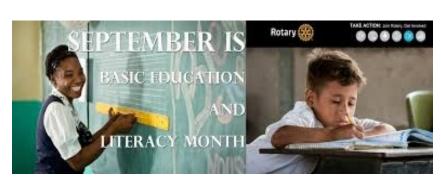
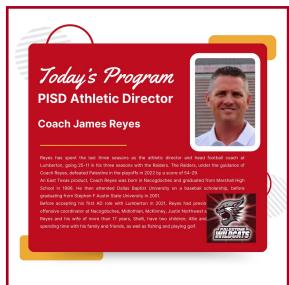
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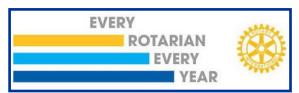




















RI PRESIDENT MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2024

The Magic of Rotary is belonging, and it's a feeling that can appear when you least expect it.

Earlier this year, I was in Slovakia serving as a president's representative during a six-week trip through Europe. When I wrote to Katarina Cechova, governor of District 2240 at the time, I mentioned that my grandmother Veronica Zilka grew up in a small village in the area before settling in the U.S.

It wasn't long before Cechova tracked down my grandmother's village, Jakubova Vol'a. She even organized a visit for me, where I received an unforgettable Slovakian welcome.

When I entered the community center of Jakubova Vol'a, a small crowd of people dressed in traditional Slovakian clothing greeted me. They sang with beautiful and powerful Central European voices that reminded me of my grandmother.

A lot of families play cards or games when they get together. When I was young, my father would pick up his accordion and lead my family in song. My grandmother would sing along with her impressive voice.

When I walked into the community center and heard traditional music from my childhood — when I saw a woman play the accordion the way my dad played — I suddenly felt like a little girl sitting at my grandmother's house in Monessen, Pennsylvania. I burst into tears of joy at the memories.

But the magic didn't stop there. District Governor Cechova really outdid herself. A local genealogist worked with a videographer to make a short film about my grandmother. We watched the video together in the community center.

When the video ended, I turned around and saw a man standing in the back of the room. I quickly learned that this stranger, Frantisek Zilka, was my second cousin. His grandmother and mine had been sisters. I felt like I had been struck by lightning.

I visited my newfound cousin's home, which happens to be the home where my grandmother was born. There, he shared old photographs I had never seen of my dad, my uncle, and my grandmother.

Since then, I can't stop thinking about my family of Rotary. When I refer to you as my family, I'm not just being kind. I really think of everyone in Rotary as my family. But I never would have imagined that my Rotary family would introduce me to long-lost personal family.

Sitting in that community center listening to traditional Slovakian music from my childhood filled me with joy and a profound sense of belonging. I am so grateful to District Governor Cechova and everyone who helped create that magical experience.

As members of Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to share the same magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club — other members of our Rotary family — feel like they truly belong.





Joining Rotary is a unique opportunity to make a positive impact on both local and global communities. As a member, you'll connect with like-minded individuals who are committed to service above self.

Rotary provides a platform to contribute to meaningful projects that address pressing issues like clean water, education, and disease

prevention.

It's also a fantastic way to expand your professional network and develop leadership skills. You'll find a strong sense of camaraderie and support among members, who share a passion for making a difference.

Additionally, Rotary's global presence means you acan engage in international projects, broadening your perspective and understanding of diverse cultures.

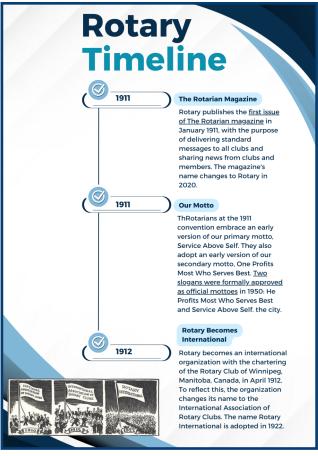
By joining you'll be part of a respected organization that has a tangible impaxt on the world, all while forming lasting friendships and growing both personally and professionally.

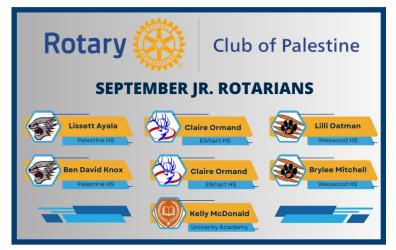
It's an enriching experience that truly transforms lives, including your own.















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Champagne, Gregory 2021 (Patricia)	
Clark, Krissy 2022 (Randy)	Paralegal
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Doran, Jeff рн 1998 (Cheryl)	Corporate Law
Flores, Rudy PH 2018 (Becky)	
Fontaine, Jerry PH 2007	Civil Engineering
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Ham, Cassie 2024(Tim)	
Harcrow, Mark 2019	
Wenderson Mark рн 1996 (Sheila)	
Herrington Rhonda ◆PH 1998	
Hollie, Lillian 2022 (Marvin)	
Howell-Fields, Angela PH 2011	
Jackson, Mattie 2024	
Johnson, Juanita 2023	~
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Lamb, John PH 2023 (Kathy)	
La Rue, Rusty ♦ PH 1989 (Ellen)	
Lindsey, Greg PH 2013	
Link, Edwin PH 2013 (Kerran)	
Little, Andrew 2022 (Brittany)	
Loveless, Larissa 2019 (Lee)	·
Magdziak, Schyler 2014 (Cody)	
Marshall, Jason PH 2011 (Shanna)	
Martine, LeeAnn PH 2010 (Paul)	
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Parsons, James PH1997 (Karen)	
Patel, Shweta 2023	
Piersol, Cindy ◆PH 2015 (John)	
Polster, Celia 2019 (Wayne)	
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Pulver, Josh 2019	
Raum, Mary PH 2017 (Shane)	•
Ray, Jordan 2023 (LIndsey)	
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Roberson, Jeffrey PH 2012	Photography
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Selden, Jack ◆PH (1972)	Civil Trial Assistant
Shipman, Karen 2023 2022 (Randy)	TVCC Director
Smalley, Alyson 2022 (Kevin)	
Stanford, Wade PH 2016	
Stewart, Robb 2020	
Summers, Hugh PH 1974 (Ahnise)	
Tang, Mark 2024 (Lisa)	
Thomason, Mike ♦PH 1994 (Judy)	
Thompson, Scott PH 1999 (Paula)	
Thorn, Terry PH 2000 (Jesse)	
Tidrow, Kenny PH 2017 (Tracy)	
Toole, Dolinda2023	
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Trahan, Christophe 2023	
Triplett, Timothy PH 2012 (Elaine)	
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Weber, Larry PH 2001 (Ellen)	
Weisenburn, Brett ◆PH 2013 (Laura)	
Willhite, Leon ♦ PH 2004 (Lynn)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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