trips, the nature-loving Harris planted trees to symbolize goodwill and friendship.

In the fall of 1932, Harris embarked on a five-week tour of European Rotary clubs and planted trees along the way.

"Wednesday forenoon I planted my first tree of friendship in European soil. It seemed to me especially appropriate that it took place in Germany — in its metropolis — Berlin. The planting occurred in a sports platz formerly devoted to war purposes, and a large number including Rotarians, city officials, and others were in attendance."

Ever since, Rotarians have planted trees in the name of fellowship, friendship, and community service. These trees, which can be found worldwide, have grown into enduring monuments of Rotary's ideals.

Later in his tour of Europe, Harris also planted trees in Estonia, Norway, and Sweden.

Planting trees became a hallmark of his travels, including in Australia, Brazil, Japan, Mexico, and New Zealand. In "My Road to Rotary," Harris recalled, "With the cooperation of Rotarians and local governments, I have planted friendship trees in the parks and playgrounds on five continents of the world and even on some of the major islands of the seas. Our trees stood as symbols of international understanding and good-will."

Other Rotary presidents also observed the tradition. In 1931-32, then-RI president Sydney W. Pascall planted trees at the sites of Rotary clubs he visited, reportedly at Paul Harris' suggestion.

Not all of the trees were planted outside the United States. The Harrises often entertained visiting Rotarians and dignitaries in their Chicago home and planted trees with their guests to mark the occasion. They called the garden their Friendship Garden.

Rotarians continue to plant trees to symbolize enduring friendships and fellowship, to beautify parks and communities, and to contribute to a greener world.

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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

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FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

April 23N	Mike Crocker ~ Melvin Joyner, WCSO
April 30	David Collins
May 7	Larry Gunnell
May 14	Ajay Kumar
May 21 Kris Gossom ~ From Ir	nterfaith Outreach Services ~ Ann Lucas
May 28	Bill Neale
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June 11	Tom Ostovich
June 18	Jeani Secord
	Troy Secord
July 2	Tom Sheriff
July 9	Gary Southard
July 16	Phil Waggoner
July 23	Tom Cale
July 30	David Collins

NEWS FROM OUR LAST LIVE & "VIRTUAL" MEETING:

These notes are provided by Jeani. Thank you very much!

Clint presented the Rotary Prayer and Phil presented the Pledges.

The brag bucket was well fed by Phil, Gary, Tom O., Clint.

Announcements – Wednesday, April 21st is Troy's birthday and David's club anniversary.

Clint informed us there's a board meeting on Wednesday morning at 7 am at the Vantage Point.

Kris Gossum from Inter Faith Services sent a "Thank You" note for our club's donation.

The Wichita Falls SouthWest Rotary Club informed us that they might have 2 extra students for RYLA. They asked if we would sponsor them, if needed. Troy motioned to send up to 4 students. Gary seconded the motion and the motioned passed.

Tom C. introduced Will Goodner from the Habitat for Humanity program.

\$24.00 was raised in raffle and Jeani won. She let Troy draw and he drew the 2 of clubs. That is the last time she will let him do that! If this week's raffle winner draws the ace of spades they will win \$140.00 plus ½ of what is raised today. GOOD LUCK!

Bill gave everyone a bottle of nose spray he told us about during his previous program.

NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

FRIENDSHIP TREES: PAUL HARRIS' LASTING SYMBOL OF GOODWILL



PAUL HARRIS PLANTS A FRIENDSHIP TREE IN LAKELAND, FLORIDA, USA, IN 1942.

As Rotary's president emeritus, Paul Harris traveled extensively during the 1920s and 1930s, often accompanied by his wife, Jean. During these