

Week of April 2, 2025

## ROTARY NOTARY

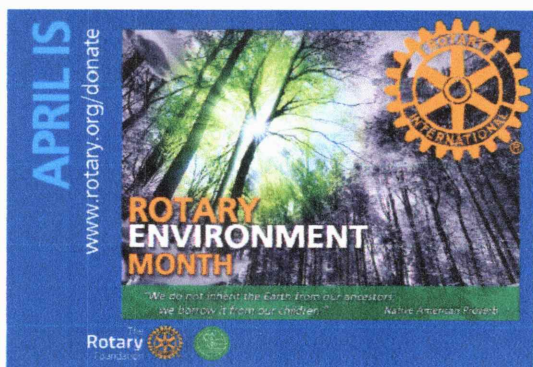
### Rotary Scholar on the frontlines of climate change

By Jonghyeong Park, 2021-23 Rotary Scholar —

In 2021, I was awarded a [Rotary Scholarship](#) to pursue a master's in development studies at the Geneva Graduate Institute. This generous assistance allowed me to pursue becoming a global leader in humanitarian work.

I first developed an interest in global peace and humanitarianism while studying international politics at Chung-Ang University, researching and writing papers on how the international community responds to crises like the Rwandan Genocide and conflict in the Middle East. This academic curiosity naturally led me to seek practical experience, which I gained through internships at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) and the Korean Red Cross, where I witnessed firsthand the profound impact of humanitarian crises on individuals and societies.

During my UN OCHA internship in Fiji, I had my first encounter with Rotary. I noticed the Rotary logo on the wall while dining at a restaurant. Curious, I struck up a conversation with the restaurant owner, who turned out to be a Rotarian. He introduced me to Rotary's scholarship program. The values and goals of Rotary resonated deeply with my own aspirations, and I felt an immediate connection.



### A time of growth in Geneva

I applied for and received a [global grant scholarship](#) with the support of the Rotary Club of Cheongju Dream, and later the Rotary Club of Jincheon Bonghwa. The two years I spent at the Geneva Graduate Institute were more than just an academic experience; they were an opportunity to engage with peers from around the world and immerse myself in diverse cultures and ideas.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL 9

FIRESIDE

WSU TECH'S NICHE (downtown)

*Sorry, reservations are closed for our April 9th meeting.*

APRIL 18

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

SEE MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE

MAY 27-30

RYLA CAMP

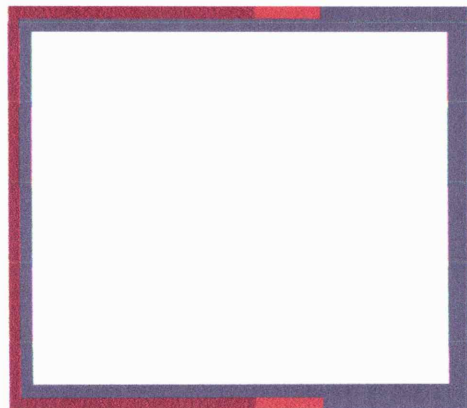
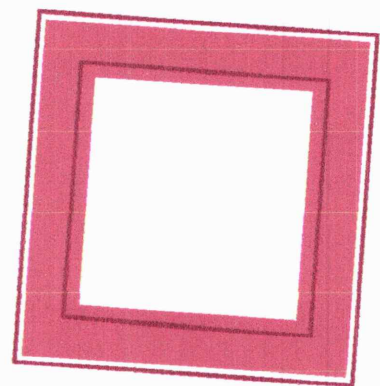
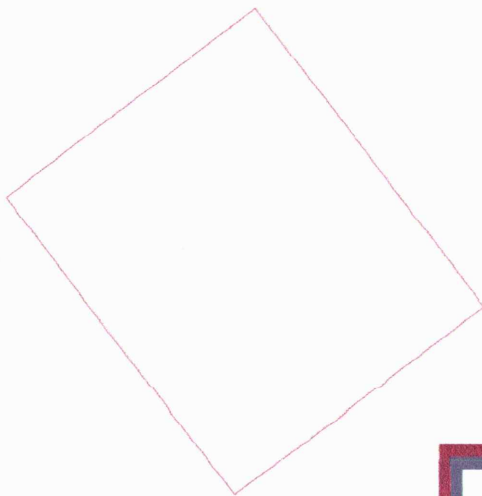
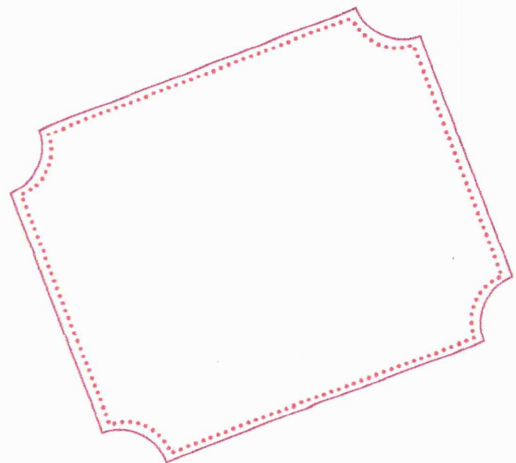
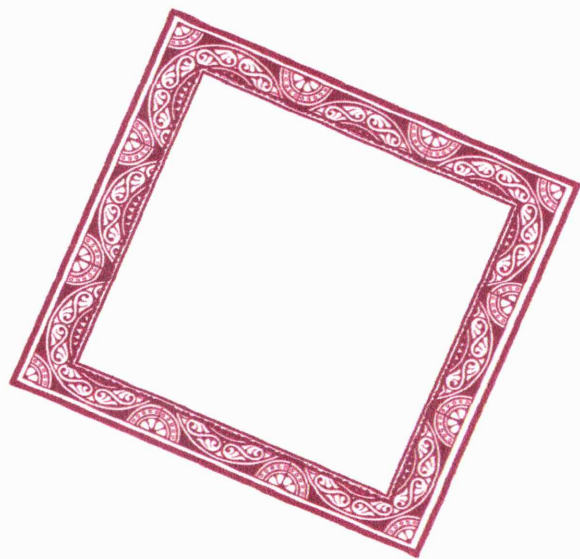
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 11

