

“We can fight the stigma against reaching out for help,” he said. “We can make a difference for the people we serve by investing in the tools, people, institutions, and systems that will ensure access to quality, affordable care.”

McInally’s focus on mental health was reflected in several of the convention’s breakout sessions, and Rotary’s other areas of focus were featured in a variety of projects and community events before the convention.

Rotary members highlighted local projects such as the nonprofit Football Plus program. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Singapore, the program teaches children from low-income families to play football.

“Every child learns that practicing will make them better every week, and they have a second family with their teammates,” said Tom Wolf, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Singapore. “They feel more self-confident and start to understand the value of learning.”

A local project that was launched before the convention was an expansive mangrove restoration effort. Rotary clubs in Singapore initiated the effort in partnership with the Singapore Institute of Technology and Singapore’s National Parks Board. The project will establish a mangrove conservation facility and plant mangroves in several locations around Singapore. Mangrove forests store more carbon than other forest types and protect coastal communities from intense storms and erosion.

Also, before the convention, the Rotary ASEAN Peacebuilders Conference convened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group held World Water Summit 16. Experts and leaders from around the world addressed the summit. These included Jack Sim, founder and director of the World Toilet Organization, and Ann Thomas, senior water, sanitation, and hygiene adviser for UNICEF.

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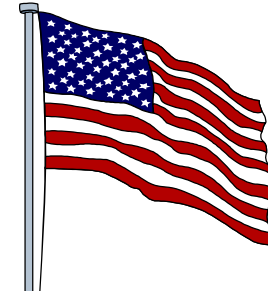
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First: Is it the TRUTH?

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

May 31 Freddie Vanderpool, Dominican Republic (Virtual) Jeani Secord
June 7 ----- Troy Secord
June 14 ----- Board Meeting (Matt)
June 21 Linda Sheriff ~ John Burrus, City of WF, Aviation, Traffic & Transportation
June 28 ----- Tom Sheriff ~ W.F Mayor, Tim Short
July 5 ----- Cancelled for Independence Day
July 12 ----- Gary Southard
July 18 - Meet with DG Andy Eads the night before our regular meeting
July 19 ----- DG Andy Eads' "Official Visit"
July 26 ----- Julie Day
August 1 ----- Presentation on "Flag Etiquette" at The Forum
August 2 ----- Phil Waggoner
August 9 ----- Clint Wood
August 16 ----- Board Meeting
August 23 ----- Joe Clement
August 30 ----- Mike Crocker
September 6 ----- Brandy Fields
September 13 ----- Larry Gunnell
September 20 ----- Board Meeting
September 27 ----- Ajay Kumar

NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETING HELD AT THE
HAMPTON INN

Julie led the club in the Rotary Prayer and Clint led the club in the pledges.

President Ajay announced that Julie and Michael Day would be celebrating their 22nd wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

The brag bucket was well fed by Julie (2), Troy, Mark, Mike, Clint, and Ajay (2).

Mark introduced Kris Gossom from the Interfaith Outreach Services of Wichita Falls as our guest speaker. Kris informed the club on the current happenings at the Interfaith Outreach Services. The club made a \$250.00 donation to the Interfaith Outreach Services.

Andrew Wolf, the grant development manager, from the Wichita Falls area food bank was on hand to accept a donation of \$1,706.00 from our

club. The funds were derived from the weekly raffle drawing and a special donation from the club.

The raffle raised \$26.00. Ann was the winner and she drew the 6 of spades for a \$5.00 prize. Since Gary cleaned out the pot last week, if this week's winner draws the ace of spades they will win \$11.00 + ½ of what is raised today! GOOD LUCK!

NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

The 2024 Rotary International Convention in Singapore began with a sweeping global vision, as international humanitarian Graça Machel and Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally called on people to take action to make the world more equitable and more peaceful.

Machel, the co-founder of the global leadership group The Elders, who is renowned for her work on behalf of women and children, urged attendees at the opening session of the convention to work for equality for women and equal access to education for girls.

"Why is it we still have millions and millions of children out of school? Why have we [not] recognized that it's their fundamental right?" asked Machel, a former first lady of both Mozambique and South Africa who is currently deputy chair of The Elders. "The question now is, are we all prepared to take the challenge and say to ourselves, 'We have to eradicate illiteracy, particularly for girls?'"

McNally called on the convention participants to promote peace through their work with Rotary.

"We are an example of what a better world could be: one where people find common ground across their divides and common purpose in elevating humanity," McNally said. "Through our service projects, our humanitarian efforts, and our systematic approach to peacebuilding and conflict resolution, we can be catalysts for positive change in the world."

McNally also spoke about his commitment to improving mental health and well-being around the world, a key initiative of his presidential term.