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President's message

JENNIFER JONES, September 2022



Jennifer Jones and her husband, Nick Krayacich, (top left) talk with Náthali Batzibal, a student they support through the Guatemala Literacy Project, during an April visit. Since 1997, the project has improved education in rural areas of the country by providing books, teacher training, and scholarships. Former scholarship recipient Rosa Ixcoy (bottom right), also supported by Jones and Krayacich, poses with her daughter and mother. Turn to page 36 for a photo essay on the project.

The power of taking uncomfortable chances

Recently, Nick and I spent time in Guatemala, where we met wonderful fellow Rotary members and families who unofficially adopted me as “Tía Jennifer.” On the third day, after visiting Patzún in the mountainous western highlands, we set out for Lake Atitlán, which we needed to reach by nightfall. If we took a back road we could get there faster. Locals told us it had just been repaved and assured us, “You’ll have no problem.”

At first, it was a breeze. We wound through misty-green coffee and corn fields covering the hillside like a patchwork quilt. But at a river crossing, we found a bridge washed away. The only way to continue would be to ford the river in our small bus. There were a few tense moments, but we decided to give it a try and, thankfully, we made it across safely.

This adventure reminds me of two important truths in Rotary. One, we rely on local, on-the-ground expertise to do what we do best. And two, sometimes you have to take uncomfortable chances to reach important goals.

Every day, I am honored to learn from our Rotary family. Every lesson is an opportunity to grow, and each story adds a chapter to our collective Imagine Rotary year.

JENNIFER JONES
President, Rotary International

President's message

JENNIFER JONES, October 2022

Shining a spotlight on polio

In August, I was proud to visit Pakistan and highlight Rotary's top goal, eradicating polio. It was also a tremendous opportunity to spotlight women health workers who are playing a critical role in protecting children from this vaccine-preventable disease.

This month, as we celebrate World Polio Day, we are shining a spotlight on our more than 30-year effort to lead the first global polio eradication campaign and our success in forming partnerships capable of completing this massive goal. We all know that this is one of the most ambitious global health initiatives in history and that we've reduced polio cases by more than 99.9 percent worldwide.

Pakistan remains one of only two countries in the world with circulating wild poliovirus. (The other is neighboring Afghanistan.) I was able to witness and take part in vaccination campaigns in Pakistan, and soon after I left, a monumental nationwide immunization campaign took place, focused on 43 million children under the age of 5. I saw the incredible work of Rotary members on the ground. More than 60 percent of vaccinators in Pakistan are women, and they are doing a remarkable job building trust and convincing mothers to vaccinate their children.

Seeing it all firsthand, I know that the will exists across the Rotary world to end polio, and I'm confident that we have the strategy. The Pakistani media has been very supportive of our efforts as well, and this is making a difference. This month, a new global pledging moment at the World Health Summit in Berlin promises to pull together more resources to fund these time-sensitive eradication efforts. Now it is up to us to do our part and raise \$50 million this year to earn the full 2-for-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

There's great cause for optimism on the polio front — but also some staggering new events that further raise the stakes. Over the past few months, new polio outbreaks have occurred in Israel, the United Kingdom and, most recently, in the New York City area of the United States. These stories are frightening, but in every case, the response is clear — vaccines work, and if polio is spreading, we need to make sure the most at-risk people have kept their vaccinations up to date.

Most importantly, we need to eradicate this virus now. If polio exists anywhere, it can spread everywhere.

What I saw in Pakistan convinced me that we can and must finish the job, but it will only happen if we remain committed to a strategy that's working and back it with all necessary resources.

Through our commitment, generosity, and sheer determination, we will #EndPolio.

JENNIFER JONES

President, Rotary International





For those who cannot read these words

One of my favorite books, *A Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson, muses on the creation of the universe and how a tiny speck of it we call Earth went from being a fiery ball with seas of molten rock to the lush green-and-blue home we know today. Bryson’s argument is that it is a miracle that we — our planet and our species — have survived. “We enjoy not only the privilege of existence,” Bryson writes, “but also the singular ability to appreciate it and even, in a multitude of ways, to make it better.”

We are fortunate to be able to read his words or any others. And we are fortunate to be part of an organization that is making our world a better place by helping those who can’t read them. There are an estimated 773 million illiterate adults — most of them women — who can’t read these words or write their own name. They are at a clear disadvantage in life, with limited opportunities to work. And this situation isn’t their fault.

Rotary has not forgotten them. In September, let’s celebrate Basic Education and Literacy Month by looking at the long-term impact Rotary and The Rotary Foundation are making and how we are finding ways to lend a hand in the effort.

Last year alone, The Rotary Foundation approved 104 global grants totaling \$6.3 million for basic education and literacy projects, according to preliminary figures. This is on top of decades of work in our clubs and districts. As an Australian, I’m especially proud of the work of Dick Walker, a past district governor from Queensland, who used a Foundation matching grant to develop the concentrated language encounter method that has been adopted by other educational leaders around the world.

At the community level, our clubs are well known for book drives that have changed the lives of so many children. But when we gather many clubs and districts together and work on large-scale Rotary Foundation

projects, we have the potential to impact entire communities for generations.

The opportunities for Rotary to make a difference in literacy are boundless. Once basic reading and writing is achieved, it opens a path to other types of literacy, such as numerical literacy, digital literacy, and financial literacy.

Let’s not squander our opportunity to improve our corner of the universe. I encourage you to think big about literacy and education and change the world — this month and beyond.

IAN H.S. RISELEY
Foundation trustee chair



IAN H.S. RISELEY, October 2022

Fulfilling our promise

Who are your Rotary heroes? One of mine was Clem Renouf, 1978-79 RI president. I related to Sir Clem, who died in 2020, in many ways. We shared the same profession and Australian nationality and a passion for polio eradication. It was Clem's leadership that first put us on track to embrace the cause, mobilizing what is today a global partnership that has led us to the cusp of eradicating a human disease for only the second time in history.

What Rotary and its partners have achieved is nothing short of remarkable. We have helped reduce polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide, immunizing more than 2 billion children in 122 countries. Last year alone, more than 370 million children were vaccinated in 30 countries using more than 1 billion doses of oral polio vaccine. As a result, we are seeing near historic lows in the number of cases. In August 2020, the WHO African region was certified free of wild poliovirus, an incredible achievement for Rotary members and a huge step on the road to eradication.

But remember that while polio exists anywhere, it is a threat to people everywhere, especially to young children. You may have heard about importations of the disease to Malawi and Mozambique, detection of poliovirus in sewage in the United Kingdom, and a recent case in the United States.

To stay agile, Rotary and its partners are deploying a new polio vaccine, novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2), to fight outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus, also known as variant poliovirus, which continues to threaten children in Africa, as well as several countries in Asia and the Middle East, including in Afghanistan and Pakistan.



Rotary is as active as ever. We are calling on every member to take action and be part of this historic fight. Take the fight to your clubs and communities on World

Polio Day, 24 October. Keep raising awareness of the importance of polio eradication and Rotary's critical role in that effort by holding events and fundraisers. Don't forget that contributions toward the goal of \$50 million per year for polio eradication will be matched 2-to-1 by our generous partner, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Like Sir Clem, we can all be Rotary heroes, each playing a part in our organization's great legacy. Through our giving, raising awareness and funds, and hands-on service, each of us brings Rotary a step closer to fulfilling our promise to the children of the world by eradicating polio for good.

IAN H.S. RISELEY
Foundation trustee chair



Editorial

PDG.Chalermchat Chun-In



On September 17, 2022, Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn presided over the cremation ceremony of His Excellency Pichai and Khunying Jaruay Rattakul at The Royal Crematorium in front of the royal plaque Wat Thep Sirinthrawat Ratchaworawihan where many of Rotarians were unable to attend the ceremony on that day, so we collected all the photographs in the ceremony to be presented as a forever memorabilia.

It is our pleasure to introduce Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Thailand PRID Noraseth Patthmanand, past director of Rotary International who was the successor to PRIP Bhichai Rattakul, during the past period the Rotary Foundation Thailand has been able to support the tasks of members and Rotary clubs in Thailand very well.

