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This Week's Program - November 16, 2021

Safety, Support & Success

The NEA Family Crisis Center has a mission to keep women in NE Arkansas safe by protecting their rights, offering counseling and education, offering methods of support, keeping them from harm's way, and being their voice. Despite all the laws that are in place to protect women, the numbers are shocking in terms of the epidemic of gender-based violence and sexual assault. The Family Crisis Center's ultimate goal is to END violence



against women, children and men, but in order to see that happen, education must be present in the workplace, schools, churches, locker rooms, courtrooms, and all other areas within our community.

Natalie Neal, Shelter Programs Manager, from the NEA Family Crisis Center will share with us how they are fully devoted to keeping NEA safe. Come hear how you and the community can help.



Rotary projects around the globe

November 2021

Canada

Three clubs ♦ Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact ♦ collaborated on a cookbook project organized by the Rotary Club of Haliburton, Ontario. Ursula Devolin, the club's New Generations chair, thought about what members could do during a pandemic: ♦Everybody♦s been cooking through COVID-19, and it seemed to me it would be nice to have a community cookbook.♦ Interactors from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and members of the Rotaract Club of Haliburton Highlands illustrated and designed the spiral-bound book; members of all three clubs collected the 84 recipes inside. Book and ad sales generated about \$2,800 for the Mahatma Gandhi Sishu Siksha Sadan school near Kolkata, India, which the Rotary club has supported for about 15 years.

United States

When Judy Gross saw an online ad from someone seeking help with yardwork, members of her Rotary Club of Central Ocean Toms River, New Jersey, were ready to step up. In the ad, local resident Coreen Onnembo-DiLea explained that she was having a hard time keeping up with a garden that brings joy to her 99-year-old father, Achille ♦Acky♦ Onnembo, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran who served in the Allied invasion of Normandy in 1944. On a Saturday morning in April, six club members showed up with shovels, mulch, flowers, and stones. ♦Little did I know I♦d hear from a team of superhumans that would handle the entire project,♦ Onnembo-DiLea wrote in a letter to the club.

Serbia

The Rotaract Club of Belgrade ?ukarica spotlights men♦s health with dramatic flair. For several years, the club has staged a play as part of the ♦Movember♦ global initiative ♦♦♦♦ is for ♦♦mustache♦♦ ♦♦ which has funded more than 1,250 health projects. Penned and directed by doctor and former club member Emilija Ivan?aji?, the play, Men and Other Problems, adopts a lighthearted approach to serious matters such as suicide and prostate and testicular cancers. The event went on hiatus because of COVID-19, but the 2019 production drew an audience of some 300 people. ♦All club members act in the play, with special guests from other Rotaract clubs in District 2483,♦ says



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Events

Kristina Zejak, the club's immediate past president.

Tanzania

For girls in the developing world, a lack of safe transportation can be a barrier to education. At the Ndevelwa Secondary School outside Tabora, Tanzania, for instance, typically only the boys had the benefit of bikes to help with the journey, says Elizabeth Demichelis, a member of the Rotary Club of Modesto Sunrise, California. Thus the concept of pink bikes was born. The Modesto Sunrise club, with help from the local Rotary Club of Arusha, arranged for the bicycles to be made available to girls; the conspicuous color is a theft deterrent. The girls, their families, and the head of school signed contracts denoting responsibility for the care of the assigned bikes.

Nepal

Long after a vocational training team helped Nepali schoolteachers make the most of their Rotary-funded library and computer lab, the initiative continues to pay dividends. The resource center is helping to manage online classes in this pandemic time, even in the rural areas of Nepal, says Rabintra Thapa, a member of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu North, which joined the Rotary Club of Stowe, Vermont, in the global grant-supported project at the Shree Ram Secondary School in Koshidekha. Carolyn Holcombe Damp, a past volunteer at the school, enlisted her partner, Larry Heath of the Stowe club; her sister, Joan Holcombe; and Didi Kearsley all retired educators for the team's trip in late 2017. They stocked the facility with some 1,500 books, 15 laptop computers, and other equipment. The Stowe club and District 7850 each provided \$10,000; The Rotary Foundation added \$15,000 in funding for the project.

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Young Ugandan Activist Speaks Out About Climate Change in Africa

Vanessa Nakate, a 24-year-old climate activist from Uganda, made international headlines after the World Economic Forum's 2020 meeting in Davos, Switzerland. But the story wasn't what she said about the climate crisis. The story was that her name and photo were missing from media coverage of the event.

Nakate was one of five young climate activists, including Time magazine's 2019 person of the year, Greta Thunberg, who had participated in a press conference at the event. But the photo that the Associated Press released to global news outlets included only the four activists from Europe; Nakate, the only Black climate activist in the group, had been cropped out. A video that she made in response went viral, and Nakate has since made it a personal crusade to amplify voices that are not being heard in the climate movement.

Being cropped out of that photo changed me. I became bolder and more direct in how I talk about the climate crisis and racism and how I articulate the many ways families are being impacted right now, she writes in her book, *A Bigger Picture: My Fight to Bring a New African Voice to the Climate Crisis*, which is being released on 2 November. I decided, from my perspective as a young African woman, that I would dedicate as much of my time as possible to addressing the many interlocking facets of the climate crisis, environmental justice, and gender discrimination and to do so without apology or fear of erasure.

Nakate asserts that voices sharing real experiences are there, but aren't being listened to or amplified.

I don't have full knowledge of what our fellow activists are seeing unfold in their countries, in Kenya or India or South Africa. I may have known that Zimbabwe faced a water crisis, but I didn't know how valuable water was until I talked to an activist from there.

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Good News, November 9, 2021

Will Branch carried the mic for Good News.

Wes Eddington thanked service men and women and reminded everyone that Veteran's Day was Thursday.



Meetings are online and in person.

November 16 -- Weekly meeting. Family Crisis Center.

November 23 -- Weekly meeting. Jill Clogston, Director of the Office of Education Renewal Zone on the campus of Arkansas State University, along with newly qualified tutors in the corps, will discuss the progress being made to address learning loss in NE Arkansas and in the state.

November 30 -- Weekly meeting. Jonesboro Police Department, Drug Take Back Program.

Birthdays



[Cheryl Wall](#)
November 14th



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November 15th



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November 22nd



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November 22nd



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November 27th



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December 4th



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December 6th

Beverly Parker said that United Way's Day of Caring meant so much to the community and thanked Nanette Heard for her service to United Way.

Marvin Day thanked **President Gary Clark** for reminding him to come to Rotary and invited everyone to the Veteran's Day Parade at 10 a.m. on Thursday.

Brian Rega thanked the club for passing the resolution to become District Governor.

Lori Chandler is sending in the paperwork to create a Rotaract Club at A-State.

Bill Burnett honored his family members that were veterans.

Carl Cates reminded us that Veteran's Day included those that fought in the Revolutionary War.

Gregory Hansen was happy to see Vince Pearcy complete the Coca Cola sign on Burke Street. He urged members to walk past it for a closer look.

Report Card - 11/9/2021

Membership

Total Active Members - 133

Active members - 46

Active-Service - 43

Active-Partner - 5

Active-Modern - 6

Active-LOA - 1

◆Active Rule of 85◆ members - 23

Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 33

Active Members - 33

Honorary members - 0

Proposed - 0

Guests - 0

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