District Administration of PolioPlus Society

Suggestions on how to do it by EPNC Bob Rogers

1) What I’ve done in my District is once a Rotarian sends me their Commitment Letter to join the Society, I add their name to a list I created, and there are many ways to do that.  The way I’m doing it is by creating a “District Committee” in DACdb (District and Club Database), calling it the “PolioPlus Committee”.  Not only is this a great way to keep tabs on who has joined, this can also be used as an email list, thru the “pmail” feature of DACdb.  And I would imagine Club runner has a similar feature (As a backup I also keep a copy of their pledge sheet, or commitment letter they filled out in a file on my desktop, broken down by clubs in the district).

2)   I perform an induction, or presentation to them at their club meeting, similar to doing a Paul Harris Presentation. Depending on club protocol, either I or the club’s Foundation Chair and/or President can do the ceremony, presenting them with their Society Pin, PolioPlus Society Certificate (and optional End Polio Now Wristband). ’ve also done them via Zoom whereby I send the bling and certificate to the Club and then participate online with the club’s President/Foundation Chair.

3)     As far as the PolioPlus Society members are fulfilling their commitment to donate the $100 or more per year until polio is eradicated worldwide. I am relying on the 4 Way Test.  Just in case it slips their mind, in July or August I send them a “reminder” email sort of as follows:

Welcome to another Rotary Year Polio Warriors and thank you for your continued commitment as a member of the PolioPlus Society. For those of you who signed up for the recurring donation option on [rotary.org](http://rotary.org/), congratulations, you are all set for the new year.  If you did not, this is a friendly reminder of your annual commitment to PolioPlus for this new Rotary year.  And…this might be a great time to sign up for Rotary Direct’s recurring option to fulfill your commitment...Set it and Forget it … one less thing to have to remember.  Thank you once again for your commitment to this battle.

Of course, you can word this any way you want, but…you get the idea.

4***) Sample PolioPlus Society Club Induction:***  (You can include a PolioPlus PowerPoint with historical and current worldwide eradication status to accompany the presentation. Again, you can alter as you see fit:

Thank you, President XXXX, for honoring me with the duty of inducting XX members of XXXXXXX Rotary Club into the District XXXX PolioPlus Society. You already know about the Gates $50 million challenge to take advantage of their 2 to 1 match offer. Meeting that challenge turns our $50 million donation into $150 million to help finish the promise we made to the children of the world over 30 years ago, a world free of the poliovirus. Towards that effort we have created the PolioPlus Society which asks Rotarians who are passionate about Rotary’s #1 priority to make a commitment. The commitment is to donate a minimum of $100.00 per year to our PolioPlus, and to continue to do so every year, until the World is declared Polio Free by the World Health Organization.

Today it’s my honor to induct the following Rotarians who have answered the call of District XXXX to become members of the PolioPlus Society. As I call out your name, please come forward (or if on Zoom, indicate that you are present).

(Call off names of Society members to be inducted. After all have come forward repeat their first names … Jo, Matt, Russell, Jim, Bonnie, Jerrie and Libby…With the continued annual donations of you and other like-minded Rotarians, we are assured of winning the fight to rid the world of Polio, once and for all.

Please accept (maybe virtually) your PolioPlus Society pin, District XXXX PolioPlus Society membership certificate (and optional End Polio Now wristband) to wear until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth. (If on Zoom President XXXXXX has the actual pins, certificates and optional wristbands to be presented once you meet in person again…hopefully soon. We hope your fellow XXXXXX Rotarians will be inspired by you to follow your lead towards a Polio Free World by also joining the PolioPlus Society. As a matter of fact, if anyone feels inclined to join the Society right now, I’ll be emailing you all a copy of the sign-up form right after the meeting. Simply fill it out, scan, and send it to me at my email address on the form. XXXXXX Rotarians, please stand, clap, or wave your hands and congratulate these XX Polio Warriors as Members of the District XXX PolioPlus Society.