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CHAPTER 5
**THE ROTARY
FOUNDATION**



RIPE Holger Knaack administers an oral polio vaccine to a child from the same neighborhood where Past RI President James Bomar administered the first polio vaccine to a Filipino child 40 years ago. Among those assisting is Philippine Secretary of Health Francisco Duque.



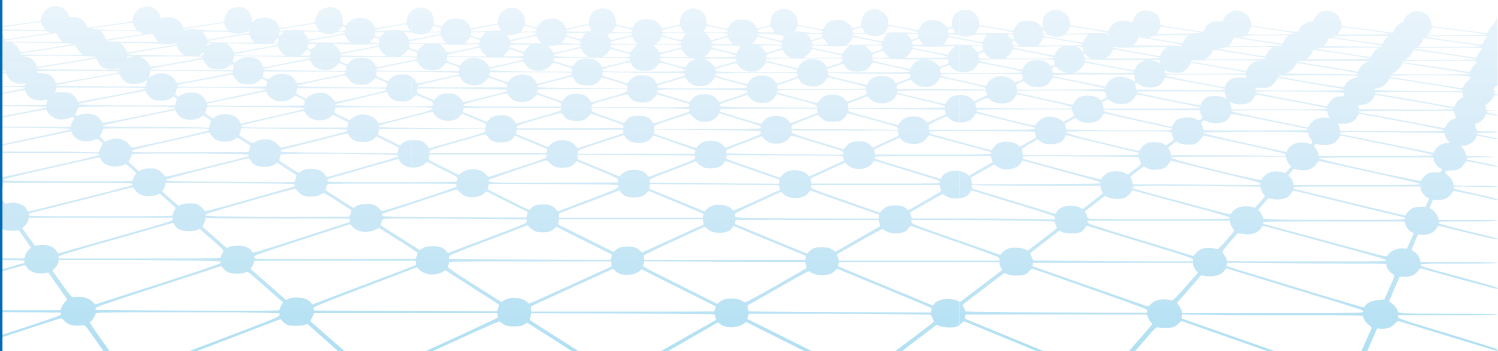
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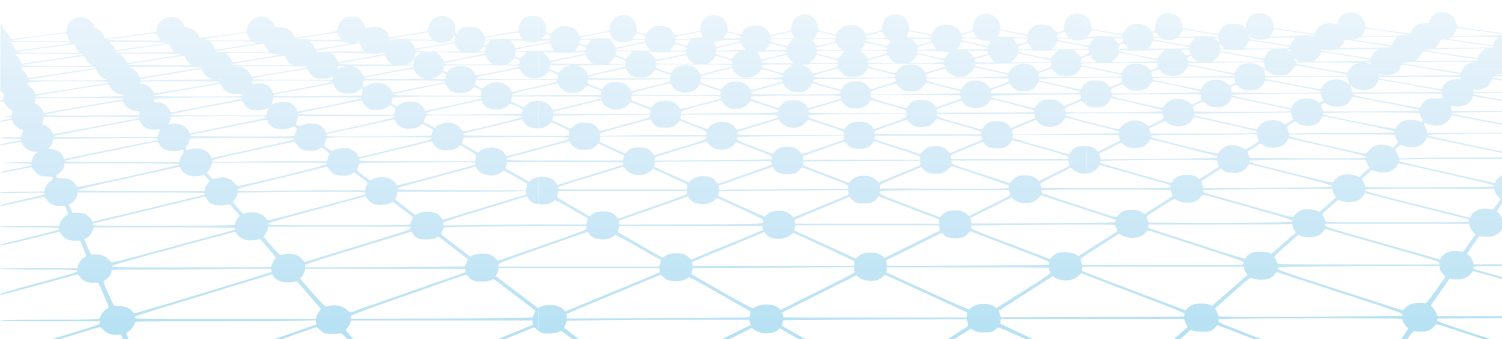
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The late Past District Governor (PDG) **Robert Fung Kuan** of the Rotary Club of Makati once said, “It is not a misery to give. It is a privilege to be able to give.”