**EWR IS SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR OUR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS. IF YOU KNOW OF A WORTHY CANDIDATE, ENCOURAGE THEM TO APPLY. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION GO TO OUR CLUB'S WEBSITE AT [WWW.EASTWICHITAROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.EASTWICHITAROTARY.ORG).**

**Take a look at our club's website for upcoming programs and other news.**

# SNAPSHOTS

## FROM OUR WEEKLY MEETING



*April Fools—There was not a meeting this week*

In Geneva, a hub for international organizations, I had many opportunities to participate in real-time discussions and lectures on humanitarian crises and global issues. These experiences honed my ability to analyze and understand complex international problems from multiple perspectives and provided invaluable networking opportunities with professionals working in the field.

While I was in Geneva, the Ukraine-Russia war broke out, leading to an influx of Ukrainian refugees in the city. The knowledge I was gaining about international relations and humanitarian crises motivated me to engage directly with these refugees and I developed a deep empathy for their suffering.

Additionally, I had the opportunity to attend a meeting on a project supporting vulnerable groups affected by the Ukraine conflict, organized by the Rotary Club of Lausanne. Witnessing Rotary's practical humanitarian efforts in collaboration with local communities deepened my understanding of how impactful and necessary these initiatives are.

## Supporting those forced to migrate

After completing the program, I began serving as a project officer at the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the Solomon Islands. The IOM, the UN Migration agency, is supporting people forced to migrate due to conflict, climate change, and political oppression.

The Solomon Islands, where I am based, is an archipelago in the South Pacific, consisting of six large islands and over 900 smaller ones, making it highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Our office focuses on supporting residents who may need to leave their homes due to these environmental changes, working to minimize the negative effects they face.

My role specifically involves managing climate change and disaster resilience projects. This includes developing educational materials to increase community resilience, collaborating with local communities and government agencies, and designing communication strategies with international organizations to ensure the successful execution of our projects.

## Vision and mission strengthened by Rotary

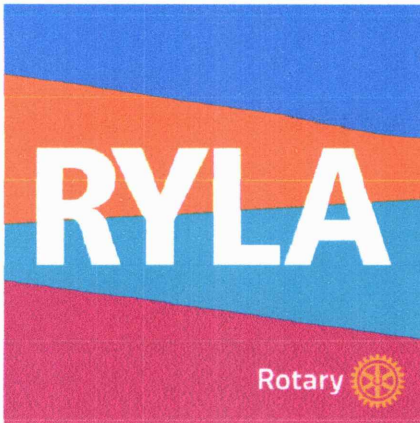
My Rotary scholarship connected me with a global network of mentors and provided opportunities to contribute to peacebuilding. Even after completing the program, I continue to engage with Rotary members, fostering collaboration in my work with IOM.

Looking ahead, I remain dedicated to strengthening disaster resilience and promoting sustainable development in regions affected by climate change through my work with IOM. Listening to the voices of the most impacted communities, I aim to contribute to strategies that help nations and local societies adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Finally, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Rotary members and donors who made my scholarship possible. Your support was crucial not only for my academic achievements but also for providing me with the opportunity to contribute to global peace. I will continue to uphold Rotary's values and strive to make a positive impact wherever it is needed in the world.

**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**

**2025 RYLA Camp**  
**Tuesday, May 27–Friday, May 30**



Last week we were treated to Kianna Knolland's story about her journey to being successful young professional. RYLA was one of the starting points making her grow her leadership skills and experience. Now is the time for EWR to be recruiting students and getting them registered for RYLA. We have an exciting schedule for this year. Rumor has it that we may be in Wichita for the workday and we are on the schedule to see the Mayor. The students will hear about human trafficking and homelessness. Each EW Rotarian should help in identifying students to participate. More information can be found at [www.rotary5680.org](http://www.rotary5680.org). Thanks for your help!

