

each other, where our members feel welcome and safe. This means removing barriers for entry and opening doors for inclusion. Our values remain our strength — and our commitment to excellence requires us to maintain high standards for our members as well.

I believe we are all committed and determined to advancing DEI across Rotary. This is rooted in the deepest traditions of our organization, and it will ensure that we remain vibrant and relevant for decades to come.

A few years ago, our Rotary Board set the ambitious goal of increasing the share of female members to 30 percent by 2023. We have less than a year to go, but I believe we can meet and exceed this target.

We need Rotary leaders to rise from every continent, culture, and creed. We need young members and young thinkers to take on larger roles and responsibilities. We need to listen to new Rotary members just as keenly, and with as much respect, as those with many years of membership.

During our recent convention in Houston, we heard from astronauts about their journeys into space. We reflected upon a time in the 1960s when U.S. President John F. Kennedy urged the world to dream, with his declaration that we would “go to the moon [and do] other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard.”

Fully committing Rotary to DEI and meeting our ambitious membership targets may seem as unlikely as a moon shot. But I know that when people of action are committed to a big goal, we make it worth every ounce of our energy.

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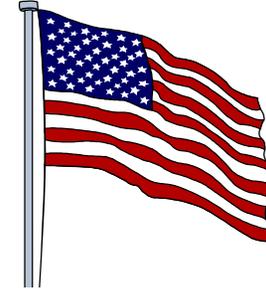
THE ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

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.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WICHITA FALLS NORTH



2022-23 R.I. Officers ~ D5790

President of Rotary International: Jennifer Jones

5790 District Governor: Dan Steele

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2022-23

President: Ajay Kumar ~ President Elect:

Secretary: Tom Sheriff ~ Treasurer: Ann Lucas

Executive Secretary: Jeani Secord ~ Sgt. at Arms: Joe Clement

Directors: Clint Wood Phil Waggoner ~ Gary Southard ~ David Collins

Mike Crocker ~ Tom Sheriff & Troy Secord (PDG Ex-Officios)

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FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

August 19 ----- **3rd Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**
August 20 ----- Vibrant Club Workshop ~ Mineral Wells
August 26 ----- District Governor Dan Steele's official visit.
September 2 ----- Troy Secord
September 9 ----- Tom Sheriff
September 16 ----- **3rd Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**
September 23 ----- Gary Southard
September 30 ----- Bill Neale
October 2 --- W.F. Rotary Clubs (combined) picnic. 2:00 PM, Lucy Park
October 7 ----- Clint Wood
October 14 ----- **3rd Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**
October 21 ----- Joe Clement
October 28 ----- David Collins
November 4 ----- Mike Crocker
November 11 ----- Larry Gunnell
November 18 ----- **3rd Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**
November 25 ----- NO MEETING ~ THANKSGIVING
December 2 ----- Ann Lucas
December 9 ----- Matt Milhollen
December 16 ----- **3rd Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**

NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETING AT JIMMY'S EGG

The Rotary prayer was led by Rob and the pledges were led by Clint.

The brag bucket was fed by Matt, Troy, Ann, Gary (4) and Ajay.

Sarah Cox was a special guest presented by Rob Noble. Please come again!

PP Jeani noted a wedding anniversary for Larry and Lisa. She also announced a 32nd club anniversary (with perfect attendance) for Tom Sheriff.

Jeani presented Mary Elizabeth Pierce from Whispers of Hope Horse Farm as our weekly program. Mary told us about the history of, and what's happening at the horse farm.

The raffle raised \$20.00 and Ann was the winner. She drew the 8 of hearts for a \$5.00 prize which she donated to our speaker's program. If this week's winner draws the ace of spades they will win \$8.00 + ½ of what is raised today. Good Luck.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE ~ AUGUST 2022

Jennifer Jones

Rotary International President 2022-23

IT START WITH AN INVITATION!

We've all taken our own path to become a member of Rotary. Some of you joined because your father was a Rotarian. Some of us signed up because an employer tapped us on the shoulder and asked us to attend a meeting. Others became members only after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling made it possible. Yet each of us entered through one mechanism — an invitation.

An invitation that unlocks our imaginations and allows us to know that everything and anything is possible. Each one of us has that same opportunity — the honor to extend an invitation.

It is awe-inspiring to imagine how we can look out across our communities and identify our future leaders. It's often tempting to attract people who are exactly like us. It's a special form of ingenuity to consider how people who are seemingly very different can, in fact, share our values and have some of those same talents, just waiting to be unleashed.

It's time for Rotary to take our next step in advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) across our organization.

Embracing an experience where people feel included is more than just making our membership numbers more diverse. It's about making our meetings and events places where we can speak openly and honestly with