significant interest in the locations it has visited, fostering dialogue in the communities and creating an opportunity to discuss crucial themes such as tolerance and solidarity," says Eugenio Labisi, a club member whose family offered use of the tour bus for the initiative (his brother, Enrico Labisi, is a member of the Rotary Club of Palermo-Monreale). "The initiative has stimulated reflection and the willingness to engage for peace."

#### Uganda

In January, the Rotary Club of Lubowa presented its Vocational Service Award to a local luminary renowned for bringing smiles to hospital patients and their families. Prossy Zalwango, known as Nnalongo (a term of endearment meaning the mother of twins, as two of her five children are), is called a "guardian angel" of the hospital, where she works as a janitor. "Beyond her official role, she had taken it upon herself to care for abandoned and neglected patients, using her own resources to provide them with food, diapers, and basic necessities," says Rhona Kamukama, the club's president. "This was true vocational service, practiced not in grand boardrooms but in hospital hallways, with humility and a heart of gold." In characteristic fashion, Zalwango used the club's gift of about \$400 to purchase groceries for people who needed them.

#### **Taiwan**

The Rotary Club of Taipei combined its members' interest in the environment with team building during a daylong outing to the Alibang Eco Farm. "Participants attended informative lectures, explored the wetlands and surrounding forest, and engaged in activities such as harvesting and cooking herbs. We also had the opportunity to taste tea made from ingredients sourced from the wetlands," says club member Nancy Chen Baldwin. "This day in nature was not just an educational experience but a journey that activated all five senses." The October excursion was organized as a prelude to future volunteering at the biodiverse farm, which harbors the endangered Taipei frog.

## THINK ROTARY

## THE EARLY RISER





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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**

June 6	Nast Goode / CMA ~ Tom Sheriff
June 6	Pizza for ARC summer camp
	Cook for Faith Mission
June 13	No meeting due to Flag Day
June 20	Board Meeting
June 26	Club Social, ½ Pint, Downtown 6:00 PM
June 27	URHCS CEO / Cory Edmondson ~ Clint wood
July 4	No meeting due to Independence Day
July 11	The ARC / Anthony or Frank ~ Joe Clement
July 18	Board Meeting
July 25	River Bend Tour / Jennica Lambert ~ Mike Crocker
August 1	MSU President / Dr. Stacia Hayne ~ Julie Day
<b>August 8</b>	DG Jon Bullock ~ Official Visit
August 15	Board Meeting
August 29	WFISD CEC / Jennifer Spurgers ~ Phil Waggoner

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

President Matt led the club in the Rotary Prayer and the Pledges.

Julie proudly donated to the brag bucket.

A birthday was announced for Mike. It was noted that Clint was celebrating his 32<sup>nd</sup> club anniversary. A wedding anniversary was announced for Julie and Michael. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Linda introduced Courtney Cummings as our weekly program. Courtney is the head of Schools for the Wichita Christian School. Courtney told us about the Wichita County School.

President Matt read a "thank you note" from Sgt. Brian Hyland from the 364<sup>th</sup> Trng Squdron at SAFB. He thanked the club for the new drinking fountain that our club paid for installing at the 364<sup>th</sup>.

\$20.00 was raised in the raffle. Ann was the winner and drew the 10 of hearts for a \$10.00 prize. If this weeks winner draws the ace of spades they will win  $7.00 + \frac{1}{2}$  of what is raised today.



Courtney and Matt

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

### ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE June 2025

#### Canada

Drawn by national curling and youth baseball contests, crowds of athletes flock to the small town of Summerside on Prince Edward Island. Townspeople, however, aren't content merely to be spectators. Each winter, local curlers contend in a tournament that's been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Summerside for nearly 20 of the event's 36 years. In March, 36 teams vied in a friendly meetup that raised about CA\$40,000 for Strive, a program that provides scholarships and Rotarian mentoring to high school students. "In curling, [a tournament] is a bonspiel," explains Paul Power, a past president of the club. "We call ours a 'funspiel." Participants, including about a dozen club members, "love their curling," says Power. "It's not competitive whatsoever," unless you count the points awarded to the best-dressed Mardi Gras-themed team. "It's basically all hands on deck" — and on the granite stones players slide across the ice once the games begin.

#### Italy

The Rotary Club of Palermo Libertà rolled out a project to raise awareness about Rotary's focus on peace and conflict resolution. In early December, the club's "Peace Bus" embarked on a roughly five-month journey through Sicily and southern Italy that began in the shadow of Palermo's legendary Teatro Massimo opera house. "The bus has generated