

to all the Rotary members to ensure that they have an unforgettable and fruitful visit in our city.”

Organized by Rotary International in conjunction with local Rotary members, the convention presents an opportunity to showcase Taipei’s culture, food, and attractions. “Rotary in Taipei and across Taiwan is thrilled to welcome Rotary members and participants from around the world back to Taiwan since we last hosted the Rotary international convention in 1994,” said Rotary Host Organizing Committee Chair, Jackson Hsieh. “I’m excited to share Taipei’s vibrant culture, innovative cuisine, creative and friendly spirit and highlight the positive and lasting change Rotary brings globally and locally.”

Rotary’s members throughout the world develop and implement sustainable, community-driven projects that fight disease, promote peace, provide clean water, support education, help mothers and children, grow local economies and protect the environment. Over the last 100 years, US\$5.5 billion has been awarded through The Rotary Foundation – Rotary’s charitable arm that helps clubs work together to perform meaningful, impactful service.

In Taiwan, Rotary members are engaged in a wide range of community service projects that bring science education programs to rural schools, support Indigenous communities through environment and vocational training, tackle e-waste through computer refurbishing and donation programs, provide meals and companionship to senior citizens, and much more.

### About Rotary:

[Rotary](https://www.rotary.org) unites a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world’s most pressing humanitarian challenges and creating lasting change. Rotary connects 1.2 million people of action from more than 45,000 Rotary clubs in almost every country in the world - including 37,470 members in 1,175 Rotary and Rotaract clubs across Taiwan. Their service improves lives both locally and internationally, from helping those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org).

# THE EARLY RISER

EVERY ROTARIAN  
US \$100  
EVERY YEAR



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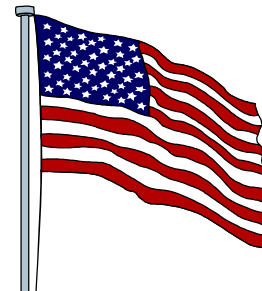
#### THE ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

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

**SERVICE  
ABOVE  
SELF**

#### 2025-26 R.I. and D5790 Officers:

President of Rotary International: Francesco Arezzo  
5790 District Governor: Jon Bullock  
**The Rotary Club of Wichita Falls (North), Texas**  
President: Matthew Milhollon

Website: [www.wichitafallsnorthrotaryclub.org](http://www.wichitafallsnorthrotaryclub.org)

## ***FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS***

September 26 ----Larry Gunnell ~ 364<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron Commander  
September 27 Feeding the Women's Refuse @ 12:00 (one serving time)  
October 3 -----Jackie Hamm ~ Meals On Wheels ~ Rob Noble  
October 10 -----Kris Gossum ~ Interfaith Ministries ~ Oku Okeeke  
October 16 (**Thursday**) **Location TBA** ----- Jeani Secord  
**October 17----- Board Meeting**  
October 24 ----- Troy Secord  
October 31 ----- Linda Sheriff  
November 7-----Tom Sheriff  
November 14 ----- Phil Waggoner  
November 20 (**Thursday**) **Location TBA**----- Clint Wood  
November 21 ----- **Board Meeting**  
November 28 ----- **No Meeting ~ Thanksgiving**

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### **NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETING HELD AT "THE LOFT" IN WICHITA FALLS.**

#### **A BIG THANK YOU (ONCE AGAIN) TO JEANI FOR TAKING THESE NOTES!**

The meeting was held at the Loft in downtown Wichita Falls.

These minutes are from the meeting held on Thursday, September 18, 2025.

Clint led the Prayer & Pledges.

The only announcement was a reminder of the cookout for the Women's shelter on Saturday, September 27.

Troy fed the brag bucket.

Guests were Troy & Jeani's 2 exchange students, Virginia & Frieda and Ajay's wife, Krishna.

Sandy Shaver was our program and she gave a very interesting description of Bee Keeping.

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

**MORE THAN 30,000 SET TO GATHER IN TAIPEI FOR ROTARY'S INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN JUNE 2026**

ROTARY MEMBERS FROM 120 COUNTRIES WILL BE WELCOMED TO TAIPEI FOR THE SECOND TIME SINCE THE CITY HOSTED THE EVENT IN 1994

**TAIPEI (17 Sept. 2025)** – While in Taipei this week, Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo announced that more than 30,000 Rotary members and participants from over 120 countries will gather in Taipei, Taiwan 13-17 June 2026 for the membership service organization's annual international convention.

The Rotary convention is expected to inject US\$50-55 million into the local economy, and drive significant business for Taipei's hotels, restaurants, retailers, and tourism attractions. Taipei was selected as the site of the 2021 Rotary convention, but the event was cancelled because of the COVID pandemic.

Held in a different city each year, Rotary's international conventions serve as a hub for members and participants to connect and learn from each other and a range of experts on how to take action to address issues in their communities and promote health, peace, and prosperity in communities across the globe.

"Rotary conventions are powerful moments of unity, where people from every corner of the world come together to connect, celebrate service, and spark new ideas for creating a healthier and more peaceful future," said Arezzo. "We're honored to welcome the global Rotary family to Taipei in June 2026, and I look forward to reconnecting with old friends and making new ones as we share in the joy of our collective work to uplift communities around the world."

In June, convention attendees will transform the Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center and the Taipei Dome into an energized hub and cultural mosaic as the global network of volunteers gain inspiration from more than 100 humanitarian projects on exhibit and from world class speakers. "Taipei City is very happy to welcome over 30,000 Rotary members from all over the world to the Rotary convention next year," said City Mayor Wan-An Chiang. "Taipei is ready, and will extend our warmest hospitality