

Dear Rotarian friends,

By now, you probably have all heard about our effort to raise \$45,000 to buy a bus and van for Razia Jan's unbelievable effort in war-torn Afghanistan to educate girls so they no longer are being regarded as 'property' to the male-dominated society there. Razia has been so successful, you might even call her a victim of her own success, she needs additional transportation for her girls to reach the school safely and to return home safely after classes have finished.

We are down to our last \$1,300 to raise and are in the final push to get us across the goal line, but these times are unique to say the least. COVID-19 has put so many more strains on our budgets and has brought out needs more locally that also required our attention.

In an attempt to assist with the final push, I have decided on a walking challenge. Andy, being kind as he is, agreed that walking 5 miles every week, would be a good idea; Dean Dickinson, in his inimitable support, suggested I might be able to manage 'a little pub crawl'.

We ask you to support my walking efforts to the tune of \$1 or \$2 per mile. There will be additional 'Paul Harris Bonus Points' counting towards a fellowship (so every dollar gives something back to you!), and I have matched the first \$500 (already gone). Contact Jodi Widuch or myself with your pledge.

Thanks to Dean's motivational work, I have decided to post my daily walking for the month of September together with a little background and some photos for your perusal and entertainment. Lyn kindly adds them to the bottom of the Coulee Report every week. Please send photos of yourself walking, and if you are so inclined, I would love to hike with you together in a socially responsible and safe way. Please consider supporting our effort. It would be a great step in the right direction of making this world a more equitable and friendly place.

Oh, and I'd love feedback regarding my hiking adventures.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in touch. With kind Rotarian greetings,

Thomas R. Behrenbeck