

## India

Impressed by the work of District 3201 following a 2018 monsoon, Mumbai-based technology company Atos Global IT Solutions and Services decided to collaborate with Rotary members in its corporate social responsibility endeavors. The company donated nearly \$300,000 for two global grant projects. About \$250,000 of that funded construction of 31 low-cost shelters to house 126 displaced people in a project that involved eight Rotary clubs in Kochi (formerly Cochin) during the 2018-19 Rotary year. The second grant to support the installation of 25 water purification plants is underway in Kerala. “We found the Rotary organization in India was the best suitable organization to partner with because of their volunteer-based organizational structure offering negligible or minimal administration cost,” says Nasir Shaikh, a senior vice president with the firm. Damodaran Vellannur — a coordinator of the housing grant, past president of the Rotary Club of Cochin Midtown, and now a member of the Cochin Titans club — lauds the creation of the 500-square-foot homes as “a sustainable, well-executed humanitarian project.”

## Germany

A project by the Rotary Club of Rosenheim-Innstadt serves as a reminder that the simplest of gifts can bring joy to children — and delight to the givers. For the past five years, the club has taken up a collection among members, raising about \$1,500 each year to buy Christmas presents. The gifts, delivered to 33 youths during the 2021 outing, included toys and clothing — “whatever you can imagine on a child’s wish list,” says Hans-Georg Schmidt, immediate past president of the club. A local aid organization selected the recipients. “One girl asked for a skirt, which otherwise the family would never have been able to afford,” Schmidt says. Another girl requested and received perfume. A dozen club members coordinate the shopping, packaging, and delivery.

# THE EARLY RISER

EVERY ROTARIAN  
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EVERY YEAR



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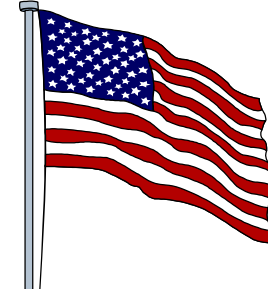
### THE ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

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***

December 9 ----- Matt Milhollon  
December 16 ----- **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**  
December 23 ----- NO MEETING ~ CHRISTMAS  
December 30 ----- NO MEETING ~ NEW YEARS  
January 6 ----- Bill Neale  
January 13 ----- Rob Noble  
January 20 ----- **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**  
January 27 ----- Oku Okeke  
February 3 ----- Jeani Secord  
February 10 ----- Troy Secord  
February 17 ----- **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**  
February 24 ----- Tom Sheriff

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

Gary led us in the Rotary Prayer and Tom led us in the Pledges.

The brag bucket was well fed by Clint, Joe, Gary (3), Tom, Matt (5) and Mike (5).

Ann announced that the 364<sup>th</sup>'s Christmas Party will be December 9<sup>th</sup> (tonight) at the MSU facility by Sikes Lake. If you are going, you should have already let Ann know!

An upcoming birthday was announced for Gary. Congratulations!

The program was introduced by Joe. He introduced Christie Ruth and Barady from the ARC. Christie informed the club about the purpose and activities of the ARC. For the ARC doing a flag route for the club, the earned \$1,82.00. A check was presented!



The raffle raised \$22.00 and once again, Gary was the lucky winner. To a large round of applause, Brandy drew the 9 of spades for Gary for a \$5.00 Prize. If this week's raffle winner draws the ace of spades they will win \$92.00 + ½ of what is raised today. GOOD LUCK!

***PLEASE REMEMBER, AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE SHOULD ORDER SOMETHING TO EAT!***

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## **ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE December 2022**

### **United States**

The Rotary Club of Conway-Morning, Arkansas, is aiming to deliver birthday messages to every child and young adult in the state's foster care system. Between January and September, more than 2,100 cards had been mailed, with an anticipated 3,700 individuals to be reached annually. "These children already face great uncertainty and disappointments in their lives, and I strongly believe that to consistently remember them on their special day would give them hope to go on, and to show that others around them genuinely care for them," says Mike Altland, a club member who started the campaign. A dozen or so Rotarian volunteers coordinate writing and forwarding cards to foster homes with the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services and The Call, a statewide nonprofit that works with churches to match children with families. American Greetings, which operates a production facility in the area, donated a supply of cards and envelopes expected to last nearly two years, Altland says.

### **Mexico**

The Rotary Club of Guadalajara Internacional in March began training girls from the city's underserved communities in the Korean martial art of taekwondo. The Reconoce Tu Poder, or Recognize Your Power, program has trained dozens of girls, says creator Bertha Sánchez García, the club's immediate past president. Sánchez García, a brown belt in the discipline, and Zulema Fernández Sariñana, a member of the Rotary Club of Guadalajara, developed a manual and a training regimen with the assistance of Patricia Mariscal Alcalá, an Olympian who is one of Mexico's most accomplished female taekwondo athletes. "At the end of the program, each girl knows that she is capable of knocking down her obstacles by breaking a board with a kick," says Sánchez García. The effort has been replicated by clubs in two other Mexican towns as well as in India.