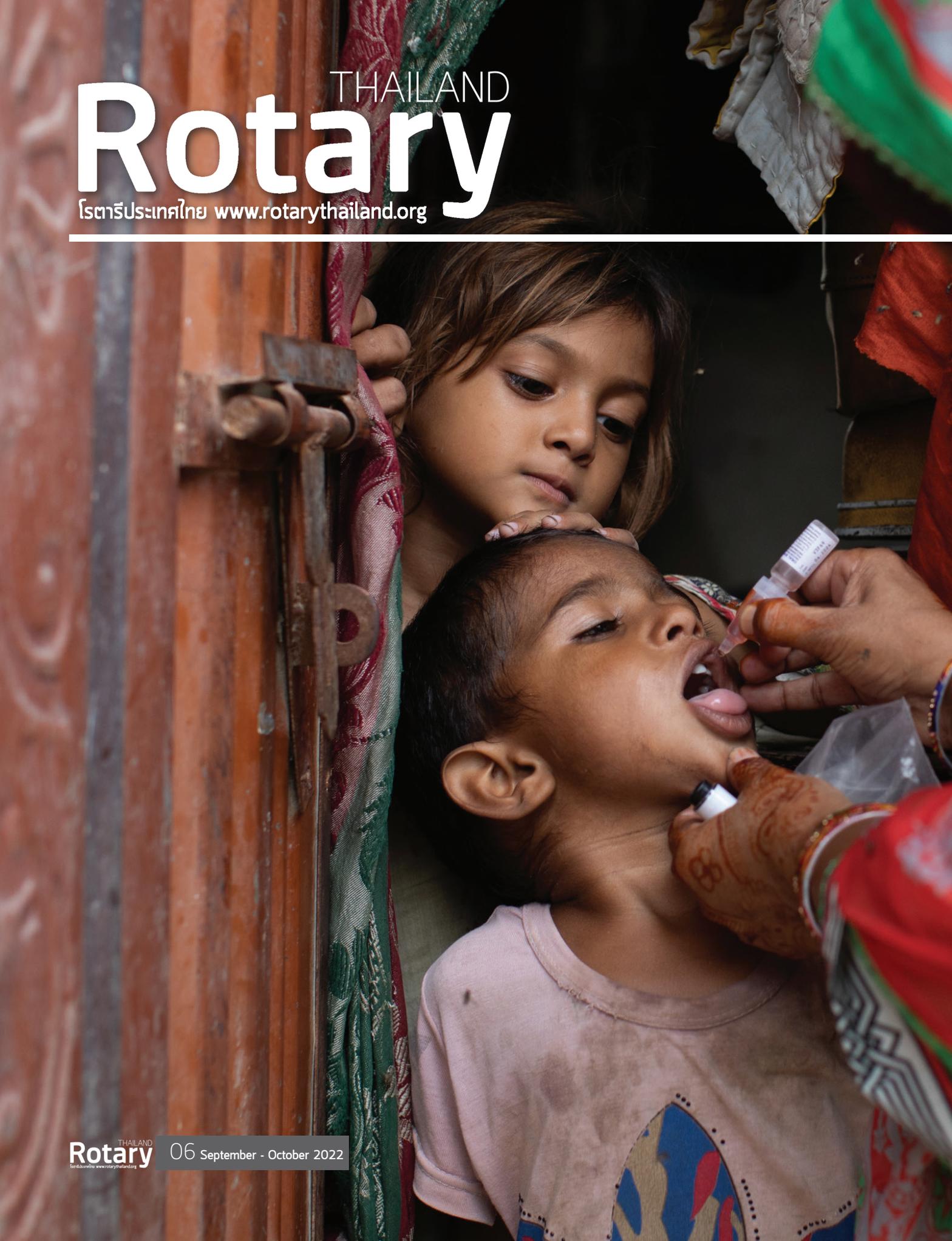
The articles and photo represent memories from co-editors of 4 Districts, we collaborated to recount the memories of PRIP Bhichai Rattakul, Past President of Rotary International who traveled to participate in activities in every Rotary District in Thailand to honor and remember him forever.

In addition, there are useful articles and content for Rotary members and interested parties, that the team intends to collect and publish through our Rotary magazine. If you have any advice or suggestions, you can inform directly to me or through the co-editors of the 4 Districts at any time. We will continue to work together to develop our work in all areas.

Yours in Rotary
PDG.Chalermchat Chun-In
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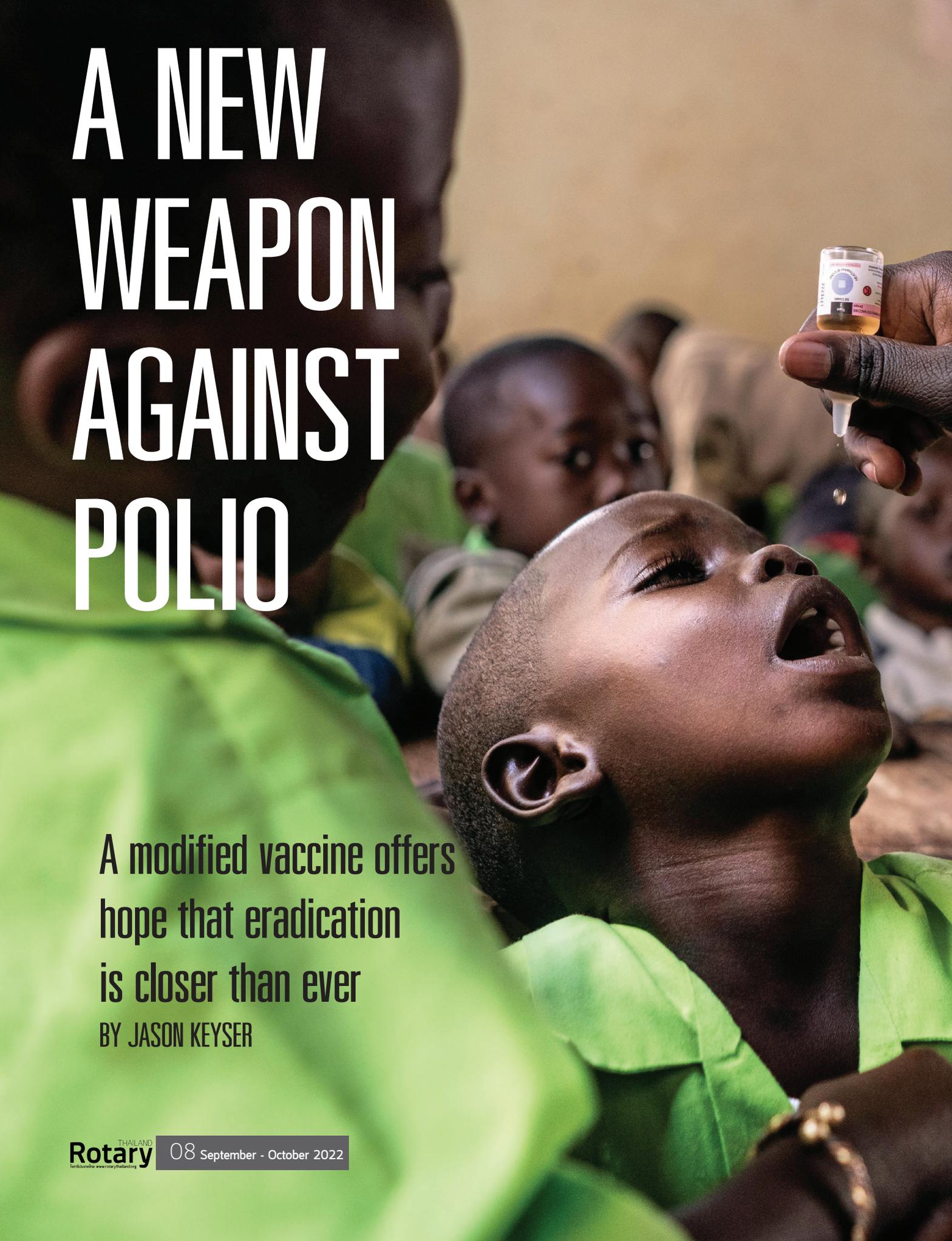
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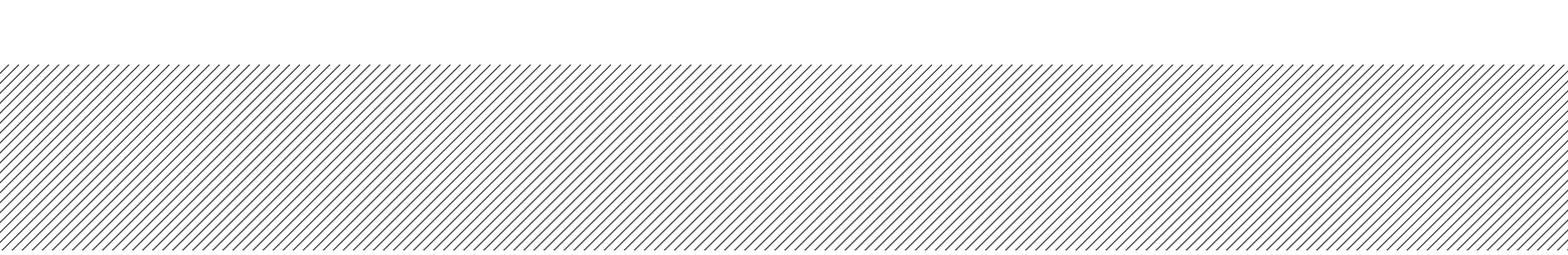
A young child in a green shirt is looking up with their mouth open, receiving a vaccine. A hand is holding a small vial of vaccine above the child's mouth. The background shows other children and a blurred setting.

A NEW WEAPON AGAINST POLIO

A modified vaccine offers
hope that eradication
is closer than ever
BY JASON KEYSER



A child receives the nOPV2 polio vaccine in March at a school in Bakau, Gambia, during an outbreak response campaign that aims to vaccinate every child under the age of 5 in the country.



In mid-2017, two groups of 15 strangers lived together for 28 days each in a ring of shipping containers assembled in the parking lot of Antwerp University Hospital in Belgium. They had access to books and movies, a small courtyard for barbecues, a common kitchen and dining room, and a fitness room — all of it behind secure interlocking doors and under the watch of personnel in protective gowns.

What sounds like a reality TV or sci-fi scenario was, in fact, a remarkable clinical trial of the latest weapon in the battle to eradicate polio — a reengineered vaccine called the novel oral polio vaccine type 2, or nOPV2. The study aimed to evaluate whether the altered formula, the first major update to polio vaccines in about six decades, could help end outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus, also known as variant poliovirus. Such cases arise in rare instances when the live but weakened virus contained in oral polio vaccines circulates in areas of low vaccine coverage and mutates back into a dangerous form that can infect those who have not been fully vaccinated.

These variant vaccine outbreaks have emerged over the past two decades as a significant stumbling block in the effort by Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to wipe out the disease. The outbreaks are different from the wild poliovirus that circulated naturally in the environment for millennia and is now endemic in just two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. But their outcome is the same — they can, in rare instances, cause paralysis.

