



District 6580 / Club 3437  
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Meetings Monday @ Noon  
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## Speranza House Team Highlights Program's Structure, Success



“Addiction tells you that it’s not a disease,” said Devan Dwenger of Speranza House, a local non-profit with the mission of providing “a nurturing, sober, home-like environment to women who struggle with addiction.” Of course, addiction is a disease, and Dwenger points out that it has physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects that all must be addressed as part of

Speranza House’s program.

With a success rate of 64%, that 6 to 12-month program has been staggeringly successful at breaking the addiction cycle for its alumni - well above the national average of 10%. The team visiting Greensburg Rotary from Speranza House, which included Dwenger, Jeanne Wiseman, and Brittany Harrison, gave common reasons for their program’s success: caring about each woman as individuals with individual needs; providing a friendly, supportive, home-like environment; giving residents options in their treatment; and a 5-Stage program tailored toward ensuring each person is ready to move on to the next phase at the pace that’s right for them.

“I’d spent my whole adult life in addiction,” said Harrison, who, as a resident at Speranza House, was finally able to put 15 years of dependency behind her. For her and Wiseman, who also found recovery with Speranza House, their experience and success led them to want to return to the program as workers, counselors, guides, and friends to new residents who, as Harrison put it, “are tired of living that life.”

The Speranza House’s 5-Stage program includes:

**Stage 1:** An immediate immersion in the program with a focus on adjusting to life at Speranza House. This time includes meeting the staff, learning the program’s rules, and meeting new friends within the program. During this time, residents are restricted to the house and from having visitors, except for medical, legal, or religious reasons.

**Stage 2:** This stage prepares the women to enter the work force and provides the skills needed for everyday life. It’s a stage aimed at preparing residents not only for Stage 3, but also for life after they graduate the program.

**Stage 3:** Here the residents must find and hold a job; learning to be self-supportive and responsible. It’s during this stage that they are once again able to have their own cell phone.

**Stage 4:** This stage is called “Growing in Recovery,” and while it includes many aspects from the first three stages, it offers more responsibility and opens up visitation rights with their children.

**Stage 5:** The final stage of the program is for women who’ve demonstrated “exponential growth and are ready to take on the world as productive, driven, and sober citizens in our community.” Here the residents are prepared for the experience of returning to the community outside Speranza House. Dwenger stresses, however, that the team members are always there to lend support and caring to the women who complete the program. (<https://www.speranzahouse.org/>)

### ROTARY CALENDAR

**July 18** - District Governor Lance Eberle

**July 25** - (Service Project) New Directions

**Aug 01** - Rotary Foundation - Larry Moore & Mandy Lohrum

**Aug 08** - Grant Recipients

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## GREENSBURG ROTARY PRESIDENT’S CHAT

Hey, Rotary Fam!

Well, I officially have a week under my belt as your esteemed leader, and the Club is hasn’t fallen apart yet. I’m counting that a win! If you weren’t at Monday’s meeting, you missed out! We heard from Devan, Jeanne, and Brittany from Speranza House. They do such great work! We also had several important announcements. We got our District Grant, and the Inclusion Park will receive an additional \$4,000 from Rotary! I’m so proud of the way our Club has stepped up to support that cause! Club communication will look a little different from here on out. We’re starting a texting chain in place of the several emails a week you’re used to receiving from Rotary. This will at least limit local-level emails. Lastly, be sure to mark your calendars for next Monday! District Governor Lance Eberle will be in the house! You won’t want to miss this opportunity to hear about the great things going on at the District level. I think that’s all for now.

You are loved!

Best, Alex



### Lora Williams Receives Fourth Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

Former Greensburg club President and current club Secretary Lora Williams was honored with her fourth Paul Harris Fellow recognition during the Greensburg Rotary meeting on 07 July.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Williams, who was born and raised in Decatur County, has degrees from Purdue University and Syracuse University. She is the owner of Williams Law Office, where she practices estate planning, business planning, real estate, and corporate transactions.

### Canadian Jennifer Jones First Woman to Serve as President of Rotary International

[\(Adapted from Rotary International\)](#) Jennifer Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, is the first woman to take office as Rotary International President in the service organization's 117-year existence. She officially assumed the position on 01 July 2022.

During her one-year term, Jones will focus on building new relationships and establishing collaborations with organizations that share Rotary's commitment to driving impact through humanitarian service and to developing leaders around the globe. She has also made Rotary's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion a key part of her presidential platform.

"Diversity has long been one of our core values and continues to serve as a foundation for how we interact with each other and our communities," said Jones. "I know that my experiences and perspective as a woman mean that I bring a different lens to how I see and approach opportunities and challenges for our organization. I hope to be a catalyst for similar opportunities for leaders from all backgrounds that comprise the global mosaic of our organization. We are stronger, more creative, and more effective when we ask for and leverage those diverse perspectives to tackle the world's most pressing challenges."

As a professional communicator with more than 30 years of experience, Jones will also use her vocational strength as a storyteller to shine a light on the positive and lasting impact Rotary clubs are making to improve lives and strengthen communities across the globe. "This year, we are going to bring Rotary service projects center stage around the world. We will put a special focus on visible, high impact acts of service across our areas of focus, drawing attention to the incredible work that Rotary members are doing," said Jones.

Jones will also mark her year as president by touring model examples of Rotary's impact in action. Throughout the year she will connect with Rotary members and clubs spanning the globe to explore and share learnings from Rotary projects, with a focus that includes:

- the vital role of women health workers in the efforts to end polio in Pakistan;
- a day in the life of a community health worker helping to reduce malaria in Zambia;
- the efforts of 600 Rotary clubs to improve education for underserved students in Guatemala;
- a former refugee who is now a Rotary Peace Fellow at the Rotary Peace at Makerere University, in Uganda;
- health workers reaching children with live-saving vaccines in remote islands in the South Pacific; and
- Rotary's efforts to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to all of Haiti

As president, Jones will oversee Rotary's top goal of eradicating polio. "When we harness our connections, deepen our relationships, and create new partnerships - our collective efforts can change lives for generations," said Jones. "There is no better proof point of our impact than our effort to eradicate polio."

Alongside its [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) partners, Rotary has achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases, and contributed US \$2.4 billion to protect more than 3 billion children from this paralyzing disease. Nearly 19.4 million people are walking today who otherwise would have been paralyzed by this vaccine-preventable disease, and 1.5 million people are alive who otherwise would have died. With the infrastructure Rotary helped create to end polio, a lasting global health legacy is now being used to protect millions of people from other diseases – including Ebola, ma-

