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Club of Jackson,
Mississippi



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October 7th, 2024

The Rotary Club of Jackson was pleased to welcome District 6820 Polio Chairman Dr. Nelson Atehortua. The title of his presentation is: "END POLIO NOW: A Polio Survivor's Perspective."



L to R: Heber Simmons, Jr. – Rotary Past President; Pediatric Dentistry, Retired; Dr. Nelson Atehortua – District 6820 Polio Chairman; Mark Fields – District 6820 Past District Governor; Owner, Woodmark Investments, LLC; and Richard Wilbourn – Rotary President Elect; Attorney – Richard Wilbourn And Associates, PLLC

Mark Fields – District 6820 Past District Governor welcomed Rotarians and guests. He also led the Club in the Four Way Test.

Deonte Oscar – President, Hinds County Division – Community Bank, delivered the Invocation; **Rob Salley** (Retired) led club members in the Pledge of Allegiance; and

James Carter – Vice President, Bank Plus, introduced Guests:

- Richard Wilbourn's daughter – Sophia Wilbourn, Policy Analyst for Congressman Michael Burgess – Texas, District 26



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

District 6820 is now accepting applications for District Governor for Rotary year 2027-2028. For more information or to access the application, please visit <https://www.rotary6820.com>. October 31, 2024, is the deadline to apply.

Fourth-quarter invoices are now in your inbox. Please make these a priority.

Annual Coat Drive for the Boys and Girls Club of Central Mississippi.

Collection dates: October 28 and November 4. Sizes 5/6 through 18.

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New coats
sizes for ages
5 to 18 year
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Congratulations to Assma Ali, guest speaker for the Professional Women's Association of Jackson on October 15.



October 24 is World Polio Day.

Save the Date: October 24, 6:00 p.m. - District 6820 End Polio Now 5k Run and Walk. Flowood Family YMCA, 690 Liberty Road. Questions? Email Dr. Nelson Atehortua, Committee Chair, at nelson.atehortua@gmail.com.

It is important to register even if you don't want to participate. All contributions are vital to fight polio.



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Join us on Monday, October 28, when our guest speaker will be Rotary District Governor Sharon Moulder.

On October 28, the Rotary Club of Jackson will host a **Rotary Foundation Major Donor ceremony** and a **Paul Harris Fellow Recognition**.

On October 28, the Rotary Club of Jackson will hold an **Excellence in Education Ceremony** recognizing some of Jackson Public School's finest educators.

On November 4, the Rotary Club of Jackson will host a **Perfect Attendance Ceremony**.

If you believe you are a candidate for perfect attendance and have yet to receive an email from Paula, please contact her at jrotary@bellsouth.net.

BIRTHDAYS:

Mason Williams	October 20
Mark Saxon	October 22

President-Elect Richard Wilbourn Introduced Dr. Nelson Atehortua.

Dr. Atehortua is an Adjunct Professor at Jackson State University's Mississippi Delta Center of Excellence in Maternal Health. He is also a health Consultant to the Metropolitan YMCA of Mississippi and the World Health Organization.

Quotes and Notes from Dr. Atehortua's presentation:

"Talking about polio is his passion."

"Polio forces survivors to live in a different world than others."

"As a child, the smell of the hospital was like home; the taste of the food and the everyday sounds were family to me." His time spent in the hospital as a child led Dr. Atehortua to want to be a doctor and a Rotarian. His hospital in Columbia has a large Rotary wheel at the entrance.

Polio Eradication is “almost there” with 99% success; however, in 2023, 12 cases were reported. Reports from 2024 show 61 current cases of polio: 1 in Gaza, 22 cases in Afghanistan, and 32 cases in Pakistan. “The increase in new cases is due to the destruction in civilian infrastructure – clean water, housing, sanitized cooking, etc.”

“Rotary International’s goal should be to completely eradicate polio by the end of the decade.” Of course, Dr. Atehortua has a “biased approach to the goal as a polio survivor.”