In 2011, staff at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, one of the GPEI partners, wondered if the live virus in the traditional vaccine could be tweaked to limit its ability to mutate. “The first challenge was purely scientific,” says Ananda Bandyopadhyay, a

deputy director of the polio team at the Gates Foundation, which funded and led the effort. “How do you make the vaccine more genetically stable without compromising its immunogenicity [ability to provoke an immune response]? That was really, really challenging.”

Even then, researchers would need to figure out how to test the idea. Any attempt would require strict isolation of study participants. At a breakfast meeting in Brussels in 2015, Bandyopadhyay pitched the audacious idea to Pierre Van Damme, director of the Centre for Evaluation of Vaccination at the University of Antwerp. “We had to be very creative,” says Ilse De Coster, who would lead the clinical trial team with Van Damme in Belgium, “because at that time we didn’t have any facility that was developed for containment.”

They considered sequestering study participants at isolated holiday resorts or vacant centers that had been used to house asylum seekers, eventually settling on the idea of a purpose-built modular container village, dubbed Poliopolis by Van Damme’s wife. The center’s scientists have conducted more than 500 vaccine trials, but had little experience with polio, which long ago ceased to be of daily concern in the country thanks to routine immunization.



For much of the developed world, polio is a distant memory. Long gone are the days of the summertime terrors in Europe and North America in the 1940s and 1950s when children went to bed with what their parents thought was a mild flu only to wake up rubber-limbed and burning with fever. Thousands were paralyzed. Some ended up in the dreaded iron lung device that enclosed the body and helped them breathe.

There is no cure for polio, but with the development of vaccines in the 1950s and subsequent routine immunization, the United States and Belgium saw their last wild polio cases in 1979. Vaccination campaigns went global in the decades that followed, with Rotary launching PolioPlus in 1985 and helping found the GPEI in 1988. The goal was to eradicate a human disease for only the second time in history, after the World Health Organization declared the world free of smallpox in 1980.

In 1988, wild poliovirus paralyzed hundreds of children every day, with an estimated 350,000 polio cases in more than 125 countries that year. Since then, cases

have plummeted 99.9 percent, sparing an estimated 20 million children from paralysis. By early August of this year, 14 cases of wild polio were confirmed in Pakistan and one in Afghanistan — the last two countries where it is consistently present. Four additional cases have been reported in Mozambique in an outbreak that began in Malawi in late 2021 and was linked to a virus strain that had circulated in Pakistan.

That progress would not have been possible without the oral polio vaccine. “It’s a critically important tool and has saved millions of lives and prevented paralysis,” Bandyopadhyay says.

A vaccine developed in the early 1950s by virologist Jonas Salk using killed virus, known as the inactivated polio vaccine, or IPV, carries no risk of seeding vaccine-derived, or variant, outbreaks because the killed virus cannot mutate. Many places use this vaccine for routine childhood immunization. But it only protects the vaccinated individual and cannot prevent person-to-person spread, which is required in an eradication program.

At Poliopolis, a purpose-built container village in Antwerp, Belgium, nOPV2 vaccine trial participants to live together for 28 days, sealed off from the outside world. “It was surreal,” says Caro Bouten, a the Netherlands volunteer from whose aunt had polio.

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The oral polio vaccine, or OPV, was developed in the late 1950s by physician Albert Sabin. It's become the vaccine of choice for polio eradication because it's safe, inexpensive, easy to administer, and the live but weakened vaccine virus replicates in the gut and produces strong intestinal immunity. As a result, vaccinated children can shed the weakened vaccine virus in their stool for several weeks. In areas with poor sanitation, the weakened virus spreads, stimulating an immune response in the unvaccinated.

But this ability of the weakened virus to circulate carries a vulnerability in areas of low immunity — one that stayed hidden for years, until 2000.

When children started getting sick that year in the Dominican Republic and neighboring Haiti, no one suspected the cause was polio, which hadn't been seen in the Americas for nearly a decade. Initially, pesticide poisoning was blamed.

From July 2000 to July 2001, 21 children were paralyzed on the island shared by the two countries. Two of them died. A virologist from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention analyzed stool samples from two paralyzed children and found that the cause was, in fact, polio.

More troubling was where precisely the virus came from. This was not wild polio. The weakened vaccine-virus had circulated unchecked for too long and had mutated and become virulent. Researchers had long speculated such a scenario was possible, but until then it had never been detected.

All but one of the children in the Caribbean outbreak were either unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated, researchers found. They were from communities with vaccination rates as low as 7 percent. "It's not really a vaccine issue; it's a vaccination issue," Bandyopadhyay says of the variant outbreaks. "It only evolves out of a vaccination problem if there is a population where we are not immunizing properly and not all the susceptible kids are getting the vaccine."

Some 3.2 million children were quickly vaccinated on the island, and the outbreak was stopped. But the risk of variant poliovirus outbreaks was now clear, along with the need to improve vaccination rates in vulnerable communities everywhere.

Most variant cases involve type 2 poliovirus, one of two strains that have been eradicated in the wild. In 2016, the year after its eradication was certified, the type 2 strain was removed from oral vaccine formulas, in part, to avoid the risk of seeding new vaccine variant outbreaks during routine immunization campaigns. It seemed like the right moment to make the change, which was recommended by the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization, an independent body advising the WHO. There were only two reported type 2 vaccine variant cases that year, one in Pakistan and the other in Nigeria. But virus modelers at the time underestimated the amount of type 2 vaccine variant poliovirus still circulating around the world.

The number of children paralyzed by the type 2 variant poliovirus surged from two in 2016 to more than 1,000 at its peak in 2020, spread over two dozen countries, most of them in Africa. The situation was made worse because of a four-month halt to immunization campaigns during the COVID-19 pandemic that left 80 million children unprotected. "It created a window for further expansion of the outbreaks," says John Vertefeuille, chief of the polio eradication branch at the CDC. Variant cases now vastly outnumber cases of wild polio, though they are starting to decline.

Two high-quality vaccination rounds with the existing oral polio vaccine containing only type 2 virus have been effective in stopping 77 percent of variant poliovirus outbreaks, but still, that vaccine carries the risk of the virus mutating back to a more virulent form if it circulates in populations with low immunity. At the Gates Foundation, there was a realization that a new type 2 oral polio vaccine was needed, and fast. "This entire situation with the variant poliovirus outbreaks is a challenge, but it's also an opportunity to innovate," Bandyopadhyay says.

The foundation established and funded a scientific consortium to develop the new oral vaccine, including the UK's National Institute for Biological Standards and Control and the University of California San Francisco. Researchers at those two institutions altered part of the old type 2 vaccine virus's genome to make it more genetically stable while preserving its ability to produce strong immunity in the gut. But the challenge of how to test it in humans without risking environmental spread remained.

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A polio vaccination team visits a home in Karachi, Pakistan, in August. More than 60 percent of vaccine workers in the country are women, helping to build trust and convince mothers to vaccinate their children.





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The team at Poliopolis was moving fast. The 66 containers, which were prefabricated off-site, were assembled in just three days in April 2017 and were ready for operation a month after that. Altogether, it had been less than half a year since the team decided to proceed with the Poliopolis concept. To the researchers' knowledge, no one had ever attempted a containment study in such a purpose-built facility and for so long.

Other vaccine trials requiring containment measures have been carried out in hospitals and even motels. But since vaccinated people shed the weakened virus from the oral polio vaccine in their stool for several weeks, researchers would need a facility where sewage could be strictly contained, kept separate from any public waste systems, and decontaminated. Clothing, towels, utensils, uneaten food, and anything else handled by participants would be disposed of securely or decontaminated with chlorine dioxide gas. Entrances were equipped with airlocks, meaning an inner door could not open until an outer one was locked.

Because of the length of time the virus can continue to be excreted, trial participants would have to stay sequestered for at least 28 days. Volunteers had to undergo medical and psychological screening to ensure they were up to the challenge and could function as a group. "We had two psychologists who screened the subjects," says De Coster, adding that participants had access to mental health support

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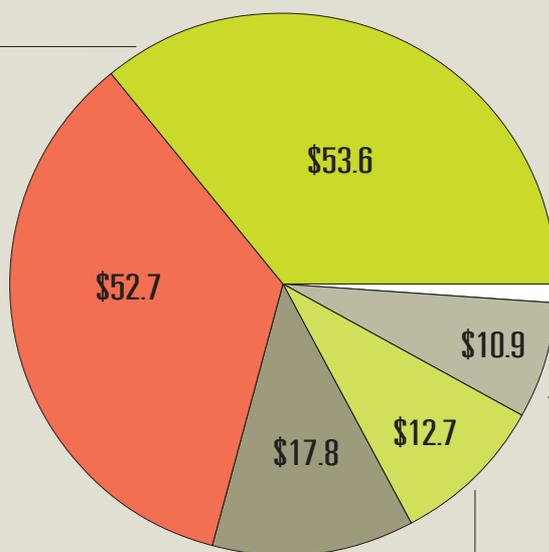
POLIO'S LAST MILE

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The global health community has the scientific knowledge and the tools to extinguish polio for good. When it will deliver on that promise will depend largely on resources and funding for everything from reaching children with vaccines to battling misinformation. The last mile of the journey, as campaigners often point out, is the toughest. • In April, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative launched an appeal for \$4.8 billion to fund its 2022-26 strategy for speeding up outbreak response times, making vaccination campaigns more effective, and gaining access to hard-to-reach areas. Germany is co-hosting a pledging event for the GPEI strategy at the World Health Summit in Berlin in October. • A fundraising partnership between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation generates up to \$150 million each year to contribute to the effort. Here is a look at how that money is used:

HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT

2021-22 spending, in millions



Raising awareness

Health workers are combatting vaccine hesitancy and misinformation, which worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic. One strategy has been to partner with religious leaders and local officials who can build trust in their communities.

