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"Service Above Self"

Friday, February 5, 2021

Today's Daybreaker

Joe Craigmile

Today's Program

Bill Reiboldt

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*CARES Funding in
Newton County*

Upcoming Events

February

- 2/12 Daybreaker: Valerie Searcy
Program: Children's Haven
- 2/19 Daybreaker: Adam Maggard
- 2/26 Daybreaker: Larry Johnson

March

- 3/3 Board Meeting
- 3/5 Daybreaker: Kelli Norris
Starkweather
- 3/12 30th Anniversary Celebration -
Granny Shaffer's Banquet Center
- 3/19 Daybreaker: Kerry Sachetta
*Program: Finals of 4 Way Speech
Contest*
- 3/26 Daybreaker: Steve Chenault

IMPORTANT ITEMS

- Please remember to check your name on the attendance at the door & if eating or not.
- Please put cell phones on silent before the meeting.
- We understand that a member may sometimes need to leave the meeting early. If you do, please leave before the speaker begins his/her program.
- eCLUB ONE (electronic make-up). You have the opportunity to process your make-ups on-line. Go to the website: www.rotaryclubone.org and click on "make-up info" to complete the short form, or just go to our website and click on "electronic make-up."

MEETING AT HILTON GARDEN INN

*Please wear your face coverings at all times
except when eating or drinking.*

Book Presentation this Friday to
Lafayette House

SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER!

Get ready to buy a square for \$10 to make a contribution to the Rotary International Foundation and win a Paul Harris award! Buy at the meeting or contact Jeff Koch!

Birthdays

Adam Maggard	2/01
Dale Janssen.....	2/14
Bob Heiniger.....	2/22
Kerry Sachetta.....	3/05
Ryan Stanley	3/14
Brenda Reynolds.....	3/23

Becoming a champion for Syrian youth

If you told me ten years ago that I would be running a non-profit school in a post-conflict country, I would have laughed out loud. At the time, I was working as a business representative for a commodity trading company, visiting clients and inspecting their coal mines.

Visiting one client, colleagues and I found several unbelievably young workers at several mines. Some of them looked even under 10 years old. The client admitted to us that the workers were indeed below the legal age to be working in the mines, but they were keeping it secret because, "what else can we do?"

The village had only one primary school with two teachers – one full-time, the other part-time. If somehow a child managed to graduate from this primary school and was able to enroll in a junior high and could afford it, the nearest one was in a town more than an hour away by tuk-tuk, a small three-wheeled motorcycle. The truth is, most children work on the coal mine from an early age and stay there the rest of their lives just like their parents.

Turning points

Once I saw those young faces covered with coal dust I could not unsee them. After witnessing these young workers, I decided to quit my job, go back to college, and intern at a public defender's office in Illinois, representing incarcerated juveniles. After that, I worked with underprivileged children in different countries before applying for and receiving a Rotary Peace Fellowship. One thing led to another, and now I have established and am running a non-profit school for marginalized children in Syria.

My fellowship at Uppsala University in Sweden was definitely a turning point for me. While I was helping organize the Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association's first Global Peace Conference, I met another peace fellow, Anne Kjær Bathel, whose dedication and systematic approach to improving the lives of marginalized groups inspired me. We worked together on an initial project to help homeless children in Syria. After receiving great advice,

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expertise, and support from Rotarians like Tore Samuelsson and Sten Ström, we launched Champion School.

Every day, I find that working with Champion School is a rewarding and humbling experience. I remember vividly receiving a call from our coach the afternoon of 21 October. We had planned our first class for the next day, so I thought he was going to tell me about his pre-class visits to students' families, but instead he told me three bomb attacks had happened in the city and nobody had claimed responsibility yet. The next day we went to the students' families promising that we would drive them to and from classes. Even so, only half of the students came.

Fighting sexual exploitation

Because of the limited availability of electricity in Syria, we would normally have our meetings at midnight. Fighter jets patrolled so low with their engines humming so loud that many times we had to pause our discussion until they passed. Still, we learned to joke and laugh about it.

During our fall semester 2020, we have had more than 40 students from six different ethnic and religious backgrounds. Before the Christmas break, we organized a special event for our students to participate in community services like cleaning the sport field and mending the public sports facilities. Through immersive programs like this, we inculcated the sense of public service in our students as future leaders in their communities.

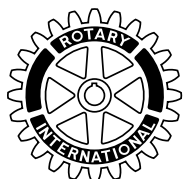
After a very successful fall term, our 2021 spring semester is going to commence on Friday 15 January. We have formalized our Blue Bow program, a core commitment of ours since the start of this project to help homeless children fight against sexual exploitation and underage sex work.

We know our work is hard. But being a group of "distinguished optimists," as our Children's Program Advisor once called us, we believe we can do it. And so, we will.

Muyi Yang, Rotary Peace Fellow, Uppsala University, 2019-21

SMILE!

- If you can't convince them, confuse them.
- Progress is made by lazy people looking for an easier way to do things.
- I don't have a solution, but I do admire the problem.
- People tend to make rules for others and exceptions for themselves.
- Stress is when you wake up screaming and you realize you haven't fallen asleep yet.
- Sometimes the best helping hand you can give is a good, firm push.
- Drink coffee! Do stupid things faster with more energy!
- I don't mind coming to work, it's the 8-hour wait to go home I can't stand.
- A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.
- The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it.
- Just about the time when you think you can make ends meet, somebody moves the ends.
- My biggest professional ambition is to get a desk where no one can see my computer monitor but me.
- A committee is twelve men doing the work of one.
- If everything seems to be coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.
- It's not how good your work is, it's how well you explain it.
- Efficiency is a highly developed form of laziness.



THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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WHERE YOU CAN MAKE UP NEAR "DAYBREAK"

Makeup meeting must be made up to 28 days prior or after a regularly scheduled meeting. LOCATIONS & DATES MAY CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19

TUESDAY

Miami, OK - noon Paul Thomas Family Center
 Pittsburg, KS - noon Via Christi Hospital
 Springfield, MO Kentwood Hall

WEDNESDAY

Bentonville, AR noon Does Eat Place
 Frontenac, KS 1st & 3rd noon Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Grove, OK noon First Methodist Church
 Neosho, MO noon The Civic
 Rogers, AR noon Embassy Suites
 Webb City/Carl Junction noon Granny Shaffer's Banquet Center

THURSDAY

Carthage 1st & 3rd 6:30 pm Cherry's on the Square
 Joplin Club noon Twin Hills
 Springfield SE noon Ocean Zen