

were made based on their priorities.” The Kingston club, supported by donations from the Rotary Club of Naples North, Florida, raised the height of toilets and added support bars and railings along restroom walls. The club installed new kitchen cupboards, sinks, and faucets to improve accessibility for people who use wheelchairs. A first phase, to install six solar streetlights, was completed in February, with the retrofit finished in June.

### Portugal

The Rotary Club of Almancil International takes an active approach in its mission to serve children, notably those with autism spectrum disorders or Down syndrome. Members sponsor activities including surfing lessons and animal therapy. In June the club unveiled a sensory room at a school to serve students ages 5 to 16. “The room is now complete, with state-of-the-art equipment including a soothing waterbed, music, and many sensory light and tactile objects,” says club member Peter Hinze, who coordinated the project. “[It] can provide a sense of calm and help improve [students’] visual and auditory skills and help regulate their behavior.” The project cost more than \$16,000. The club provided about \$5,000, with businesses and friends donating the remainder.

### Belgium

The Rotary Club of Virton en Gaume organized two days of concerts to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Coralpins Gaumais, a trio that plays the traditional alphorn, a wooden horn once used by shepherds in the Alps. More than 140 alphornists, flag throwers, and bell ringers in folk costume participated in the event in May. The event raised money for the club’s charitable causes. The alphorn was the ideal instrument for harmoniously bringing together nature and the people who live in the region, says Jean-Marie Henin, a past club president. The club was inspired to put on the concert series after it organized visits by the Coralpins Gaumais to nursing homes and other care facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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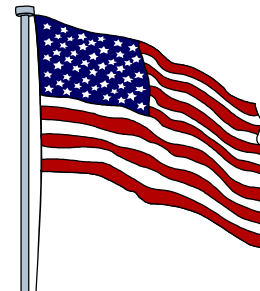
#### THE ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

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.

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## FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

November 10 ----- Rob Noble – Presentation by Bill Neale  
 November 11 -----District 5790 Rotary Foundation Gala ~ Denton, Tx  
 November 17 ----- Board Meeting  
 November 24 ----- No Meeting ~ Thanksgiving  
 December 1 ----- Oku Okeke  
 December 7 ----- Possible Scotland Park Choir 7:00 or 7:15 AM  
 December 8 ----- Jeani Secord ~ at Riverbend Nature Center  
 December 15 ----- Board Meeting  
 December 22 ----- Troy Secord  
 December 29 ----- NO MEETING ~ Merry Christmas  
 January 5 ----- Linda Sheriff  
 January 12 ----- Tom Sheriff  
 January 19 ----- Board Meeting  
 January 26 ----- Gary Southard

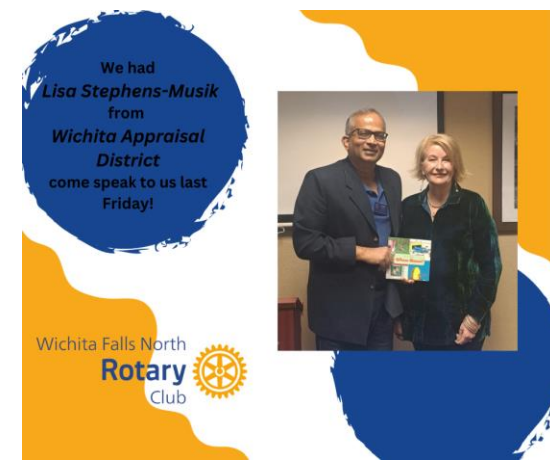
### NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETING AT THE HAMPTON INN

Julie led us in the Rotary Prayer and Matt led the club in the Pledges.

Visitors at last weeks meeting were: Andy Kocher, Treston Teague, Josh Phillips and Braydon Wood, all of whom were from The Rotary Club of Wichita Falls. Ester Medina was the guest of Linda Sheriff. Ester was the recipient of a Rotary scholarship for college. The club would like for Ester to become a prospective member.

Mike introduced Lisa Stephens-Musick, Wichita Falls chief tax appraiser, to inform the club about the upcoming “Proposition 4 – Property Tax Relief”. Thank you, Lisa!

The raffle raised \$28.00 and Ann was the proud winner. She drew the queen of ♥’s for a \$10.00 prize. If this week’s lucky winner draws the ace of ♠’s they will win \$142.00 + ½ of what is raised today! **GOOD LUCK!**



### NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

#### ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE: **November 2023**

##### **United States**

After a 2021 tornado and subsequent electrical fire damaged the African American Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, a Rotary club in the city acquired a \$10,000 disaster relief grant from District 6710 to help restore the museum. But “we didn’t just want to be handing out the check,” says Vickie Elrod, a past president of the Rotary Club of Bowling Green. “We wanted to get boots on the ground to get involved with the preservation of those artifacts.” About a dozen Rotarians attended workshops on archiving, and the club is assisting the museum in digitizing documents. They include records on Shake Rag, a once-vibrant district settled by former slaves and soldiers who fought for the Union in the Civil War. The financial assistance enabled the museum to work with a conservator on preserving its uniforms and other clothes. The museum reopened in August, and Rotarians continue to assist with cleaning damaged artifacts, pictures, and equipment.

##### **Jamaica**

Advocates in Jamaica highlight a shortage of housing that meets the needs of people with limited mobility. The Rotary Club of Kingston funded a nearly \$23,000 refurbishment of Cheshire Village, a transitional housing facility associated with a rehabilitation center. “Rotarians were instrumental and involved in the three town halls we had with residents,” says Karsten Johnson, the club’s immediate past president. “Our plans