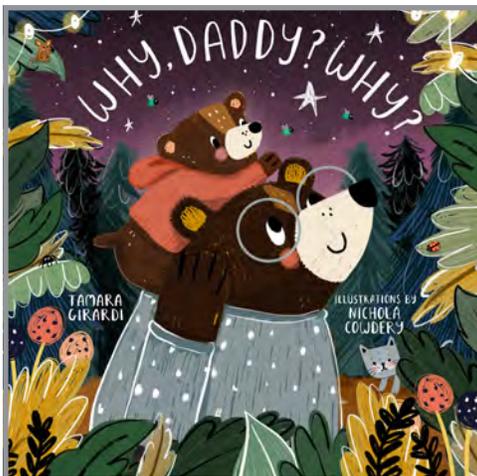
Tamara's debut young adult series features four Iron Valley High School sports stories. In this presentation, Tamara will share the background for each of the books' concepts, themes and powerful moments in the series. She will also share the process of developing and publishing four books for publication in one year and the

subsequent writing and marketing challenges.

Additionally, Tamara has independently developed a service project that raised \$2,000 in donations from local businesses to purchase more than 250 copies of her debut board book, *Why, Daddy? Why?* for Kindergarten students in the New Kensington-Arnold School District. She hosted a school visit in which she read to the children and distributed signed, free copies to the students. The literacy project was so successful, she's eager to include other communities and school districts to further develop it. As part of her talk, she can share her experiences with the project and discuss opportunities for Rotary clubs to collaborate to bring free books to the kids in their communities as well.

Another great speaker that you could book for your weekly club meeting is John Dale Hartman. John is the present District Governor Nominee for District 7305. His year to serve as District Governor will be 2023-2024. He is also the District Strengthening Team Coordinator as well as the District Membership Chair and is an Assistant Governor with five clubs: Murrysville-Export, Mt. Pleasant, Scottdale, Indiana and Indiana Mid-Day. John was selected as an Emerging Leader for the District and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

John is a retired Chief of Police from the Southwest Regional Police Department, the CEO of Razor Enterprises, LLC (a software development company), a Consultant, and Certified Law Enforcement/Security Instructor. He is an instructor with the Beaver County Police Academy as well as Penn State University. He maintains a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Management from the University of Pittsburgh, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in the Administration of Justice from the University of Pittsburgh and an Associate's Degree in Applied Science in Cyber Security from the Westmoreland County Community College where he graduated with high honors and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. He and his department developed a highly successful undercover





*DGN Tom Hartman is a member of the Murrysville-Export Rotary Club. He is a retired Chief of Police and is available to speak on several interesting topics related to his career as a law enforcement officer*

investigative team which conducted cyber investigations targeting child predators. His company is presently in the process of developing a platform to be employed to investigate child predators as well as human trafficking investigations.

In addition to investigations, John created and served as team leader of a multi-jurisdictional special response team to address active shooter incidents and, in that regard, was part of a cadre of instructors who provided this training to both police and the military. He is a published author and is presently working on a book concerning his capture of a child murderer wanted by the FBI.

John is available to do presentations on:

- Cyber Investigations
- Tactical Operations
- General Investigation Tactics

He has also provided presentations on "Regionalization of Police Departments." The Southwest Regional Police Department was the only department in the Commonwealth that provided police services in three counties. The Department covered ten communities in Fayette, Washington and Greene Counties. With that, general department management likewise falls in John's area of expertise. He actually wrote a Master's paper on "Regionalization" of police services.

If you would like to have John come speak at your club, you can send him an email at: [jhartman23646@gmail.com](mailto:jhartman23646@gmail.com)



*Camette Standley and Cynthia Cummings tending to the Rotary Club of Johnstown Sunset's pollinator gardens at the Richland Library. Pollinator gardens support and maintain pollinators by supplying food in the form of pollen and nectar that will ensure that these important animals stay in the area to keep pollinating our crops for continued fruit and vegetable production.*

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# DISCOVER NEW HORIZONS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
Houston, Texas, USA | 4-8 June 2022  
**#Rotary22**

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### Interact Color Run a Success!

Greater Johnstown HS Interact Club's Second Chance Color Run/Walk benefiting the Humane Society of Cambria County was a great success! They had a wonderful turnout of runners, walkers, and most importantly our furry prancers.

The club was very excited to take all of the proceeds from the event

to the Humane Society of Cambria County! They hope that their \$3,500 donation will benefit all of the future pets in finding their forever homes!

Thanks go out to everyone who donated, whether it was monetary or with their time, to make this possible.

The Interact club cannot wait to continue their fundraising and support for the Humane Society come next school year!



