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Professional accomplishments:

- Instructor, Criminal Justice Program, University of Central Florida, 1993
- Assistant State Attorney, Seventh Judicial Circuit, State of Florida, 1980 – 1988
- Designated Assistant to Statewide Grand Jury, 1984
- Senior Trial Counsel and Special Prosecutor, Seventh Judicial Circuit, State of Florida, 1984 – 1987
- Division Chief, Special Prosecution Division, Seventh Judicial Circuit, State of Florida, 1987 – 1988
- Designated Assistant Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs, 1988 – 1990
- Legal Counsel for Volusia County Sheriff, Forfeiture Law, 1989 - 1990
- Member, Florida Association of Police Attorneys, 1989 – 1990
- Board Certified Criminal Trial lawyer, Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education
- Board Certified Criminal Trial Specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy
- Rotary Club of Daytona Beach, Past President
- Proud sponsor of the School Supply Kits Program with the Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties, Inc.

Admissions:

- 1980, Florida
- 1985, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- 1989, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- 1989, U.S. Supreme Court

Education:

- Stetson College of Law, J.D., 1979
- University of Florida, B.A., Summa Cum Laude, 1976

Memberships:

- Volusia County Bar Association
 - Member, Board of Directors, 1985 – 1986
 - Member, Real Property and Trust Law, Elder Law, and Criminal Law Sections
- The Florida Bar
 - Member, Rules of Criminal Procedure Committee, 1983

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Grievance Committee of the Seventh Circuit, 1996 – 1997

o Chairman, 1997 and 1998

o Member, Real Property, Probate, Trust Law, Elder Law, and Criminal Law Sections

- Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
 - o Member, Seventh Circuit Chapter
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Halifax Humane Society

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Lessons In Fatherhood

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From Erdenet, Mongolia, to Evanston, Illinois, support for dads can be life-changing

By **Steve Almond**

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Three years ago, Davaanyam Gongorjav, a young father living in Erdenet, Mongolia, found himself in dire straits. His wife had recently died of cancer. He had no job and no child care for his daughters, who were 4 and 7 years old. More fundamentally, he was facing a crisis of confidence as a father.

Davaanyam, it turns out, was not alone. There were dozens of single fathers in Erdenet facing similar challenges in a culture where the notion of a father raising children without a partner was alien, and where community support for those fathers was virtually nonexistent.

Word of these fathers had passed from a professor at the International University of Ulaanbaatar to Jennifer Scott, an Australian Rotarian working in law and mediation. Before long, Scott and a group of colleagues had conducted a community needs assessment and organized a workshop for nearly two dozen single fathers, supported by a global grant from The Rotary Foundation.

"These were men in tragic circumstances, who had lost wives in childbirth or to cancer," says Scott, a member of the Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains, who traveled to Mongolia as part of a vocational training team. "They loved their children and wanted to raise them. But they were living in a society where the mother-in-law viewed child rearing as her role and would try to remove them."



Fathers play an important role in their children's lives but often lack support.

Image credit: Andrew Esiebo

The recent history of Mongolia only compounded their plight. Under Soviet influence, Mongolian men were tasked with herding and farming, Scott notes, while young women were educated. A subsequent mining boom claimed much of the country's agricultural land, leaving many men without any education or sense of identity. "These men felt, therefore, terribly disempowered," she says.

The workshop, by all accounts, yielded astonishing results. But Scott and the other facilitators first had to learn a crucial lesson. "On the first day of the fathers' training, I invited many female social workers to observe," recalls Enkhtuya Sukhbaatar, a member of the Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar who helped organize the project. "We wanted to learn from the Australian professionals how to work with these fathers. We didn't realize that fathers in trouble need male trainers."

Only after all the women were asked to leave the room were the fathers willing to discuss the hardships they faced. "That made all the difference," Scott recalls. "The men were finally able to open up about the complexity of parenting, the risk of losing their children while mourning the loss of a wife, and the fact that there was nothing there to support them in the system."

For men such as Davaanyam, the workshop was life-changing. "I feel very lucky to be part of this project," the 31-year-old says. "I cannot imagine how I would have managed my life as a father without it."

Not only did Davaanyam gain confidence in his role as a father, but he became a member of a local fathers association. Another dad hired him as a security guard at a vocational school. He's also been able to secure child care and counseling from local agencies.

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"It was one of those perfect Rotary projects where you go somewhere and are able to truly enable people," reports Ian Scott, Jennifer's husband and also a Central Blue Mountains club member, who helped handle administration for the workshop. "Jennifer and her colleagues provided professional and academic support. But it was the locals who really picked it up and ran with it." The result isn't just personal empowerment, but systemic change, in the form of greater social and legal support for single fathers in Mongolia.

