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is October 24



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LAST CALL!

Calling all LA5 Rotarians
to participate in a

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

to benefit the School on Wheels

**Please bring any bulk school supplies
to the next three meetings.**

**Ana Rosales will collect for the
School on Wheels service event on
10/26.**

Items needed:

- Crayons
- #2 Pencils
- Notebooks
- Erasers
- Safety Scissors
- Highlighters
- Glue Sticks
- Folders
- Rulers
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Lined Paper

\$30 can buy a back-pack full of school supplies
for a homeless youth.

**For more information, contact
Service Division Co-Chair Ana Rosales**

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Now is our chance to change the world. To make
sure no child is disabled by polio ever again.

Join in. Speak out. Donate. Be a part of history.

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John Cena

CLOSE IS NOT CLOSE ENOUGH

A message from the President

I hope you are as proud of Rotary's End Polio Now initiative as I am. But don't become complacent. There is more to do to end this dreaded disease. Close is not Close Enough.

Join me in celebrating Rotary's World Polio Day. Mark your calendar to join us on October 24th for Rotary's World Polio Day Online Global Update. It will be streamed on RI's Facebook pages in multiple languages and time zones around the world.

World Polio Day is an annual opportunity for Rotary members to rally the world around the fight to eradicate the disease forever. This year's program will highlight the heroes of polio eradication, with stories from areas that have recently been affected and areas where polio is still endemic.

The program features TV presenter and former Paralympian Ade Adepitan, supermodel Isabeli Fontana, science educator Bill Nye, and actress Archie Panjabi. Our partners at the World Health Organization and UNICEF will provide updates on the latest progress toward a polio-free world. In 1988, when Rotary and its partners founded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the paralyzing disease affected 350,000 children. Our collaboration with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and later the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, local health workers, and national governments has helped reduce that number by 99.9 percent.

RSVP to your region's global update on the Rotary International Facebook page.



Rick Gibson

President,
Rotary Club of Los Angeles
2019 - 2020





THIS WEEK
LUNCH WITH LA5'S OWN
JEREMY WEINGLASS

Weinglass Music

at the Cal Club
[click here for tickets](#)

Mark the calendar



- Oct 26** Service Opportunity - School on Wheels
- Oct 27** District 5280 Foundation Gala - Taglyan Complex
- Nov 01** Ricardo Garcia - Breakfast at the Cal Club
- Nov 07** Golf Committee - Chevy Chase Country Club
- Nov 08** Retired General Ellen M. Pawlikowski - Lunch at the Cal Club
- Nov 09** 'SC Rotaract Service Opportunity - Paws LA

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POLIO:

WHAT IS IT?



the disease

Poliomyelitis is a highly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5.

Most know it as poliovirus.

The virus is spread person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can attack the nervous system, and in some instances, lead to paralysis. Although there is no cure, there is a safe and effective vaccine - one which Rotary and our partners use to immunize over 2.5 billion children worldwide.

the facts

1

**polio affects
mainly children
under 5**

2

there is no cure
but Polio is
preventable with a
vaccine

3

**only 3 countries
remain endemic**

4

**we've reduced
cases by 99.9%
since 1998**




A close-up photograph of a woman in an orange sari administering a vaccine to a young boy. The woman is holding a small glass vial and using a needle to draw vaccine, which she is injecting into the boy's mouth. The boy is looking up at her with a neutral expression. The background is bright and slightly out of focus, suggesting an outdoor setting.

TOGETHER, WE

END POLIO

Rotary believes healthy communities are strong communities. That's one reason we've worked tirelessly to help immunize 2.5 billion children against polio. Bringing the world closer to eradicating a deadly disease — that's what people of action do. [Learn more at Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org).

Rotary  PEOPLE OF ACTION



A POLIO STORY

**AS TOLD TO PP CHARISSE LARA
BY PP PAUL NETZEL**

When I was district governor, I led a team of Rotarians who traveled to India to provide polio survivors with corrective surgeries.

The program was a great success. More than 750 children were given a chance to have long, productive lives.

While I was in one village, I met a 9-year-old boy named Pareek, a polio survivor, who was on his way for corrective surgery. Some of the surgeries are a relatively short 20-30-minute procedure on certain tendons in their legs – followed by 45-60-days of recovery and rehabilitation.

As I stood near a doorway to the wooden building used for the surgeries in one village, I watched as Pareek navigated a dirt path on his hands and knees. Soon, I saw his mother and father coming my way, as well.

