

Week of May 21, 2025

## ROTARY NOTARY

# ANIMALS, ANIMALS, ANIMALS...

We had the pleasure of welcoming Lynnlee Schmidt, Integrator/COO of Tanganyika Wildlife Park as our guest speaker this week. Lynnlee shared her story of how she arrived at the Park, after declaring that only a zombie apocalypse would bring her to Kansas. But after a great conversation with the staff, she decided this was the place she could make an impact. She told the the park's successes park like no other in interact with the ani- that last a lifetime. and experience WOW world renowned ani- area residents can a discount season pass many times they holders also can enjoy an all inclusive visit that includes food and drinks, as well as the interactive animal experiences. The long-range plan includes expansion to the park and hotel properties. All Rotarians should take the opportunity to visit Tanganyika and encourage friends and family to visit as well. Wichita and Tanganyika are becoming a destination vacation area. Thanks Lynnlee for your high energy and very informative talk.



club membership about and how Tanganyika is a the world. Attendees can mals and have experiences Park visitors can expect moments in a safe and mal sanctuary. Wichita experience Tanganyika for price and visit the park as would like. Season pass



### LOOKING AHEAD

MAY 27-30

RYLA CAMP

LET'S HOPE FOR A GREAT WEEK OF LEARNING

JUNE 7, 11:30—2:30 SUMMER FAMILY SOCIAL

COME FOR THE FUN BRING YOUR FAMILY

July 9

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

COME AND CELEBRATE OUR 24-25 YEAR

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



# FAMILY SERVICE SATELLITE CLUB IS KID-FRIENDLY

*Ivan Vianna, April 16 2025*

from Rotary 360, the official blog of Rotary International

Whenever I speak about or write about [Rotary Youth Exchange](#), my mind goes back to my teenager years and I have good memories. No doubt [that year as an exchange student](#), 1968, did provide me with experiences for all the years ahead.

It took 22 years after my exchange year to join Rotary as a member. The main reason was that nobody invited me. From my first day as a Rotarian, I became a member of the Youth Exchange District Committee. In 1991, my district had fewer than 15 outbound students. That drove me to find new partnerships by participating in [Rotary International Conventions](#), Youth Exchange preconventions, regional meetings in North America and Europe, and a trip to Russia.

As time went by, I participated in several national and international organizations, including some outside Rotary related to my engineering field, which helped grow my network. Being active and serving in several organizations as a member of the board, director, or president, enabled me to spread the news about Rotary's Youth Exchange Program as well as Rotary itself.

A close friend became president of Brazil, and later governor of my state. I was there to assist and do my best to serve my country during his terms. It was beyond any expectations I ever had.

Our District 4760 Program expanded to nearly 100 outbound students, both long and short term, before the program was suspended due to the pandemic. When it returned, our numbers had shrunk by about a third. A few years ago, I stepped down as district committee member, accepting the title of Chair Emeritus (more a label of distinction than a role with daily responsibilities). But I remain ready to step in whenever needed.

I did step in to help my district reestablish partnerships we used to have, and to contact our previous Youth Exchange Officers who became friends through the years. A fringe benefit/reward for anyone who serves as a YEO: you make friends all over the world. I did so, and it's always a good time to renew those friendships, whether related to exchange partnerships or not.

My granddaughter Isabella is being hosted in Owego, New York, only 50 miles away from Montrose, Pennsylvania, where her father Gustavo and I were also hosted. Three generations of Rotary Youth Exchange students have been hosted in that small area within a 57-year span. Has the world become smaller, or is this coincidence?

I have tried to keep in contact with outbound students from my club, and am a proud sponsor of 18 Rotarians in my Rotary club.

Last February, I joined a safari in Tanzania, led by my dear old friend Tom, himself a Youth Exchange Officer in the state of New York, whom I first met during the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, in 1993. When the safari was over, we met a girl in Tanzanian who had been a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Owego two years ago. What a surprise when I told her my granddaughter is currently being hosted in Owego at the same high school. I was able to share how Isabella kept hearing stories about the student from Tanzanian who everyone loved. Isn't Rotary magical?

