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**MEETING TIME/LOCATION:**  
7:30-8:30 am on Wednesdays  
Dunedin Golf Club, 1050 Palm Blvd.

**MAILING ADDRESS:**  
PO Box 307, Dunedin, FL 34697  
Our club welcomes all visitors for  
Wednesday meetings, 7:30-8:30 am,  
either by Zoom or in-person. Friends,  
family and guests are always welcome to  
help on volunteer projects.



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

## Council on Legislation Changes Approved

Representatives to the 2022 Council on Legislation voted overwhelmingly on their first day of sessions to add "equity and inclusion" to Rotary International bylaws, affirming the organization's continued effort to be inclusive of all cultures, experiences, and identities, and to reflect the communities it serves.

The four-day conference, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA on 10-14 April, marked Rotary's first successful attempt to host a hybrid international event since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. About 520 representatives represented Rotary districts around the world; about 60% attended in-person, and the rest participated via Zoom.

This year's Council reviewed and voted on more than 90 enactments that would change RI's constitutional documents. Among the highlights is the legislation that promotes diversity and builds a well-balanced Rotary membership.

While many apply to district and RI, several are club related. The one that affects all is a dues increase in each of the next three years. Dues that clubs pay to RI per member are set at \$35.50 per half year in 2022-23. Dues will increase to \$37.50 per half year in 2023-24, \$39.25 per half year in 2024-25, and US\$41.50 per half year in 2025-26.

An active member may propose prospective members in any club and no longer must work or reside in the locality of their club. The attendance report requirement is now removed. The time boards are required to provide minutes to their members changed.

The Avenues of Service will now include positive peace.

The RI-recommended club bylaws and constitution should be in the process of being modified, and when they are made available, our club will review the changes and make changes to ours accordingly, with a final approval by our club members.

## Rotarians unite to help Ukraine — by Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary members in North America, Argentina, and Europe are collaborating with a U.S.-based association of Ukrainian health care workers and using their connections to collect and ship more than 100 tons of critical medical supplies to Ukraine.

Two cargo planes packed with tourniquets, blood-clotting gauze, blood pressure equipment, and other items have already been flown from the city of Chicago in the United States to Europe, where members help unload the supplies and get them to Ukraine.

Rotary members in Ukraine, where Russia's military action has caused a humanitarian crisis, are in daily contact with hospitals to determine what supplies are needed most.

"It is Rotary doing what Rotary does best," says Pat Merryweather-Arges, a Rotary International director-elect and member of the Rotary Club of Naperville, Illinois, USA. "It networks, pulls people together, and gets the job done."

North American and Argentine Rotary clubs are combining their resources to purchase items from the list of needed supplies. They're also working with contacts at pharmaceutical companies and medical equipment manufacturers to arrange donations. A hospital in Peoria, Illinois, sent an ambulance, and members in Maine, USA, secured a C-arm, a mobile imaging device that can be used to X-ray people for shrapnel.

Supplies are streaming into a warehouse operated by the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA) near O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. And more are on the way. Rotary clubs in the U.S. states of Nebraska and Iowa are collecting supplies to fill several large cargo trucks that will drive hundreds of miles to the warehouse in Chicago. Inside the warehouse, UMANA and Rotary volunteers organize, sort, and bundle the items before they are shipped. Several donors have made contributions that offset the cost of shipping.

"It's amazing what one Rotarian talking to another Rotarian can accomplish," says Marga Hewko, president of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Hewko is the spouse of Rotary International General Secretary and CEO John Hewko, who is of Ukrainian descent and is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Kyiv. The Hewkos lived in Ukraine for five years during the 1990s.

Earlier this year, Marga Hewko and the Rotary Club of Chicago had been working with doctors in Chicago and Ukraine to establish a stem cell storage facility for cancer patients in the Ukrainian city of Lviv that would allow the cells to be stored longer and enable more complex research. That initiative shifted to a new focus when the war began.

“We were reaching out to the Ukrainian community in Chicago to learn how we could help, and at the same time, we already knew these doctors,” says Marga Hewko. “That is how I found out about UMANA.”

It was an ideal match. UMANA, founded in 1950, promotes education through conferences and exchanges of doctors between the U.S. or Canada and Ukraine. After the war started, UMANA volunteers began sending medical aid to Ukraine and using their network of doctors and pharmaceutical companies to get supplies and equipment. Rotary clubs soon joined the project. Marga Hewko, who is from Argentina, used her contacts there to bring Argentine clubs into the effort, and those members are also using their connections to obtain funds and equipment. During a tour of the UMANA warehouse, Marga Hewko, Merryweather-Arges, and Jane Hopkins, the governor of District 6450 in Illinois, praised the efficiency and scale of the operation.