With help from their community, club members, and their Interact Club, the Rotary Club of Johnstown was able to raise \$10,000 for ShelterBox's efforts to assist Ukrainian refugees. Pictured left to right are: Pat Petrell, Karen Azer, Eric Reighard, Club President Mike Cashaw, Michelle Petrell, Mike McIntyre, and Bill Locher.

### \$10,000 for Ukraine

When the Rotary Club of Johnstown started raising funds for ShelterBox and their efforts to support refugees from Ukraine, they had no idea where they would end up.

By reaching out to their local newspaper, The Tribune Democrat, they received some great exposure. This resulted in several gifts coming in from the community.

The club initially dedicated \$1,000 for one ShelterBox. Then individual club members stepped up and added funds. In addition to that, the Greater Johnstown High School Interact Club contributed with \$1,000!

The end result? \$10,000 to ShelterBox to provide much needed aid for Ukrainian refugees.

## Penn Hills Bingo

Thanks to everyone who came out to play Cinco de Mayo Bingo with us! We had a great turnout once again and everyone had fun. Because of the generosity at the event, we were able to make a nice donation of food to the Rosedale Food Pantry, and we will be making a contribution to support Crescent Hills Community Park.

Thank you to our members for the hard work putting the event together, and to Penn Hills 224 for the continued use of the venue. We would also like to thank Homegrown 1910 for the generous donation of two door prizes. Bingo will resume in the fall, we hope to see you then!



The Rotary Club of Penn Hills' last Bingo night of the season was a great success! Proceeds and food item donations will benefit two local food banks. Picture & text courtesy of the Rotary Club of Penn Hills.



One of the current projects of the Rotary Club of Forest Hills is to refurbish and paint the Flivver benches in Forest Hills. First out to get a face-lift was the bench outside Aldi. Doing the good deed were Ed Hyde and Gail Evans-Potter. One down, three to go! Picture & text courtesy of the Forest Hills club.

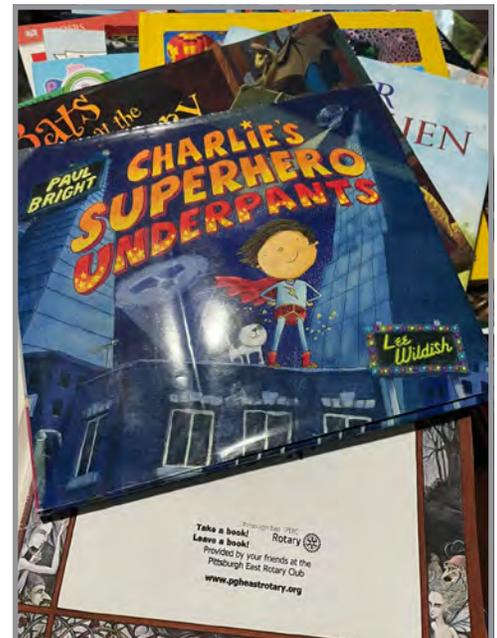
## Crafton-Ingram Golf Outing

Had a great time at the Crafton-Ingram Rotary annual Golf Outing. Thank you to my friends that joined us and helped us to raise funds for our club to give back to our local communities!

In addition to a great game of golf, it was an honor to shake hands with the legendary Mr. Jim Leyland!

Rotary has big things happening, including bringing an extension of our club inside the City of Pittsburgh Borders!

From Joe Orbovich's Face Book page



It was a book stamping kind of evening on May 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Pittsburgh East Rotary Club as they were getting ready to restock and update their Little Free Libraries the following weekend.

They are always in need of books for all ages! If you have any extra books that you would like to donate, please let DGE Marie Fallon know. You can email her at: [mariefallon.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:mariefallon.rotary@gmail.com)

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**POLIO IN NUMBERS**  
*Wild virus confirmed cases in 2022*  
**Global Total: 5 (2)**  
*Wild virus detected from other sources in 2022*  
**Global Total: 2**  
*As of February 22, 2022. Numbers in brackets represent data as of the same date 2021.*

**Rotary's Four Way Test**  
 Of the things we think, say or do:

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

## Preparing for a Polio-Free World

A polio-free world requires updated vaccination policies, including the phased withdrawal of oral polio vaccines (OPV), appropriate containment of the poliovirus in facilities, certification that polio has been eradicated, and planning for the transition of knowledge and infrastructure to serve other health goals.