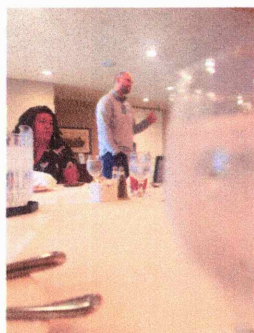
So, if you know someone you think would make a good Rotary member, don't delay. Bring them to a club meeting and begin the process of making a life-long friend.

*Ivan Vianna is Rotary Youth Exchange Chairman Emeritus of District 4760 and a member of the Rotary Club of Belo Horizonte-Pampulha, Brazil.*

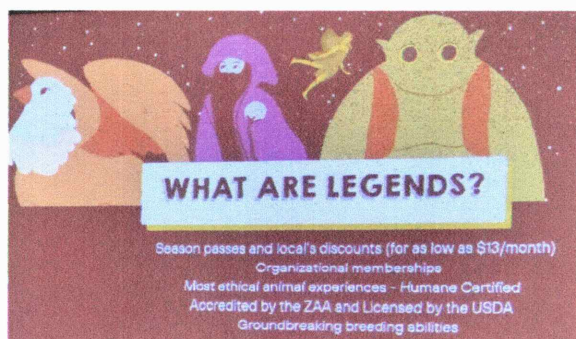
*In 2025, we proudly celebrate 50 years of Rotary Youth Exchange as an official program of Rotary International! This milestone wouldn't be possible without the dedication of countless volunteers who ensure each exchange experience is a success. We are always eager to showcase the commitment of these volunteers and program alumni. Do you have a success story related to Rotary Youth Exchange that deserves to be highlighted? If so, please reach out to us at [youthexchange@rotary.org](mailto:youthexchange@rotary.org) and share your story.*



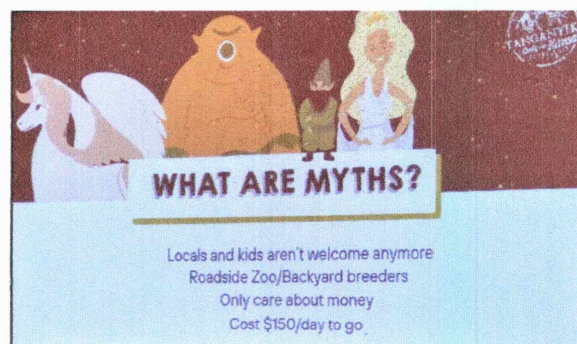
# Snapshots from our meeting



FROM LAST WEEK: In a conversation last week with Susan Addington regarding her latest trip, she was discussing her experience on a river cruise. She said she enjoyed the experience, but the "cruise is too slow" for her. This was a great quote and so Susan! Thanks for allowing this to be shared.

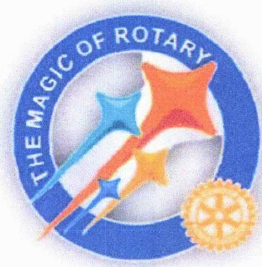
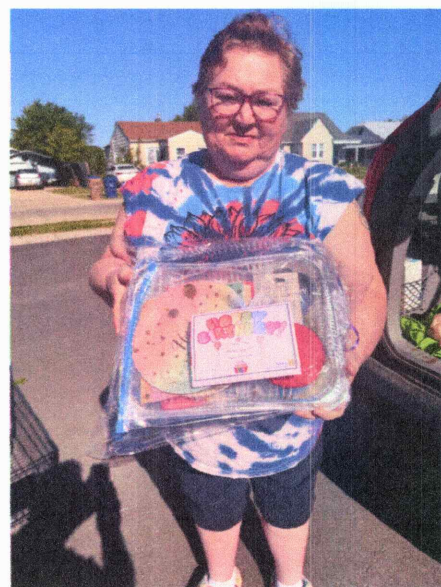


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ABOUT  
TANGANYIKA  
WILDLIFE  
PARK



## SERVICE FOLLOW-UP

Several weeks ago our club assembled 100 birthday cake kits and donated them to the Salvation Army to distribute. Rotarians Joyce and Fred volunteer weekly at one of the organization's food banks and are proud of our club when they get to distribute the kits. Here are two of the recipients from the past couple of weeks.





