



扶輪基金保管委員會主委文告

## 履行承諾

誰是你心目中的扶輪英雄？我的其中一位就是 1978-79 年度國際扶輪社長科蘭·雷諾夫 Clem Renouf。我與 2020 年往生的雷諾夫爵士有許多關連。我們的職業相同，都是澳洲人，也都熱衷根除小兒麻痺。就是拜他的領導之賜，讓我們初次邁向支持這項目標的路途，啟動在今日發展為全球夥伴關係的合作聯盟，引領我們走向人類有史以來第二度消滅一項人類疾病的巔峰。

扶輪及其夥伴的成果令人讚嘆。我們讓全球的小兒麻痺病例數降低 99.9%，讓各地 122 個國家超過 20 億名兒童獲得免疫。光是去年，就有 30 個國家 3 億 7,000 萬名兒童完成預防接種，使用超過 10 億劑口服小兒麻痺疫苗。結果，我們看到病例數接近歷史新低。2020 年 8 月，世界衛生組織非洲區域獲證實根除野生型小兒麻痺病毒，這對扶輪社員來說是一項至高成就，也是邁向根除的一大步。

可是要記得，只要小兒麻痺病毒存在某處，就是對所有地方的人構成威脅，尤其是年幼的兒童。你可能聽說過此疾病從境外移入馬拉威及莫三比克、英國的下水道查驗出小兒麻痺病毒，以及美國最近的 1 個病例。

插圖：Viktor Miller Gausa

為了保持靈活性，扶輪及其夥伴正在使用一種新的小兒麻痺疫苗——新型口服 2 型小兒麻痺疫苗——來對抗疫苗衍生病毒流行所引發的疫情。這種病毒又名為變異小兒麻痺病毒，持續威脅非洲以及亞洲及中東數個國家的兒童，包括阿富汗及巴基斯坦。

扶輪跟以往一樣活躍積極。我們呼籲每位社員採取行動，加入這場歷史性的抗戰。在 10 月 24 日世界小兒麻痺日，把戰線拉到你的扶輪社及社區。辦理活動及募款活動，持續增加對根除小兒麻痺之重要性及扶輪在這項行動之關鍵角色的認識。別忘記，每年根除小兒麻痺的 5,000 萬美元捐款目標的捐獻，都會獲得我們慷慨夥伴蓋茲基金會所捐出的 2 比 1 的配合款。

就跟雷諾夫爵士一樣，我們都是扶輪英雄，每個人在我們組織偉大的傳承中都佔有一席之地。透過捐獻、增加認識及資金，及提供親手服務，我們每個人都讓扶輪更接近履行我們對全世界兒童的承諾——將小兒麻痺永遠根除。

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#### TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

## 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 across 122 countries. Last year alone, more than 370 million children were vaccinated across 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 World Health Organization 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 as long as 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 UK, and a recent case in the U.S.

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 vaccinederived 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 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 giving, raising awareness and funds, and providing 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.

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