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Dear 2022 International Convention Registrants...

“We want you to know that, in response to questions and concerns raised by members world-wide, the Rotary International Board of Directors has confirmed that the 2022 Rotary International Convention will still be an **in-person event** in Houston, Texas, USA, 4-8 June.

“In addition, the Board has determined that all participants, including Rotary International preconvention participants, must either be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) OR provide a negative result from a COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours before their arrival at the convention.

“To encourage attendance, considering this news, there is a special registration rate of \$495 through 28 February, which is retroactive to 16 December. Any registrations made at the \$575 rate since 16 December will automatically be refunded the difference in price — no action is required from the registrant.

“Please, share this news with your Rotary community and invite a fellow member to attend this year’s convention with you.

“Thank you for your support, and we will see you in Houston!”



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The Rotary Club of Frankfort Meets Every Wednesday at the Capital Plaza Hotel From 11:45 a.m. Until 1:00 p.m.

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...

Beth Malcom is President and CEO of the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association. She grew up in Louisville, and graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's in Psychology and Criminal Justice, and a master's in Counseling and Counselor Education. She spent five years working with teens

and young adults as a licensed mental health and addictions counselor in Indianapolis before returning to Kentucky in 2011 to work for the Kentucky YMCA as a Regional Director.

Prior to taking her current position in 2016, Beth served as Interim CEO, COO and a Program Director. As an alumna of the Kentucky YMCA programs, Beth is proud to serve an organization singularly dedicated to



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the empowerment and uplifting of teen voices and agency. She is committed to ensuring the Kentucky YMCA fulfills the most important two words in the Y's mission: FOR ALL.

Outside of her work with the Y, Beth plays the role of mother to a future Y-kid and Rotarian, and is a horse enthusiast and outdoor adventurer.

Frankfort Rotary is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: Feb 23, 2022 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Board of Directors Meeting

Just a reminder that our monthly board meeting will be directly following our Feb. 23 Zoom weekly meeting.

Speech Contest Update

Speech contest packets have been left at the area high schools in preparation for our contest on March 2. If there are young people in your life, please let them know about the contest. Entry forms are available in the counselor's offices at Western Hills and Franklin County high schools, and from Shane Hecker at Frankfort High. Deadline to enter is Feb. 25!

Rotary statement on wild polio case in Malawi

(from www.rotary.org)

As a result of ongoing disease surveillance, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has confirmed a case of type 1 wild poliovirus (WPV1) in a child suffering from paralysis in Malawi. Analysis has shown the virus is genetically linked to WPV1 that had circulated in Pakistan's Sindh province.

The GPEI is supporting health authorities in Malawi to conduct a thorough assessment of the situation and begin urgent immunization activities to mitigate any risk of spread. Environmental surveillance measures are also being expanded in Malawi and neighboring countries to detect any other potential cases.

Detection of WPV1 outside the world's two remaining endemic countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan is a serious concern and underscores the importance of prioritizing polio immunization activities in countries such as Malawi to prevent future instances of importation. Rotary has continued strong financial support to Africa since the most recent previous case in Nigeria. During the last two years, 54% of the Rotary PolioPlus budget has supported disease surveillance, outbreak response, the purchase of vaccines and operational expenses throughout Africa.

While the news from Malawi is disappointing, the polio program has seen importations from endemic countries to regions that have been certified wild polio-free in the past, and has moved quickly to successfully stop transmission of the virus in these areas. As an imported case from Pakistan, this detection of WPV in Malawi does not affect the WHO African region's wild polio-free certification status.

In the more than three decades since Rotary launched its PolioPlus program and formed the GPEI, we have repeatedly stressed that polio anywhere is a threat to children everywhere. The

case in Malawi imported from Pakistan underscores the importance of that statement. Now is the time for all parties – Rotary members, communities, government leaders, and global partners – to recommit to ending all forms of polio for good. As Rotary members, it is critical that we ramp up our efforts to raise awareness for the importance of reaching all children with polio vaccines, and continue raising the funds necessary to carry out critical eradication activities to protect vulnerable children and prevent further outbreaks.

Donate now at endpolio.org/donate

What is polio?

Polio, or poliomyelitis, is a paralyzing and potentially deadly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5. The virus spreads from person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can then attack the nervous system.

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

Join Zoom Meeting (Meeting ID: 890 0389 1888 Passcode: 466426
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