



# THE ROTARY RAZZ

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## TODAY IN OPRF ROTARY

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Board Meeting - 10:45 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME

Board Report-Out to Membership & ??????

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## Also, This Week in Rotary

October 22: RMB\* Global Meet

\*[Rotary Means Business]

October 23: 11 AM - International Svcs Comm.

October 24: WORLD POLIO DAY

October 24: D6450 Fall Training

25 - Greater OP-RF-FP Interact Club Mtg - 1PM

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**Wanted:** a few Rotarians who also like fruitcake, but who may be the only one in their family who does!! We've got the link to Collin Street Bakery - which looks pretty darn good! -

<https://collinstreet.com/> — but fellow fruitcake lovers may have other suggestions. Rick and Lesley are seeking "fruitcake partners" since ordering a whole fruitcake for one or two people is WAY TOO MUCH!!

## REMINDER:

Each week, if you have difficulty or need assistance with logging on to our Club's Zoom Video Conferencing system, reach out to:

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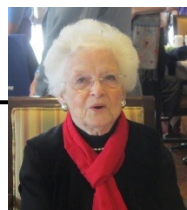
The Interactors still need your recipes. Please keep sending them your favorites.

Help them create a cookbook of AMAZING Rotary family favorites



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## The President's Corner . .



A question came up last week as to how to explain the X6 match for the 2020 Pioneers for Polio Pledge. We promised an answer, and here it is:

Donations are matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation and . . . For donations up to the first \$15,000, donations will be matched by an additional 1:1 District 6450 match.

YOU - or the CLUB - contribute	\$100		
Gates Foundation matches 2 : 1	\$200		
For a sub-total of		\$300	
D6450 then matches that at 1 : 1		\$300	
For a GRAND TOTAL of			\$600



Join us as we celebrate the election of Jennifer Jones as the First Woman President of Rotary International and help her meet her goal to raise \$150 million for the END POLIO NOW campaign. DONATE HERE or give Charlie Williams a check:

[https://raise.rotary.org/district\\_6450/fundraiser](https://raise.rotary.org/district_6450/fundraiser)

Donations will be matched 100% up to \$15,000, thanks to ROTARY/One and an anonymous donor. All funds raised are matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation. Each Dollar you give raises \$6 for End Polio Now.

Additionally, and as a separate D6450 incentive to the program , , , Rotarian donations of \$50 or more receive triple matching points for Paul Harris Fellowship recognition, up to 60,000 total points.

As always, remember "Service Above Self," and thank you for everything you do for Rotary, our club and our community.

*Yours in Rotary,  
Sue Quinn  
President 2020-21*

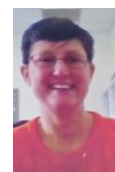


### OCTOBER

28 - Dr. Mary Ann Bender: OP-RF Chamber & How our Businesses are Working Through COVID-19  
31 - Poetry Peace Challenge Deadline [midnight]

### NOVEMBER REMINDERS

2 - 8 - World Interact Week 2020  
6 - Deadline for DG nominations 2023-24 year - 5PM  
7 - Rotary Interactive Quarantine Zoom Meeting - 10AM  
21 - DG 2023-24 Interviews



President Sue opened the meeting by asking Jan Arnold to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sue then shared some announcements.

Daphne Ann Van Ness. 7lb. 14oz 21in long, was born at 6:47pm October 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to proud new parents Eric and Dana Van Ness.



Oak Park and River Forest High School sophomore Jordan Arnold-Anderson spent his freshman spring break using a 3D printer to make more than a dozen masks to donate to medical professionals. Jordan saw a need for additional PPE for medical professionals and used his creative skills to help.



Jordan found some plans online and using a manufacturer's instructions and antibacterial filament along with the proper fabric, he began making the masks - each mask takes almost five hours to fully manufacture. According to Jordan, "They print out



flat and I have to mold them with a hair dryer." He uses a foam head to help make the masks. "I don't want to touch them a lot, so that helps mold it." Each mask costs about \$1 to make, and Jordan said he will keep making them as long as medical supplies are needed.

Hearing what Jordan was doing, Lesley Gottlinger reached out to OPRF Rotary Foundation Chair Charlie Williams to see about making Jordan a Paul Harris Fellow. After all, what better example of **Service above Self** could there be! Jordan has already received his PH medallion, certificate, and pin, but wanted to thank the club for the honor. Not wanting to miss school, Jordan created a video to do just that as well as to explain the mask-making process. [Due to technical difficulties, the link to the video will be sent out separately to OPRF Rotarians.] Congratulations to our newest Paul Harris Fellow, Jordan Arnold-Anderson.

