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# ROTO-VIEWS



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## ROTARIANS AT WORK

INVOCATION—Paul Jones

SONG—Jordan Byrd

PLEDGES—Richard Rutledge

FOUR-WAY TEST—Cindy Piersol

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## ROTARY AND COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS

July 24th

Larry Kenmore SMART Program Rag  
Addiction Preention

July 31st

Dr. Nancy Dickey—Medical Care in  
America: The Good, Bad & The Ugly

Aug. 7th

Endplasticsoup—Zoom Meeting

Aug. 14th

Peacebuilding Zoom: Jim Deuser,  
Georgetown Rotary

Aug. 20th

Rotary Board Mtg—Rotary Bldg-Noon

Aug. 21st

DG Leon Willhite Club Visit

Aug. 22nd

DG & Exchange Student Social



**CAROLINA**  
FALSINI

- Name: Carolina Falsini
- Birthday - April 16
- Hometown - Biella, Italy
- Parents - Gianluca & Paulo

**INTERESTS**

I love travelling! I have been to Berlin, Paris, Basque country, Switzerland, Austria, England, Florence, and Rome.

**OTHER INTERESTS**

Reading, learning English, dancing, art, and browsing fashion magazines.

**YOUR TOP 3 VALUES**

Trustworthy  
Loyal  
Family

**WHY DID YOU WANT TO BE AN EXCHANGE STUDENT?**

Being an exchange student has been my dream ever since I was a little child. The idea of spending one year away from my everyday life to build bonds that will accompany me the rest of my life and acquire language skills at an excellent level really excites me more than anything. I think it is the most unique experience someone my age can experience.

**SPECIAL TALENT**

I consider myself as an independent person and able to self-manage, and I like to organize everything carefully.

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ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT

FUN FACT

The Rotary Foundation

Doing Good In The World

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 2024

24th  
Cassie Ham

# Rotarian Addresses the United Nations on Fighting Opioid Addiction



For Larry Kenemore, a prominent member of the Siloam Springs Rotary Club, things are going far beyond city limits. The Rotarian, who spoke at the United Nations in March, is the North American Rotary task force leader for the opioid crisis, a role he has been in for more than two years.

"We have a committee of five people, two of which are physicians, the other three involved in other areas, but all are Rotarians and experts in their field," Kenemore said. "Because we are involved in the opioid crisis, we applied to have status at the United Nations due to it being a worldwide issue."

The U.N. ultimately accepted them. Kenemore said the Rotary Club has a plan, but he doesn't expect everyone to agree with it.

"Three years ago, Rotary began putting together research on a playbook that Rotary used to eradicate polio worldwide," Kenemore said. "We took that playbook and pretty well adapted it to the opioid crisis, using it to address the crisis in local communities, which is where this is meant to be implemented."

"The pushback from government agencies around the world is happening to Rotary for the opioid crisis, which is to be expected because it happened during polio. There have been billions of dollars spent since 2009 by the government, on nonprofits and everything, here in the United States and literally across the world to solve the opioid crisis, and we are worse off today than we were in 2009."

Kenemore says that the problem is much deeper than most think.

"We also discovered in doing the research on the opioid crisis that there is pollution in our environment from people having leftover pharmaceuticals, throwing them in the trash, flushing them down the toilet," he said. "It's now in our drinking water, and there's no known process to remove it once it's there, so they're classified as 'forever chemicals' by the Environmental Protection Agency."

A retired paramedic, Kenemore spent 24 years in San Diego dealing with addicts.

"I gave Narcan back in 1976, when it first came out. It was under the rules of 'Mother May I,' meaning that you had to call and get permission to give Narcan. Everyone is carrying it around in their pockets now," he said. Kenemore found his passion for helping addicts through a personal connection as well.