Getting vaccines to children

The GPEI aims to vaccinate up to 370 million children annually through the end of 2026. Reaching them is difficult. Frontline vaccine workers must cover difficult terrain, sometimes risking their lives in areas of conflict such as Afghanistan and Yemen.

Vaccine

Though there is plenty of traditional oral polio vaccine and no overall vaccine shortage, there are demand pressures for the new nOPV2 formula, produced by a single company, Bio Farma of Indonesia. Efforts are underway to expand production to a second manufacturer.

Detecting disease

Quick and accurate detection of polio is key to a rapid and high-quality response. That involves testing samples from children with acute flaccid paralysis as well as conducting environmental surveillance by testing sewage for the presence of poliovirus. Nearly 150 labs in 92 countries analyze hundreds of thousands of samples every year. The GPEI's latest global polio surveillance action plan calls for expanding environmental monitoring in high-risk areas through the identification of new sites, skilled workforce training, and improved data collection.

Research

In addition to the more genetically stable novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2), researchers are developing similarly modified vaccines for types 1 and 3 of the poliovirus to use in response to outbreaks. Research is underway on methods of producing the inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) without using live virus, which would eliminate the need to have facilities around the world continue to store live poliovirus. Even after eradication, IPV would still need to be used in routine immunizations for at least 10 years, according to the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization.

Experts

Epidemiologists and technical experts at the local, national, and international levels help guide polio eradication activities.



throughout the trial. “They talked a lot about possible scenarios that could happen with your family while you are inside and how will you cope with that. What are you going to do if one of your children at home will become ill, for instance? The subject is a volunteer, so that means they always can quit the study. But this time there was a lot at stake.”

Volunteers, most from neighboring Netherlands, included a housewife, a student finishing a master’s thesis, and a working professional who wanted a little time off. They got along well despite occasional friction over insignificant things like messes in the kitchen. “Put some people together and there will be friction, like on the reality TV show Big Brother,” explains Caro Bouten, one of the volunteers. “I was writing a book, so I didn’t care. I’d go back to my room. I had a focus. So that helped me.” Polio left Bouten’s aunt with a limp, a leg brace, and a difficult life at a boarding school, separated from the family that felt ashamed of the condition. Those memories, along with her work as a nurse and counselor for refugees, motivated her to join the study. She realized just how important it was afterward when she was invited to meet the queen of Belgium.

The trial was conducted with two back-to-back groups of 15 volunteers from May to August in 2017. (Only one volunteer left early, on the evening before the final day, though he returned the next day to complete remaining study requirements.) Further studies were conducted on adults in Belgium and children and infants in Panama. nOPV2 received the first-ever emergency use listing by the World Health Organization in November 2020. The vaccine was rolled out in March 2021, first in Nigeria and Liberia. Through the first half of 2022, more than 370 million doses were administered in more than 20 countries.

“It’s looking very promising, and it’s looking like it’s doing what it is supposed to do: induce population immunity and interrupt transmission in most settings and with a much lower risk of seeding new outbreaks,” Bandyopadhyay says. “It’s that data that gives me the confidence that this is one of those tools that could be the turning point.”

The new vaccine, by itself, is not a silver bullet. It won’t stop transmission if immunization campaigns cannot reach close to 90 percent of children in the response zones. Adding to the challenge in Africa, a drop in routine childhood immunizations during the COVID-19 pandemic has led to surges in cases of measles, yellow fever, cholera, and other infectious diseases, leaving governments with other public health priorities. “It’s hard for polio to always be top of the list,” says WHO’s Simona Zipursky, co-chair of the nOPV2 working group, which includes all GPEI partners. “That’s where we have really benefited from the

partnership, and the Rotarians have played a really key role in that advocacy.”

Integrating polio response with other important community needs is key to gaining trust and cooperation, she says. That’s crucial because under-immunization remains an obstacle, allowing cases of variant polio to leap across the globe and pop up in places where the disease hasn’t been seen in years. Officials detected polio in London and New York City sewage this year, for instance. And in July 2022, health authorities announced an unvaccinated man in New York state had been sickened with variant poliovirus genetically linked to the spread in London.

We’ve never been closer than we are now has been a frequent refrain for the polio eradication campaign, but there are plenty of reasons to believe it today. The global community is united around the latest GPEI strategy. The Taliban leadership that returned to power in Afghanistan a year ago agreed to allow house-to-house immunization campaigns to resume nationwide after a three-and-a-half-year ban in some areas, raising hopes that the remaining reservoirs of wild polio can soon be extinguished. And there are more scientific innovations in the pipeline, including more genetically stable versions of the oral vaccines for the other two types of polio, modeled on nOPV2.

Like many polio campaigners, Nana Yaa Siriboe, a member of the Rotary Club of Accra Labone, Ghana, has a personal stake in crossing the finish line. Her cousin is a survivor who once needed crutches but now walks unaided, with only a limp. “My mother would tell her, ‘I’m not going to allow you to think that you’re going to be helpless,’” she recalls. “And I tell you, my cousin is a fighter.”

Siriboe became chair of the Ghana PolioPlus Committee in 2019, just as variant polio cases were emerging in the country after about a decade of being polio-free. She mobilized Rotary volunteers to visit homes, schools, mosques, churches, and markets to find and immunize children, and the outbreaks were suppressed for two years. But polio paralyzed one person this June, prompting another mass immunization campaign that was to start in August.

The arrival of the nOPV2 gives her hope. So do the mothers she has watched over the years bringing their children to be vaccinated. “It’s a joy,” she says of meeting the children. “You get to play with them. Some like to see their little finger marked with the pen to show this child has been immunized. We give them toffee. It’s a wonderful experience.”

A polio vaccinator marks a child's pinkle after vacclnating him outside a home in Karachi, Pakistan. By early August of this year, 14 cases of wild polio were confirmed in Pakistan and one in neighboring Afghanistan - the last two countries where wild poliovirus is endemic.

People of action around the globe

By BRAD WEBBER



20%

of Californians are facing food insecurity daily

United States

While Silicon Valley is among the world's most affluent locales, hunger and income disparities strain food distribution programs in the area. For the past two years, the Rotary Club of Saratoga, California, has been a continuing presence at Martha's Kitchen, a soup kitchen in San Jose, where members prepare food once a month. The club coordinated the \$95,000 purchase of a refrigerated box truck so the facility could collect perishables and goods donated by organizations such as the Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, a food bank that covered half the truck's cost. "The soup kitchen itself does not have extensive storage facilities. The truck helps so food doesn't spoil," says Sangita Seshadri, immediate past president of the club. With \$3,000 contributed by the Rotary Club of Bangalore West, India, the project shows the power of international friendships. "Typically, people look at the developed countries giving to the developing countries," Seshadri says. "There is need all over, and when we talk about partnerships, it is both ways."

Rotary
Club of Saratoga

5th

Brazil's global rank in registered vehicles

Brazil

A year after some of its members participated in their municipality's inaugural road rally, the Rotary Club of Campo Novo do Parecis ventured into a bigger role as a principal driver of the event. The Travessia do Parecis, held in April, followed a roughly 120-mile route in the west-central state of Mato Grosso, with 87 vehicles and 261 motorists participating. "The setting for the event is full of natural beauty — spectacular waterfalls, rivers with crystal clear waters — and indigenous culture," says Adriano Paz, a club member and organizer who, with his wife, Heloisa, finished second at the intermediate level. About 35 of the club's 44 members handled food and beverage chores to help the club raise more than \$4,200.

Rotary
Club of Campo Novo do Parecis



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27%

of French people consume two or three croissants weekly

France

For nearly a decade, the Rotaract Club of Tours has raised money for a rotating slate of charities through regular sales of baskets containing a croissant, a pain au chocolat, a tea bag, honey, and a surprise treat. During the 2021-22 Rotary year, the club sold 852 baskets to generate about \$4,700 for the Sapeurs-Lipopette Association, a firefighters charity that provides stuffed animals and other gifts for pediatric patients. The club obtained the baskets' items for free from six donor businesses. Most of the



Tours club members participate in the effort, and other area clubs, including the Rotary Club of Tours Plumereau, assist with the deliveries. Local Rotarians also take delight in purchasing the baskets. "It is a collective effort and a beautiful project that is truly making an impact in our city," says Léonore Afif, immediate past president of the club.



Italy

The Rotaract Club of Fiorenzuola d'Arda partnered with municipal officials and the Rotary clubs of Fiorenzuola d'Arda, Cortemaggiore Pallavicino, and Piacenza S. Antonino to challenge high school students to propose environmentally sustainable projects that city leaders could implement. Dozens of students of the Mattei Institute vied for cash prizes in the (Rotar)Act for Nature. Rotaractors served as tutors for the process, says Guido Bosi, the club's immediate past president. "First place, and €500 [about \$550 at the time], went to a project to rehabilitate Lucca Park," Bosi says, noting that jurors were impressed with the students' research incorporating existing park plans into their proposal.

32%

of Italy is covered by forests

Sri Lanka

The Rotaract Club of Colombo celebrated its 52nd anniversary by completing 52 projects during the 2021-22 Rotary year. In March, to finish 10 of them, the Rotaractors boarded a bus for a 30-hour drive.

The Charity Bus, as the decade-old project is known, delivered books to a school library, heaters to a wildlife rehabilitation center, an electric oven to a skills development center, a rice cooker to a residence for special needs children, and rations and other products to homes serving children and the elderly. The group installed plastic recycling bins along a beach and planted trees to prevent erosion and nurture turtle hatchlings. The initiatives are funded by current and past club members, families, and businesses. "We have developed a culture of building a network of generous well-wishers as opposed to holding fundraisers," says Chedliya Ishak, immediate past president.



