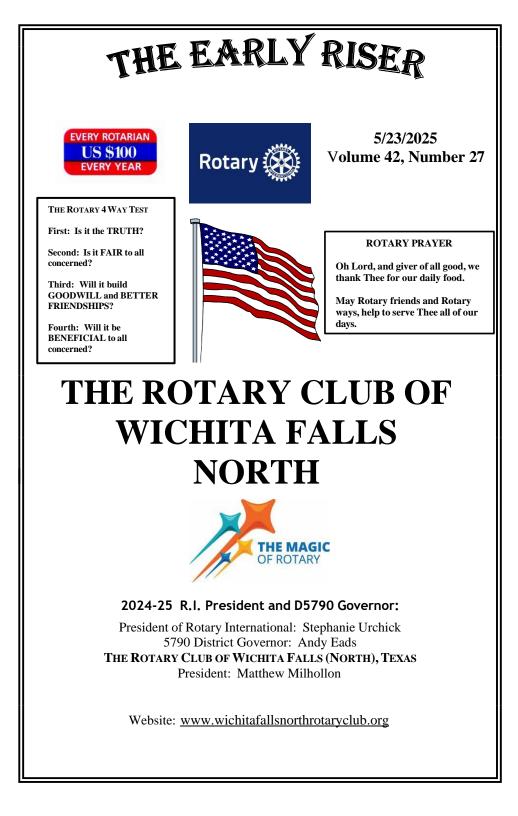
ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE

Mexico

Dogs, cats, rabbits, and other pets took center stage during a Blessing of the Animals event co-organized by the Rotary Club of Tehuacán Granadas in Puebla state in January. "Around 1,000 pets and approximately 3,000 people attended the event this year," reports Paola Ortiz Gómez, president of the club, which partnered with TAC Una Protección al Entorno A.C., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection of animals. Since 2022, the club has organized and promoted the special Mass. "We all believe that by fostering a culture of respect for nonhuman life, it teaches us to respect human life as well," she says. "It fills us with satisfaction to see that entire families attend and not only receive a blessing for their pet but at the same time receive veterinary care," learn about animal adoptions, and donate to the care of homeless animals.

Austria

To celebrate the centennial of Rotary in Austria, two journalists and longtime Rotarians created a podcast to inspire members and nonmembers alike. Christian Haubner, of the Rotary Club of Freistadt, and Verena Hahn-Oberthaler, of the Rotary Club of Perg, launched the Rotary Reloaded podcast in December. The German-language show features conversations with well-known guests inside and outside of Rotary. "We are targeting both Rotarians and non-Rotarians," Haubner says. "And we want to do so from a personal perspective. This is our differentiated approach, giving guests personal insights that show how meaningful Rotary can be in people's lives. We also talk about Rotary still being modern and needed by society." His co-host agrees. "With the momentum of 100 years of history, we look into the future of Rotary," Hahn-Oberthaler tells Rotary Magazine, the regional magazine for members in Germany and Austria.



FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

May 16	Board Meeting
May 20	Scotland Park at Cast Away Cove, 9 AM – 2 PM
May 23	Troy Secord ~ at Hospice of W.F.
May 30	Linda Sheriff
May 30	Pizza for ARC summer camp
June 6	Tom Sheriff
June 6	Pizza for ARC summer camp
June 7	Cook for Faith Mission
June 13	Phil Waggoner
June 20	Board Meeting
June 26	Club Social, ¹ / ₂ Pint, DownTown~6:00 PM
June 27	Clint Wood
July 4	Meeting Cancelled ~ Independence Day

NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETING HELD AT THE HAMPTON INN:

The Invocation and Pledges were expertly led by President Matt.

Larry introduced his guest, Harold Ferguson.

The brag bucket was well fed by Linda, Mike, Brandy, Clint, and Ajay.

Clint informed the club that we had already approved sponsoring 2 youth to RYLA. He ask for funding to sponsor 2 more. Clint made the motion and Mike seconded it. The motion passed.

Joe informed the club that only 4 students at Scotland Park Elementary School had perfect attendance for the complete school year. He advised that the club provide season passes to Cast Away Cove for each student and 1 parent of each student. The estimated cost would be \$500.00.

Tom presented Brandy with a Paul Harris Fellow.

Clint presented Bill Smith as our weekly program. Bill Smith is a pilot and a retired flight crash investigator. He informed us about Buddy Holly's plane crash on February 3, 1959. The raffle raised \$14.00 and once again, Clint was the winner. He drew the queen of hearts for a \$10.00 prize. If this week's raffle winner draws the ace of spades they will win $2.00 + \frac{1}{2}$ of what is raised today. GOOD LUCK!



Matt, Brandy and Tom with Brandy's Paul Harris Fellow.



Bill Smith and Matt.