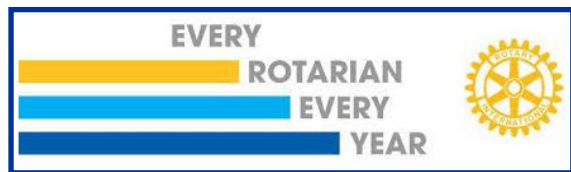
"I had a stepdaughter who was an alcoholic, and we lost her four years ago," he said. "She drank herself to death at 44 years old. Addiction, whether it's drugs, alcohol or whatever is a serious issue. We tried all kinds of things with her, and she refused every time."

"I realized then that there must be something wrong because we went to places to get her treatment or to help her. That's one of the things that Rotary is doing, we've built a database by local community of treatment and recovery that's available."

Kenemore continued: "Rotary's big issue is that we have lost over a million people in 10 years to opioid deaths. But we actually have 2.6 million more addicts than we did 10 years ago."

Kenemore says that the key to all of these issues, from addiction to waste disposal, is to address it on a community level.

"The issue is not the deaths itself, but the number of addicts keeps growing," he said. "That's where we are trying too, with our program that we have in individual communities, is to say, 'You need to work in your local communities to help those with addic-


































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<b>Brown, David 2023</b> (Linda) .....	Commercial Landscaping
<b>Byrd, Jordan PH 2020</b> (Stevie) .....	Christian Minister
 <b>Campbell, Harold PH 2006</b> (Deb) .....	Multi Line Insurance
<b>Champagne, Gregory 2021</b> (Patricia) .....	Pool and Spa Sales
 <b>Clark, Krissy 2022</b> (Randy) .....	Paralegal
<b>Crutcher, Kasey 2020</b> (Jessica) .....	Multi Line Insurance
<b>Davis Dan ♦ PH 1986</b> (Ruth) .....	Real Estate Agency
 <b>Davis, Jodi PH 2022</b> (Mark) .....	Realtor
 <b>Davis, Mark ♦ PH 1998</b> (Jodi) .....	Finance: Banking
<b>Davis, Michael ♦ PH 2009</b> (Sandy) .....	Law: Civil
 <b>Doran, Jeff PH 1998</b> (Cheryl) .....	Corporate Law
<b>Flores, Rudy PH 2018</b> (Becky) .....	Law Enforcement
<b>Fontaine, Jerry PH 2007</b> .....	Civil Engineering
 <b>Gorby, Mike PH 1994</b> (Carolyn) .....	Medicine: Internal
<b>Grayson, Kimberly PH 2009</b> (John) .....	Insurance: Property
<b>Ham, Cassie 2024</b> (Tim) .....	Tourism/Marketing
<b>Harcrow, Mark 2019</b> .....	Law Enforcement: Police
 <b>Henderson Mark PH 1996</b> (Sheila) .....	Electric Motor Repair
 <b>Herrington Rhonda ♦ PH 1998</b> .....	Education:Curriculum Director
<b>Hollie, Lillian 2022</b> (Marvin) .....	Bookkeeper
 <b>Howell-Fields, Angela PH 2011</b> .....	Wholesale Beverage
<b>Johnson, Juanita 2023</b> .....	Nursing Home Administration
<b>Johnson, Phil 2021</b> (Mona) .....	Copy and Print Services
<b>Johnston Robert PH 2009</b> (Brenda) .....	Agriculture: Ranching
<b>Jones, Paul 2022</b> (Sharron) .....	Church Minister
 <b>Keller, Chris 2021</b> (Allison) .....	Restaurateur
<b>Kennedy, Tim 2024</b> (Shawn) .....	Teacher
<b>Kimla, Bill 2023</b> (Josette) .....	Chemical Dis. Manager
<b>Kozik, Tim 2006 PH</b> (Leah) .....	Home for Aged Mgmt.
<b>Lamb, John PH 2023</b> (Kathy) .....	Venue Owner