179

countries and geographic areas have Rotaract clubs





DEI: A concept for Organizational Development (Past 2)

// One of our integral Rotary International initiatives this year is the diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) concept. The RI board has issued a formal statement for all clubs to implement this concept in all club and community activities because it is compatible with our organization's vision. The statement stresses cooperation among members with diverse businesses and professions to create lasting change, beneficial to the world, communities, and themselves. //

Diversity is a core member value because it involves respecting and accepting individual differences. Every member has visible (e.g., age, ethnicity, language, gender) and invisible (e.g., ideology, background, life experiences, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, culture, religious and political beliefs, life experiences, ideology) differences. The invisible aspects can cause barriers to individuals' need for understanding, from personal unconscious biases in decision-making or judging people without sufficiently understanding their true identity. These issues can result in misunderstanding, mistakes, conflicts, and unfairness, for example, in promoting, recognizing, and issuing assignments. Reducing individual biases leads to fairness and equitable opportunities for all.

Equity allows members to fulfill their needs, an integral goal of group and organizational development. This goal involves improving individuals' capabilities, such as their ideas, knowledge, abilities, and needs. Equity includes culture transformation to improve acceptance of individual differences, enabling members to become aware of action plans, duties, and responsibilities and be open to their needs. This approach facilitates full participation, such as considering members' classification for clubs' existing potential status and seeking additional members, effective club assemblies, and correctly assigning jobs or duties according to individuals' abilities and



interests. This strategy also promotes members' capabilities and experiences, and [DEI Code of Conduct](#) implementation in clubs and organizations is particularly relevant here because it requires respectful language, being supportive, fostering inclusive cooperation ([inclusion](#)), and celebrating individual differences.

Implementing the DEI's equity aspect improves opportunities for participation and enhances mutual friendships. These factors increase happiness and provide a collective force to improve the efficiency of our activities. Furthermore, the feeling of participation, recognition, encouragement, and confidence when carrying out duties and activities enables clubs and organizations to grow sustainably.

The DEI will increase the efficiency of your club, organization, and yourself. However, the degree to which it will assist will depend on your cooperation as People of Action or Rotarians—you are expected to provide all answers in the context of the DEI and must implement this code seriously.



Biography

Mr. Noraseth Pathmanand

Chairman of Thai Rotary Districts Foundation

Spouse: Assoc. Prof. Khunying Chotima Pathmanand

Son: Mr. Suphakit Patamanan and Mr. Chotiset Pathmanand

Education:

- Bachelor's degree in Technical Chemistry from the Faculty of Science Chulalongkorn
 - University Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering from Villanova University, Pennsylvania,
 - USA Master's Degree in EMBA (Executive MBA) from SASIN School of Management, Chulalongkorn University
 - Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration from Chulalongkorn University
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Occupation:

- Production Supervisor, Colgate-Palmolive Thailand
 - occupation Project Engineer, Publicker Industry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
 - Technical Sales Engineer, Esso Thailand
 - Managing Director of Sinovest Enterprises Ltd. (present)
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Rotary:

- Founding member of Rotary Club of Bang Rak (1984)
 - Rotary Club President (1986-87) District Governor 3350 (1992-93)
 - International Rotary governor-elect training leader
 - Chairman of the Thailand National PolioPlus Committee
 - Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC)
 - Board of Directors of Rotary International (2005-07)
 - Chair of the RI Peace Centers Committee Chair of the 2012 RI Bangkok Convention Host Committee
 - Paul Harris Fellow and Major Donor
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Recognition:

Rotary International Service Above Self Award, Service Merit Award for Meritorious Service) and an honorary award for outstanding service. (Distinguished Service Award) of The Rotary Foundation.

Thai Rotary Districts Foundation

A Foundation of Rotary in Thailand

By Noraseth Pathmanand, Rotary International Director Committee (2005-2007)

If you want to talk about the past of the Thai Rotary Districts Foundation, you must talk about the Rotary Center in Thailand beforehand because the origin of the Foundation came from the Rotary Center.

■ The Origin of the Rotary Centre in Thailand

In the middle of 1998, I was the District Governor-elect who received a resolution to implement from the meeting of the Former District Governors Council – to establish a Rotary Center in Thailand to support the work of the districts and Rotary clubs. The Rotary Centre was thus born in my offices for which I did not charge any expenses for a period of approximately five years.

Later, there was the decision to buy a place in Ocean Tower 2 on Asoke Road in order to establish a permanent office for the Rotary Center. I asked Khun Alicia B. Gusman, an interior designer, to help us do the interior design of the Rotary Center, which she did free of charge.

When we received applications for the administrative staff of the Center, Khun Suwat Phupatanaphong, who worked in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, had intended to resign to join his family's business but then came back and applied to work with us. Khun Suwat was skilled in documentation. Thus, he was assigned to draft the administrative regulations of the Rotary Center in Thailand that are still in use at the present time. Khun Suwat did not stay long; he resigned

to return to work at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs one more time, but he was able to introduce Khun Danucha Bhumithaworn who came to work in his place and has been the director of the Rotary Center until now.

■ The Origins of the Foundation

Once we had the office, we needed to have a legal entity to be the owner. We therefore asked PP Sittichoke Sricharoen (RC Bangrak), an attorney to help legally register the Thai Rotary Districts Foundation with a registration capital of 200,000 baht. Past Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul donated 100,000 baht. I joined in donating another 100,000 baht. Bhichai held the position of foundation chair; I was the vice-chair, and PP Somphorn Waechaphanit (RC Phrakanong) was the advisor for foundation finances and accounts. The important result was making the Thai Rotary Districts Foundation a public charity that received tax exempt status in accordance with the announcement of the Ministry of Finance.

■ The Goals of the Foundation

The Foundation's goals are to:

- Encourage and support education, the wellbeing of society, health, and a good environment
- Help the disadvantaged and the victims of disasters

- Build good understanding between countries in order to give birth to peace, and
- Support Rotary clubs in community service to society, to include that carried out in the public interest or in cooperation with other charitable organizations in the public interest without involvement in politics.

■ Activities of the Foundation

The Foundation always encourages and supports the activities of Rotary in Thailand. For example, the project to help those affected by the 2011 floods, which clearly corresponded to our goals, or the Royally Initiated Monkey Cheek Project and the project to renew the landscape in Nong Non Tai, Sakon Nakhon province. Aside from showing our love for Rama IX, the monkey cheeks help the villagers in the area to have water for agriculture and also help to relieve flooding. Disaster relief projects also aided the victims of floods and Covid-19 for example.

Aside from this, the Foundation still assists with the importation of donations from foreign countries for clubs' community service projects in Thailand for which we have received an exemption from taxation, for example, the project of used bicycles from Japan. It also includes receiving donations for doing club projects in Thailand such as District 3330's street safety project and the project to renovate and modify the isolation rooms at the Krabi Hospital, for example. If there is a donor to the Foundation for a club project, the Foundation is able to issue a receipt that can be used to reduce the taxes of the donor.

I ask that everyone to believe that the Rotary Districts Foundation is always ready to support the activities that are beneficial to Rotarians, clubs, and Rotary districts in Thailand. You can contact officials at the Rotary Center in Thailand to ask questions about the details because each of them is an official of the Foundation, too.

List of committees of the Thai Rotary Districts Foundation

1. PRID Noraseth Pathmanand (3350) Chairman of the Board of Committees
2. PDG Wichai Maneewatcharakiat (3330), Vice President and Treasurer
3. PDG Somphop Thirasan (3330) Committee
4. PDG MD.Sanguan Kunaporn (3330) Committee
5. PDG Rattaprateep Kiratiurai (3340) Committee
6. PDG Niwat Boonyasiriwong (Sakon Nakhon - 3340) Committee
7. PDG Dr. Saowaluck Ratanawit (3350) Committee
8. PDG Suchada Itthijarukul (3350) Committee
9. PDG District Office Chaiyawai Poonlapmongkol (3350) Committee
10. PDG Nakharin Ratanakitsoontorn (3350) Committee
11. PDG Wiwat Sirichangkhapattana (3360) Committee
12. PDG Anurak Napawan (3360) Committee
13. PDG Sompob Suksingh (3350) Committee and secretary





- Condolences at the Royal Cremation Ceremony at the Royal Crematorium, Bhichai Rattakul, On /September 17, 2022

On September 17th , it was a deep mourning for Her Majesty Queen Mother Chulabhorn Rattakul, who passed away forever. Two urns were standing side by side with many people. Thousands of people came to pay their respects to Her Majesty Somdej Phra Kanitthathirat Mahachulabhorn. She had great incomparable grace, and she came in the cremation ceremony of the two bodies. Even if the bodies are destroyed, but their goodness remains forever, especially the presidential theme of PRIP Bhichai Rattakul, 'Sow the Seed of Love', that would be in our hearts. Asking for the power of the sacred to bless both the living and the dead. We all send our heartfelt voices to that distant place. We all miss them and will never forget them.

(Translated from Thai Poem)



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for PRIP Bhichai and Khunying Jaruy

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em written by PRID Dr.Saowalak Rattanavich)



D.3330

Editorial of District 3330, RI



PDG. Paikit Hoonpongsimanon
Rotary Club of Tubtiang

Hello, Rotarian Friends and all readers.

Rotary Magazine Thailand for September-October 2022 devotes much of its content to the work, love and bond with the former President of Rotary International Bichai Rattakul, the late Past R.I. President, was with Rotary and Rotarian organizations in Thailand at the time, and he remains the first and only Thai person to serve as Rotary International President. Over the course of sixty years, he was a Rotarian. Due to his dedication to the organization, he served as President of Rotary International from 2002 to 2003, and he has always played a role in Rotary's activities in Thailand.