**PLEASE NOTE**

**OUR DISTRICT IS OFFERING EVERY CLUB**

**ONE \$100.00 SCHOLARSHIP**

**AS LONG AS WE REGISTER THE STUDENT BEFORE MAY 1.**





Now Hiring -

## District 5680 Executive Secretary

- Flexible hours - avg 10 hrs wk
- Pay \$675 Month
- Strong organization and communication skills required
- Adept at scheduling
- Knowledgeable about district policies
- Formulate meeting agendas and zoom meetings
- Attend key training events

**Send Resume With  
References To**  
**[rotary5680@gmail.com](mailto:rotary5680@gmail.com)**  
316-772-6447

Full job description at [rotary5680.org](http://rotary5680.org)  
Deadline April 15



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ROTARY DISTRICT 5680

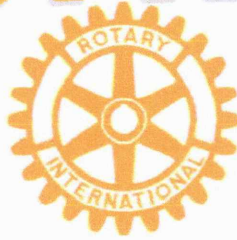
**ROTARY DISTRICT  
JOB OPENING!**

Our district is looking for a person who can help coordinate our services to all the clubs and Rotarians in our district. This is a paid position and we are looking for a person is motivated to work with the district leadership in supporting, planning, and executing programs and services.

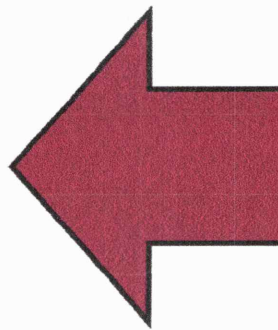
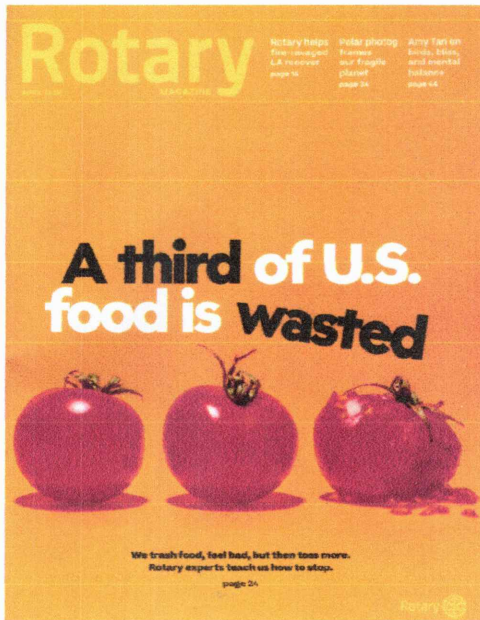
Do you know of a person who might be interested in applying for this very important district position? If so, have them apply by the deadline of April 15.

# DISTRICT AND RI NEWS

**Rotary**



**PEOPLE of ACTION**



DO YOU READ THE ROTARY MAGAZINE? IF NOT, YOU ARE MISSING A WEALTH OF GREAT INFORMATION. THIS MONTH YOU CAN READ ABOUT HOW TO NOT WASTE FOOD, SEE A GREAT PICTURE OF ICEBERGS, LEARN ABOUT WHAT OTHER CLUBS GLOBALLY ARE DOING, AND KEEP UP WITH ALL THE ROTARY NEWS. THE ROTARY MAGAZINE IS ONE OF THE BEST BENEFITS OF BEING A ROTARIAN.

**READ IT TODAY!**

**April 24-30, 2025**

**World Immunization Week**

**May 27—30, 2025**

**RYLA Summer Camp**

**June 13—14, 2025**

**Rotary Young Professionals Forum  
(Ensenada, Mexico)**

**June 21—25, 2025**

**RI Convention, Calgary, Canada**

**July 1, 2025**

**NEW ROTARY YEAR**

**October 17-19, 2025**

**District Conference, Hays, KS**

**ALL EWR ROTARIANS SHOULD PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR AND ATTEND!**

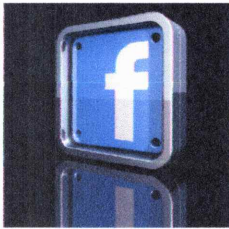


**PUT THESE DATES ON  
YOUR CALENDAR!**

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**



April Fools' Day is the only day people critically evaluate everything they read on the internet.



FIND MORE ABOUT ROTARY THROUGH VARIOUS FACEBOOK PAGES, INCLUDING EWR, DISTRICT 5680, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, AND A HOST OF OTHER PAGES.



## Leadership Corner

**BELIEVE  
THERE IS  
GOOD IN THE  
WORLD**

*Because*

**YOU ARE THE GOOD**

Rotary  PEOPLE IN ACTION

## MANAGE YOUR TIME

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