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Edinburgh Marathon

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Dear Rotarian friends in District 1040

It is with great relief and pride that on Sunday 28th May, I completed my first (and last!) Marathon wearing the bear suit in aid of Polio.

The Edinburgh Marathon is 26.2 miles long and I managed it in 5.59mins. The more water I splashed on myself to keep cool, the wetter and heavier the bear got and the more my back ached!

I could hardly walk on Monday due to chafed legs, my right big toe is black and I have a blister on my left small toe. Was it worth it? Absolutely! I made so many people laugh and smile, the children standing at the road side wanted to give the bear jelly babies and even the police wanted a photograph with me! It just doesn't get any better than that. It was very warm but the atmosphere was fantastic and the runners and spectators absolutely loved the bear!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rotary Clubs and individual members who sponsored me or who have sent a donation directly to Polio. Including the Gates contribution the total amount raised is just over £11,000 and I am aware of at least 2 other Rotary clubs that have said they will contribute, so the total is set to rise hopefully. If anyone would like to make a further contribution please send it directly to RIBI and make sure the contribution is credited to your individual Rotary Club or the member responsible. I would be grateful if you could let me know how much your donation is for to enable me to keep track of the amount of money raised.

You will be interested to know that at the time of writing this email, the last reported case of Polio in the world was on the 21st February 2017 – over 14 weeks ago. I can assure you that the final mile was the hardest but in so many ways the most rewarding, this is true of the marathon and it will surely be true in the fight to eradicate Polio. We must not give up now.

Thank you again for your support, not just for the marathon on Sunday but for the work you do in your clubs and in your local communities.

Yours in Rotary.

*Finishing line
in sight...*

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