This is the The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in a nutshell. Since its inception, the culture of giving remains alive up to today.



“Rotarians, we are here to give hope, to sow seeds of love, to inspire, in a world riddled with so much problems and conflict,” TRF Trustee Past RI Director (PRID) **Sangkoo Yun’s** voice filled the whole room.

Across decades, TRF has enabled significant changes through various service projects in many countries.

In 1979, a **3-H (Health, Hunger and Humanity)**



RF Trustee/PRID Sangkoo Yun inspires the audience on TRF giving.

Working Together Knows No Limits

governments, the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, the **U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**, the **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**, the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**, and **Gavi**, the Vaccine Alliance, to eradicate polio worldwide.

Big organizations and government institutions with the same mission have helped TRF grow through the years. In 2018, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has given a total of approximately US\$3.7 billion to TRF for its end polio program. It has partnered with the UNICEF to support the introduction of three vaccines targeting three killer diseases: diarrhea, pneumonia and cervical cancer. TRF has also helped Taiwan to become the world's first Hepatitis C-free country and fight cervical cancer in Sri Lanka and Thailand. It treats patients with cleft lip and palate disorder in the Philippines. For five years, it built a US\$20-million program to feed malnourished children in Africa and opened the new **Rotary Peace**

Center at Makerere University in Uganda. Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,300 fellows who now work in over 115 countries as leaders in governments, NGOs, the military, education, law enforcement, and international organizations like the **United Nations** and the **World Bank**.

According to PRID Sangkoo Yun, TRF has awarded an immense amount of money to fund **Global Grants**—case in point was the US\$86,677,399-funding for 1,306 grants during the 2018 fiscal year. TRF funds service projects in Rotary's six areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

In Rotary Year 2018-2019 alone, a total of US\$395.5 million was raised in Annual Giving, exceeding the target amount of US\$380 million.


The Fight Against Polio: How It All Began

Past RI Director **Rafael “Paing” Hechanova**, with his firsthand experience, enthusiastically narrated the history of Rotary’s PolioPlus program.

Armed with a vision for Rotary to lead polio immunization, late RI President **Jack Davis** (1977-1978) laid the groundwork for the campaign. Succeeding RI President **Clem Renouf** (1978-1979) used it as basis for the first immunization project that RI President **James Bomar** (1979-1980) would carry out on September 29, 1979. He administered Rotary’s first oral polio vaccine to a child at a health center in Guadalupe



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NOW**

A group of men in suits and vests are gathered around a young girl. One man in a dark suit and glasses is administering an oral vaccine to the girl. Other men, including one in a blue vest and another in a white shirt, are looking on. The scene is outdoors in front of a building.

TRF Trustee Sangkoo Yun administers an oral polio vaccine to a Filipino child during the commemoration of the 40th year of the campaign against polio in the Philippines, as International PolioPlus Committee Chair Mike McGovern and Philippine Secretary of Health Francisco Duque look on.



PDG Oscar "Oskie" de Venecia maps out the PolioPlus timeline.

Viejo, Makati in the Philippines. The vaccination campaign was implemented in coordination with the Philippine Ministry of Health, headed by Minister **Enrique Garcia**. The project immunized six million Filipino children against polio, at a cost of about US\$760,000 (US\$2.39 million in today's value) funded by Rotary's 3-H grant. The **PolioPlus** was launched in 1985 followed by Rotary's inclusion in the GPEI in 1988.

PDG **Oscar "Oskie" de Venecia** (photo above) further mapped out the program's timeline. The 3-H Grant in 1979 worth US\$702,000 was used to vaccinate six million Filipino children for a five-year period. Its pilot took place in Mabalacat and Angeles City of Pampanga where PDG **Ruben Henson** developed an immunization plan.

