"Rotary is often where a former Peace Corps Volunteer will go to continue their civic engagement and networking," Adams says, calling it "the next stage in the lifecycle of a Volunteer."

One effective collaboration evolved from a U.S. Rotary club that wanted to distribute Spanish-language books in the Dominican Republic. Through the Rotary-Peace Corps partnership, several schools in the Dominican Republic gained literary resources. One school got a new library, developed through a small Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP) grant that provided funding.

"It was a triangle of partnership: the U.S. Rotary club that supplied resources, a Rotary club in the Dominican Republic that received the shipment of books, and the Peace Corps Volunteer in the country who connected Rotarians to the local community that needed books to supplement literacy programs," Adams says.

The Peace Corps also recommends that new Volunteers connect with Rotary clubs in the country where they're serving. "Rotary members are successful community and business leaders, and their connections can help identify a needed project and get it organized and functioning," Adams says.

Peace Corps Volunteers can maintain a capacity-building role while Rotarians and Rotaractors elevate the project through their local knowledge, which includes the language, customs, networks, community assets and gaps, implementation logistics, and access to resources. When the Peace Corps Volunteer returns home, the club can ensure that a project continues.

Although connections between individual Rotary clubs and Peace Corps Volunteers have been the foundation of the partnership, the organizations are now also working to engage broader communities such as Peace Corps in-country offices, Rotary Peace Fellows, and Rotaract members.

To connect your club with the Peace Corps or invite a current or returned volunteer to a meeting, contact **rotary.service@rotary.org**.

THE EARLY RISER

EVERY ROTARIAN US $100 EVERY YEAR

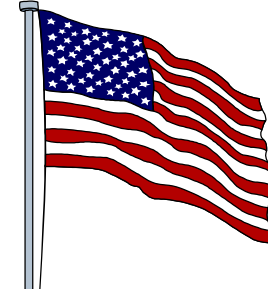**Rotary**

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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

IMAGINE ROTARY

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FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

April 21 ------------------------------ **3rd Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**
April 28 -------------- Ann Lucas ~ "Road to College" ~ Gonzalo Robles
April 28 ---- Picnic with the 364th Squadron at SAFB. Starts at **4:00 PM**
May 5 --Matthew Milhollon
May 12-- Bill Neale
May 12---- Farwell Dinner ~ Ltc Col Mose ~ 6:00 PM ~ Secord's house
May 18-21----- Dist. Conference ~ Crazy Water Hotel ~ Mineral Wells
May 19------------------------------ **3rd Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**
May 23-31------------------------ R.I Convention ~ Melbourne, Australia
May 26---Oku Okeke
June 2 -- Rob Noble
June 9 --- Jeani Secord
June 16------------------------------ **3rd Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**
June 15-18 ------------------------------ RYLA ~ Tarleton State University
June 23-- Troy Secord
June 30-- Linda Sheriff

NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETING AT JIMMY'S EGG

The Rotary Prayer was led by Julie and the Pledges were led by Matt.

Guests at our last regular club meeting on 4/14/2023 were; Jack Browne from the SouthWest Rotary Club and Krishna Kumar, wife of President Ajay.

Feeding the brag bucket were; Jack Browne, Troy (5), Ajay, Clint and Julie.

President Ajay introduced Megan Nicholas-Adams as our program. Megan talked to the club about "Mental Health and Mindfulness".

A birthday was announced for PDG Troy! Congratulations.

The raffle raised $22.00 and Jeani was the winner. She let Troy do the actual drawing. Troy drew the 5 of spades for a $5.00 prize. Jeani said that Troy would no longer be doing the drawing!

NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

LEVERAGING EXPERTISE: PEACE CORPS

The collaborations between Rotary members and Peace Corps Volunteers that occur around the world make the partnership between the organizations vibrant and dynamic.

The Peace Corps, an independent U.S. government agency, sends Americans to work with communities abroad while promoting international understanding through volunteer service and cultural exchange. Rotary clubs in many nations have Peace Corps Volunteers speak at their events.

"Some of the most successful Peace Corps projects have been initiated by people who were Rotary members at home," says Ted Adams, Program Specialist in the Peace Corps Office of Strategic Partnerships and Intergovernmental Affairs. And it's not unusual for a Peace Corps Volunteer to join Rotary after their service.