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24 OCTOBER

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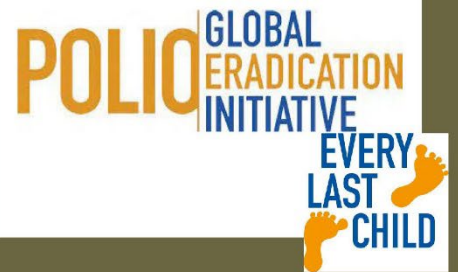
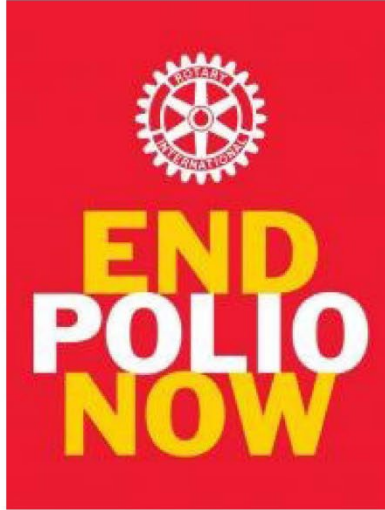
The poster features a large, central image of a young child with dark hair and eyes, wearing a light blue shirt. To the left, a smaller inset shows a health worker in a blue cap and yellow vest administering a vaccine to a child. The background is purple with a large yellow and orange sunburst graphic behind the child. The text is in bold yellow and white.



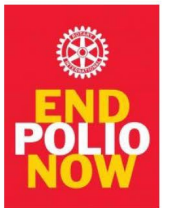
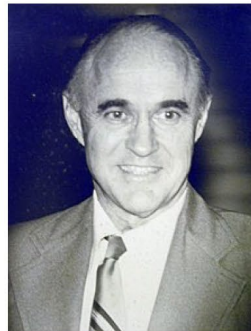
 

We Are not done with POLIO yet!!

Dr. Nelson Atehortua De la Pena
MD. PhD. MPH



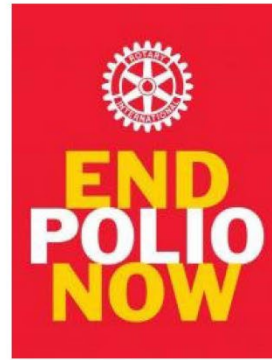
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**“There is no reason that anybody in this world should have polio... it’s just ridiculous.”
Itzhak Perlman**



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We are very close...



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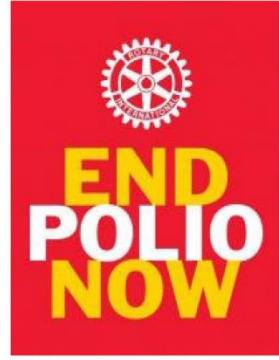
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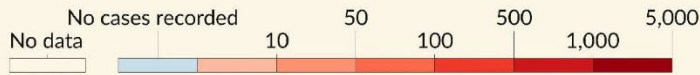


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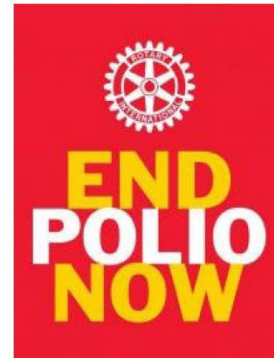
Only 12 cases of wild polio were reported in 2023

Six were reported in Afghanistan and six in Pakistan.
All cases since 2013 have been caused by type WPV1.

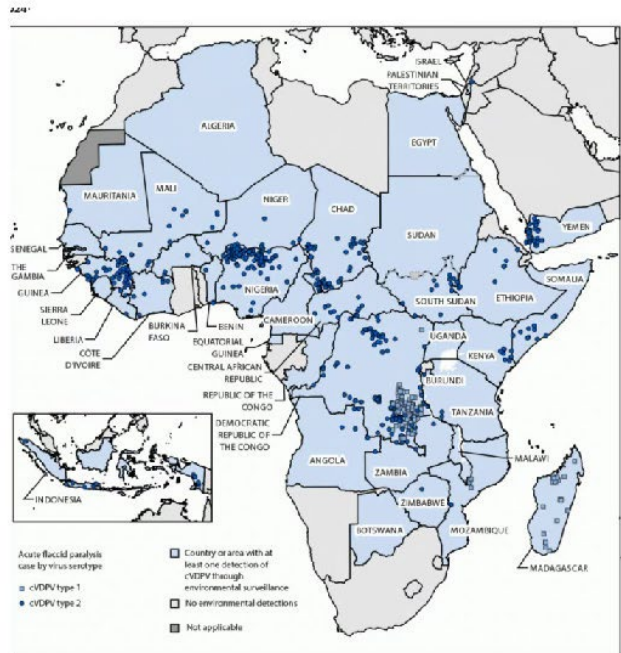


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Our World in Data

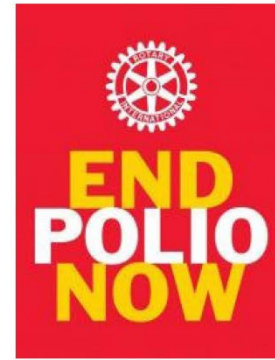


Now, the times are more challenging...



bbreviation: cVDPV = circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus.