The UN then launched the **Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI)** of which Rotary eventually became a partner of. The **National PolioPlus Immunization Committee** was created with PDG **Antonio “Jun” Tambunting Jr.** and PDG **Mariano Ilano** appointed as heads. Rotary raised US\$247 million for PolioPlus in 1988. In 1992, the Department of Health (DOH) assigned PDG Oskie de Venecia as the chairman of the **National Immunization Days (NID) Social Mobilization and Information, Education and Communication Committee**. The **First National Immunization Day** happened in the Philippines in 1993.

On October 29, 2000, WHO finally certified the Western Pacific Region as polio-free. Sadly, on September 1, 2019, DOH announced eight new cases of polio in Mindanao and Metro Manila. A Memorandum of Agreement for polio eradication was immediately signed last September 20, 2019 between DOH Secretary **Francisco Duque III** and the District Governors of the 10 Philippine Rotary Districts.

The Challenges of the Fight Against Polio

Incoming TRF Trustee **Aziz Memon** spoke on the challenges of eradicating polio, including security, media, administrative gaps, refusals, and children in transit. He also emphasized that Rotary must step up its system of providing clean water to promote good hygiene. His support strategy highlighted the importance of spreading the advocacy, building Rotary Polio Resource Centers, establishing permanent immunization centers, setting up permanent transit posts and organizing health camps.

He and Dr. **Huang Thi Giang Tran**, Director of Programmes for Disease Control of WHO, stressed that in war-torn countries, there is a need for peace and order to allow unimpeded delivery and administration of polio vaccines. Dr. Huang Thi Giang Tran mentioned the importance of continuous political commitment to the global polio eradication efforts of Rotary and WHO.



Incoming RF Trustee Aziz Memon speaks on the challenges of eradicating polio.



Dr. Huang Thi Giang Tran, Director of Programmes for Disease Control of WHO, stresses difficulties in delivering polio vaccines in war-torn countries.



The Polio Endgame

PRIVP **Mike McGovern**, International PolioPlus Committee Chair, named the following as serious challenges in the fight against polio: poliovirus incidence in Afghanistan and Pakistan; children being in conflict situations and remote areas; maintaining political commitment; gaining financial support; sustaining progress; and circulating vaccine-derived virus.



The polio endgame strategy sees a world where no child will ever again be paralyzed by any poliovirus anywhere. Rotarians have to continue to support the program.

Increased funding efforts has enabled TRF in Rotary Year 2018-2019 to provide vaccines in Afghanistan, Democratic Republics of Congo, and Kenya; secure over 85,000 mobile vaccinators in Pakistan; and conduct disease detection activities in the African

PRIVP Mike McGovern,
International PolioPlus
Committee Chair, discusses
the polio endgame and
challenges Rotarians to
make sure it happens.



and Mediterranean regions. 52% of the funds were used to get the vaccines to children while the remaining 48% were divided for vaccines, research, hiring of experts, detecting the disease, and raising awareness.

There are still over 450 million children to be immunized in 40 countries; 150,000 polio workers to be compensated in 70 countries; and disease surveillance activities to fund

in more than 70 countries. The world has been brought to the threshold of being polio-free and TRF seeks to cross the finish line.

The **Polio Endgame Strategy 2019-2023** has three goals: (1) eradication, (2) integration—meaning, an alliance with other public health players beyond the GPEI,—and (3) certification and containment—meaning, proof that the transmission of the poliovirus has been interrupted and the virus has been destroyed or at least, appropriately contained.

The strategy was developed in 2018 and early 2019 in broad consultation with GPEI stakeholders: national health authorities, global health initiatives, scientific experts, donors and more from around the world.



Today we are celebrating the 40th anniversary and hope that by the 45th anniversary, we will celebrate the end of polio.

- International PolioPlus Chair Mike McGovern

It is important to accomplish (1) detection and interruption of all poliovirus transmission; (2) stronger immunization systems and withdrawal of oral polio vaccine; and (3) poliovirus containment and certified interruption of transmission.

Rotarians must continue supporting the program in order to donate a total of US\$50 million every year for the next three years, which will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation under an extended agreement. Rotarians will also have to advocate with their governments and other groups for their support so that immunization and surveillance won't be halted.