By the numbers - Among American dads:

63%

say they spend too little time with their children

39%

say they are doing a "very good job" raising their children

57%

say parenting is "extremely important" to their identity

Source: Pew Research Center

For Jennifer Scott, the project underscored that while the importance of mothers is universally recognized and supported, the role of fathers is too often overlooked and underserved.

That's a sentiment that Brian Anderson, half a world away in the United States, will second. About a decade ago, when his first daughter was born, Anderson saw his wife quickly join a slew of support groups for mothers, both in person and online. But when he began looking for fathers groups, he found virtually nothing.

Anderson, a social worker and interfaith counselor in Evanston, Illinois, took it upon himself to launch Fathering Together, which began as "a bunch of dads meeting at a bar every month to talk." He soon joined forces with a friend who had formed a Facebook group called Dads with Daughters.

That group has grown into one of the largest fathers networks in the world, with more than 125,000 members. "So many dads were asking questions of the group," Anderson recalls, "and they all really boiled down to this: I want to be a better dad than my dad, but I don't know how and don't know where to look."

Anderson had hit upon the same vacuum of support that Davaanyam struggled with in Mongolia. The question that nagged at Anderson was: why? Why was it so difficult for fathers like him to find community?

After talking to hundreds of fathers informally, Anderson concluded that there are three factors: "First, most of us are still raised in a culture that tells dads you need to be a breadwinner and not much else," he observes. "Second, we're given no support when it comes to translating our professional skills into our lives as fathers. And maybe most important, we're socialized in a way that makes us uncomfortable with emotion."

As membership in the Facebook group exploded, he launched Fathering Together as a nonprofit. "We want to provide support to dads, but also hold them accountable to who they need to be for their families," he says.

That accountability holds true for Anderson himself. He recalls a time a year and a half ago when he was tucking his 7-year-old daughter, Clara, into bed. She wouldn't let him kiss her good night. When he asked what was wrong, she replied, "You know, you run this group for dads, but you're not being a good dad to me."



Children with involved fathers are twice as likely to go to college and 80 percent less likely to spend time in jail, according to research compiled by the University of Texas at Austin.

Image credit: Monika Lozinska.

At the time, Anderson had a full-time job as a program manager while also working nights and weekends on Fathering Together. The truth of his daughter's comment pierced him. Holding back tears, he told his daughter she was right. He acknowledged he was putting all his creative energy into his project, rather than into his family. And he pledged to change that.

A couple of weeks later, a major source of funding came through, allowing Anderson to leave his job and devote himself to Fathering Together full time.

Through the nonprofit, he has run workshops to empower fathers to tell their stories and to understand the values they seek to pass down to their children.

"I encounter so many dads who are dealing with the trauma of disconnection from their own fathers and who are saying, 'I need to be the one who changes that,'" he says. "The question is: How do we let go of the old trappings and live a more connected dad life?"

To that end, Anderson is working on a book called Fathering Together.

The goal for today's fathers, he says, remains the same, whether you're in Evanston or Erdenet. "It's not to be perfect, because we all mess things up," he says. "It's to be present for our children — to honor the gift of being a dad."

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Accessing the Member Area of DACdb



One of the most frequent questions asked is how can I access the club site and update my information on the club site. Well.... here you go!

With this you can make sure your email/phone number is correct, search for others members within the database, the sky is the limit!

Go to the DacDB Home Page, below

<https://dacdb.com/SecLogin.cfm>

Click the Red Text where it says Login Help. Click that and select I forgot my username / password. Follow the prompts and you will be good to go.

If all else fails, contact Amy Workowski or DJ Lebo. One of us will walk you through the process.

Minutarian Week 11, September 12, 2022

By Amy Workowski on Friday, September 16, 2022

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As we remember those who gave their lives on 9/11 and consider both the war in Ukraine and mourn the loss of Queen Elizabeth, I do not want to lose the moment where we celebrate King Charles III as he proudly wears his Rotary pin as an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Banchory-Ternan, District 1010. Are you equally proud to wear yours every day?



When we reflect on yesterday's Jaguars game with the Washington Commanders and the closeness of the losing outcome, it would be easy to assess that we have been here before. However, I want to remind you that our partnership with the Jaguars is about more than football. First and foremost, it is about contributing to [Polio](#) and second, it is an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with your fellow Rotarians. If the Jaguars are having a great season, that is an added benefit, but try not to make this an expectation. If you already have tickets or cannot go when your club is going, think about giving a ticket to a Veteran, a Rotaractor or Interactor. Most importantly, sign up now before the seats you want are gone. Several of the options have already become limited.