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Hence the numbers...



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14 Oct 2024
Date last refresh

Global Wild AFP cases and environmental samples 2018-2024



Source Period	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases									Date of recent virus	Wild virus type 1 reported from other sources ²							
	Full year total						01-Jan - 15-Oct ¹				Full year total						01-Jan - 15-Oct ¹	Date of recent virus
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Afghanistan	21	29	56	4	2	6	6	22	30-Aug-2024	86	66	43	1	22	62	89	24-	
Pakistan	12	147	84	1	20	6	3	32	22-Sep-2024	139	390	438	65	41	127	434	23-Sep-2024	
Islamic Republic of Iran											3						20-May-2019	
Malawi				1					19-Nov-2021									
Mozambique					8				10-Aug-2022									
TOTAL (TYPE 1)	33	176	140	6	30	12	9	54		225	459	481	66	63	189	523		
Tot. in endemic countries	33	176	140	5	22	12				225	456	481	66	63	189			
Tot. in non-end countries				1	8						3							
No. of countries (infect...)	2	2	2	3	3	2				2	3	2	2	2	2			
No. of countries (ende...)	2	2	2	2	2	2				2	2	2	2	2	2			
Total Female	18	72	59	2	10	4				2	3			1				
Total Male	15	104	81	4	20	8					11							

Countries in yellow are endemic.

¹Cases reported to WHO HQ on week 43 in 2023 and 2024

²Wild viruses from environmental samples, selected contacts, healthy children and other sources





Pakistan

Four more wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases reported

News and Press Release • Source: Govt. Pakistan • Posted: 20 Oct 2024 • Originally published: 18 Oct 2024 • Origin: View original

The Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio Eradication at the National Institute of Health, Islamabad, has confirmed the detection of wild poliovirus type-1 (WPV1) in three children from Balochistan and one child from Lakki Marwat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The three children affected in Balochistan, include a girl child from Pishin who showed symptoms of polio on September 25, a boy from Chaman, who showed symptoms on September 28 and a boy from Noshki who showed symptoms on September 26, while the affected child in Lakki Marwat is a girl child who showed symptoms on September 29.

The total number of polio cases for this year has reached 37, including 20 from Balochistan, 10 from Sindh, five from KP, and one each from Punjab and Islamabad.

Genetic sequencing of the cases is underway.

These are the first polio cases from Noshki and Lakki Marwat this year, and the second case from both Chaman and Pishin.

Noshki is located on the border with Afghanistan and borders Quetta and Mastung districts

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Pakistan

Two more wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases reported

News and Press Release • Source: Govt. Pakistan • Posted: 20 Oct 2024 • Originally published: 19 Oct 2024 • Origin: View original

The Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio Eradication at the National Institute of Health, Islamabad, has confirmed two wild poliovirus type-1 (WPV1) cases from Sindh.

The two affected children include a girl child from Sanghar district and a boy child from Mirpur Khas district.

The total number of polio cases for this year has reached 39, including 20 from Balochistan, 12 from Sindh, five from KP, and one each from Punjab and Islamabad.

Genetic sequencing of the cases is underway.

These are the first polio cases from Mirpur Khas and Sanghar this year. Sanghar shares a border with Mirpur Khas from where several environmental samples have tested positive for WPV1 since April, indicating virus circulation in this area.

The intense virus transmission and increase in polio cases is indicative of the harm that children suffer when they miss opportunities for vaccination.

The Pakistan Polio Programme is launching a nationwide polio vaccination campaign from October 28 to vaccinate more than 45 million children under the age of five against paralytic polio.

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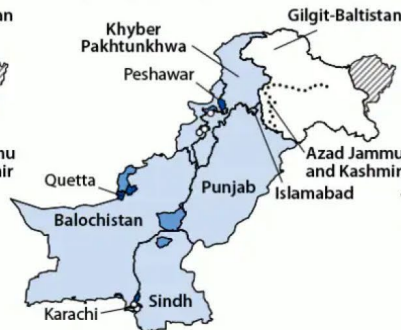
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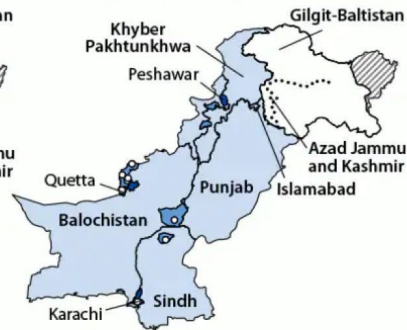
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July–December 2023



