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Next Week's Meeting...

Randy Newcomb is the Executive Director of Visit Frankfort (web page [here](#)), where he leads efforts to promote Kentucky's capital city as a vibrant destination for visitors, events, and community experiences. With a deep passion for local history, culture, and economic growth, Randy works to highlight Frankfort's unique charm, and to connect travelers with the heart of Kentucky through the city's abundance of art, history, and bourbon.



Newcomb

Randy began his career with the Marshall County Tourist Commission in 1995, becoming Executive Director in 2002. He continued as director for 17 years, during which he led a re-branding to Kentucky Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau, worked as a legislative agent for the Kentucky Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus, and led a grass-roots campaign to all alcohol sales in Marshall County at Kentucky Lake (which was successful by a little over 200 votes). In 2020, he was sought to help re-build the Galesburg, IL Tourism and Visitors Bureau, building it from the ground up. But after five years, he was ready to return to the Commonwealth.

Randy currently resides in Frankfort and still has a home in Marshall County, KY. While he is here full-time, his family is still in Benton/Paducah. He and his partner Sandy have six children, soon to be nine grandchildren and four dogs.

Opening Exercise and Greeter October 15, 2025

Opening exercise will be Nancy Kirkwood
Greeter will be Sherrill Smith

Monthly Board Meeting

There will be a monthly board meeting of the Directors following the October 15 weekly meeting. Any member wishing to attend is welcome.

Welcome New Member

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Sponsor: Tish Shade



Membership Director Tish Shade inducted new member Peyton Popp (center) of Community Trust Bank. The Market President Paola Roe was there for support.

Below, our guest speaker today was William Joseph Crisis Nursery Executive Director and Founder AND Rotarian, Rachel Moore.



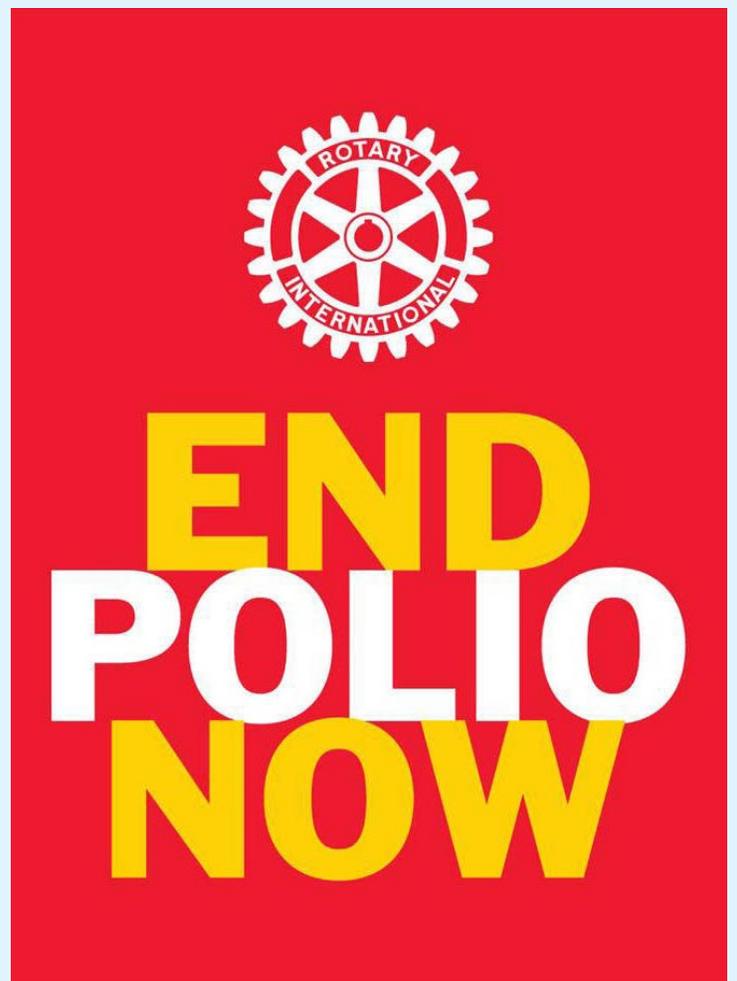
In an Era of Global Health Challenges, Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Like Polio Remain a Threat

While tremendous progress has been made against vaccine-preventable diseases, in this era of global health challenges — from reduced funding to competing priorities to the proliferation of anti-vaccine sentiment — we're at risk for the resurgence of diseases like polio.

Although Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) partners have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide thanks to large-scale immunization campaigns, Afghanistan and Pakistan continue to report cases of wild polio. Meanwhile, outbreaks of other vaccine-preventable diseases like measles are occurring worldwide.

These diseases anywhere are a threat everywhere, including to America. Recent polio detections in Europe, Papua New Guinea, and New York, and global measles outbreaks demonstrate that these viruses know no boundaries. Un- and undervaccinated populations around the world remain vulnerable to contracting these potentially deadly diseases.

The recent renewal of the longstanding Gates Foundation partnership with Rotary through 2029 — which will amount to up to \$450 million — provides critical funding for polio eradication efforts; however, further financial and political support is critically needed to end polio for good.



That's why, on World Polio Day, 24 October, we hope readers will champion immunization and publicly support polio eradication. Visit endpolio.org to learn what actions you can take to help stop the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases and achieve a polio-free world.



Mary Ellen Saks did our opening exercises.



Bishop Hill gave his Life Story today.

–Service Above Self–