The PolioPlus Pioneer Awards

The plenary wrapped up with the recognition of three PolioPlus Pioneer Awardees by TRF Trustee Sangkoo Yun, RIPE Holger Knaack, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Zone 7A **Jess Nicdao**, TRF Trustee Chair **Gary Huang**, and Institute Convenor **Raffy Garcia**. The awardees were the late PDG **Antonio “Jun” Tambunting, Jr.** (represented by his son, Jay), PDG **Oscar “Oskie” de Venecia**, and PDG **Ruben Henson** (not in photo).

The award honors Rotarians who provided extraordinary service to TRF, such service having a substantial impact to polio eradication prior to November 1, 1992.

Fourth and fifth from right are PDS Jay Tambunting (representing his father, the late PDG Antonio "Jun" Tambunting, Jr.) and PDG Oscar "Oskie" de Venecia. Tambunting and de Venecia are PolioPlus Pioneer awardees. Not in photo is another awardee, PDG Ruben Henson.



Commemorating the 40th Year of the Anti-Polio Program

The Institute commemorated the 40th anniversary of Rotary's campaign against polio in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati. The health center where the first Rotary-funded polio vaccine was administered now stands as the clubhouse of the **Rotary Club of Makati (RCM)**.

Present were RI President-Elect (RIPE) **Holger Knaack**, Institute Convenor RI Director **Rafael "Raffy" Garcia III**, Institute Chair PDG **Isidro "Sid" Garcia** (who, coincidentally, is a relative of 1979 Health Minister **Enrique Garcia**), TRF Chair and Past RI President **Gary Huang**, TRF Trustee PRID **Sangkoo Yun**, International PolioPlus Committee Chair and PRIVP **Mike McGovern**, RID **Stephanie Urchick**, RID-Elect **Matti Honkala**, and incoming TRF Trustee **Aziz Memon**.

Event Chair Past President **Reggie Nolido** of RCM emphasized the decades-long hard work of Rotary and its partners that made the polio vaccination of 2.5 billion children possible. "Great things start with small beginnings," he said. It was received with great applause.



TRF Trustee Chair Gary Huang administers an oral polio vaccine to one of 25 Filipino children as Philippine Secretary of Health Francisco Duque watches.

The delegates participated in a re-enactment of the events 40 years ago. Incumbent Secretary of Health **Francisco T. Duque III**, M.D., himself a past president of the **Rotary Club of Dagupan East**, RIPE **Holger Knaack**, other RI officers, PRID **Rafael “Paing” Hechanova**, and RCM President **Vicente “Bimbo” Mills, Jr.** all signed

a Commemoration Certificate to mark the occasion. Thereafter, they participated in the immunization of 25 Filipino children from the same Guadalupe Viejo community.

RCM President Bimbo Mills stressed that fighting polio necessitates continuing effort. PRID Paing Hechanova agreed with a hope that what was started in the Philippines will be finished once and for all in the whole world. RIPE Holger Knaack noted that the active work of Filipino and international Rotarians for polio eradication is something all Rotarians can be proud of. International Polio Plus Committee Chair PRIVP Michael McGovern stays optimistic that the end of polio will be celebrated on the 45th anniversary of Rotary's polio program.

Philippine Secretary of Health Francisco Duque recognized Rotary's unfaltering support for the country's health projects. He commended Rotary's commitment in global polio eradication that has helped reduce polio cases by 99.9 percent in the Philippines.

Since being declared polio-free in 2000, the Philippine Department of Health sadly traced eight cases of polio in Mindanao and Manila this year. The Philippines has not lost its polio-free status, but the efforts to inform Filipinos on the value of immunization must be increased.

In response, TRF Chair PRIP Gary Huang lauded the efforts of Philippine Secretary of Health Francisco Duque for his support in eradicating polio.

In his closing remarks, Institute Convenor RID Raffy Garcia called for an increase in polio immunization to get back to being polio-free.