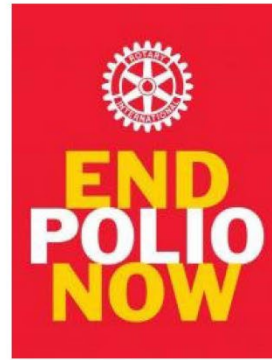
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- WPV1
- Reservoir sites
- Districts with reported WPV1
- Province
- Azad Jammu and Kashmir
- Aksai Chin



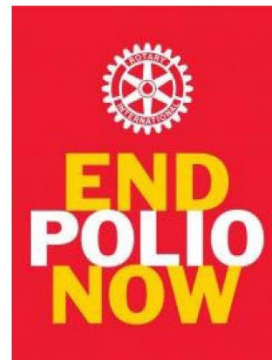
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Plus one case coming from Gaza...



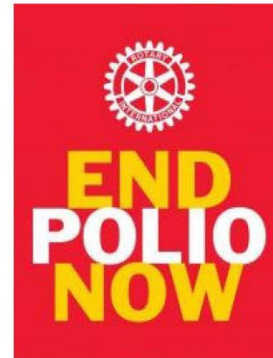
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We keep working hard...



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Hoping for better times...



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Two new Polio vaccines created to globally eradicate the disease

June 15, 2023

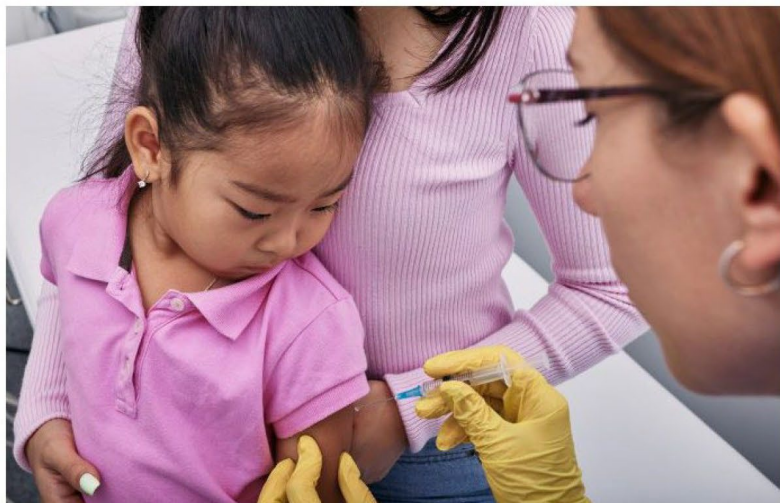
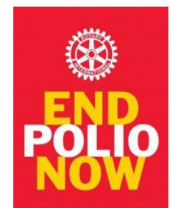
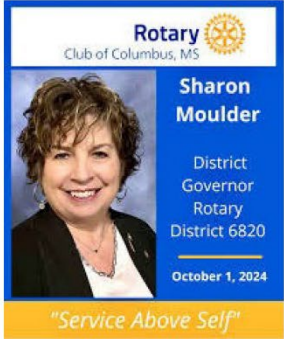
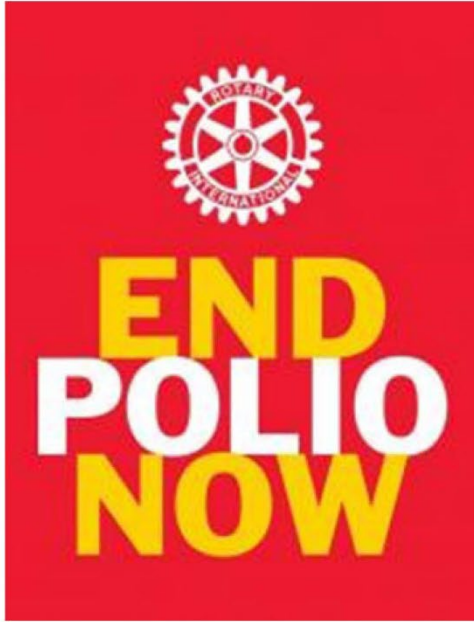


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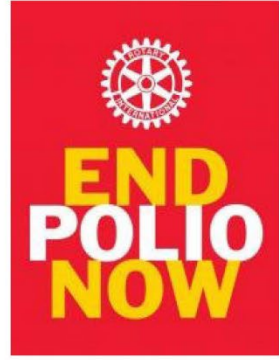
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Join us for this wonderful race. The net proceeds will go to Rotary International's continued Polio Eradication efforts.

