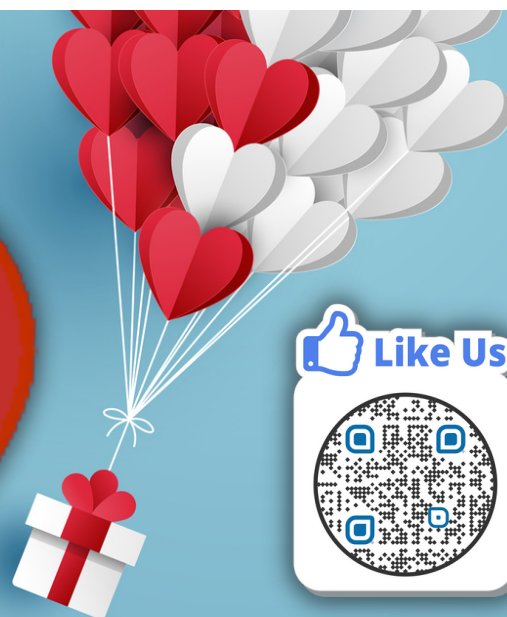


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Ordinary Rotarians can find themselves in extraordinary circumstances. In their own words, they tell us

What it's like to... Survive the unimaginable

Gustavo Zerbino

Rotary Club of Montevideo, Uruguay

The moment before the plane crashed, I took off my seat belt, stood up, and held on to the ceiling.

The plane hit the mountain and broke apart exactly where I had been sitting. My friend in the seat next to me fell out of the plane and died.

I was with my rugby team, the Old Christians Club from Montevideo, Uruguay. It was October 1972, and we were flying over the Andes on our way to Santiago, Chile, to play in a rugby championship. There were 40 passengers — teammates as well as friends and family — and five crew members. I was sitting by the window looking at the mountain peaks far below, when suddenly they began to appear closer. I asked my friend, who was sitting in the aisle seat, to let me by and I went to talk to the pilots. They said not to worry, but then they looked out and saw the high peaks and told me to sit back down.

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Rotary clubs

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Membership Recruitment

"Recruiting begins with having an "elevator speech" about Rotary that you can share with anyone, anywhere, at any appropriate opportunity. Convincing elevator speeches answer the following core questions that people might have:

WHO can become a Rotarian- Anyone who has an interest in serving others and contributing to society

WHAT do Rotarians do- Service Above Self, Live the 4-Way Test, Network with like-minded people

WHEN- Constant opportunities (Rotary Club meetings, Planning meetings, Committee meetings, Projects service time, Social networking, etc.)

WHERE- Share times and places of Rotary meetings

WHY become a Rotarian? 1) Serving others 2) Networking with like-minded people, and 3) having a sense of accomplishment, purpose, worth, fulfillment and belonging.

Adapt these bullet points into your own personal version of your Rotary membership attraction "elevator speech". You might even want to make some business cards out of it; make sure that your Club's meeting time and place is on the card!

Rotary



IMAGINE ROTARY

Dear Leaders in Zones 30 and 31,

Many of you have inquired about the best ways to provide a response to the devastating earthquake affecting the people of Turkey and Syria, and about Rotary International's response

Recent actions taken by The Rotary Foundation trustees and Rotary International are the following, including the best option for disaster response contributions:

- The lead story on Rotary.org and My.Rotary.org about Rotary responding to the earthquake was updated on Monday. It includes a message about helping by giving to the Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund.

- A video from RIP Jennifer Jones has been shared on social media, and can be viewed on the Rotary Zones 30 and 31 Facebook Group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RotaryZones3031/permalink/5891997877521844>. The video can also be viewed on Twitter and Instagram..

- Donating to the Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund is the call to action in President Jennifer's video. Donations can be made via the online giving platform and selecting the Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund here:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>.

Communications and coordination with regional and district leadership is taking place on a daily basis. Similarly, Rotary is in regular contact with partners such as ShelterBox. For example, District Governors and District Rotary Disaster Committee members from the three Rotary districts in Turkey are providing ShelterBox support and invaluable situational awareness. Rotary members have been trucking blankets, food and medicines to affected areas across all affected regions of Turkey working with ShelterBox.

Thank you for your compassion in addressing the needs of people whose lives have been devastated by this disaster.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Elizabeth Usovicz".