Dignitaries re-enact the signing of an agreement 40 years ago between Rotary International and the Philippines' Ministry (now the Department) of Health on a joint campaign to provide polio vaccines for 6,000 Filipino children, the first of 2.5 billion children around the world who have been vaccinated against polio which has led to a 99.9 percent eradication of the disease in the world. Below, the Rotary dignitaries present were (from left) PP Reggie Nolido (chair of the event), Incoming RF Trustee Aziz Memon, RF Trustee PRID Sangkoo Yun, RID Stephanie Urchick, RIDE Virpi Holanka, RF Trustee Chair PRIP Gary Huang, RIPE Holger Knaack, PRIVP/International PolioPlus Chair Mike McGovern, and President Bimbo Mills of the host club, Rotary Club of Makati.





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It Is In Giving That We Receive: The Arch Klumph Society Induction

A solemn induction ceremony, the largest regional AKS induction to date, was held to welcome a new batch of Rotary's highest givers into the **Arch Klumph Society (AKS)**, TRF's premium tier of donors.

The newly inducted members of the Arch Klumph Society are acknowledged onstage by the RI dignitaries.



“ To be part of the Arch Klumph Society, there are only two requirements that need to be fulfilled: first, they have to be asked; and second, they have to have a willing heart.

– PDG Robert F. Kuan[†]

The involvement of AKS members has helped in the efforts of TRF to eradicate polio, build infrastructure, support Rotary Peace Fellows, and forward other causes towards a more humane and peaceful world.



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TRF's Endowment and Major Gifts Adviser PDG **Jess Nicdao**, an AKS member himself, inducted PP **Ulfat Jahan Moon** and Spouse **Moazzem Hossain**, PP **Nasser Shahrear Zahedee** and Rotarian **Nahida Akter**, PP **Raushan Ara Akhta**, PDG **Ashok Gupta** and Spouse **Vijaya**, DGE **Johnny Yu** and PP **Veronica Ho**, Pres. **Arnel Mateo** and PP **Sarah Deloraya**, PP **Rafael Garcia IV** and Spouse **Djhoanna**, PDG **Benny Ricafort** and Spouse **Nona**, Pres. **Joaquin Rodriguez**, and PP **David Ackerman** and Spouse Charter President **Mache Torres** into the **AKS Trustees' Circle**, those whose donations amount to US\$250,000 to US\$499,999.

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Afterwards, he inducted PDG **Edna Reotutar-Sutter** and Spouse **Martin**, and **Yvonne Kuan**, spouse of the late PDG Robert Fung Kuan into the **AKS Chairman's Circle**, those whose donations total to at least US\$500,000.

The late PDG **Robert Fung Kuan**, who used to be TRF's Endowment and Major Gifts Adviser, has always said that to be part of the Arch Klumph Society, there are only two requirements that need to be fulfilled: first, they have to be asked; and second, they have to have a willing heart.