“UMANA is simply amazing,” Merryweather-Arges says. “We opted to work with them because they are well connected to the Ukrainian community in Chicago and have worked to sort and pack nearly 400 pallets of supplies.”

Members in Ukraine continue to develop the list of needed supplies. Olha Paliychuk, who is a surgeon, a member of the Rotary Club of Cherkasy, and a member of the Turkey-Ukraine intercountry committee, calls hospitals each night. The delivery of the items to hospitals is coordinated by Paliychuk in Cherkasy; by Borys Bodnar, of the Rotary Club of Ukraine Unity Passport, in Lviv; and by Mykola Stebljanko, of the Rotary E-Club of Ukraine, in Odesa. Marga Hewko says the actions of members in and outside of Ukraine demonstrate the power of Rotary’s network.

“In the middle of the war, when some of the targets of the Russian army are hospitals, the fact that we have volunteers in Ukraine driving supplies across their country — if that is not Service Above Self, I don’t know what is,” she says.



**Notes from April 13** —by Sherrie Davis Kinhead

We moved to the small card room for the meeting to free up the main room for another group. Steve Pettinger greeted, Teresa Cordova O’Dea reminded us to get our rest and that forgiveness clears the mind and provides rest in sleep, than gave the invocation. Lynne Faimalie and Welch Agnew checked in on Facebook Live, but Welch was also in the meeting—nothing like double the fun of a RC of DN meeting! Three guests attended: Rob Walker, prospective member and guest of Rick Lawrence; Christine Vasilades, guest of Kert Rhodes who will provide books for the golf goody bags; and our speaker Sheila Haddad.

**Happy Bucks:** Steve Schwartz celebrated 33 years of marriage to his first wife. Guest Christine showed off her goody bag item, a *Live. Work. Play.* book used by many area hotels, Airbnb’s etc. . Joe Mackin encouraged us to win our 4th nut on the PBJ & More contest at Dunedin Cares, which Pat Snair pulled from our closet. Sherrie Davis Kinhead made the motion to give all happy bucks received in April to Dunedin Cares for this program. Needless to say, our members immediately seconded and passed the motion, many donating even more. Gary Coughlin thinks Rick Lawrence should get Rotarian of the Year for his single-handed recruitment success of new members. Candice, among others, talked about the great District Conference and it’s keynote speaker, PDG Alex Wilkins, who said a Rotarian may forget who was president when they join Rotary, but never forgets their sponsor. Candice then gave thanks to her mom, who either sleeps over on Tuesday or arrives early to get her sons to school on Wednesday mornings. Eileen McNeill has a friend scheduled for breast cancer surgery on the 27th and invited her to stay at her home during the recovery time—that’s service above self for sure. Graham Muir’s wife volunteers for Dunedin Cares and



Gary is their next president. Bill Huntley emphasized there are many in need to help on food after seeing a long line of cars on a country road waiting for a food giveaway on Monday.

**Announcements:** Please bring in food items for the PBJ&More contest going on in April.

The **National Human Trafficking Hotline is 888-373-7888**. Report anything suspicious.

**Member Spotlight: Kert Rhodes** was born in TX on 2/9/1970 and moved to Dunedin in 1974 to a house his family built in Spanish Oaks when the interest rate was 18%. He graduated Dunedin High School about the time his father left his mother after 31 years of marriage. Kert decided not to attend college so he could help his mother financially with the adjustment. She now works for him. His father’s actions motivated Kert to become a different person than his father. Kert wanted to play pro soccer and was fortunate enough to have Toby Charles watch one of his games and invite him play 6 months in Germany, while staying in his loft. Kert married last year to his wife Lori, whom he first met 28 years ago. They reunited and went into business together (KLeer Title — K for Kert, L for Lori?) Kert readily admits that Lori is his inspiration and best friend. Asked how he plays golf so well, Kert gave credit to genes from his father, who has great hand-eye coordination.



**Program:** Sheila Haddad and Jay LeFebvre met for the first time on a dive boat in Key Largo. Seas were building to 6’ plus and Jay was preparing his equipment

next to Sheila’s husband and found out it was their first time diving.

Sheila spent her youth in Germany and attended Rotary meetings with her father. After a move to CA, she returned to Germany for summers. She came to our area to near her husband’s parents. Sheila is a freelance photographer with 17 years experience. She also raised three kids and teaches martial arts and women’s self-defense. See more of her amazing underwater photography at <https://sheilahaddad.zenfolio.com/> and her Seido self-defense work at <https://livingtheway.com/>.

Steve Pettinger led us in the 5-Way Test.

UPCOMING MEETING DETAILS			
Date	Member Spotlight	Greeters	Speaker
4/20	JoAnn Rooney	Kert Rhodes	Official DG Visit by Jocelyn Chapman
4/27	Pat Snair	JoAnn Rooney	