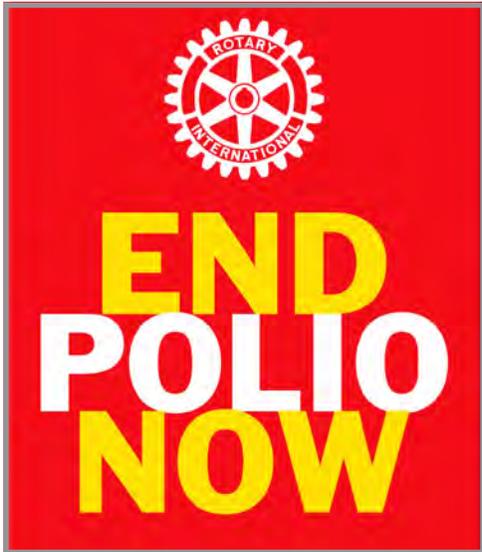
Oral polio vaccine (OPV) is extremely safe and effective at protecting children against lifelong polio paralysis. Over the past ten years, more than 10 billion doses of OPV have been given to nearly three billion children worldwide. More than 16 million cases of polio have been prevented, and the disease has been reduced by more than 99%. It is the appropriate vaccine through which to achieve global polio eradication.

OPV contains attenuated (weakened) polioviruses. On extremely rare occasions, use of OPV can result in cases of polio due to vaccine-associated paralytic polio (VAPP) and circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses (cVDPVs). For this reason, the global eradication of polio requires the cessation of all OPV in routine immunization, as soon as possible after the eradication of wild poliovirus (WPV) transmission.

Historically, OPV has been available in different formulations:

- Trivalent OPV – containing type 1, 2 and 3 serotypes
- Bivalent OPV – containing type 1 and 3 serotypes
- Monovalent OPV – containing one serotype (ie type 1, 2 or 3)

A mix of all three formulations was being used to eradicate polio during supplementary immunization activities (SIAs). However, only trivalent OPV was used in routine



immunization programmes. Bivalent OPV was exclusively used during SIAs to more rapidly interrupt the transmission of WPV1 and 3 – the only remaining WPV strains in circulation. WPV2 has been eradicated since 1999.

With the transmission of WPV2 already successfully interrupted, the only cases of type 2 paralytic polio were being caused by the type 2 serotype component in trivalent OPV. Over 90% of cVDPV cases were due to the type 2 component, which was also responsible for up to 38% of VAPP cases (approx. 200 cases per year worldwide).

In April 2016 a switch was implemented from trivalent OPV to bivalent OPV in routine immunization programs.

Following WPV1 and WPV3 eradication, use of all OPV in routine immunizations will be stopped.

The switch from trivalent OPV to bivalent OPV is associated with significant public health benefits. More than 90% of all cVDPV cases, currently caused by the type 2 component of trivalent OPV, and up to 38% of all VAPP cases, will no longer occur.

In addition to these significant

humanitarian benefits, OPV type 2 cessation will provide the GPEI with a 'push' for global OPV cessation of all OPVs. Feasibility of OPV cessation was underscored in practice, and ensured a 'trial run' for all OPV cessation. Key lessons were learnt to ensure that this process can be implemented in the safest and most efficient manner.

Since 2014, countries have been preparing for the switch from trivalent OPV to bivalent OPV to minimise the risks associated with the phased removal of OPV.

The primary risk associated with the switch is the increase in susceptible populations to poliovirus type 2, which in turn increases the risk of new cVDPV type 2 emergence in the immediate period following OPV type 2 cessation. Several strategies are being used to safely manage these risks.

To maintain immunity levels to type 2 polio, high-risk countries introduced IPV into routine immunization programmes prior to the switch.

Access to bivalent OPV in routine immunization:

Bivalent OPV was previously licensed for use during SIAs only. Access to sufficient supplies of bivalent OPV licensed for routine immunization use was made available for the switch.

At the same time, outbreak response capacity is being maintained, including ensuring the supply and management of stockpiles of vaccines containing OPV type 2 to facilitate an appropriate outbreak response, should it be necessary.

All WPV2 and Sabin type 2 viruses must be placed under appropriate biocontainment levels on a timely basis to minimize the risk of re-introduction into a type 2 polio-free world. *By Polio Global Eradication Initiative*

# SAVE THE DATE

**ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELATION OR RESCHEDULE  
DUE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**



## SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 4-8

**2022 RI CONVENTION  
HOUSTON**



## SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 23-26

**2022 DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
SEVEN SPRINGS MOUNTAIN RESORT (GOLF ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24)**



## SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 26 – JULY 1

**RYLA ... TWO VENUES ... LA ROCHE COLLEGE AND OUTDOOR ODYSSEY**



## SAVE THE DATE – AUGUST 8

**DISTRICT GOLF OUTING – INTRODUCING DG MARIE FALLON  
WESTMORELAND COUNTRY CLUB**

