With our decades of experience in bringing polio to the brink of eradication, Rotary has been able to highlight the power and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines. Since the pandemic began in 2020, Rotary members have helped health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19, dispel misinformation, and support fair and equal access to vaccines.

Download Rotary's **World Immunization Week toolkit** for graphics and information.

### ROTARY STATEMENT ON THE WAR AGAINST THE UKRAINE.

Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation stand with the United Nations General Assembly in expressing grave concern at "the ongoing human rights and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, in particular at the reports of violations and abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law by the Russian Federation."

As a global humanitarian organization, Rotary takes a proactive stance toward peacemaking by addressing the underlying causes of conflict.

We support recent UN General Assembly resolutions calling for an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of Russian military forces from Ukraine. This aligns with Rotary's deep commitment to promoting peace through dialogue and conflict resolution.

We are working beside our partners in the international relief community to help provide resources to the more than 10 million Ukrainian refugees forced to flee the field of battle.

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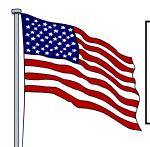
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#### ROTARY PRAYER

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 days

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WICHITA FALLS NORTH



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### FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

May 20	Troy Secord
May 21 Flag work day – 9:00 AM - 31	Fry St. Lakeside City – Tom's house.
May 27	Tom Sheriff
June 3	Gary Southard
June 10	Phil Waggoner
June 17	Tom Cale
June 24	Joe Clement
July 1	David Collins
July 8	Mike Crocker
July 15	Larry Gunnell
July 22	Ann Lucas
July 29	Bill Neale

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

The invocation was led by President Clint and the pledges were expertly led by Bill.

The brag bucket was fed by Tom S. (2), Clint (2) and Gary (2 + 1).

A birthday was announced for Linda Sheriff (honorary member) and Phil Waggoner. A wedding anniversary was announced for former club President Janelle Southard and her husband Mark. A birthday was also announced for Mark Southard. Congratulations to all!

The meeting was used for a club assembly:

It was decided by the club to not put out a flag for anyone for 9/11.

The Rotary Foundation was covered by Jeani and Troy.

International Service was covered by Troy.

Vocational Service was covered by Gary.

Youth Service was covered by President Clint.

Flags were presented by Rob. The club has 603 renewals at present.

Committee chairs that would like to have funds in next years budget, should talk, and plan, with Ajay well before July1!

The raffle raised \$17.00 and Ann was the lucky winner. Ann drew the king of spades for a \$10.00 prize. As John Wayne would say, "close, but no cigar". If this week's lucky winner draws the ace of spades they will win  $$125.00 + \frac{1}{2}$  of what is raised today. GOOD LUCK!

### **NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:**

WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK: VACCINES KEEP COMMUNITIES HEALTHY

OUR PROGRESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST POLIO SHOWS WHY VACCINATION IS IMPORTANT

Increasing awareness about the power of vaccines and closing immunization gaps could protect millions of people worldwide from vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio, according to the World Health Organization. **World Immunization Week**, 24-30 April, is an opportunity to focus on that work, and the robust polio eradication infrastructure built by Rotary and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) provides a model for it.

The GPEI estimates that polio vaccines have saved an estimated 20 million children around the world from paralysis. When Rotary helped launch the GPEI in 1988, the disease paralyzed more than 1,000 people worldwide every day, most of them young children. Since then, Rotary and its partners have reduced the number of polio cases by 99%, and in 2021 there were just six cases of polio caused by the wild poliovirus. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only two countries where the wild poliovirus remains endemic.

The progress against polio is the result of the efforts of countless volunteers and health workers who immunize children in hard-to-reach communities and establish real-time global surveillance and outbreak response mechanisms. The polio eradication infrastructure has been used to fight other infectious diseases and undertake crucial health interventions, including supporting COVID-19 prevention and vaccination efforts.