Elizabeth Usovicz

Rotary International Director

A moment with
R.I. Pres. Jennifer Jones

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What We Do For The World - The Rotary Foundation

About 15 years ago after I had been in Rotary for 32 years, I heard a story at our Rotary Club from a polio survivor about his experience with an iron lung.... a story that changed my life.

Our speaker was an elderly man with white hair and had a limp that they said was getting progressively worse because of Polio Syndrome. But that day he spoke to us in a clear but hesitant manner about his first day with polio.

He remembered the morning when he was only 6 or 7, he awakened from a night of sleep with a paralyzed leg and a growing headache. He vividly remembered the local doctor coming into his room at his home wearing a sterile white mask as his parents stood in the back of the room with their hands anxiously up to their mouths. With tears in his eyes, our speaker told us that he overheard the doctor explaining to his parents that their child had polio and then shepherded them out of the room.

He told us about his terror when ambulance attendants wearing white masks and white coats entered his room with a white stretcher. When they gingerly picked him up from his bed, he realized that he still had his sheets clenched in his hands. As the attendants took him to the ambulance, he saw his parents hugging each other wearing white masks with tears and crying as the ambulance door closed.

The ambulance took him to a local gymnasium converted into a polio ward. That was where this 6- or 7-year-old boy's terror took control over his mind and body. As they opened the white gymnasium door, all he saw were nurses and doctors in white and they were all masked. He heard children crying and the whoosh-whoosh sound of the iron lungs breathing for those most sick. He did not remember anything else for the next two days.

His story goes on to describe his entire year in that polio ward without hope. But at the end of his story, there was not a dry eye from anyone listening! And it was at this point that I became a dedicated Rotarian!

This is a call for all to learn about the magic of the Rotary Foundation! Look at what we are accomplishing in our District alone:

- In the last 4 years, we distributed over \$18,000 each year in district grants to local clubs to meet local community needs like dictionaries for students, upgrades and improvements to local parks, books for school libraries, etc.!

- In the last 4 years, we distributed anywhere from \$3,000 to \$36,000 in support of international global grants. Some of those grants were to help get constructing classrooms, toilets, teacher equipment in Nikitina, Uganda. Another example was supporting the Heart to Heart Project "Angel" intensive medical program for children with cerebral paralysis in Mexico! During the four years, we supported over 13 global grant projects.

- In the last 4 years, our District members contributed from \$10,000 to \$27,000 per year to the Polio Plus program!

- In the last 4 years, our District members contributed anywhere from \$104,000 to more than \$145,000 per year to the annual fund!

- Since Rotary International started the polio plus program, the number of polio cases in the world have been reduced by 99.9%!

THIS IS WHAT YOU DO FOR THE WORLD!

PS: Congratulations to the Magnolia Rotary club who reached President Jennifer Jones goal of contributions to Polio Plus of \$1,500 per club! And congratulations also to the Fordyce, North Garland County and West Pine Bluff clubs having reached the Zone 31's goal of per capita giving to Polio Plus of \$30! Way to go!!!

Conway Rotary Clubs



ShelterBox

Disaster relief

Greetings District Governor Bill,

Congratulations on achieving Silver Level ShelterBox HERO recognition for Rotary Year 2022-2023.

Your support is very much appreciated. 2022 was our biggest year yet and your support helped us to reach over 400,000 people across 22 projects in 12 countries.

Attached is your digital award to use on your district website and please share this recognition on your district social media outlets. At the end of the Rotary Year your district will be added on our HERO page www.shelterboxusa.org/hero.

To show our gratitude for your generous support, we are hosting an exclusive online Rotary HERO event on Saturday, February 11th, 2023

@ 9am PT/ 11am CT/ 12pm EDT.

Learn more and register here <https://tinyurl.com/2023heroevent>

Follow this link for The latest news about ShelterBox disaster relief deployments (shelterboxusa.org) I would be happy to present to your district and club leaders via Zoom to give an overview of ShelterBox and update on our current projects.

We need help in your district! Is there a Rotarian looking to serve? Please have them consider becoming a ShelterBox Ambassador. Volunteer with ShelterBox USA

ShelterBox has provided aid to over 2.5 million people since 2000, we could not have reached them without support like yours.