# DISTRICT AND RI NEWS

Rotary



PEOPLE of ACTION



Rotary 

RI Board | 2024 - 2026

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!

GO TO [WWW.ROTARY5680.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARY5680.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR DISTRICT



**PUT THESE DATES ON  
YOUR CALENDAR!**

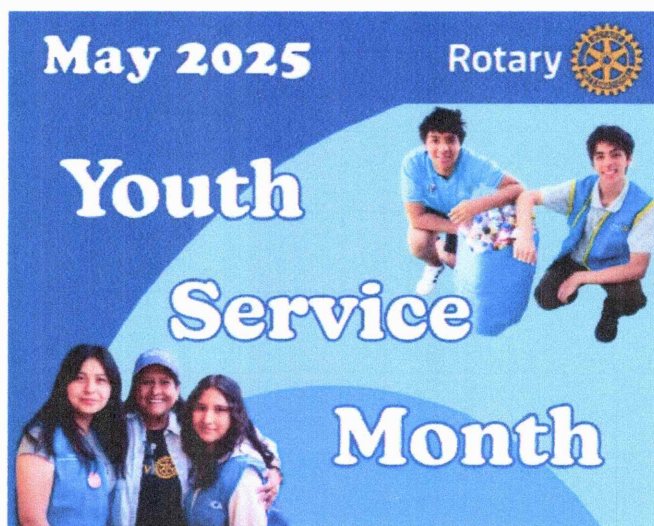
JOKE OF THE WEEK



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diamond in NYC?

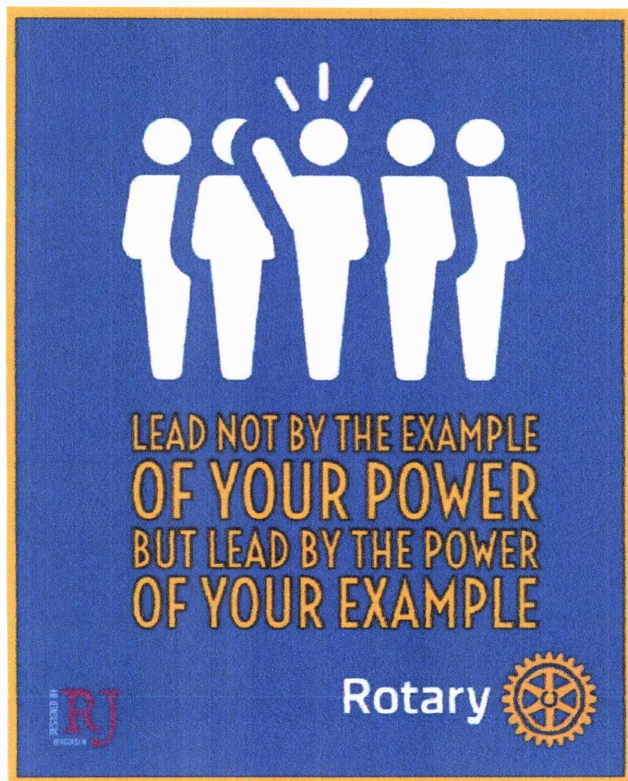
**Yankee Stadium**





## Leadership Corner

This is the first of seven graphics that describe the seven habits of highly effective people. The seven habits are from the best selling book, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by the best selling author, Stephen R. Covey



### 1. Be Proactive

**Take responsibility for your life and actions, and focus on what you can control rather than what you can't.**

**"To know and not to do is really not to know."**

Knowledge is useless until you act on it. It's not enough to know something, you have to turn that knowledge into action.