

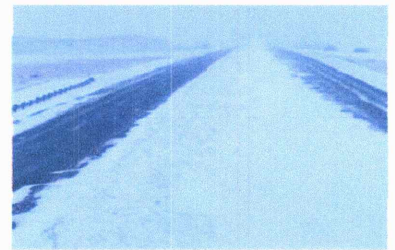
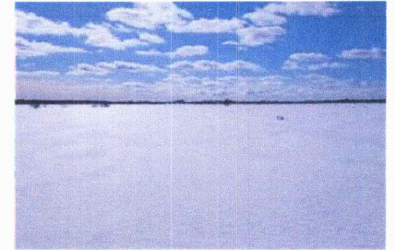
Week of February 19, 2025

ROTARY NOTARY

A SNOWY WEDNESDAY HAS RESULTED IN A CANCELLED MEETING!



Stay warm and safe
as we shovel our
way out of the latest
storm and plan to
attend next week's
meeting.



LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH 5	SERVICE PROJECT	SIMPLY HYGIENE
MARCH 19	NO MEETING	SPRING BREAK
APRIL 2	SERVICE PROJECT	TBA
APRIL 9	FIRESIDE	WSU TECH'S NICHE (downtown)

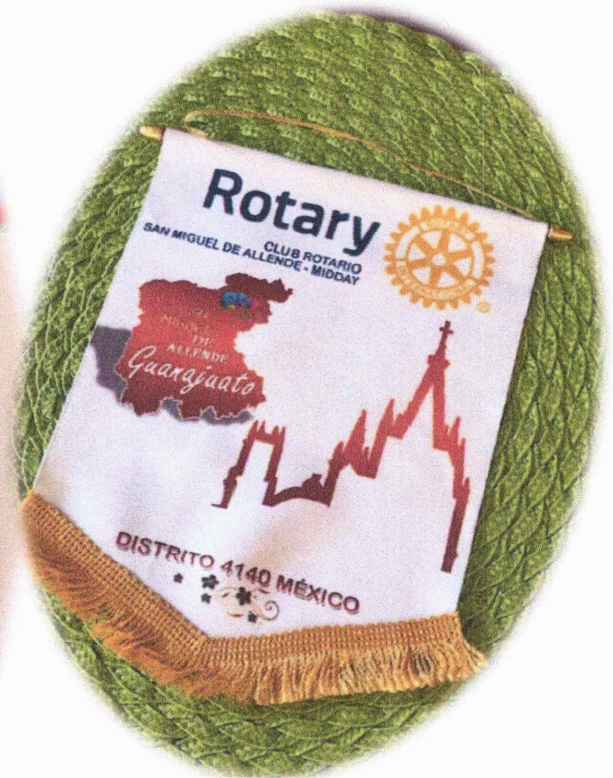
EWR WILL BE SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR OUR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS. IF YOU KNOW OF A WORTHY CANDIDATE, ENCOURAGE THEM TO APPLY. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION BE SURE TO GO TO OUR CLUB'S WEBSITE AT WWW.EASTWICHITAROTARY.ORG.

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

WORLDWIDE CONNECTIONS

One benefit of Rotary is the connections you can make around the world.

Susan and Chris Addington embodied this connection as they visited the Midday Rotary Club of San Miguel de Allende.



Susan reported "this is the English speaking club and they are quite active with eight current community and international projects underway. Today we learned about two of them...one being a project to educate and empower girls going through puberty with classes and personal hygiene kits. The other was the main program presented today outlining the founding of the first true Hospice Program in all of Mexico ...all from the vision of a local Rotarian with the support of International Rotary Foundation and District grants along with partnerships with other nonprofit and medical organizations. It's quite an undertaking with fundraising and committed volunteers. Unbelievable!"

FOUR STRATEGIES FOR SPONSORING NEW MEMBERS

February 11, 2025, by Hashim Taqvi, from Rotary International Blog

When I first joined Rotary in 2014, I immersed myself in the Rotary experience. I actively participated in our district's events and training sessions and met amazing people. These opportunities and connections offered me invaluable insights into the world of service and leadership. I quickly and fully embraced Rotary's mission, and inspired by my mentors, became a committed and impactful Rotarian.

During district training and interactions with senior Rotarians, I learned the importance of always wearing your Rotary pin. It's not just a symbol of pride but also a conversation starter.

One day, my friend Tariq Shah noticed my Rotary pin and asked me about it. I took the opportunity to share the inspiring history of Rotary, how it came into existence, and the story of its first-ever project — a public washroom in downtown Chicago to address sanitation issues.

