

NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

ROTARY CLUBS, PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

By Kim Dixon, Rotary Club of Raleigh Midtown, North Carolina, USA

When I served in the Peace Corps in the Republic of Georgia from 2014-2016, I engaged with the International Rotary Club of Tbilisi to support several service projects. As a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer – and now a Rotary member of the Rotary Club of Raleigh Midtown – I am proud to help integrate our shared service goals as the current President of Partnering for Peace, a nonprofit that promotes and supports the formal service partnership between Rotary International and US Peace Corps.

This spring at the Rotary International Convention, I heard about The Rotary Foundation's special exemption that permits Rotarians worldwide to apply for Disaster Response Grants if funds will be used to aid Ukrainians or Ukrainian refugees. I approached my district leaders about the possibility of a grant to support Ukrainian refugees sheltering in Moldova. Through Partnering for Peace, I learned that a group of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers called Friends of Moldova had opened emergency centers, which were distributing approximately \$20,000 of food and basic hygiene supplies every week to Ukrainian refugees. Together, Friends of Moldova, Rotary District 7710, the Moldova Rotary Club, and the Rotary Club of Chisinau Cosmopolitan applied for a Disaster Response Grant.

I could not believe how quickly The Rotary Foundation processed our Disaster Response Grant application. On 30 June, her last day as District Governor, Angela Jamison signed the Disaster Response Grant application. Our district received \$25,000 in grant funds on 20 July, and Moldovan Rotary members received that amount by wire on the same day. Just days later, on 25 July, goods were purchased and delivered: food and hygiene supplies to sustain an estimated 2,400 refugees, including 900 children, for another week.

I still can't get my arms around the magnitude of the need, how much our Rotary service could help, and – aided by the network and resources of our Peace Corps service partnership and The Rotary Foundations Disaster Response Grant process – how quickly we could mobilize our help. Through the shared vision and connections of Rotary members and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, we provided comfort and care to thousands of people struggling to deal with the impacts of war in their homeland.

As Rotary members, we can support similar efforts through our donations to Rotary's Annual Fund. Donations to the Annual Fund's Disaster Response Fund will support future disaster responses, while donations to the Annual Fund-SHARE will support both district and global projects. Your support of The Foundation brings projects to life, providing meaningful and sustainable support of humanitarian efforts worldwide.

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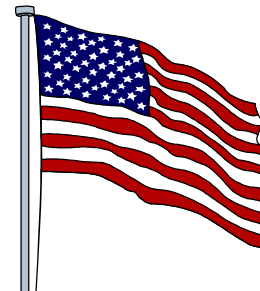
THE ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

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



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FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

September 30 ----- Bill Neale
October 2 ---- **W.F. Rotary Clubs (combined) picnic. 2:00 PM, Lucy Park**
October 7 ----- Clint Wood
October 14 ---- **Ross and Collene Roberts Scholarship presentation/MSU**
October 21 ----- **3rd Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**
October 24----- Fall festival with the ARC
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 Milhollon
December 16----- **3rd Friday ~ Rotary Board Meeting**

NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETING AT JIMMY'S EGG

Rob led the club in the Rotary Prayer and Clint led us in the Pledges.

There were no announcements of birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

We had several guests last week. John Brooks was the guest of Gary Southard. Tony Alonzo was the guest of PDG Troy Secord. Linda Sheriff was the guest of her husband, Tom. Dr. Mrunalini Radkar was the guest of Ajay. Julie Day was the guest of Rob. Thank you for attending our meeting!

The brag bucket was fed by Troy, Ajay (5), Matt, Gary (2) and Clint (2).

Larry and Peggy Berend donated \$100.00 to The Rotary Foundation in the memory of our past member, Charlie Reaves.

Gary introduced Kevin Brooks as our weekly program. Kevin presented an excellent program over a recent trip to the base camp of Mt. Everest. It is not an easy task to get to the base camp!

PDG Troy Secord performed the formal introduction of Oku Okeke into the membership of Rotary North. Congratulations Oku!



The club gathered snacks to take to Scotland Park Elementary School (SPES). By the way, Joe is once again the “At Risk Counsellor” for SPES! Joe, Clint and Mike were able to deliver the snacks to SPES after the meeting! Great Job! Thank you!



The raffle raised \$24.00 and Tom was the lucky winner last week. He drew the jack of clubs for a \$10.00 prize. If this week’s winner draws the ace of spades they will win \$36.00 + ½ of what is raised today.