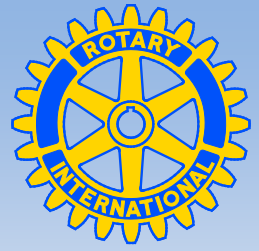




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# Bulletin



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## This Week in Rotary

Rotary club members worldwide are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, sometimes fatal, disease.



Rotarians and state government leaders in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India, vaccinate children against polio during a National Immunization Day in 2011. *Photo courtesy of the India PolioPlus Committee*

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009.

A chief factor in India's success has been the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children,



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organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items.

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat.

"The achievement of a polio-free India for a full year is a significant step towards a polio-free world -- an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what problems need to be overcome," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels, without which the world would not be marking this milestone."

Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending polio. To date, the Indian government has spent more than US\$1.2 billion on domestic polio eradication activities. "Government support is crucial if we are to defeat polio, and we are fortunate that our government is our biggest advocate in this effort," Kapur says.

"Marching ahead, the goal is to sustain this momentum," he adds, describing as potentially "decisive" the upcoming immunization rounds this month and in February and March.

If all ongoing testing for polio cases recorded through 13 January continues to yield negative results, WHO will declare that India has interrupted transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus, laying the groundwork for its removal from the polio-endemic countries list, which also includes Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. However, because non-endemic countries remain at risk for cases imported from endemic countries, immunizations in India

and other endemic and at-risk countries must continue. Neighboring Pakistan, which has reported 189 cases so far for 2011, is a major threat to India's continued polio-free status. Last year, an outbreak in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced genetically to Pakistan.

"As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished," Banerjee says. "However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunize children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved."

### **The Bean Counter** **Raelene Monkley**

Members, half yearly fees are now due. Direct Deposit Banking details are:

Name: Wauchope Rotary Club

BSB: 802214

Acc No: 14218

Please use your name as the reference so I can allocate your payment.

Any cash purchases on behalf of the Club will only be reimbursed by filling out the [claim form](#) on the Club's web site. The **original cash receipt** must to be attached to the claim form. This process keeps us within the taxation guidelines.

Raelene

### **Funnies**

After being away on business for a week before Christmas, Tom thought it would be nice to bring his wife a little gift.

"How about some perfume?" he asked the cosmetics clerk. She showed him a bottle costing \$50.

"That's a bit much," said Tom, so she returned with a smaller bottle for \$30.

"That's still quite a bit," Tom grouched.

Growing disgusted, the clerk brought out a tiny \$15 bottle.

Tom grew agitated, "What I mean," he said, "is I'd like to see something real cheap."

So the clerk handed him a mirror.

A young man was walking past a blind woman using a cane on a street corner downtown, when she said, "Excuse me, but if it's not too much trouble, can you see me across the street?"

Our guy replied, "Just a minute."

He walked across the street, looked back and yelled, "Yes, I can see you!"

Q: Why does Scrooge love Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer?

A: Because every buck is dear to him.

Q: Why is it so cold on Christmas?

A: Because it's in Decembrrrrrrrrrr!

Q: Why did the elf put his bed into the fireplace?

A: He wanted to sleep like a log!

Q: What do reindeer always say before telling you a joke?

A: This one will sleigh you!

Q: What did the rabbit give his girlfriend for Christmas?

A: A 14 carrot ring.

Q: What do rich cats have in their refrigerators?

A: Automatic mice makers.

Q: Why don't astronauts relate well to other people?

A: They're not always down-to-earth.

Q: What kind of bird can write?

A: A PENguin.

### **The Coming Weeks**

**This Week: 17 January 2012**

**BBQ**

Place: Club Rooms

Time: 6:00 pm

**24 January 2012**

Moved to Australia Day 26<sup>th</sup> January Bain Park.

**31 January 2012**

**Partner's Night**

Place: Club Rooms

Time: 6:00 pm

**7 February 2012**

**Social Night**

Place: Modishe

Time: 6:30 pm

### **Cluster 3 Meeting Times & Places**

**Port Macquarie Sunrise:** Friday 7:00 am

Sails Resort, Port Macquarie

**Port Macquarie:** Wed 6:00 pm

Port Panthers

**Port Macquarie West:** Tues 6:30pm

Westport Bowling Club.

**Laurieton:** Monday 6.30pm

Laurieton United Services Club

### **Rotary Four Way Test**

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the truth

Is it fair to all concerned

Will it build goodwill and better friendship

Will it be beneficial to all concerned

### **Interesting Links**

[The December issue of Rotary On The Move Newsletter for Zone 7B & 8](#)

[eNews Bulletins](#)

[Cluster Bulletins](#)

## Rotary International Online Training Tools

Looking for ways to orient new members? [Rotary Basics Online](#) offers videos, audio presentations, and other materials to help new members understand what it means to be a Rotarian.

## Police Contact Number

If you see anything suspicious around town, anytime of the day, contact the NSW Police on their state wide number 131 444. If we report all occurrences of unlawful activity, we may get 24 hr Policing back in Wauchope.

## Club Invocation

*As we join together as members of the Rotary Club of Wauchope, we give thanks for good friends, for good food and the ongoing opportunity to make a difference in our community through our Rotary values & service*

## Duty Roster

Date	Invocation	Welcome Guests	Intro/Thank Guest Speaker	Stewards	Guest Speaker	Topic
17/1/2012	Marie Winter	Andy Neal		Stuart Weir & Kevin Whitbread		
26/1/2012	<b>Australia Day, Bain Park</b>					
31/1/2012	Bob Gilligan	Kathy Jones		Margaret Whitbread & Marie Winter		
7/2/2012	Social Night – Modishe Cafe					

Please notify Marie Winter by [email](#) or telephone 0409 156 333 if you are unable to attend or if you are bringing any guests.

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