I also shared an impactful story about a combined project undertaken by nine Rotary clubs in Mississauga. We partnered with the Rotary Club of Myanmar to rescue 400 women from slavery, provide them with vocational training, and empower them with sewing machines to build a sustainable livelihood. It was a challenging yet rewarding project that was successfully completed, leaving a profound impact on the lives of those women.

Hearing these stories left a strong impression on Tariq Shah. Within a few days, he decided to join our Rotary club, inspired by the meaningful work we do.

This strategy of sharing Rotary's history and impact has helped me sponsor many members, both friends and acquaintances. The stories of service and transformation resonate deeply and inspire others to join our mission of making a difference in the world.

Since then, I've sponsored 30 additional members and brought even more members into Rotary by chartering new clubs.

Here are some tactics that have worked for me over the years:

1. **Building relationships:** I focus on nurturing genuine relationships and understanding individual passions for service. This has helped me connect prospective members with Rotary's mission in a meaningful way.
2. **Highlighting the Rotary impact:** I make sure that prospective members see the broader impact Rotary is having – from community initiatives to global programs – while making them feel that they too can contribute meaningfully.
3. **Engagement and mentorship:** I encourage new members to participate in events and training sessions to build their confidence and engagement. Guiding them step-by-step helps them envision themselves as active Rotarians.
4. **Leveraging stories:** Sharing personal anecdotes of how Rotary has transformed lives – both for those we serve and for Rotarians themselves – is a powerful motivator.

If you take the time to sponsor new members, your efforts will not go unnoticed. When I was approaching my 25th member, I received a letter from then RI President Jennifer Jones. When I continued bringing in new members and was recognized as a Membership Society member, I received a letter from past RI President R. Gordon R. McNally. I recently reached the silver level of the Membership Society for New Member Sponsors, a virtual gallery featuring members who have sponsored 25 or more members. This is an honor not only for me, but for my club, and district.

Learn more about the Membership Society for New Member Sponsors and visit the gallery at rotary.org/membershipsociety.

Hashim Taqvi is the immediate past president (2024-25) of the Rotary Club of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, in District 7080

DISTRICT AND RI NEWS



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RI General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer



Rotary's general secretary and executive team oversee a staff of more than 800, who serve Rotary members from our world headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and seven international offices. The general secretary is a member of the Rotary International Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees.

MEET OUR GENERAL SECRETARY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

John Hewko has served as Rotary International's general secretary and chief executive officer since 2011. A charter member of the Rotary Club of Kyiv, Ukraine, Hewko lives out Rotary's mission, whether inside or outside the office. He's immunized children against polio in India, represented Rotary at the World Economic Forum, and bicycled 104 miles (167 km) with Rotary members in Arizona, USA, to help raise over \$50 million for polio eradication. "It's an honor to go the extra mile in serving this great organization. I see Rotary as the original social network formed to exchange ideas and resources so we can transform lives. We're a bold NGO that believed it could end a disease, and we've stuck to the cause for over three decades. That thought inspires me every morning."

March 6—8, 2025

Presidents-elect Learning Seminar, Salina, KS

April 24-30, 2025

World Immunization Week

May 27—30, 2025

RYLA Summer Camp

June 21—25, 2025

RI Convention, Calgary, Canada

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




What's white and goes up?

A confused snowflake.



" ROTARIANS " - WHO ARE THEY

They are the ones
who are Ready to
help the Needy
inspite of their
own Struggles

Rotary 



Rotary is not
just about giving
money; it's about
giving our time,
talents and years to
make a meaningful
difference."



Leadership Corner

Chatterbox
THERAPY

SMART GOALS

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PECIFIC

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH? WHO NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED? WHEN DO YOU WANT TO DO THIS? WHY IS THIS A GOAL?



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EASUREABLE

THE SUCCESS TOWARD MEETING THE GOAL CAN BE MEASURED. ANSWERS THE QUESTION--HOW? HOW WILL YOU KNOW IF YOU'VE SUCCESSFULLY MET YOUR GOAL?



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GOALS ARE REALISTIC AND CAN BE ACHIEVED IN A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF TIME AND ARE REASONABLE. DO THEY HAVE THE SKILLS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL?



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ELEVANT

THE GOALS ARE ALIGNED WITH CURRENT OBJECTIVES THAT ARE ALIGNED IN A SPECIFIC AREA; INCLUDE THE EXPECTED RESULT. WHY AM I SETTING THIS GOAL NOW?



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IME

GOALS HAVE A CLEARLY DEFINED TIME-FRAME INCLUDING A TARGET OR DEADLINE DATE. MAKE SURE THEY DON'T GO ON FOREVER.

