

## UNITED KINGDOM

In a Rotary-supported initiative, thousands of tents that help provide protection from the elements have been distributed to people in the UK who are homeless. The lightweight one-person tents, which cost about \$40 each, are intended as a short-term solution for vulnerable people in cold and wet weather. "The very first time we showed the Sleep Pod to anyone outside our small circle was when we showed it to Rotarians," says Justin Devereux, who co-founded the Sleep Pod charity with two friends. The Rotary Club of Erdington and other District 1060 clubs provide financial support, and hundreds of Rotarians and other volunteers joined a push during the pandemic to assemble pods at home to increase the available stock. "While people still die on our streets and in our fields from hypothermia and exposure, Sleep Pod will do all we can to support people as they sleep underneath the stars," says Devereux, "for whatever reason they find themselves there."

## Egypt

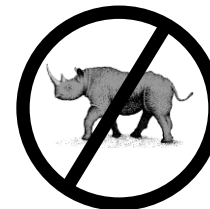
In 2019, intrigued by a pair of kestrels that were nesting across from her apartment balcony, Georgina Cole began documenting her sightings on the eBird online database. "I realized I had to learn more about all the birds around me," says Cole, a member of the Rotary Club of Red Sea-El Gouna, which is located in a resort community on the Gulf of Suez in a region that is a stopover point for more than a million birds migrating between Europe and Africa. When a local school asked her to speak to its students, Cole created bird identification cards in English and Arabic. Encouraged by her work, which is supported by her club, the town constructed a viewing hut overlooking a wetland area. The project has expanded to educate local hoteliers about which birds can be spotted at various times of the year. "The Red Sea region thrives on tourism through marine life, with scuba diving and snorkeling," Cole says. "Why not also birds?"

# THE EARLY RISER

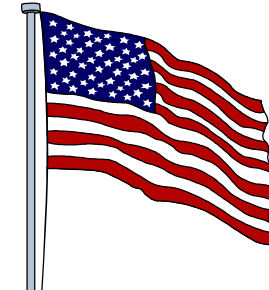
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EVERY YEAR



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(Rotarian In Name Only!)



### 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



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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## ***FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS***

January 21 -----	Rob Noble
January 28 -----	Jeani Secord
February 4 -----	Troy Secord
February 11 -----	Tom Sheriff
February 18 -----	Gary Southard
February 25 -----	Phil Waggoner
March 4 -----	Tom Cale
March 11 -----	Joe Clement
March 18 -----	David Collins
March 25 -----	Mike Crocker
April 1 -----	Larry Gunnell
April 8 -----	Ajay Kumar
April 15 -----	Ann Lucas
April 22 -----	Bill Neale
April 29 -----	Rob Noble

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### **NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETING AT THE VANTAGE POINT CONEMENIA:**

President Clint led the club in the Rotary prayer and Mike led the club in the Pledges.

The brag bucket was fed by Jeani, Clint and Phil.

It was reported that Lisa has bronchitis. Hopefully she will recover quickly and we will see her and Larry again in the near future.

It was announced that the labels are in for this year's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Dictionaries. The club will affix the labels during next week's club meeting.

Bill presented the clubs weekly program. We saw videos over "Extra Chewing Gum" commercials and the Bale Doneen health system. If you will go to "ahaforlife.com" website, you can view the first module for free. It recommends eating natural starches, etc. For further access, please ask Bill.

The weekly raffle raised \$14.00 and Phil was the lucky winner. Phil drew the queen of spades for a \$10.00 prize. \$25.00 + ½ is the top prize today.

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## **NEW FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:**

### **ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE (JANUARY 2022)**

#### **UNITED STATES**

In September, the Rotary Club of Novato, California, celebrated the opening of a community center, the culmination of an effort that began in 2007 with a bequest of \$5 million by longtime member Bill Jonas. The club worked with the College of Marin to construct a 15,600-square-foot complex on the college's Indian Valley campus. The center houses a banquet space with the capacity for hundreds of guests, a kitchen, and a stage equipped with the latest audiovisual equipment. The club, whose contribution covered about one-third of the project's total cost, obtained a 75-year lease as well as naming rights for its benefactors, the late Bill and Adele Jonas, and now holds its meetings at the center. "It was a long-term challenge, but we didn't give up," says Sonia Seeman, a co-chair of the project's planning committee.

#### **ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**

The pleasant climate in the Leeward Islands might delight sun-seeking vacationers, but for residents, severe drought in recent years has led to rationing and a reliance on desalinated water. To make the most of the water that is available, the Rotaract Club of Antigua embarked on a project to install 12 water harvesting tanks at an association for people with disabilities. "In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this will encourage handwashing and proper hygiene," says past club president Ti-Anna Harris of the effort, which cost about \$1,850. The club, which has 34 members, carries out an active schedule of projects. In September, members picked up trash at a local beach as part of the Save Our Shores cleanups that were carried out in conjunction with the Rotaract clubs of Mémorial des Gonaïves, Haiti, and Freetown Sunset, Sierra Leone. Other club projects include free HIV testing, professional and vocational training, a Christmas celebration, and a spelling bee.