While our 45,000 clubs all share a commitment to community service, the experience, focus and dynamics of each club is unique. Becoming a Rotary member connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back.

Causes: Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. Each year, Rotary members invest hundreds of millions of dollars and countless volunteer hours in sustainable, community-based solutions to promote health, peace, and prosperity in communities across the globe. Rotary combines global reach, local resources, and highly skilled volunteers with a funding structure that distributes US\$200 million annually to provide clean water and sanitation, support education, prevent and treat disease, improve maternal and child health, grow local economies, promote peace, and protect the environment.

For more than 35 years, Rotary has been the driving force in the effort to end polio worldwide. Alongside our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we have achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases, with 12 cases of wild polio reported in 2023 compared with 350,000 a year in the late 1980s. Our members have contributed more than \$2.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Today, just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

History: For 119 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world. It started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago (United States) attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on Feb. 23, 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members.

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

November 22 Jeani Secord ~ Dr. Donnie Lee, Superintendent WFISD
November 25 Rotary North Fall Social at The Loft in Downtown WF
November 29 NO MEETING ~ <i>THANKSGIVING</i>
December 6 Dirk Welch ~ Dir. MSU Fantasy of Lights ~ Rob Noble
December 13 Cindy Noe, Ex. Director, Rolling Meadows ~ Linda Sheriff
December 20Board Meeting
December 27 CANCELLED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
January 3George Getschow and Kathy Floyd
from the Larry McMurtry Literary Center ~ Tom Sheriff
January 10 Phil Waggoner
January 17 Board Meeting
January 24 Clint Wood
January 31 Joe Clement

NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETING HELD AT THE HAMPTON:

The following notes were furnished by Jeani. Thank you very much!

Matt presented the Rotary Prayer and the club in the pledges.

Brag Bucket: Fed by several members and 2 guests

Guests: Matt Gunnell, guest of Larry and Sarah Sorge (from DT Club), guest of Julie.

Announcements: Don't forget flags for Veteran's Day and Troy announced that we did get the allocation for the Dominican Republic grant.

Hot Seat was Bill Neale, we learned a lot about his trip to Turkey (getting arrested), this took more than the allotted minute.

Program: Oku did a talk about the Biafra – The Nigerian Civil War, 1967-1970. His dad was a part of this. Very interesting.

President Matt asked about trying to hook up with a club in that area.



PRESIDENT MATT AND OKU

Raffle: \$26 was raised, Matt Gunnell had the lucky number, he drew the Ace of Diamonds. If today's lucky raffle winner draws the ace of spades they will win $$154.00 + \frac{1}{2}$ of what is raised today. GOOD LUCK!

NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

Rotary unites people from all continents and cultures who take action to deliver real, long-term solutions to our world's most persistent issues. In communities across the globe, our 1.2 million members come together to strengthen their connections to friends and neighbors and their commitment to improving lives.