It was Pareek who reached me first.

I wasn't dressed like a doctor, but he must have known that I was part of this group of outsiders who had come to help.

Because when he had crawled all the way over to me, he did something that utterly astonished me.

He bent his head down and kissed the top of my shoe.

For me, time virtually stopped! All I could feel were chills going up and down my spine. And then his mother came over to me. And she knelt down and did the same.

Next, Pareek's father approached, and he also knelt down and kissed my shoe.

I was speechless! I just stood there until a local Rotarian came over and whispered in my ear: "This is their way of saying thank you for changing their son's and their lives forever ... and for giving him back his life."

Ever since that experience, I have shared what I call my first "Rotary moment" with many Rotarians as a way to thank them – in behalf of Pareek and his family – for sparing countless thousands of families the heartbreak of this terrible disease through their gifts toward polio eradication.

TOP 5 REASONS TO ERADICATE POLIO

1

To improve lives.

16 million people are walking today who would have otherwise been paralyzed.

2

To invest in the future.

If polio isn't eradicated, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 children could be paralyzed by it each year. A polio-free world will be a safer world for children everywhere.

3

To improve child health.

Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems like vitamin deficiency and measles, so they can be addressed sooner.

4

To save money.

A polio-free world will save the global economy \$40-\$50 billion in health costs within the next 20 years.

5

To make history.

Polio eradication would be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eliminated from the world.

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HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Get informed.

Get the facts. A great place to start is www.endpolio.org

Raise awareness.

Follow @RotaryInternational or @RotaryLA5 on social media. Re-post and share to spread the word on polio eradication! #ThisClose



Tune in.

The World Polio Day global update will air in multiple time zones and languages. Check our Rotary International's facebook page for details.

LAST WEEK IN PHOTOS

ROTARIANS ROLLIN' IN A NEW RIDE, 2-2 TUESDAY, AN ENTHUSIASTIC-LOOKING DISTRICT BREAKFAST, AND A LUNCH MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER WARREN STANLEY



MEET MEMBER: JEREMY WEINGLASS



What is your favorite thing about your career? Any recent wins or successes? My favorite thing about playing piano for a living is that I affect people emotionally with my music. I love that when I connect deeply while playing the song the emotional connection is felt and transferred to the audience... creating memories that last a lifetime! I also love that I get to partner with my wife, Kim, who is my manager. She is what makes this ship sail! In August we celebrated 10 years in business together as WEINGLASS MUSIC and 11 years married!

Do you have any hidden talents we should know about? I can make an instrument with just my hands called the "hand flute!" I can play just about a full octave range! The down side is that it's loud and obnoxious to listen to.

What makes you laugh the most? Our 5 year old daughter, Melody! She is a riot! Whether she's making faces, cracking jokes or just being silly. There is never a dull moment with her!

What's the most daring thing you've ever done? Back in our early days as a young couple, Kim and I went for a late night dip in our apartment complex pool & jacuzzi - naked! I guess that would be called daring skinny dipping!

Do you have a motto that you live by? What I have discovered in my life is that although we can't control what happens to us, we most certainly can choose how we respond. We always have a choice. It's not always easy, but we do. And since the greatest vibration is love, then grounding our presence in LOVE must be the best CHOICE that we can make. Therefore my motto is "CHOOSE LOVE" which happens to be both the title of my latest piano album, along with a song that I wrote!

What's your superpower? My superpower is more than just playing the piano; it's my ability to connect to the notes, which ultimately allows me to connect to people's hearts. I may have played the same song 1,000 times, but I have never played it the exact same way. Every moment is unique, and between the notes of life, there are always opportunities for deeper connections with greater presence.

Is there anything else that you'd like to share with the Club? To keep up with my latest video releases, concert dates, and other happenings....Follow me: <https://www.instagram.com/jeremyweinglass>

TOP 10 PIANO CLASSICS

*to get the
crowd
feeling*

recommended by
Jeremy Weinglass



10. November Rain -
Guns 'n Roses

9. Life on Mars? - David
Bowie

8. Lovesong - the Cure

7. Your Song - Elton
John

6. Say Something - A
Great Big World

5. Creep - Radiohead

4. All of Me - John
Legend

3. Nothing Else Matters -
Metallica

2. Thinking Out Loud -
Ed Sheeran

1. My Guitar Gently
Weeps - George Harrison

[CLICK HERE FOR JEREMY'S SPOTIFY PLAYLIST](#)

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Kristen Bell