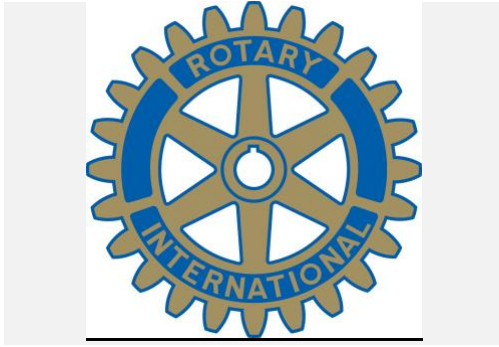


**BELLEVUE PAPILLION ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER**  
**April 2018**



Meetings: Mondays at Noon  
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**APRIL SPEAKERS**

**April 2:** Long term care  
ombudsman  
**April 9:** CEO Midlands Hospital  
**April 16:** Nonprofit Association of  
Midlands  
**April 23:** Walkability and housing  
report by MUD  
**April 30:** Makovicka Physical  
Therapy

**GREETER**

**APRIL**

Greeter.....Denise Dolezal

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

This year has been designated by Rotary international as the year of the tree. Our local district governor has asked us to think about this in both the literal and symbolically sense. I think its a great idea. We have been part of fabric of Sarpy County for 40 years. As we look to future think about how we can further expand our roots to help the Bellevue/Papillion community. We have just finished another grant project, helping the Magdalene house get started in our metro area. The scourge of sex trafficking is in our communities. Every little bit counts in helping these poor young ladies piece their lives back together. I ask each of you to think about not just about another grant project but think about how we can help our communities in everyday ways and help grow the Rotary tree in Sarpy County.

**FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

**World Bank and Rotary  
International celebrate  
International Women's Day**

**By Ryan Hyland**

Three Rotary women were  
recognized on 7 March at the

**World Bank** in Washington, D.C., USA, for their commitment to improving lives through innovative humanitarian projects. The celebration, hosted by the World Bank Group Staff Association, and sponsored by Rotary International and investment firm Oppenheimer & Co., was one of many events held this week to mark International Women's Day, which is on 8 March each year. It highlighted the positive changes women make around the world. Annette Dixon, vice president of the World Bank for South Asia, moderated the event.

Speaking to more than 300 people, with thousands watching the livestream, Dr. Geetha Jayaram, Marie-Irène Richmond Ahoua, and Danielle De La Fuente, all Rotarians, told their stories and explained how their work helped poor women in India gain access to mental health care, vaccinate hundreds of thousands against polio in West Africa, and empower refugee children around the world.

"These are women of action who are making a huge contribution to the world," Dixon said. "They have given a lot of themselves to their initiatives and are playing a leadership role for many women." Jayaram, a member of the Rotary Club of Howard West, Maryland, USA, and a recipient of the Rotary Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award, told the audience that her mental health clinic has provided nearly 2,000 poor people, mostly women, each year with

comprehensive care in more than 200 villages in southern India. The Maanasi Clinic, founded by Jayaram, has been recognized by the World Health Organization for its effort to advance mental health care in developing countries. Its services also focus on vision, hearing, geriatric care, and vocational rehabilitation. The clinic, which operates in partnership with St. John's Medical College, has received funding from the Rotary Club of Columbia, Maryland, and Rotary grants. In total, the clinic has reached nearly six million households since it began in 2002.

"I never expected I would feel so fulfilled and gratified by these women who have so little, who will welcome you in their home and share their most intimate details of their lives," Jayaram said. "That is a large gift to me and our workers." Jayaram is an associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland, USA



Marie-Irène Richmond-Ahoua, a member of the Rotary Club of Abidjan-Bietry, Côte d'Ivoire, talks with audience members at the International Women's Day

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celebration at the World Bank in Washington, D.C., USA.

Marie-Irène Richmond-Ahoua, a member of the Rotary Club of Abidjan-Bietry, Côte d'Ivoire, served as Rotary's PolioPlus chair for her country and now helps coordinate immunization activities in West Africa. She is an international communications consultant and worked as an outreach adviser for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire. Richmond-Ahoua was recognized by Bill Gates at the 2017 Rotary Convention in Atlanta for her role in polio eradication and peace.

"Volunteering has brought me much happiness, and some tears. It has allowed me to see the world through different lenses," Richmond-Ahoua said. "We must believe in what we are doing regardless of the challenges we will face." She adds: "And my greatest reward? The smile of a mother after her childr has just been immunized."

Danielle De La Fuente, a member of the Rotary Club of Coronado Binacional, California, USA, is co-founder of [The Amal Alliance](#). The nonprofit group empowers refugee children around the world through social development and educational programs. She worked at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., where she fostered good relations across the Middle East South Asia. De La Fuente told the audience that 65 million people have been

forcibly displaced worldwide, 77 percent of whom are children.

"Imagine a world where children have no dreams," De La Fuente said. "That is a reality I choose not to accept." "The need for compassionate people has never been greater than now," she adds. "What is our future if our next generation is unable to dream? I call on all of you to take action and make a difference."

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**THE FOUR WAY TEST**—of the things we think, say, or do:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

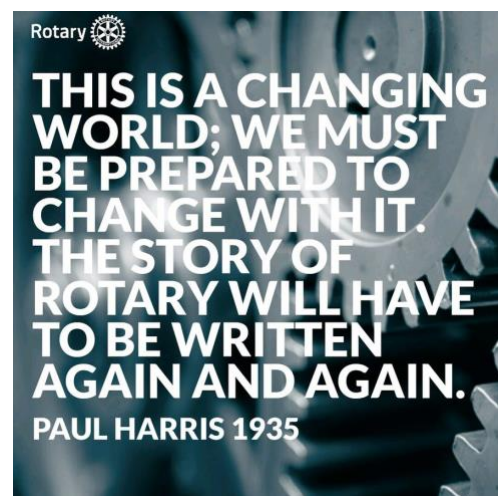
Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH



## **ROTARY TRIVIA**

*(Answer in next month's newsletter)*

In what country was the first Rotary Club outside of the United States?

## **ROTARY TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH**

In 1911, the first Rotary clubs outside North America were established in:

- a. Australia
- b. Britain
- c. Ireland
- d. France

Ireland – Colm, you knew that one right??! ☺

## **AREA MEETINGS**

### **Monday:**

***Omaha Millard***, Noon @ German American Society

***Omaha North***, Noon @ Eppley Airfield Conference Center

### **Tuesday:**

***Omaha Morning***, 7:00 am @ Happy Hollow Country Club

***Northwest***, Noon @ Champions Run

***Southwest Omaha Rotary Night Club***, 5:15pm @ Millard Plaza Ballroom

### **Wednesday:**

***Council Bluffs Centennial***, 7:00am at HyVee

***Downtown***, Noon @ Field Club

***Plattsmouth***, Noon @ Plattsmouth State Bank

### **Thursday:**

***Suburban***, Noon @ Anthonys

### **Friday:**

***Omaha West***, Noon @ Champions Run