

## Italy

The Rotaract Club of Milano Nord Est Brera collaborated with an art publisher to produce a book of photography featuring women who have had breast cancer surgery to put a face to the fight against the disease. “With body painting they show that the scars have been overcome while remaining part of their history,” says club member Stefano Mercuri. “The project was aimed at them rediscovering the beauty that comes from art, even starting from a scar.” The club worked with the artist Stefano Pelloni, whose style is based on tribal body painting, and Il Randagio Edizioni, a book company that uses environmentally friendly materials. The club printed a limited-edition run of 500 books and is selling them to raise funds for the Italian branch of the **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation**.

## United Kingdom

One coin at a time, a whimsical contraption celebrates a legendary Scottish locomotive while raising thousands of dollars for charity. Ken Wilson, a past president of the Rotary Club of Inverness Loch Ness, led the effort to commission and install the Flying Scotsman Automata in a local shopping center in 2016. A contribution of about \$1 activates the complex mechanism, which depicts a kilted train conductor in an engine on a track trailed by bobbing carriages. Inside are characters that include a couple knitting and drinking tea, a pilot flying a plane, and Nessie, of course, whose tail spins to the musical accompaniment. The club has maintained the device and collected about \$27,000, allowing it to disburse more than \$350 in grants each month. “It has enabled Rotary Loch Ness to help nearly 60 local charities,” says the mall’s former manager, Jackie Cuddy, “which is amazing.”

## Canada

Guelph, Ontario, is one of 25 Canadian municipalities to sign a pledge with the United Nations refugee agency, **UNHCR**, to welcome people who have fled countries such as Afghanistan, Syria, and Ukraine. In December, the Rotary Club of Guelph Trillium launched a drive to collect winter clothing donations for refugees. “People were so generous,” says Club President Anne Day. The club placed a bin at a mall, and donors loaded it up with more than 70 coats, 109 hats, and 52 scarves — many of them with the price tags still attached. The club also teamed up with appliance company Danby to collect furniture and household equipment for the newcomers.

# THE EARLY RISER

EVERY ROTARIAN  
US \$100  
EVERY YEAR



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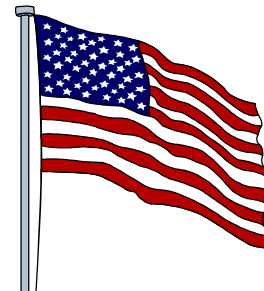
### THE ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

First: Is it the TRUTH?

Second: Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Third: Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Fourth: Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



### ROTARY PRAYER

Oh Lord, and giver of all good, we thank Thee for our daily food.

May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help to serve Thee all of our days.

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WICHITA FALLS NORTH



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## ***FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS***

April 7 ----- Mike Crocker ~Wichita County Judge Jim Johnson  
April 14- Ajay Kumar ~ Mental Health and Mindfulness ~ Megan Nicholas ~  
LCSW, (Ft. Worth)  
**April 15-----Dist. Assembly Training ~ 201 S. Locust ~ Denton, Tx**  
April 21 ----- **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**  
April 28----- Ann Lucas  
May 5 ----- Matthew Milhollon  
May 12----- Bill Neale  
**May 18-21----- Dist. Conference ~ Crazy Water Hotel ~ Mineral Wells**  
May 19----- Oku Okeke  
**May 23-31----- R.I Convention ~ Melbourne, Australia**  
May 26----- Rob Noble  
June 2 ----- Jeani Secord  
June 9 ----- Troy Secord  
June 16----- Linda Sheriff  
**June 15-18 ----- RYLA ~ Tarleton State University**  
June 23----- Tom Sheriff  
June 30----- Gary Southard

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### **NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETING AT JIMMY'S EGG**

The Rotary Prayer was led by Gary and the pledges were led by Larry.

Harrold Ferguson was the guest of Larry.

The brag bucket was fed by Clint, Joe (5) and Linda (2).

There was an attempted break in at Scotland Park Elementary School on the previous day. Luckily, no one was injured. Thank you Joe, for the report.

Rick Watson, an Adult Probation Officer, was introduced as our weekly program by Joe Clement. Rick informed the club about the obstacles that he faces in his job.

A birthday was announced for Ajay. Ajay went to Las Vegas because of a birthday party organized by his daughters. I wonder if the girls were nice enough to let Ajay pay the bill!

The raffle raised \$22.00 and Gary was the lucky winner. To a large round of applause he drew the 6 of diamonds for a \$5.00 prize. If this week's winner draws the ace of spades they will win \$206.00 + ½ of what is raised today. **GOOD LUCK!**



RICK WATSON ADDRESSING THE CLUB.

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### ***NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:***

#### **ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE**

**APRIL 2023**

#### **United States**

Members of the Rotary Club of Kaka‘ako Eco, Hawaii, tossed 5,000 mud balls filled with beneficial organisms into the Ala Wai Canal in Waikiki as part of a rehabilitation effort to make the waterway fishable and swimmable. The healthy bacteria in the genki balls — made with soil, molasses, rice bran, and water — digest and oxygenate sludge at the bottom of the canal (genki means healthy in Japanese). In March 2022, more than 200 volunteers, including club members and friends, made the balls, advised by the **Genki Ala Wai Project**. Three weeks later, they threw the fermented genki balls into the waterway. Donors paid \$5 per ball to defray some of the cost. “A lot of kids came out and we had canoes come through the canal to help throw the balls,” says Club President Jenny Do. “We blew the air horn and then hundreds of balls just went into the Ala Wai Canal.”

The following pictures are courtesy of Clint Wood from the Wichita Falls 4-Way Test Speech Contest held 4/1/2023. The winner on the left is Prasi Deasi. The second place winner, in the middle, is Skyler McKown. The third place winner was on the left.