<b>La Rue, Rusty ♦ PH 1989</b> (Ellen) .....	Casualty Insurance
 <b>Lindsey, Greg PH 2013</b> .....	Auto Dealership
<b>Link, Edwin PH 2013</b> (Kerran) .....	Commercial Insurance
 <b>Little, Andrew 2022</b> (Brittany) .....	Hospital Administration
<b>Loveless, Larissa 2019</b> (Lee) .....	Public Relations
 <b>Magdziak, Schyler 2014</b> (Cody) .....	Bank Loan Officer
<b>Marshall, Jason PH 2011</b> (Shanna) .....	Education: Administration
 <b>Martine, LeeAnn PH 2010</b> (Paul) .....	Heating and Air Conditioning
<b>McAughan, John PH 2012</b> (Paula) .....	Project Engineer: Retired
<b>McBroom, Cliff 2023</b> .....	Pest Control
 <b>McGuire, Amy 2019</b> (Jon) .....	Teacher
 <b>McKee, Randy PH 2019</b> (Krissy) .....	IT Consultant
 <b>Newton, Jerry ♦ PH 1984</b> (Kathrine) .....	Medicine: Urology
<b>Parsons, James PH1997</b> (Karen) .....	Civil Trial Law
<b>Patel, Shweta 2023</b> .....	Restaurateur
<b>Piersol, Cindy ♦ PH 2015</b> (John) .....	YMCA Director
 <b>Polster, Celia 2019</b> (Wayne) .....	Business Consultant
<b>Polster, Wayne 2019</b> (Celia) .....	Business Consultant
<b>Pulver, Josh 2019</b> .....	Lakeview Center CEO
<b>Raum, Mary PH 2017</b> (Shane) .....	Tourism Marketing
 <b>Ray, Jordan 2023</b> (LIndsey) .....	Financial Advisor
<b>Rhone, Benjamin PH 2019</b> (Kari) .....	Funeral Home Director
 <b>Roberson, Jeffrey PH 2012</b> .....	Photography
<b>Rutledge, Becky 2022</b> (Richard) .....	Reg. Dir. Responsive Education
 <b>Rutledge, Richard PH 2018</b> (Becky) .....	Auto Sales
 <b>Selden, Jack ♦ PH (1972)</b> .....	Civil Trial Assistant
 <b>Shipman, Karen 2023 2022</b> (Randy) .....	TVCC Director
<b>Smalley, Alyson 2022</b> (Kevin) .....	Insurance Sales
<b>Stanford, Wade PH 2016</b> .....	Education: Administration
<b>Stewart, Robb 2020</b> .....	Oilfield Exploration
<b>Summers, Hugh ♦ PH 1974</b> (Ahnise) .....	Real Estate Law
 <b>Tang, Mark 2024</b> (Lisa) .....	Nursing Home Admin
<b>Thomason, Mike ♦ PH 1994</b> (Judy) .....	A Service and Repair
<b>Thompson, Scott PH 1999</b> (Paula) .....	Investment Broker
<b>Thorn, Terry PH 2000</b> (Jesse) .....	Law: Real Estate
 <b>Tidrow, Kenny PH 2017</b> (Tracy) .....	Financial Advisor
<b>Toole, Dolinda 2023</b> .....	Banking
<b>Torrez, Katrina 2023</b> .....	Crisis Center Director
<b>Trahan, Christophe 2023</b> .....	EDC Director
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 <b>Triplett, Elaine 2023</b> (Timothy) .....	Evangelist
 <b>Varela, Fernando PH 1995</b> (Alena) .....	Automobile Retailing
<b>Wallace, Elaine 2024</b> (Phillip) .....	Nursing School Director
<b>Weber, Larry PH 2001</b> (Ellen) .....	Bus. Services Income Tax
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 <b>Willhite, Leon ♦ PH 2004</b> (Lynn) .....	Gov't Planning Service
 <b>Willhite, Lynn PH 2023</b> (Leon) .....	CEO- We Care Palestine
 <b>Williams, Ernie PH 2021</b> (Vanessa) .....	General Insurance
 <b>Winchester, Matt 2022</b> (Lori) .....	Oncor Manager

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