As for RI 3330, I am pleased to present an article by PP. Charan Patcharan from the Rotary Club of Phang Nga, where Mr. Charan has worked closely with Past R.I. President Bichai Rattakul since his time on the tsunami victim assistance project, which took more than 3 years to complete. PP. Charan also assisted former R.I. President Bichai Rattakul with the reservoir project (Monkey Cheek) at Nong Non-Tai. This is the last large-scale project in which you are fully involved. Therefore, I asked PP. Charan, a Rotarian representative from Sector 3330, to share his experiences and impressions of working with Past R.I. President Bichai Rattakul. I've also included a picture of you coming down with RI 3330, but unfortunately, who can't get all the impressions because of the limited space.

As part of the activities of RI 3330, this rotary year is starting to have more service activities due to the COVID-19 situation. The region held its first intercity meeting in Hat Yai. There are also pictures of the governor's activities in visiting clubs. The pandemic that has frozen the planet for nearly three years is about to fade away, but Rotarian minds remain strong and ready to serve the community in accordance with Rotary's guidelines. I expect that in the next edition you will see more of the club's activities in the sector. See you in the next issue.

Role Model Rotarian



PP. Charan Patcharan,
The Rotary Club of Phang Nga

The Rotary Club is the longest-lived private-sector service organization on the planet. From the date of its formation to the present, it has been 117 years ago. This organization has stood up to this because of the Rotary ideology it has been practicing. In other words, every club founded is made up of members who volunteer to engage in service activities for their fellow underprivileged human beings. Those who volunteered to become members of the Rotary Club were «Rotarians.»

The greatest Rotarian in Thailand, as far as I have been a Rotarian for 35 years, is none of the above: «Past R.I. President Bichai Rattakul». This is in addition to my long Rotarian tenure. I've also had the opportunity to serve him closely on two major projects over the course of nearly seven years, so I know this person is only giving in to Rotary's approach. The Rotary Kindness Project (Tsunami) Donations from Rotarian friends around the world can be collected to help victims in six provinces along the Andaman Sea coast for 100 million baht. Starting in early 2005 and completed in late 2007, the project's three-year implementation period, you go to the ground to monitor the progress of the project every month at the age of 82, and whenever he must travel abroad, he'll be on the phone to follow up the work and encourage colleagues. Past R.I. President Bichai Rattakul was a



Role Model Rotarian



committed and earnest Rotarian in his service to his fellow human beings with altruism, full of compassion, virtuosity, and kindness to colleagues. I had the opportunity to work with him in addition to serving as a Rotarian. I also learned the system, regulations, procedures, dress code, public speaking etc., because when he's on the ground for 4-3 days, when there's an opportunity, he's going to be able to guide me with recommendations and always educate me. He was a true saviour, as evidenced by every visit. No matter the cost of travel. All your accommodation, meals, or expenses will be spent on personal expenses. No central funds or operating statements have ever been spent.



Role Model Rotarian



The Rotary Kindness Project was completed in late 2007, when he was 86 years old. He should have happily stopped resting with your child, but that's not the case with Past R.I. President Bhichai Rattakul. He hasn't stopped doing Rotarian duties for prestigious organizations or fellow underprivileged human beings in accordance with Rotary's guidelines until late 2018, when he went on to do the reservoir project in serve of The King's Rama 9 at Nong Non Tai, Phon Ngam, Sakon Nakhon. The project took 3 years because it had to be coordinated with several government agencies, and I went up and joined the project for 2 years and 4 months. It was finished at the age of 95. This was his last work given to the people of North Isan with mercy before he left us at the age of 96.

Past R.I. President Bhichai Rattakul served as a good Rotarian until the end of his life. I willing to serve him till next life, if it will be.



Activities

On August 13, 2022, The Rotary Club of Dwarawadi cooperated with the Rotary Club of Royal-Hua Hin organized online English teacher education training to improve teaching and learning for students and families in the community. Hua Hin Kindergarten "Rotary Free English Online Year 6" project at Hua Hin Kindergarten (Ban Nong Khon) Hua Hin Prachuap Khiri Khan, licensed as the first club from Canada.



On September 24, 2022, RI 3330 held its first Intercity Meeting for Areas 1-6 at the Buri Sri Phu Hotel. Hat Yai In addition to Intercity, the Public Image Team organized a workshop for the public image work of the sector.



On September 24, 2022, The Rotary club of Pa- Laelai, led by P.Nonwajr Misang, along with PP. Pimyada Jam Arun, exchange students and members of the club, attended a luncheon and handed over essentials to the elderly at Ban Hua Pho Nursing Home. Song Phi Nong, Suphanburi.



On September 26, 2022, DG. La-or Chinda and Rtn. Chulanon Chinda officially visited the Rotary Club of Surat Thani. It also held an event honoring the former prime minister and welcoming new members and performed a ceremony to hand over medical supplies to Kanchanadit Hospital. Kanchanadit, Suratthani.



On September 27, 2022, P.Nathrini Assets, Chair of Intertext, RI 3330. The committee also attended the celebration of the club's executive committee at Intertext School, Thep Mongkol Rangshi, and Rotaract Vocational College. Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Maneekan, led by P. Kaniporn Prusapaisant and PP. Anand Naisirisingh, Area 27, at Thepmonkong Rangshi School, Kanchanaburi.

D.3340

Editorial of District 3340, RI



PP. Putthon Phatthanasin
Rotary Club E-Club 3340

Dear all Rotarians,

This issue, we, Rotarians, would like to remember our important person, who had done many tremendous benefactions to Rotary, His Excellency Bichai Rattakul. Unfortunately, I came to join Rotary very lately, and I didn't have opportunities to work with him. However, luckily, I had a chance to listen his speech a few times. Despite having a few chances to listen his speech, I have felt grateful and been very proud of being a Rotarian. I believe that if I ask all Rotarians about the feelings of working with him, everyone will have the same feelings as mine. I would like to give my poetry of remembrance to him.



A great contribution, Bichai Rattakul made.
The Lake of Love, an invaluable reservoir, he
created. In the King's footsteps, he followed.

On the people with compassion and kindness,
he bestowed. Through all merits he made, eternal
bliss may he rest.

Though he had gone, forever in our hearts he
will be placed.

(Translated from Thai Poem
written by Akkrawat Uakul Warawat
Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon)

Story by Anchanee Wongkalasin Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon Assistant District Governor 2022-2023



In March 2017, there was a good news informed that Sakon Nakhon people had got a great and useful project. It was a construction of the Monkey Cheek project to store rainfall in the rainy season and to become the water source for consumption in the dry season. Both targeted at the farmers' agriculture. I, myself was so glad and really excited for brothers and sisters in Sakon Nakhon. In that year, I was appointed as the President of Sakon Nakhon Rotary Club, carrying out my duty as an official host club coordinating the construction project staff of the Monkey Cheek reservoir.

The construction project of the Monkey Cheek reservoir, which is one of the King Rama 9's initiative projects, collaborated with the Thai Rotary Districts Foundation and the Irrigation Department.

This project was taken place by PRIP. Bichai Rattakul who wanted to "walk after dad", the King Rama 9, for expressing the loyalty in the concrete form, conducting sustainable profit.

The areas of Nong-Non-Tai has 507.1 Rai, located at Bansaowat Moo 2 Phon Ngam, Akat Amnuai, Sakon Nakhon. At that time, its capability was too obviously shallow to store water. Most farmers mainly grow both in-season rice and out-season rice whereas it has been flooded during the in-season rice that causes problems of being unable to grow rice. Moreover, water level in the reservoir was always lower during out-season rice growing that causes insufficient water for growing out-season rice and other industrial crops as well. On contrary, the construction of the Monkey Cheek project gets successful, it can provide 350 residents

Nong-Non-Tai the Monkey Cheek Project (The Lake of Love)



and 1,800 Rai in the areas to make the use of the artificial lake. Its dimension has width 812 meters, length 1,000 meters, a total capacity of 2.4 million cubic meters. When the water in Monkey Cheek reservoir was higher, the overflow ran into Wai creek and Songkram river for the farmers' water pumping to the plantation in the drought season.

The budget for construction was 79 million baht. Once, the digging was divided into 2 phrases. Phrase 1, first digging on 5th December 2017, supported by Rotary's budget 15 million baht and the Irrigation Department's budget 20 million baht.

PRIP.Bhichai Rattakul convinced Rotarians all over the country to donate for the construction of the Monkey Cheek Nong-Non-Tai reservoir and for the public park construction with landscape developing. That donation was the extension project, apart from the Monkey Cheek project which covering area 5 Rai, located on the mound 5.50 meters height. He named the Monkey Cheek project said "The Lake of Love" where we counted as the whole country Rotarians' dignity. We altogether shared collaboration, devoted time, and money in harmony so as to make successful the Monkey Cheek reservoir with the public park. At last, the achievement was handed over to its inhabitants of Phon Ngam municipality, Akat Amnuai, Sakon Nakhon on 31st September 2022 who keeps this place as the superintendent.

On behalf of Sakon Nakhton citizen, I would like to pay my appreciation to fellow Rotarians who took part in the achievement. Wishing you had happiness, advancement, good health and flourishing forever.



Activities



On September 6, 2022, Sri Ubon Rotary Club led by the President Assistant Professor Patareeya Wisajorn, Ph.D. and Professor Wilawan Sornsilp who were responsible the project and Administration Committees Club led the district governor Pantida Rojwannasin attend the project “The Beloved Kids, The Readers” at Wat Tai Child Development Center, receiving children’s books from the donation of Development of Learning Center,



On September 13, 2022, Silapakom-Udonthani Rotary Club led by the president Kessuda Pattanaphen and other members did the community service in Udonthani municipality Project named “Health Promotion and Disease Prevention of Liver Fluke and Cholangiocarcinoma.” There were the family presidents’ Rotary of five Udonthani Clubs, and District Governor-Elect Wiroj Pipatchairiri gave foods and beverages to Mr. Tanadorn Puttarak, the mayor of Udonthani at Seventeen Language Center and Computer Building, Udon Thai Rajabhat University.





