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2: Community engagement. Build meaningful partnerships with high-risk communities disproportionately affected by polio, such as Pashto-speaking communities in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Create committees where community members can contribute to polio campaign planning and relay other health needs. Work with Pashto-speaking influencers, such as birth attendants and women's groups, to develop a better understanding of how polio vaccinations can support their broader childcare practices.

3: Improve operations. Strengthen campaigns by recruiting and training front-line workers who come from the local community, speak the local language, and are women. Ensure frontline workers have the supplies and security to do their jobs well and receive professional development opportunities. Adopt technical innovations such as digital mapping and mobile payments to workers. Deploy the recently approved novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) to fight outbreaks.

4: Integrate polio into health programs. Reach zero-dose children in Afghanistan and Pakistan with all vaccines. Support the COVID-19 vaccine rollout. Make polio vaccines part of a broader health and basic services package that is developed in partnership with communities. Support health facilities in providing a dose of oral polio vaccine to newborns.

5: Improve surveillance. To speed up outbreak responses, use technical innovations to get quicker results when testing for poliovirus in children with paralysis. Integrate polio surveillance into the surveillance systems for other vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles and COVID-19.

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NEIGHBORING CLUBS

Monday:	Eminence-Henry County Public Library	12:00 noon
	Owenton-Smith House	12:10 p.m.
Tuesday:	Lexington Sunrise-Shriners Hospital	7:00 a.m.
	Georgetown-Galvin's on Main (Downtown).....	12:00 noon
	Shelbyville-Centenary United Methodist.....	12:00 noon
Thursday:	Lawrenceburg-Anderson Co. Extension Ofc.	12:00 noon
	Lexington-Fasig Tipton.....	12:00 noon
	Louisville-Galt House.....	12:10 p.m.

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Next Week's Meeting...

Deneen Petty with The Kings Center in Frankfort will be our speaker next week. The Kings Center is a faith-based, non-profit community center located in Frankfort, Kentucky at 202 E. Third Street. It has been serving the Frankfort/Franklin County community for more than 20 years, and offers quality structured programming year-round for young people, first grade through high school.



Petty

Incorporated for the purpose of creating opportunities and hope for children and



their families, the Center is named for three "Kings" important in the lives of our participants: Martin Luther King, Jr.; Peggy King, a Community and Environmental Advocate; and Jesus Christ, the King.

The Kings Center is governed by Faith United, Inc., a board of individuals representing many facets of life in Frankfort/Franklin County. Board members serve voluntarily and provide oversight and support for the Center and its activities.

Make-ups Needed for Oct. 6

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| Kathy Anderson | Judy Mattingly |
| Houston Barber | Katina Mickens |
| Maree Barney-Sutley | Chris Olds |
| Chris Boni | Brenda Rice |
| RB Brown | Christine Richards |
| John Browning | Sonia Sanders |
| Kristin Cantrell | Tish Shade |
| Will Coblin | Carol Smith |
| Dustin Cole | Calen Studler |
| Ed Dance | Kwang Suh |
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| Michael DeCoursey | Jim Terrell |
| Chuck Dickinson | Tom Utterback |
| Annette Dupont-Ewing | Dennis VanHorn |
| Alex Fitzgerald | Dave Weller |
| George Gill | Amzie Wenning |
| Donna Hecker | Tyler West |
| Joyce Honaker | Rodney Williams |
| Zachary Horn | Paul Yancey |
| Harry Kirch | Gary Zheng |
| Sam Marcus | |

Raffle

This week's raffle item was donated by Gary Zheng.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to fellow Rotarians Pat Badgett, Steve Dooley, Donna Hecker, Barry Holder, Jr., Jason Miller, Tim Pennington, Tish Shade and Stephen Sutley, who celebrate their birthday in October.

The Best Chance to Eradicate Polio is Now

by Aidan O'Leary | from www.rotary.org

"There's something about the whole idea of eradicating polio that grabs the imagination," says Aidan O'Leary. "Most people talk about making steps toward achievements, and it's almost always into the never-never. Eradication is a zero-sum game; anything short of zero is failure. You keep getting closer and closer, but ultimately the only number that actually matters is zero."

Although O'Leary, the polio eradication director for the World Health Organization, is speaking from his home in Galway, against the verdant backdrop of western Ireland, his focus is on war-torn Afghanistan and the parched and dusty plains of Pakistan — the last two places on the planet where wild polio still thrives.

Even during a pandemic, even as grim realities confront him, O'Leary conveys a sense of optimism about the possibility of finally eradicating polio. "Particularly in the days of COVID-19, there is something that really resonates about snuffing out a highly communicable infectious disease," he says. "As COVID has taken off, it has also led a lot of people to better understand why now is the time to finish this job with polio."

Yet O'Leary's optimism is shaded with a sense of urgency and pragmatism. "There is absolutely no case for complacency here," he says. "What is really important is that we double down on reaching the persistently missed children who are a top priority for our program."

O'Leary, who began his tenure as WHO's polio chief in January, came into the job knowing the terrain well. He formerly led UNICEF's polio eradication efforts in Pakistan and was the head

of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and Yemen, organizing the UN's emergency response during crises.

O'Leary says he understands the difference Rotary can make — both in a community and in the global fight against polio. In Galway, a local tradition involves kicking the limestone wall at the end of a 2-mile stroll on the Salthill Promenade along Galway Bay (the reason for doing so has been lost in the mists of time). In 2012, O'Leary explains, the Rotary Club of Galway-Salthill installed on that wall a box that bears the slogan "Small Change, Big Impact" and encourages walkers to leave a small donation, with all money collected going to local charities and institutions.



Strategic plan highlights

In June, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative launched a new strategic plan, "Delivering on a Promise: Polio Eradication Strategy 2022-2026," with two goals: interrupting the transmission of wild poliovirus in the two remaining endemic countries (Afghanistan and Pakistan) and stopping outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV), which arise when the live virus used in the oral polio vaccine mutates back to a virulent form as it circulates among unimmunized and under-immunized populations. Here's how we'll get there.

1: Political advocacy. Work with governments to generate greater urgency and accountability for timely and effective outbreak responses. Build personal relationships and increase trust with those at the national, provincial, and local levels to develop a better understanding of the benefits of the polio program. Explore options to work around the ban on house-to-house vaccinations in parts of Afghanistan.

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