Sue shared that the Board had voted to approve the funding for a project the Township is undertaking to help people safeguard their medications and keep them from getting in the wrong hands. They are hosting a prescription take back day on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 1 PM. They will be giving away pumpkins to encourage people to bring in their expired prescription medication, and to thank them.

October is National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month. To educate our community and provide the means to protect medications at home, the Township was thinking of purchasing medication lock boxes as giveaways. This effort would sync with at least three of the focus areas for OPRF Rotary:

- Disease prevention and treatment.
- Water and sanitation.
- Economic and community development.

The amount requested would purchase 104 Safer Caps @ \$6.99 = \$726.96 and 30 Safe Lock Boxes @ \$11.99 = \$359.70 for a **Total of \$1086.66**. Sue noted we have \$2000 in our budget for Projects this year. To date, none of those funds have been spent. Stickers will be placed on all the boxes to indicate that the funding came from our Club. They will also post on social media to give us further exposure.

Other announcements included:

- Get well wishes to Selma Belajec who had hip surgery 4- 5 weeks ago. She is on the mend, and says she misses us. She is planning to return to Rotary when we begin meeting in person again.
- Get well wishes to Jaime Escobar who recently had knee surgery. Unfortunately, he had a major

"problem" with the bad knee which affected the good knee which put him back in the hospital. He anticipated being released from the hospital Saturday, October 17.

- Keeping Bill Planek and his family in our thoughts and prayers on the recent loss of his mother Joanne.
- Keeping John Hedges in our thoughts and prayers on the recent loss of his brother and sister-in-law in an automobile accident in Indiana.



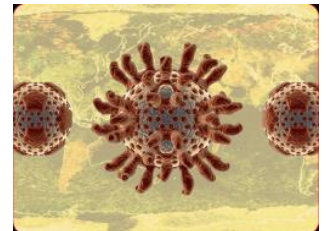
- Keeping Sister Michelle Germanson in our thoughts and prayers. She is in Hospice.

At program's end, Robert Stelletello lead the group in The Four-Way Test of the Things We Think, Say, and Do, and we were on our way.

With no other announcements or business, President Sue then introduced our day's speaker - OPRF Rotarian Dr. Nabil Saleh.

### Program Notes

Nabil opened the presentation by sharing photos and giving a brief history of the Polio virus. He noted that Polio does not affect any certain age group, rather it attacks all ages and all areas of the world: Europe, Latin America, India, Africa. No one age or country is exempt!



He pointed out that FDR was afflicted with Polio in 1921 at the age of 39.

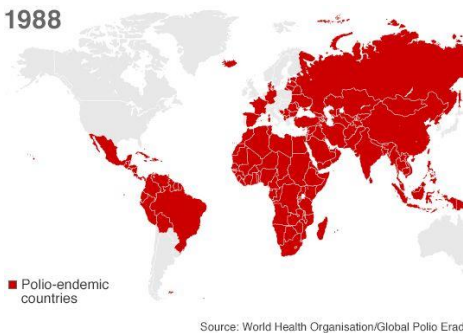
Poliomyelitis has existed as long as human society but became a major public health issue in late Victorian times with major epidemics in Europe and the United States. The disease, which causes spinal and respiratory paralysis, can kill and remains incurable but vaccines have assisted in its almost total eradication today.



Nabil talked about how people catch Polio as well as the three different types and symptoms of each. In discussing complications, Nabil cited certain statistics:

- Between 2%-5% of children affected with paralytic polio die.
- whereas for adults, 15%-30% die.

He looked at treatment and care, stating there is not cure. He did say, however, prevention is the answer. Dr.



Saleh also shared a map depicting Polio prevalence in 1988. By 1988, polio had disappeared from the US,

UK, Australia and much of Europe but remained prevalent in more than 125 countries. The same year, the World Health Assembly adopted a resolution to eradicate the disease completely by the year 2000.

Nabil then shared a timeline during the 1950's, taking it up then to 1999 when inactivated polio vaccine replaces oral polio vaccine as recommended method of polio immunization in the United States.

Rotary's partners since 1988 have included Pan-American Health Organization, World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control, UNICEF and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

On September 25, 2020, the GPEI congratulated Dr.

THANK YOU  
Rotary



GOOD-BYE POLIO

Tunji Funsho, Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee Chair for being named one of TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the world. Dr. Funsho's

leadership within Rotary and the GPEI partnership were instrumental in eradicating wild polio in Nigeria and the African region.

Dr. Saleh then offered additional statistics - which are now updated here even more . . .



**As of October 15, 2020:**

**Reported Polio statistics include:**

**4 wild polio cases this week**

**Afghanistan = 1; year-to-date = 52**

**Pakistan = 3; year-to-date = 77**



In asking if we can succeed, Nabil pointed out that the Global Polio Eradication Initiative is focusing on 'every missed child' in Endemic Countries., ensuring even the most vulnerable communities are served.