On September 15, 2022, Khlung District Rotary Club led by the President Bancha Prasapirin and other members gave 8 air mattresses to bedridden patients by having the representatives to receive them, 4 pieces to the Director of Kwian Hak District Health Promotion Hospital, Khlung District, Chanthaburi Province, 2 pieces to municipal members of Wan Yao District, Chanthaburi Province, and 2 pieces to Khlung municipal members. The happiness came around the givers and receives.



On September 19, 2022, Surin Rotary Club gave wheelchairs and air cushions to six patients and the seventh to the hospital using in the project of the patients who lack of money to borrow them. Thanks District Governor Pantida Rojwannasin to create the great project for the small club having the great activities.

On September 20, 2022, Roi Et Rotary Club District 3340 led by the President Suleemas Thongsakul collaborating with Uttaradit Club District 3360 created the Integrated Wheelchairs Project to glorify Her Majesty Queen Sirikit The Queen Mother, jointing with Ministry of Interior's Ladies Association and Social Development and Human Security, Rot Et Province, having a goal to 101 people. The members of Roi Et Rotarians visited and checked disabled people in the controlling areas of Rot Et.



On 27 September 2022, Nampong Rotary Club actively surveyed to collaborate with the community leader and gave wheelchairs to disabled people and impoverished people, which were happy with givers and receivers. The smiles of receivers were our happiness. Special thanks to district governor Pantida Rojwannasin to give a chance to have the great project creating smiles and warmth to society with hospitality.



On September 27, 2022, Kaen Koon Rotary Club gave necessary items to blind students affected by flood at Disability Services College and Blind Learning Center, Khon Kaen Province.

D.3350

Editorial of District 3350, RI



PP. Trong Sangswangwatana
Rotary Club of Bangkok Suwanabhum

Dear Fellow Rotarians and our readers,

This issue of Rotary Thailand emphasizes remembrance of our beloved Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul. Rotarians, who attended the Royal Sponsored cremation of PRIP Bhichai and Khuning Charuay Rattakul at the Crematorium in front of the Isriyaphorn Pavilion, Wat Thepsirinrawat Ratchaworawihan on 17th September 2022, were impressed by elegance of the ceremony and the size of the crowd.

I have previously written about PRIP Bhichai in Rotary Thailand once before (Issue 199 March-April 2022 Pg 35-36) which at the time, the Executive Editor asked each District's Editor to write about aspects of PRIP Bhichai that impressed them most. In this issue we wish for all of you to see his kindness to District 3350 because he attends every function that he was invited to, be it at club level or at District level. He attended District Conferences, Installation Ceremony of almost every District Governor, District Training Assemblies, etc. In many functions he kindly delivered the keynote speech delving into his keen memories, offering us valuable lessons interspersed with humorous anecdotes.

For activities in this issue allow me to present pictures of the IMPACT TOUR when the District Governor met club presidents in a new way this Rotary year.

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nt of Rotary International, Bichai Rattakul, has done for District 3350.



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Activities

“TOGETHER we see a world where PEOPLE unite and take action to CREATE lasting CHANGE across the globe in our communities and in ourselves”

From the thoughts of RI President Jennifer Jones who planned to visit 8 projects in the 7 Areas of Focus and Polio Eradication, with intent to build Public Images for Rotary so that they become more evident. District Governor Mitsutaka Iida therefore scheduled a visit to a Rotary project that is important to communities in the District, by using the opportunity of District Governor meets Club President and the Club Officers that occurs every year. This year he changed the style to ‘Impact Tour’ and assigned the Director of District Public Image Committee PP Preecha Klinkaeo to coordinate this event with the host club RC Rajathevee.

Visits to Rotary projects that create value for the communities will inspire creative ideas to Rotarians to take valuable projects to inform the public through various medias.

The first ‘Impact Tour’ was organized on 18 September 2022 by offering medical equipment to Sena Hospital, Ayutthaya province at Busrakham meeting room, and further activities at the Wat Ruechai School.



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Editorial of District 3360, RI



PP.Dr.Natthanin Setavanich
Rotary Club of Phrae

Sawasdee Krub, All Fellow Rotarains and Readers,

The editor wanted this issue to be an honorable remembrance of a significant person of Rotary in Thailand: His Excellency PRIP. Bhichai Rattakul, the only Rotary International President from Thailand who build the history of Thailand and inspiration to Rotarians around the world. When knowing his departure with no return, Rotarians in Thailand felt deeply heartbroken because he had made so many great contributions to Rotary in Thailand. In this issue, we will jointly commemorate him by a transcript of his last speeches in District 3360 Online Training Seminar for Club President-Elect and Committees, year 2021-2022 via Zoom and a remembrance speech to him by PDG.Vivat Sirijangkapattana in District 3360 Training Seminar for Club President-Elect and Committees, year 2022-2023.

Lastly, we, Rotarian District 3360, will remember the good doing of His Excellency PRIP Pichai Rattakul and follow in his footsteps as a Rotarian, to serve societies and the underprivileged according to the objectives said in his last speech, “*Do more, grow more*”.

In memory of former Rotary International P



Latest speech to Rotarians District 3360 from a special VTR at a seminar on the President-elect and Rotary Club executive committee, District 3360 on August 2021 ,21 via Zoom.

“*Do more, Grow more*” I have a simple opinion that we need to cooperate with governments, no matter which government, to find a way to eliminate COVID19-. In the meantime, if we have the opportunity to enter various communities, we should ask their needs because their needs may not be the same as ours. Because nowadays money is rare, Trading is not good. Being a Rotarian is not easy. I’m also sick, I have lung disease, I’m 95 years old, I’m 96 years old, I don’t know how many more years I will live. But I want to meet with us like before. Before I leave. If I have to leave, don’t forget me. I will miss all the people who share the suffering with me. Who knows when we’ll leave this world? But if I had to leave, before we met again. Don’t forget that we used to know each other, love each other, like each other. Over 70 years, not a short time. Therefore, we think that this situation should help the poor people. I wish everyone to take care of your health, don’t think that COVID19- a small issue. We must help each other, especially not to infect each other. I wish every club All members are happy. only prosperity and succeed.

President Bhichai Rattakul



Speech of condolences to His Excellency Mr. Bhichai Rattakul by PDG Wiwat Sirichangkawatana President of Rotary International Center, Rotary year 65-2563 at the seminar for the president-elect and the Rotary club executive committee, District 3360, on May 2022, 21.



Rotary Thailand has lost a Rotarian who has been a goodness for Rotary in Thailand. He is a founding member of the Rotary Club of Thonburi. He has been a Rotarian since 1958 and lives as a Rotarian rather than a politician. His contributions to Rotary in Thailand are infinitely many. PRIIP. Bhichai is a translator of English documents of Rotary International into Thai, helping Rotarians understand Rotary's Story as well as how to manage the club in accordance with the rules of RI, and he was also the initiator to establish the Rotary International Centre in Thailand, which is Rotary International Center in Thailand. And he has always been a consultant to Rotary International Centers in Thailand. Age was not an obstacle to his being a Rotarian, although he retired from politics as the last chairman of Parliament in 2000 at the age of 74, but he never left Rotary and had always involved in the service activities of Rotary.

At the age of 79, he was still on the field to follow up with tsunami victims in several provinces in southern Thailand. And when there is a disaster, he is a campaigner to donate money to help the victims and also initiate various projects to help the victims. At the age of 91, he initiated the Monkey Cheek Project in the Royal Initiative. and the Nong Non Tai Landscaping Project, Sakon Nakhon Province, to express the Rotarians' love for His Majesty the King in a concrete manner, by supervising and traveling Sakon Nakhon Province to monitor the progress on their own many times from the beginning of the project survey until the completion of the project. He's ever answered the question that When will you work for Rotary? "I will



continue until I can't. I'm proud and happy to be a giver, has helped others." Therefore, when you are RI President, your motto is "sow the seeds of love". He believed that Rotary's work was the work of people who were generous and loving to give to others. You really are. I believe that everyone who knows PRIIP. Bhichai Rattakul will always be able to feel his love, kindness and maturity. He said in the book the gentleman, Lending, does it for the public, Bhichai Rattakul, which wrote in his autobiography that Rotary has been very helpful in his life, without Rotary, he would not have entered the political path. had the opportunity to benefit the nation. Even if, it's just a little path of life, but in his heart he always thought that The greatest happiness is the giver, not the receiver.

Today, even though he has left us. I believe he will always be in our hearts. All the goodness he has given to Rotary. All Rotarians will always be in our hearts.

Activities



On September 11, 2022, Rotary Club of Nakornthoeng participated in the fish releasing activity under Project "Give the kitchen back to the community" at Kuang Cultural, Thoeng District, near the Ing River so that the community would have various fish species to earn their living, reduce their cost of living, and compensate extinct river fish species. Partial revenues from fundraising

would be contributed to building kidney center in Thoeng Hospital. Lots of local representatives, Sub-District Municipality (Thesaban Tambon) Wiangthoeng, and members of various Rotary Clubs in Chiang Rai Province and Phayao Province joined the activities.

