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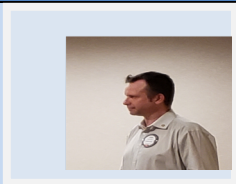
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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

April 21, 2021

April is Maternal and Child Health Month



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This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter: Barabara Lippert

We had lots of visiting Rotarians to hear our speaker. We had 23 participants.

Our speaker is Amani Matabaro Tom, Past President of Bukavu Mwangaza R.C. He described for us how Rotary projects are combatting poverty and promoting peace in Democratic Republic of Congo. His Club is working on a lot of projects and most important is The Congo Peace school. Peace is still so very important in the Congo. They are teaching and raising peace ambassadors. They are also fighting genocide and working on healing. The next important project is with bringing the Pygmies and bringing Pygmy and non-Pygmy's together. The importance of the water project is it hopes to bring peace to this area. They are already training on maintaining equality and how to manage the infrastructure. They are showing them that instead of walking miles and miles to get water they can spend that time on education. In addition, they are educating students on how not to transmit sexual diseases.

Most of all access to clean water is most important. Rotary has made a huge difference in this area of the world. We were assured the money is going where it needs to go in order to accomplish our desired results.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join us on Zoom each week at the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84324635354>
 Meeting ID: 843 2463 5354
- Don't forget to respond to Ed regarding our "In-person Meetings" survey
- Board members need to respond with edits and comments for the minutes from the last Board meeting

Birthdays and Anniversaries for April

Member Birthdays	Birthday			
Ellis, Timothy A. (TIM)	4/23/21			
Griffes, James (JIM)	4/15/21			
Kruger, Bernadette (NANDY)	4/1/21			
Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years		
Raffer, Paul Kenneth MD(PAUL)	4/17/19	2		
Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years	
Kruger, Bernadette (NANDY)	Karl	4/25/21	40	
McBride, Ed	Tad	4/25/21	24	