Registration fees

5K Run

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Thu, October 24, 2024
6:00 PM CDT

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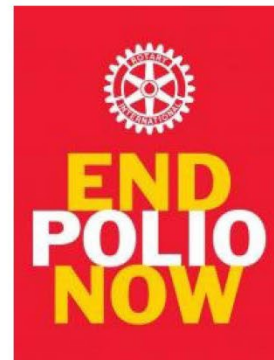
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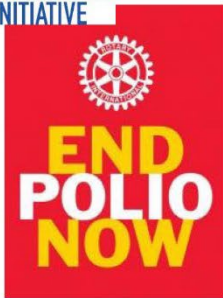


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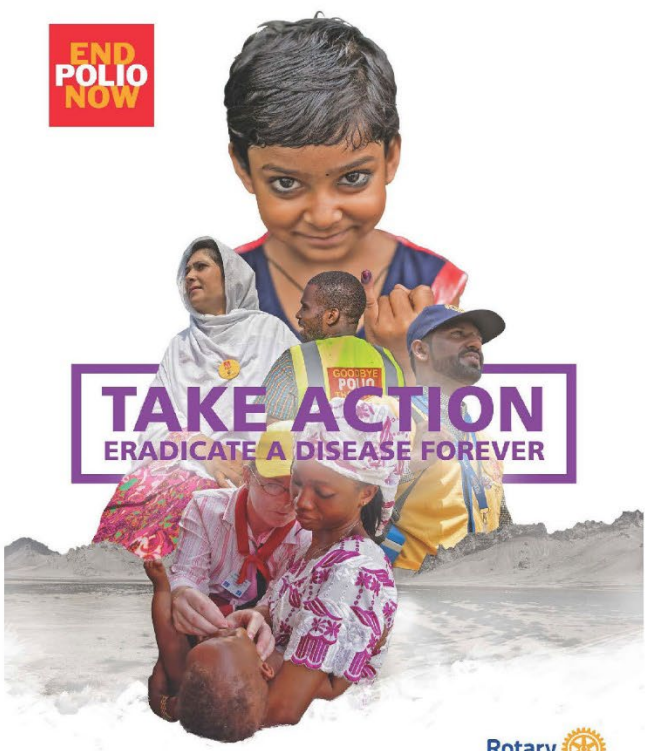
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Dr. Nelson Atehortua



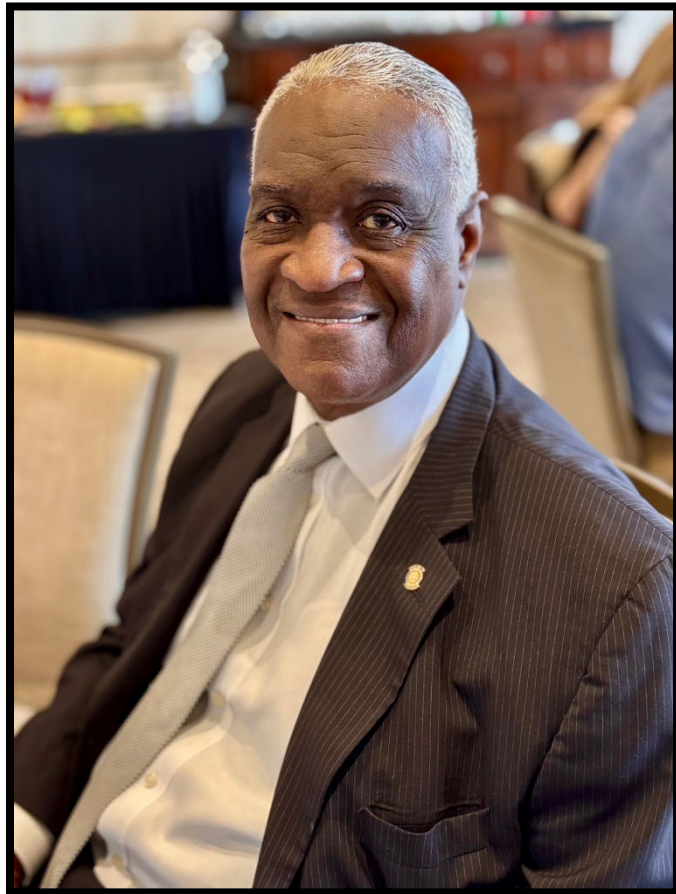
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Enjoying Lunch and Good Fellowship



Enjoying lunch and great conversation



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