



Meetings Monday @ Noon

District 6580 / Club 3437  
President: Jenni Hanna

REMC, 1430 W. Main St., Greensburg, Indiana  
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## ShelterBox Team Member Gives Org Background to Greensburg Club



Sharee Sheets, president of the Peoria North, Arizona, Rotary Club and a Team Member with ShelterBox, teleconferenced with Greensburg Rotarians to give background and information on ShelterBox's global actions to accomplish their mission to provide emergency shelter to families who have lost their home to disaster or conflict, enabling them to rebuild their lives.

ShelterBox began in 2000 when the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, in Cornwall, England, was inspired to make a tangible difference in the lives of people who were left with nothing after a disaster. They established ShelterBox with an initial goal of assisting eight to ten families by providing a box containing a family-sized

tent, sleeping bags, water purifying tablets, trenching tool and pots and pans. Rotarians worldwide stepped up to support the idea, contributing over \$115K in the first year. This enabled ShelterBox to respond to its first-ever aid event, the 2001 earthquake in Gujarat, India.

With the support of Rotary members and clubs around the world, ShelterBox grew to become an independent, registered charity in 2003 and an internationally recognized, disaster relief organization nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2018 and 2019. Since 2012, ShelterBox and Rotary International (RI) have been official Project Partners in disaster relief. Sheets pointed out, however, that ShelterBox doesn't receive funding from RI, but, instead, from individual Rotarians and Rotary clubs - over \$48M to date. She stressed that they also often rely on Rotarians in disaster areas to provide information, arrange transportation, and support team members with shelter and food. In fact, about 90% of ShelterBox deployments involve local Rotary clubs.

Sheets went on to say that ShelterBox teams have to work efficiently and effectively to best allocate available resources where they're most needed. As a result, they've moved from providing boxes with pre-established materials to providing palletized aid materials based on the needs of the particular country and disaster. They identify these needs by asking the local population what they need. Then they get the materials into areas often overlooked by other relief organizations, moving supplies by plane, boat, cart, or even hand-carried! ShelterBox team members also consistently work with families receiving aid to identify lessons learned that will help the organization better meet its goal for the next disaster or conflict.



Recipients have given great praise to ShelterBox and the materials it provides, saying the shelters become a home where they can rest and spend time with family. The shelters also allow them to return to work quicker, bolstering their family income and the local economy post-disaster. Some even recycle their shelters into shops from which to sell goods.

Sheets concluded by saying that conflicts prove to be the events that drive long-term relief needs. While a natural disaster, such as the earthquake in Haiti, is a singular event, conflicts last for years. She pointed out that ShelterBox has been providing aid in Syria since 2012, helping over 400K people, and in the Chad Basin since 2015.

For additional information, please visit: <https://www.shelterbox.org/>

### GREENSBURG ROTARY PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Following Monday's presentation on the ShelterBox program, I was remiss in not acknowledging Bill Robbins's outstanding support of the program. Bill has been a long-time supporter of the ShelterBox effort, and we appreciate his support. He sponsored a ShelterBox just a couple of months ago to coincide with the Box that our Club sponsored. Thank you to Bill and to all club members who made the last sponsorships happen.

In Christmas Auction news, please be sure to have your items, along with a description and value, to the Decatur County Community Foundation office by this Wednesday. This will give us enough time to complete the work behind-the-scenes to make the auction happen. If you don't include a description or value, the information that will be posted on the auction site will be our best guess.

Thanks for all you do!

Serving to Change Lives, Jenni

### ROTARY CALENDAR

#### Upcoming Programs:

**Dec 06** - Cassie Roth--Tree City Times

**Dec 13** - Main Street Greensburg--Tonya Downey

#### Other Important Dates:

**Dec 01** - Auction Items Due!

**Dec 03 (3:30-4:30P)** - Poinsettia Pickup

**Dec 04 (10:00-11:30A)** - Poinsettia Pickup

**Dec 10** - Rotary Christmas Party, Hampton Inn

**Dec 13 to Dec 20** - Online Auction

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- **Donations for the Greensburg Rotary Annual Christmas Auction Due NLT 01 Dec at the Decatur County Community Foundation**
- **Hospital Foundation Holiday Lane Service Event (Thu, Dec 02 - 12:30 to 3:30PM) - Sign up HERE**
- **Rotary Christmas Party (Dec 10) @ Hampton Inn, Greensburg - Social Hour 5:30 to 6:30PM, followed by dinner - Sign up HERE**
- **Cheer Fund Bell Ringing Service Event (Sat, Dec 18 - 9AM to 1 PM) - Sign up HERE**