



John Nanni

Member, Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States

John Nanni is a polio survivor and active member of the Rotary's Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States. He is a member of the Rotary club of Middletown-Odessa-Townsend, Delaware.

John contracted polio as an infant and was paralyzed from the neck down for six months. He eventually learned to walk and was able to participate in high school sports. He developed post-polio syndrome in his forties due to the effects of overuse of muscles. He is now largely confined to a wheelchair.

John raises awareness and support for Rotary's PolioPlus program and global polio eradication by speaking to other Rotary clubs and at community events. He has given more than five hundred presentations where he has shared his personal experience as a polio survivor and provided information about global polio eradication efforts. He estimates that he has circled the globe three times via virtual presentations to interested Rotary and other groups around the world.

In recognition of his efforts to raise awareness and support, John has received Rotary International awards for Regional and International Service for a Polio Free World.

In addition to his advocacy in support of polio eradication, John serves as a member of State of Delaware Architectural Accessibility Board, is a volunteer driver for meals on wheels and is a regular platelet donor.

He is retired now, but was the founder & former owner of Paper And Ribbon Supply Company, Cherry Hill, NJ.

John and his wife Christine live in Middletown, Delaware and are professional singers with "Rhapsody in 2", a duet cabaret act; mainly singing Broadway Showtunes.