



ROTARY GRIQUA

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NIGERIA DECLARED POLIO-FREE

The World Health Organization announced on 25 September, 2015, that Nigeria is now polio-free and has been removed from the list of countries where polio is endemic. It's been 14 months since any cases of polio have been detected there. With Nigeria's historic achievement, polio remains endemic in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Nigeria was the last country in Africa where polio was endemic. Once three years have passed without a case in WHO's entire African region, officials will certify polio eradicated there.

"Rotary congratulates Nigeria on its tremendous accomplishment in stopping polio," says RI President K.R. Ravindran. "On behalf of the entire Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we thank volunteers, health workers, and parents in communities across Nigeria for their tireless commitment to ensuring every last child is protected against this devastating disease. In the months ahead, their dedication will remain as important as ever, as we work to keep Nigeria polio-free and to eliminate polio from its final strongholds in Pakistan and Afghanistan."

Nigeria's success is the result of several sustained efforts, including domestic and international financing, the commitment of thousands of health workers, and new strategies that reached children who had not previously been immunized because of a lack of security in the country's northern states.

Type 2 poliovirus gone for good: In other encouraging news, an independent global health commission officially verified on 21 September that wild poliovirus type 2, one of three strains of the wild virus, has been eradicated worldwide. Although the last type 2 case was detected back in 1999, the confirmation is an important milestone, as Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative prepare to switch from a form of the vaccine that targets all polio types to one that does not protect against type 2. The announcement by the Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication confirms that only two strains of the wild poliovirus remain. Of those, type 3 wild poliovirus hasn't been detected in almost three years, and wild poliovirus type 1 is endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Funding increase needed to reach final goal: On 25 September, the Polio Oversight Board met to determine the next steps needed to eradicate polio. The group concluded that \$1.5 billion in new funding is needed to help Rotary and its partners end polio in the next few years. With Nigeria now polio-free, spending will focus on the most vulnerable children in Afghanistan and Pakistan, while continuing to shield millions of children already living in polio-free countries. "With a fully funded program and global commitment to ending this disease, we have the opportunity to interrupt transmission of the wild poliovirus in Pakistan & Afghanistan in 2016, opening the door for certification of a global eradication in 2019," says Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee.

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CALENDAR & DUTIES

APRIL – MAGAZINE MONTH

4 April: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
11 April: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
18 April: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
25 April: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
27 April: Freedom Day (Wednesday)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

10-11 Jun: District Conference, Potchefstroom
15 June: Exchange Student Ahna Departs

DUTIES

WEEK OF 4 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: Jannie J. & Philip M.
CORPORAL: Luzan Hoffman
MEETING REPORT: Jannie Jacobs
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Pete van Zyl

WEEK OF 11 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: André O. & Gill Q.
CORPORAL: Jannie Jacobs
MEETING REPORT: Philip Maritz
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Clayton Daubermann
AHNA FOR DINNER: Barry Downs

WEEK OF 18 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: Corlia vT. & Peter T.
CORPORAL: Philip Maritz
MEETING REPORT: Gill Quinn
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Barry Downs
AHNA FOR DINNER: Sharon Erasmus

WEEK OF 25 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: Pete van Zyl & Brenda Booth
CORPORAL: Gill Quinn
MEETING REPORT: Ken Quinn
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Dwayne Evans
AHNA FOR DINNER: Dwayne & Liesel Evans

If you are unable to do a duty, please make arrangements for a substitute.

Please mail the meeting report by no later than Wednesdays 19h00 to

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MAY

1 May: Workers Day (Sunday)
2 May: Public Holiday – No Meeting
9 May: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
16 May: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
23 May: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
30 May: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
28 May – 1 Jun: 2016 RI Convention, Seoul

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Apr 09: Philip Maritz
Apr 16: Gill Downs
May 08: Ken Quinn
Jul 08: Shirley Dally

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May 17: Philip & Shirley Maritz
Jun 28: Barry & Gill Downs

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 05: Lawrie Shuttleworth 1952
Apr 29: Ken Quinn 1993
May 17: Corlia van Tonder 2010
Jun 02: Janine Snyders 2008
Jun 03: Philip Maritz 1981

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

Apr 29: Don Lee
Jun 14: Piet v.d. Merwe

MEME OF THE WEEK



"The last thing I remember is her going through the messages on my phone"