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Upcoming Meetings & Event

Oct 6	100 Central	Trevor Howard, elite gymnast, shares championship mindset and resilience.
Oct 20	Selby Library	Broadway theatre manager and author shares behind-the-scenes stories <i>From the Back of the House</i> .
Nov 3	100 Central	Peter Rothstein, new Artistic Director Asolo Theater, acclaimed director of musical theater and opera.

Finishing the Promise

Rotary District 6960

END POLIO NOW

PolioPlus SOCIETY

Every Club's Goal

PDG Bob Stowell
District Polio+ Chair

Past District Governor Bob Stowell will discuss Rotary's PolioPlus

Tuesday Noon
September 15th

The Final Mile: Rotary's Commitment to a Polio-Free World

Bob Stowell, Past District Governor and newly appointed District 6960 Polio Plus Chair, brings more than 40 years of Rotary experience to his presentation. A longtime leader in both Rotary and community service, Bob is a Past President of the Rotary Club of South Fort Myers and currently serves on the District 6960 Board, supporting 62 clubs throughout Southwest Florida. Before retiring to Fort Myers with his wife, Karen, he built a distinguished financial-services career as Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer of U.S. Federal Credit Union in Minnesota. His community leadership has also included service with the Burnsville Chamber of Commerce, economic-development organizations, and 360 Communities, a nonprofit focused on preventing domestic violence.

As Polio Plus Chair, Bob will discuss Rotary International's historic commitment to eradicating polio worldwide. Since launching its PolioPlus program in 1985, Rotary and its global partners have helped bring the world remarkably close to ending this devastating, vaccine-preventable disease. Yet the final effort remains essential: vaccination, public awareness, advocacy, and financial support are needed until polio is gone everywhere. Bob will share why Rotary's promise to protect every child from polio matters today and how local clubs and individual Rotarians can help finish the job.



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WORLD POLIO DAY

24 OCTOBER

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WHY YOUR GIFT MATTERS

Our current clinic space will no longer be available after 2027. Global Eye Project purchased land in 2025 and has secured essential equipment and a dedicated Haitian clinical team.

Your gift will help us continue outpatient care, reestablish surgical eye care, create an optical laboratory, and train future Haitian eye care professionals.



Our Impact

- Screen 5,000+ babies and children each year.
- Diagnose and treat vision-threatening eye diseases: glaucoma, infections, and others.
- Provide eyeglasses for less than \$2, with free or reduced-cost options.
- Train Haitian eye care professionals to build sustainable, locally led care.

Our Progress

2008: Launched mobile eye camps.

2012: Began building a sustainable, locally led eye care system.

2015: Opened the Fond-des-Blancs Eye Clinic and began training Haitian eye care professionals.

Today: Our full-time clinic provides 15,000+ visits annually, serving vulnerable communities across southern Haiti.

Building the Future: A permanent center will expand care, train more Haitian eye care professionals, and serve more patients across the region.



Give Today



DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT BY **SEPTEMBER 20, 2026**

Going Purple4Polio in the London Parade

By Eve Conway, Past Rotary International Director 2023–25



Eve Conway, second from left, and other purple-attired participants in the London Parade.

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AT A GLANCE

80 Rotarians, Rotaractors & Global Scholars marched

40th anniversary of the London parade

Route: Piccadilly to Westminster

There’s nothing quite like it — the buzz, the sounds, the sights, and the dynamic atmosphere of the London New Year’s Day parade. Where else would you find such a vibrant assembly of floats, more than 8,000 performers, and an eclectic mix of King’s Horses, American marching bands, cheerleaders, and dancing Storm Troopers. Participants come from every borough of London and from around the world — Peru, Poland, China, and more. And Rotary is there too!

I was delighted to once again be part of our parade presence, looking out over a sea of purple as we went Purple4Polio in support of our End Polio Now campaign — a fantastic way to spread the word about ridding the world of this dreadful disease. About 80 Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Global Scholars dressed in purple and joined our district governor and me for the 40th anniversary of the London parade. We put on our Purple4Polio high-viz vests, waved oversized foam hands, and gave the crowds a big Rotary welcome — and they loved it. Our life-size polio bear was a big hit, too. It was a bitterly cold day winding from Piccadilly to Westminster atop an open-top double-decker bus, but the atmosphere made us forget we were freezing.

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LONDON PARADE 2026

A Record-Breaking Day for Rotary

Record crowds, record TV audiences, and 15 years of Rotary building good will on one of the world's biggest parade stages.

80+

PURPLE-CLAD MARCHERS

700,000+**27M+****40th**

PARADE ANNIVERSARY

I've organized Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland's participation in this parade for 15 years — it's great PR, and the organizers are always delighted to have us. Commentators along the route gave Rotary a shout-out as we passed, and record crowds stayed on until 4:30 p.m.; police and the Westminster City Council put attendance at more than 700,000, well beyond the 500,000 organisers had expected.

Television audiences set a record too, with more than 27 million people watching live in the US and over 1,100 stations broadcasting worldwide. SKY NEWS carried the entire parade live, with our Purple4Polio float and bus appearing on air twice.

Being part of the London parade is a great way to start the year and raise the profile of Rotary and our End Polio Now campaign. We've been blessed to take part for many years, and it costs nothing to enter. As far as I'm concerned, there's no better way to kick off the new year.



Rotary and Rotaract members by the open-top London bus.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The "Purple4Polio" campaign gets its name from the purple dye used to mark the little finger of children who have been immunized against polio, showing they have received the vaccine.

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