What is your club doing to support World Polio Day on October 24? Please let Rich and Marie Turnbull know your plans.

I hope that every club in the district is considering who should be our next District Governor. Nominations will continue to be accepted by current club presidents through October 23, 2022.

We have now confirmed the date for our spring Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), which will be held at Santa Fe College in Gainesville on Saturday February 18, 2023.

If you are considering registering for the RI Convention in Melbourne, the deadline for the last registration discount is December 15.

Pictures of the Week

This week was a great opportunity to see the district, starting with the Rotary Club of Deland Breakfast where Assistant Governors Steve Crump, Kayla Ferriero and I were welcomed by president Amanda Agnew.



After a brief chance to take a walk around Steve Crump's farm, we returned to the Sanborn Community Center, as Assistant Governors Steve Crump, Kayla Ferriero and I were welcomed to the Rotary Club of Deland by club president Keira Espada.



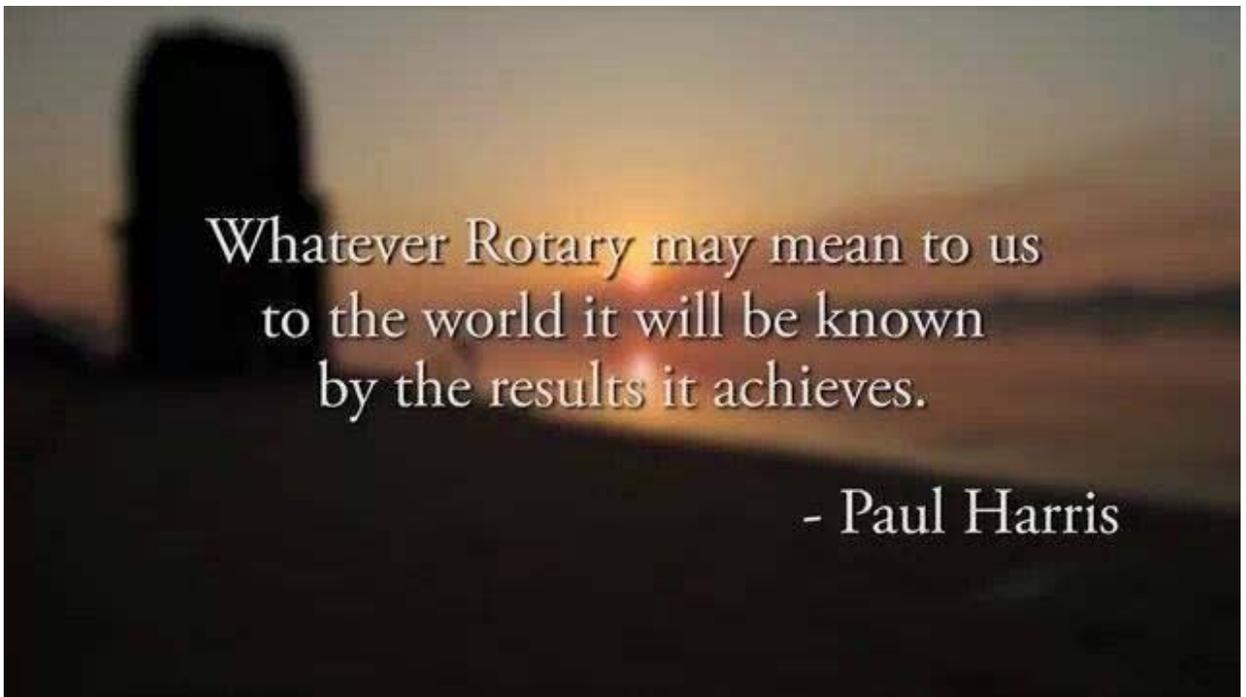
When Past District Governor Tommy Grimes showed up at the Rotary Club of Amelia Island, I thought he was there to heckle me, but in actuality, he was there to be recognized by club president Dan Westra as Rotarian of the week, with Assistant Governor Theresa Shuster by his side.



On my final visit of the week, I shared lunch at the Jacksonville Zoo with the Rotary Club of North Jacksonville and District Ukraine Relief Chair Pat MULvihill and club president Terry Lee. If the District Governor had been paying closer attention, Assistant Governor Theresa Shuster would have been in the picture, darn!



Paul Harris Quote



Club Meeting

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Meets at Palmetto Club
1000 S Beach St
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Time: Monday at 12:15 PM