Thank you for being a ShelterBox HERO!

Bill Tobin

Cc: DGE Emil, DGN Sherry

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West Pine Bluff
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International Clubbing



West Pine Bluff Rotary Club had an amazing meeting with Casablanca & Dakhla Rotary club! It's wonderful how although we are from various parts of the world we can still see, speak and work together for the common good.

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Beat Our Best! The Rotary Foundation has challenged each district set a goal to Beat Our Best. Over the last 10 years the highest Annual Fund Per Capita giving for District 6170 was \$101.01, back in 2016-17. So our goal as a district is to increase the district's per capita giving for the Annual Fund beyond \$101.01. The Annual Fund provides the funding for district grants, global grants, and more. So let's beat our best this year.

Stamps Click To Visit

Bill Wells, APN (Advanced Practice Nurse), spoke to the Rotary Club of Stamps on Feb. 01, 2023. He spoke of the services that is provided at the clinic he manages- Lafayette County Family Practice Center, Lewisville, AR. He was invited by the Pres. of the Stamps Club and has a pending sign-up sheet to join Rotary. He enjoys serving the Rural area. He takes care of the young and elderly. He has a passion for children and diabetics. He does a lot of education to his patients.



Members of the Rotary Club of Stamps participated in a Poverty Simulation Program at the Lafayette County High School on January 30, 2023



The Dirty Waters Solutions of Stamps demonstrated the water filtering system on Jan 11, 2023 at Lake June. Staff of DWS and Rotary Club members of Stamps, Frank Lofton & Rex Lenard took samples from the Lake June and filtered it to a drinkable state.



Magnolia Click To Visit

Project to sell hearts to the community and hang them around the downtown square. Businesses and individuals could purchase a customized heart to spread love to a significant other or to the community. The project was well received by the community and hopes this will be an annual event.



DeQueen Click Here To Visit

De Queen Rotary Club presented their annual \$500 donation to Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Sevier County. To be eligible for scholarship, student must be single parent, have 2.0 GPA, and currently enrolled in college. Several board members were on hand for the presentation. Receiving the donation is Jamie Smith of SPS of Sevier County.



De Queen Rotary presented their annual \$1000 donation to UA Cossatot Non-Traditional Student Scholarship. This year's recipient is Maria Munoz. Maria is currently pursuing a nursing degree while employed at Christus St. Michael's. She completed her LPN training in June and is taking courses for her RN degree. Pictured with Maria is Dustin Roberts with UA Cossatot Foundation and Club President Jason Sanders.



Women's Rotary History

Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. The RI board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes.

The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary.

DeQueen Click Here To Visit

De Queen Rotary Club presented dictionaries to 3rd grade students in De Queen, Horatio and Legacy Academy school districts. The Dictionary Project is an international program designed to assist students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners. The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home. Educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn.



Horatio



DeQueen



Legacy

Conway morning Club Click Here To Visit

Conway Morning Rotary Club had a fun contest on occasion of our last meeting which occurred on Valentine's Day!

Since our meetings are held 'hybrid' (i.e., in-person and via Zoom), several contestants were drawn from both sides. They were asked to extemporaneously provide a one-minute answer to the question, "What do you love about Rotary?" and club members voted on the best answer.



Left-to-right
Mike Altland, club member; Claudia Davis, winner; and Sharmin Moody, Club President

Claudia Davis (one of our charter members) impressed both our club regulars and guests alike with a most-inspiring response, winning hands-down!

Some famous Rotarians have included

- Neil Armstrong first man to walk on the moon, USA.... as well as Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon • Sir Donald Bradman • Sir William Deane, governor general, Australia • Pope Francis, when he was Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio • Sir Edmund Hillary, explorer and mountaineer, New Zealand • King Farouk of Egypt • Prince Frederik of Denmark (became Frederik IX King of Denmark in 1947) • Walt Disney, • Thomas A. Edison • Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh • Prince Rainier III of Monaco • Charles A. Lindbergh • Douglas MacArthur, army general, USA • Margaret Thatcher, prime minister, England • Ted Turner, founder of cable television station CNN • Orville Wright, aviation pioneer, USA • Sir Winston Churchill, prime minister, England • James Cash Penney, founder of JC Penney Co., USA

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