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**Rotary Foundation Minute**

The Rotary World will be celebrating World Polio Day on October 24th. This is a time for us to celebrate the success we have made to rid the world of this horrible disease. The earliest recorded evidence of wild virus polio was some 35 centuries ago in Egypt. As late as 1952 it is estimated that there were 600,000 or more cases each year of wild virus polio to have occurred worldwide (58,000 here in the United States). So far this year there have been 23 recorded cases of wild virus polio (1 in Afghanistan, 17 in Pakistan and 5 in Mozambique). Rotary International along with the Gates Foundation and the other members of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have come a long way, but there is still a ways to go to keep Rotary's promise to the children of the world. It is only with your help that we will finish this task. Please consider making a contribution on the 24th.

More information can be found here: <https://www.endpolio.org/> and here: A new weapon against polio | Rotary International

Until next week,

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