On September 14-15, 2022, Rotary Club of Chiang Mai welcomed PP. Pedrito, from the Sister Rotary Club of Walla Walla, USA, came to follow and visited various projects such as the Global Grant Project in Mae Wang District, various projects of the School of Audiovisual Anusarn Soonthorn, to follow up the library project at Thep Sadet School, and follow the progress of Chiang Mai Mathayom School, an Adventist group of schools, as well as visiting Lawah Homes which managed to help students for good education and accommodation, to which Walla Walla Rotary Club continual provides annual financial support.



On September 18, 2022, the Rotary Club of Chiang Rai, led by P.Narit Kannikar, together with the Sister Rotary Club of Mae Chan, Chiang Saen, Chiang Khong, Phan, and Rotary Satellite Club Chiang Rai - Mae Suai jointly donated the system of filter clean drinking water to Ban Pa

Tueng villagers - MOO 7 & Moo 8, Ban Pong Nam Ron - Moo 11, Pa Tueng Subdistrict, Mae Chan District, Chiang Rai Province, with approx. total of 3,000 population, so that they would be healthy and safe from disease and better quality of life.



21 September 2022, Fang Rotary Club led by P. Kantana Sathientiyangkun gave books to encourage reading, dictionaries, and sports equipment to teachers and students of Baan Pang Sak School using in teaching and creating children's habit of reading lovers. Then, visited and gave the books and dictionaries to Baan Lai Fang School which had 500 students from kindergarten to

Secondary level. We also follow up on the clean drinking water system, our club with the cooperation of Rotary Club of Bangkok South - District 3350 had given to the school.



24 September 2022, The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai North in collaboration with Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Hoh Klang Wiang (Chiangmai Cultural Center), and Office of Education Chiang Mai Municipality organized activities for 49 children from Kuarun (Youth Charity) Foundation, Doi Saket District, Chiang Mai Province, a field trip on disaster prevention and mitigation and the history of Chiang Mai-Lanna at Chiang Mai Municipality.



27 September 2022, The Rotary Club of Chiang Mai South joined the Faculty of Medicine, Chiang Mai University, the Communal Life of Love and Unity of the Mountain People (CLUMP) Foundation led youth volunteers and YE Inbound to organize activities distributing eyeglasses for elderly to more than 400 medical personnel at Suan Dok Hospital at the Faculty of Medicine Building, Chiang Mai University.



Members of Rotary Club of Chiang Mai Nawarat and Chiang Mai Wanansanan Co., Ltd., led by P. Sudreutai Vejchakul and AG.Chalida Ekachaipatanakul to participate in blood donation activities. The Thai Red Cross Society supported a mobile blood transfusion truck, which received 69 units of blood (approximately 24,150 cc) from 72 donors.



Greetings Rotarians,

I am Past District Governor Nakarin Rattanakitsunthorn, District 3350, Rotary International. As 2022-2024 Chairperson of the Translation Committee, it is a great honor for me to be trusted by the distinguished panel of the Rotary Centre Board Committee to serve another term, continuing from the years 2020-2022.

The Translation Committee and I commit to creating translations for Rotarians in Thailand as much as we can to facilitate them in learning and understanding the knowledge that Rotary International communicates. This benefits Rotarians' adaptation to administration and community services.

From January-September 2022, we started to focus on the translation following Learning Center articles on the My Rotary website. The Thai version eased Rotarians by having a better understanding. We, therefore, liaised with Rotary International officers for guidance. In addition, the Rotary International officers were well cooperative and advised us to send the Thai-translated articles to be published in the Learning Center.

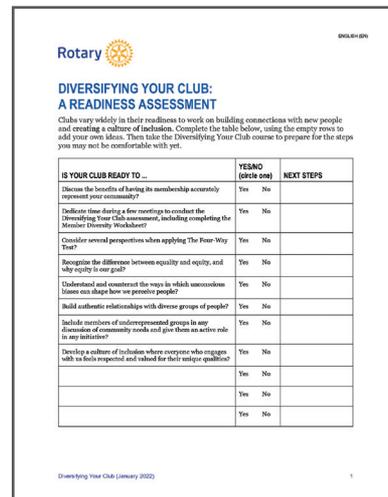
During the past 9 months, the following documents were translated:

In process

- Rotary Youth Protection
- Learning Center
 - Leading Effective Committees
 - Managing Club Business
 - Is Your Club Healthy
 - Club President Basics
- Club Constitution

Rotary Center in Thailand Website Uploaded

- Learning Center
 - Diversifying Your Club A Readiness Assessment
 - Committing to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - Rotary Foundation Basics





แนวปฏิบัติให้เกิดความหลากหลาย
ความเสมอภาค และการอยู่ร่วมกัน
ของสมาชิกโรตารี
(Committing to Diversity, Equity,
and Inclusion)



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ความรู้พื้นฐานมูลนิธิโรตารี
(ROTARY FOUNDATION BASICS)



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ศูนย์โรตารีแห่งประเทศไทย

- DEI Brochure
- 2022-2023 RI Presidential Theme Brochure
- How Rotaractors Can Participate in Rotary Grants
- 2021 Fact Sheet

Published Documents

- Learning Center
 - Committing to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- DEI Brochure
- 2022-2023 RI Presidential Theme Brochure

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ความหลากหลาย ความเสมอภาค และการอยู่ร่วมกัน



จินตนาการ DEI
แนวคิดริเริ่มของประธานโรตารีสากลปี 2022-23

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the distinguished panel on the translation committee, the advisory Board, the Director, and the officers of the Rotary Center in Thailand, who have been involved and contributed great effort in the translation work to achieve the excellent success of our translation mission.

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ศูนย์โรตารีในประเทศไทย



โรตารีภาคส่วนสามารถมีส่วนร่วมในทุนสนับสนุนของโรตารีได้อย่างไร
(How Rotaractors Can Participate in Rotary Grants)
คำจำกัดความ

คำอธิบายย่อ
สถานะ: เป็นโรตารีภาคส่วนที่มีส่วนเกี่ยวข้องกับทุนสนับสนุนของโรตารีได้อย่างไร?
สถานะ: ณ เดือนกุมภาพันธ์ 2565 ภาคีโรตารีของประเทศไทยประกอบด้วย 107 ภูมิภาคและ 16,000 คน
สมาชิกโรตารีภาคส่วนในประเทศไทยมีจำนวน 1,000 คน คิดเป็นร้อยละ 1.5 ของจำนวนสมาชิกโรตารีทั้งหมด
ซึ่งมีอยู่ประมาณ 65,000 คนทั่วโลก

สถานะ: เป็นโรตารีภาคส่วนที่สามารถมีส่วนร่วมในทุนสนับสนุนของโรตารีได้อย่างไร?
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สถิติโดยสรุป

ปี	จำนวนสมาชิก	จำนวนสโมสร
2021	1,000,000	35,000
2020	950,000	33,000
2019	900,000	31,000
2018	850,000	29,000
2017	800,000	27,000
2016	750,000	25,000
2015	700,000	23,000
2014	650,000	21,000
2013	600,000	19,000
2012	550,000	17,000
2011	500,000	15,000
2010	450,000	13,000
2009	400,000	11,000
2008	350,000	9,000
2007	300,000	7,000
2006	250,000	5,000
2005	200,000	3,000
2004	150,000	1,000
2003	100,000	1,000
2002	50,000	1,000
2001	10,000	1,000

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ปี 2021
มูลนิธิโรตารีของโรตารีสากล



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ศูนย์โรตารีแห่งประเทศไทย



On February 28, 2022, what we didn't expect to happen was the news of the passing of a person who is a pillar of Rotary in Thailand. We still remember the picture of him joking with us by running up and down the stage at various events, His Excellency Bichai Rattakul, the first Thai Rotary International President, his visionary the idea of establishing a Rotary Center in Thailand, the one that everyone listened carefully when he gave a speech full of vocal sound and a pleasant tone, one who "Sow the Seeds of Love" who has been a teacher to us in every way.

The last big project that he invites us to do by bringing the royal initiatives on water resource development, The Monkey Cheek Project and the philosophy of sufficiency economy of King Rama IX together with Rotary's working principles in building "The Lake of Love" at Nong Non Tai until success is a huge benefit. still in our memories

Throughout his position as RI President he travelled around the world and had received a lot of souvenirs from all over the world with history and learning value. It has been kept on display at the Rotary Centre in Thailand where PDG Anurak has continued the work of PDG. Ornanong to collect all the descriptions and origins of these valuable items, including organizing a library with various Rotary's documents and projects so that the Rotary Learning Centre is knowledge hub of Rotary, according to wishes of His Excellency Bichai Rattakul

May the power of the Triple Gem and all that is holy in the world, all the good deeds that His Excellency Bichai Rattakul has done, please cause his soul be in peace forever.

Yours in Rotary

(PDG.Sompop Theerasarn)

Chair, The Rotary Centre in Thailand 2022-2023

Number's Rotary

Data source: www.rotary.org

As 1 September 2022 (1 July 2022)

District	Rotarians	Club	Rotaract	Club
Around the World	1,189,386 (1,166,331)	36,977 (36,849)	205,154 (214,556)	11,382 (11,369)
3330	2,311 (2,254)	101 (101)	269 (266)	29 (29)
3340	1,356 (1,311)	64 (64)	55 (55)	5 (5)
3350	3,209 (3,037)	125 (122)	386 (301)	31 (29)
3360	1,415 (1,413)	71 (69)	296 (268)	15 (29)
Total	8,291 (8,015)	361 (356)	1,006 (890)	80 (78)



Let's join hands together

EMPOWER

District governor Pantida Rojwannasin District 3340 International Rotary worked in the field to check the pilot project of Mittraphap Khon Kaen Rotary Club and gave wheelchairs to a grandmother in Banhad of the Municipality area, creating smiles and tears with happiness. This was the real meaning of sharing.

