



# The Trail

## Huguenot Trail Rotary Club

September 26, 2018

### Coming Events

#### September

Sept. 26 **PDG Jim Bynum**  
Installation and  
Jim's Rotary Story

#### October

- Oct. 3 **RI International Endowment**  
Bill Billings
- Oct. 10 **PDG Stephen Beer**  
Faison School Proect
- Oct. 13 **MMFF-Westchester Commons**  
12-7 pm
- Oct. 17 **Connecting Hearts**  
J. Will Pitzer
- Oct. 19 **Food Bank Distribution**  
5:30 pm
- Oct. 24 **World Polio Day**
- Oct. 31 **Fifth Wednesday**  
No Luncheon Meeting

#### November

- Nov. 14 **LeeAnn Sawyer**  
Bridging RVA
- Nov. 21 **Mike Little**  
Global Grant Project
- Nov. 28 **PDG Sandy Duckworth (7610)**  
The Rotary Foundation

#### December

- Dec. 10 **Christmas Mother Distribution**

### We Gave to Hurricane Relief

The HT Foundation Board voted last week to send a check for \$1000 to Rotary Zone 33, which covers much of the Southeast, including North and South Carolina. Donations are being managed through the Rotary International Donor Advised Fund and will go in total to District 7680 to help relief efforts by Rotarians there.

### Hats of to Sponsorship Sales Team for MMFF

Headed by the dogged determination and leadership of champion salesman Martin, HT Rotary has secured **\$32,000** in sponsorships and in-kind donations for the Magnificent Midlothian Food Festival!

Congratulations, Martin, for taking this on, and for securing **over 20 food vendors!** That's the most the festival has rounded up in the 29 previous years!

While Martin sold the largest chunk of sponsorships, other members contributing were Scott E, Kevin, Randy, Jeff, Gordon, Nick, Mark, Linda and Ian.

**Now it's our job to get out and sell tickets!**



*Olivia Mark* was our speaker last week and talked about MudLove, a family-run group that has a unique way to raise money for clean water in Africa.



*Linda Greeted* Tony and Carol LeMarco, Rotarians from Tennessee, who say they will be back next year when it's race time at RIR!

**DON'T FOCUS ON GETTING NUMBERS; INSTEAD, START A RELATIONSHIP, TELL YOUR ROTARY STORY AND BY DOING SO YOU INVITE THAT PERSON TO COME ON THE JOURNEY AND BUY INTO THE ROTARY DREAM.**

**YOU DON'T WANT NUMBERS YOU WANT ROTARIANS!**

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## Rotary Pledges More in Polio Fight

On 15 August, Rotary announced nearly \$100 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year. The announcement comes as Nigeria marks two years without any reported cases of wild poliovirus, following four reported cases in 2016.

“The fact that no new cases of wild poliovirus have been detected in Nigeria points to the improved surveillance and rapid response protocols Rotary and its [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) partners have established, particularly in insecure and inaccessible areas,” said Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee.

“While this progress is promising, it’s time to redouble our efforts so we can continue to maintain the political and financial support necessary to end polio for good.”

While significant strides have been made against the paralyzing disease, wild poliovirus is still a threat in parts of the world, with 10 cases in Afghanistan and three cases in Pakistan this year so far. As long as a single child has polio, all children are at risk, which underscores the need for ongoing funding and political commitment to eradication.

To support polio eradication efforts in countries where polio remains endemic, Rotary is allocating the majority of the funds it announced today to Afghanistan (\$22.9 million), Pakistan (\$21.7 million), and Nigeria (\$16.1 million).

Further funding will support efforts to keep 12 vulnerable African countries polio-free:

- Cameroon (\$98,600)
- Central African Republic (\$394,400)
- Chad (\$1.71 million)
- Democratic Republic of the Congo (\$10.4 million)
- Guinea (\$527,300)
- Madagascar (\$690,000)
- Mali (\$923,200)
- Niger (\$85,300)
- Sierra Leone (\$245,300)
- Somalia (\$776,200)
- South Sudan (\$3.5 million)
- Sudan (\$2.6 million)

Africa will also see \$5.8 million in funding for surveillance activities and \$467,800 for technical assistance. Additional funding will go to Bangladesh (\$504,200), Indonesia (\$157,800), Myanmar (\$197,200), and Nepal (\$160,500), with an additional \$96,300 funding surveillance in Southeast Asia. The remainder of the funding (\$6.6 million) will go to the World Health Organization (WHO) for research activities.

Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million a year to be matched 2-to-1 by the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#), yielding \$450 for polio eradication activities over a three-year period. To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.8 billion to fight the disease, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio immunization program, PolioPlus, in 1985.

In 1988, Rotary became a core partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the [WHO](#), [UNICEF](#), and the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). The Gates Foundation later joined. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases in 1988 to 22 confirmed in 2017.

