



This week I would like to talk about planning for World Polio Day which is October 24th. Do you have a project and speaker lined up? Attached will be a list of 20 ideas one of which is a link for resource material available for you to use (free!). Some of these ideas are things you can do within your club or out in your community. Some can involve raising funds to help on our quest to end polio. Most should be a lot of fun! Hopefully they all will help raise awareness in your community. Please be sure to do #6 if nothing else! See, now you have to read the list to see what #6 is!

As for speakers, here are 13 people that can visit you virtually and a few in person. They are all well versed on Rotary's involvement towards ending polio. They can speak to personal experiences as a survivor or feeding children drops of vaccine. They can all be compelling and I urge you to try to book at least one in October.

1. Nancy Barbee [nbarbee@gmail.com](mailto:nbarbee@gmail.com) PDG Rotarian District 7730 Has been on several International trips for immunization days.
2. Peter Kyle [peter.kyle@gmail.com](mailto:peter.kyle@gmail.com) Zone 34 Director
3. John Nanni [jntenor@yahoo.com](mailto:jntenor@yahoo.com) Rotarian District 7630 Polio Survivor
4. John Germ Message through Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/john.germ.3> Past RIP and past chair of Rotary Polio Committee
5. Anne Matthews [almijmilm@aol.com](mailto:almijmilm@aol.com) RI Vice President, 2013-14, RI Director 2012-14, Rotary Foundation Trustee 2010-12
6. Cynde Covington [cyndecovington@gmail.com](mailto:cyndecovington@gmail.com) Rotarian District 6970
7. Ann Wade [aecwade@yahoo.com](mailto:aecwade@yahoo.com) Rotarian District 6890 Polio Survivor
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9. Michael Dach [Mdach@thephoenixnetwork.net](mailto:Mdach@thephoenixnetwork.net) Rotarian District 6890 Polio Committee
10. Dr. Tunji Funsho Twitter: @dr\_funsho Chairman Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee of Rotary International
11. Aziz Memon Twitter: @azizmemonkings Pakistan National Polio Plus Committee Chairman
12. Dr Mathew Varghese Message through Facebook: @gun2710 [https://www.facebook.com/pg/gun2710/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/gun2710/about/?ref=page_internal) St. Stephen's Hospital in India – Runs the last Polio Ward in India
13. Michael McGovern [mkmcee@gmail.com](mailto:mkmcee@gmail.com) Chair of Rotary International's PolioPlus Committee

Yours in Rotary – DG Mark

## 20 Ideas for World Polio Day

1. Pints for Polio - Partner with a couple of local restaurants and a tap house and they donate \$1 per pint sold. Also set up a table at the tap house to answer questions about Polio and your club.
2. Host a Polio Walk, Swim, or Ride (road bikes or stationery).
3. Host a screening of polio documentary "Dare to Dream"
4. Have a Purple Pinky event.
5. Have a fundraiser social evening at someone's home.
6. Get your city/town government to issue a proclamation.
7. Go on your local radio station to talk about World Polio Day and Rotary's efforts to end polio.
8. Have people donate their lunch money.
9. Partner with a local restaurant to have a percentage of receipts donated to Polio.
10. Host a benefit concert.
11. Have a wine tasting event.
12. Have a Trivia Contest
13. For kids (of all ages!)- have a Candyland for a Cure Contest
14. Do shredding for a few hours with proceeds going to Polio.
15. Raise funds and public awareness by auctioning several attractive donated items on the internet using an online bid site. Promote the event on social media and local radio & TV.
16. Sponsor a Corn hole Tournament
17. Sponsor a Karaoke Night
18. Have Speaker(s) at your meeting talk about Polio
19. Set up at a local farmer's market or other town event to raise funds and awareness
20. <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day> Resources here include a World Polio Day Toolkit you can download as well as social media messages and graphics. Other event ideas are there and you can register your event too. Have fun!