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.

In closing, Nabil shared that our Mission must be to:

- Give,
- Build Awareness
- Become an Advocate

Success, he notes, must include giving! He then opened the floor to questions.



John Hewko says: I had a great training ride this week preparing for my 42-mile fundraising ride for World Polio Day. Find out more, add your support, and start your own event. <https://on.rotary.org/33AB36a>



## 2020 Pioneers for Polio Update #6

More Rotary Clubs in our District are donating now to take advantage of the special matching funds. The Rotary Clubs of Hinsdale, Naperville Downtown, and Chicago Financial District have all donated collectively to this campaign, and we thank them. Many other Clubs are encouraging their members to give individually this month, such as Oak Park-River Forest and Elmhurst. Every gift helps as we continue the efforts to eradicate polio! Help us reach our goal and take full advantage of the matching dollars that remain.

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The Rotary Club of Chicago & District 6450 presents:

### POLIO TODAY - COVID TOMORROW

Achievements | Lessons Learned | What's Next

Tuesday, October 20th | 12:10-1:30 pm Central Time  
Register at [www.rotaryone.org](http://www.rotaryone.org)

**OUR EXPERT PANEL**  
Moderated by:

- Dr. Tunji Funsho**  
Chief Medical Officer, Corporate Health & Safety, United Technologies
- Jeffrey Kluger**  
Chairman, Rotary International
- Ann Lee Hussey**  
President, Rotary International
- Judith Diment**  
Chairman, Rotary International
- Aziz Memon**  
Chairman, Rotary International

**DONATE**  
[rotary.org/donate](http://rotary.org/donate)

Join the **Rotary** Club of Chicago on October 20 for an on-line **#WorldPolioDay**

Panel discussion moderated by Jeffrey Kluger and featuring Ann Lee Hussey, Aziz Memon, Dr. Tunji Funsho, and Judith Diment. Register now to take part:

<https://on.rotary.org/2Fvy45S>

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## PEACE POETRY CHALLENGE

Chicago area elementary, middle, high school students are encouraged to participate in the Peace Poetry Challenge sponsored by Rotary Clubs in Chicago and The Peace School. The Peace Poetry Challenge submissions should focus on "What Does Peace Mean to Me" - which can include inner peace, peace with other people, peace in your community, and peace in the world. Students can submit a written poem or middle and high school students can submit a 1.5 minute Spoken Word video. Submissions are due by Monday, November 16 and awards and top Peace Poetry Challenge authors will be notified by Friday, December 11. [www.rotary6450.org](http://www.rotary6450.org)



## Sad News to Share . . .

4/13/1924 - 10/16/2020

Dear friend and Rotarian Virginia "Ginie" Cassin passed away Friday, October 16, at the age of 96 in Minnesota. We'll offer more details as information becomes available. In the meanwhile, we are sharing this wonderful video memory [link below] of an amazing and special lady who touched so very many lives. Those of us who knew Ginie are blessed to have known her and equally as grateful to have been her friends. She will be sorely missed by all whose lives she passed through. Godspeed, Ginie! XOXOX

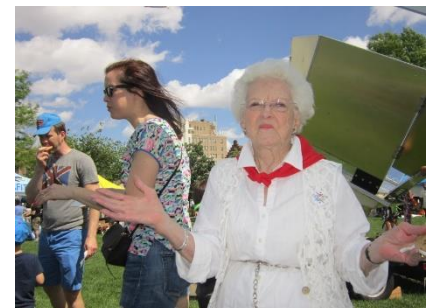
From the Village of Oak Park, IL video playlist **Oak Park History** of June 2018, here is the link to **Legendary Oak Parker Virginia Cassin** :

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=10155675517265878>

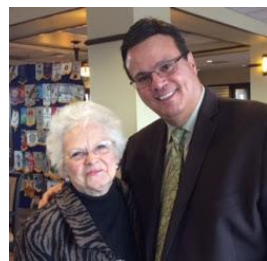
The Village of Oak Park called her the longtime Village Clerk, fair housing activist and community booster. We called her - here are just some of the things said about "our Ginie . . ."

- . . . darling energetic leader before her time!!!
- . . . a truly lovely lady, and excellent ambassador for Oak Park
- . . . What an amazing lady!
- . . . kind, generous, funny, and so talented
- . . . a great advocate for fairness and a great Rotarian
- . . . a delightful and fascinating lady.
- . . . a force, a kind heart and a good friend

Ginie was all those things, and so very much more. Here are just some photos of Ginie through the years. It was difficult to choose, since she NEVER took a bad photo!!







OPRF Awards Breakfast,  
May 2008 w/ Lee Brooke,  
Marcie Kubat & Art Holland

Ginie & Shirley rehearsing for  
the OPRF Holiday Radio show