TRUSTEES' CIRCLE: PP ULFAT JAHAN MOON AND SPOUSE MOAZZEM HOSSAIN



TRUSTEES' CIRCLE: PP RAUSHAN ARA AKHTA



TRUSTEES' CIRCLE: PDG ASHOK GUPTA AND SPOUSE VIJAYA



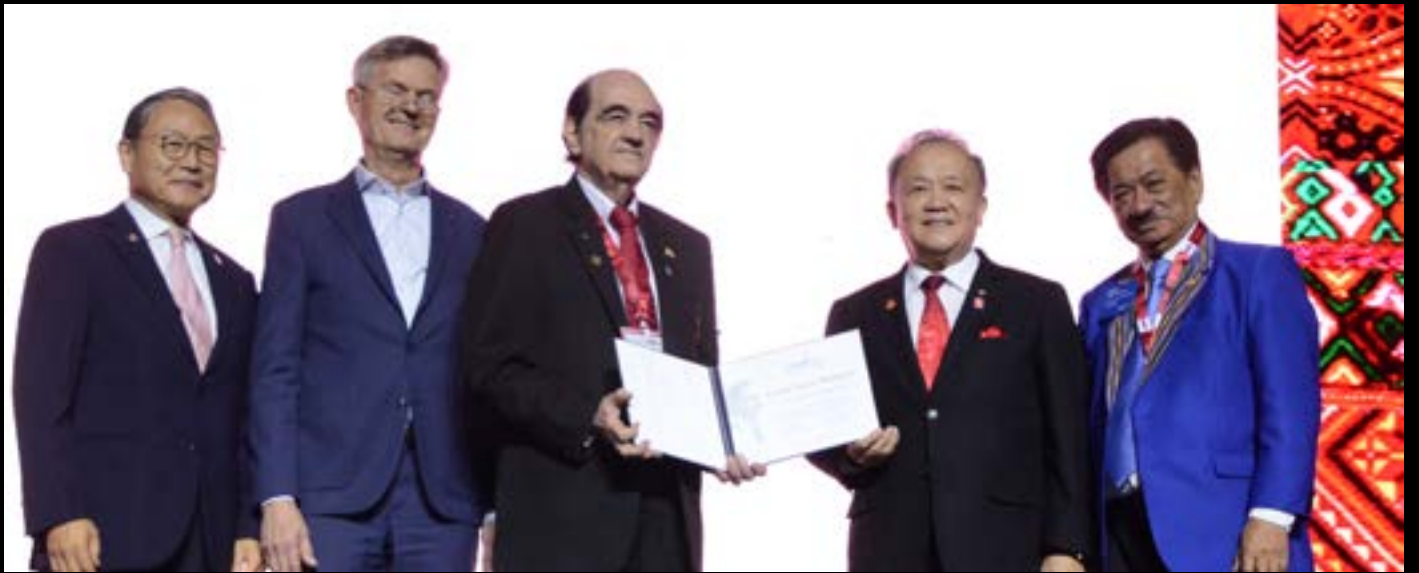
TRUSTEES' CIRCLE: PRES. ARNEL MATEO AND PP SARAH DELORAYA



TRUSTEES' CIRCLE: PP RAFAEL GARCIA IV AND SPOUSE DJHOANNA



TRUSTEES' CIRCLE: PDG BENNY RICAFORT AND SPOUSE NONA



TRUSTEES' CIRCLE: PRES. JOAQUIN RODRIGUEZ



TRUSTEES' CIRCLE: PP DAVID ACKERMAN AND SPOUSE CP MACHE TORRES



TRUSTEES' CIRCLE: PP NASHER SHAHREAR ZAHEDDEE AND SPOUSE RTN NAHIDA AKTER



TRUSTEES' CIRCLE: DGE JOHNNY YU AND PP VERONICA HO



CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE: PDG EDNA REOTUTAR-SUTTER AND SPOUSE MARTIN



CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE: YVONNE KUAN

The Gift of Giving: The Major Donors' Luncheon



The Institute treated the newly-inducted AKS members to a bountiful lunch attended by RI dignitaries, past and present Major Donors, and the MARI officers. Institute Chair PDG **Isidro "Sid" Garcia** welcomed the guests.



PRIVP **Mike McGovern** said in his inspirational address that the greatest honor he has had in his lifetime was when he was invited to be a Rotarian, and that the second greatest honor was when he was invited to be a Rotary Foundation donor. PRIVP Mike McGovern has seen how TRF-funded projects change and transform lives.

He cited his favorite '60s song "*Sweet Caroline*" which goes, "*Who would have known that they would come along,*" that for him describes the TRF donors in the eyes of those whose lives were transformed by its projects.

The Institute's Host Organizing Committee host the RI dignitaries and the Arch Klumph Society Members to a luncheon, together with the Major Donors.



As he ended his speech, PRIVP Mike recited some of the most memorable lines of “*Sweet Caroline*,” which say, “*Hands reaching out... touching me... touching you.*”

He then left with a question: “Isn’t this what Rotary is all about?” The donors met this with a resounding applause of affirmation.

Before the lunch was adjourned, the Institute recognized the districts which surpassed their TRF goals in the last Rotary Year, 2018-2019.


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