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This week, Rotarian Peter Tanner gave us an update on the Rachel Project - "Remote Area Community Hotspot for Education and Learning."

Peter and his committee are collecting used Android phones that will be cleaned and stripped of any information. These used phones will be sent to elementary schools in Guatemala to be used as reference resources by students. There will be local servers in the school with Wikipedia and other resources that the students can download onto these phones as their own personal reference books.

To do this, the schools must have electricity and wi-fi, but no internet connection.

Students will be taught to look up information they need rather than try to memorize it.

Peter talked about the numerous emails, the lengthy delays and the red tape in trying to get this project approved.

Our club is thankful for the hard work and patience that Peter has demonstrated. The project is worthwhile - and it is nearing completion.



Rotarian Peter Tanner and President Jennifer Hill



So – what is RACHEL?

- “Remote Area Community Hotspot for Education and Learning”
- Inexpensive computer server with:
 - All Wikipedia in specific language
 - 100’s of text books from Guatemala
 - 100’s of reference books
 - 100’s of classical books
 - Medical encyclopedia
 - Many learning applications
- Spanish version designed in Guatemala by Guatemalans
- Creates wifi hotspot
- All material accessible with laptop, smartphone or tablet.



Rotarians Sparky and Laurie Leonard introduced our newest exchange student to the club today. Her name is Nikola Blazowska and she is visiting from Poland.

Nikola will be attending Pain Court High School where she will continue her education in French.

Nikola is fluent in English and Polish with a strong interest in languages. Nikola plans to learn Spanish when her French is completed.

Nikola will be staying with Laurie and Sparky for the first few months of her stay here in Chatham-Kent.

If you would love to share this experience or know any families (French speaking) that may be open to hosting Nikola, please contact Sparky.

Below, Sparky and Laurie are joined by Nikola and also friends from Mexico that Sparky met through Rotary many years ago.

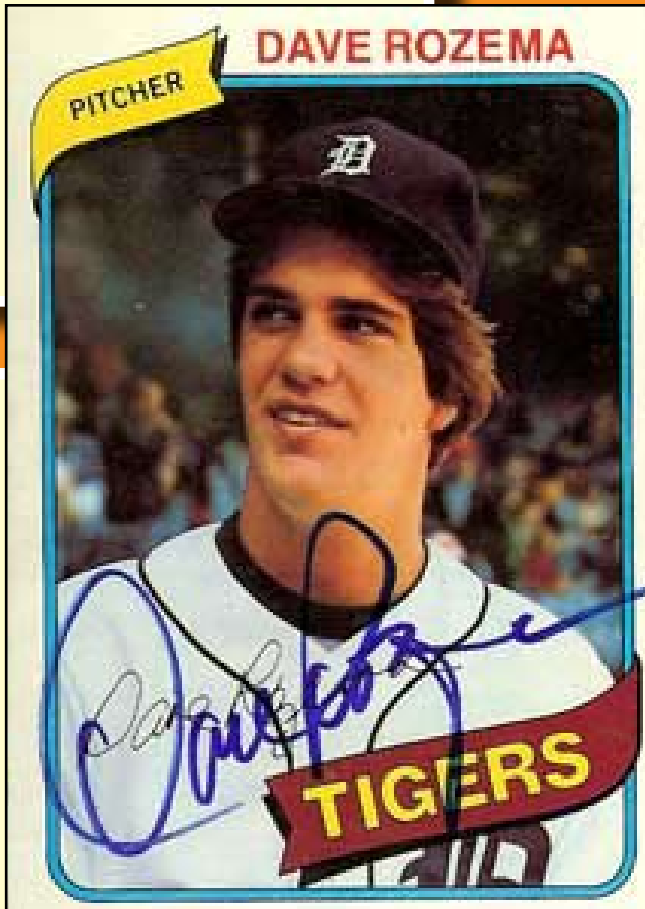




Happy Notices

BIRTHDAYS

Win Elzinga
Sept 1



Annual Banquet

Dave Rozema is the speaker.

*Dave was a world series pitcher
for the Detroit Tigers in 1984.*

*The banquet is Friday, October 5 at the
John Bradley Convention Centre.*

Tickets are \$60 and are available now.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Donna Litwin-Makey
7 years

Sparky Leonard
20 years

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sept 5
Myriam Armstrong - PAW

Sept 12
Jan McManus
District Governor

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