



Speakers

November 05, 2024

Joe Charles
The Ember Bridge Story

November 12, 2024

Athletes of the Quarter
Athletes of the Quarter

November 19, 2024

Dan Powers
Rotary Foundation

No Meeting on 11/26/2024
Happy Thanksgiving

Birthdays

Don Holcombe
November 1st

Vaughan Rivers
November 2nd

Michele Riley
November 4th

Timothy Howells
November 7th

Dave Faraldo
November 13th

Pat Partridge
November 19th

Teresa Harrington
November 22nd

Larry Klaybor
November 25th

Club Program - November 5, 2024

The Ember Bridge Story



In 2022, Joe Charles, a recently retired Navy Seabee Commander and Professional Civil Engineer, embarked on a mission trip to Panama with his church. With over two decades of Navy service, Joe's passion for serving others was deeply ingrained. He learned about Manos de Fe, an orphanage that provides sanctuary and care for sexually abused teenaged moms and their babies from the Comarca region. Meanwhile, in the middle of the Comarca jungle, Pastor Samuel Ábrego tirelessly ministered to 7 villages, totaling nearly 2,000 people who are otherwise led with witchcraft. He was one of many who undertook daily treks of over 18 miles across challenging jungle terrain and the treacherous Cricamola River, which had claimed many lives.

On a day that Joe Charles was on his mission trip, Pastor Samuel set off on one of those 18-mile hikes, this time heading towards the home of a friend, who was hosting and educating Joe's mission team. Pastor Samuel shared stories of lives lost in the Cricamola River, of the many villagers that he was unable to reach and educate and share the Lord's Word with. He talked about the challenges faced in accessing essential services like medical care and education due to the river's impassibility for much of the year. He spoke of the desperate need for a bridge to create safe passage not only for the villagers but for him as well, so that he would be able to spread the Gospel message.

Divine providence seemed to intervene when Joe, drawing on his Navy expertise, simply stated "I can build a bridge". Now two years later, after some setbacks, and a long, arduous journey to the Cricamola River, Joe has the logistics, designs, materials and timeline to be able to build this bridge and has set

Bob Harrington
November 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

Joseph & Selena Barbieri
November 17th

Bill & Kathy Nipper
November 21st

Bo & Colette Norton
November 27th

Mike & Julia Chamberlain
November 27th

Dave Mosborg & Holly
Fulton
November 28th

Carlyle & Gayle Martin
November 29th

November Club Years of Service

Kyle Abshire
48 Years

Kirk Young
38 Years

Don Holcombe
33 Years

Cindy Bosnyak
21 Years

Lillian Bell
20 Years

Michele Riley
5 Years

David Tarkington
5 Years

Roland Mastandrea
4 Years

Jennifer Bradley
3 Years

Doug Fuzzell
3 Years

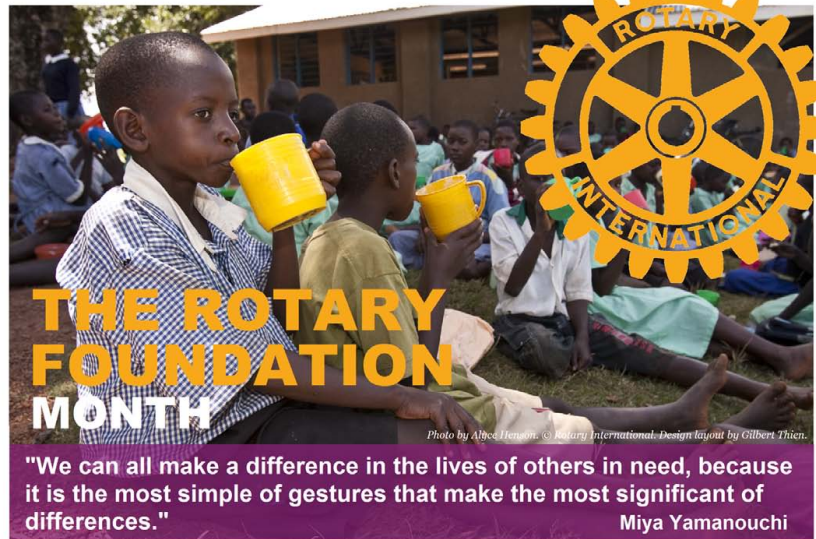
Wendell Davis
3 Years

out to complete it before flood season in April 2025. Ember Bridge Project has been born.

One life a month is taken by the Cricamola River; one out of five people living in the extreme poverty of the 7 villages has special needs or disabilities and is unable to reach care; girls as young as nine and ten are being traded and trafficked among their families and villages, left pregnant and abandoned; the close to 2,000 people have not seen medical assistance in over two years all due to the fact that the Cricamola River is impassable 3 months out of the year and completely unpredictable 8 months out of the year due to flash floods. Through partnerships and a shared vision of compassion and service, Joe Charles and Pastor Samuel Ábrego's collaboration stands as a testament to the transformative power of faith, dedication, and community support in overcoming formidable challenges and improving lives.

Rotary News

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Club Service Projects



Volunteer Opportunities

- Every Friday 9:00am-12:00pm @ 4566 Lewis Avenue Penney Farms, FL 32079



Volunteer Opportunities

- Tuesday, November 19th, Stock the Pantry donations due
- Thursday, November 21st, 3:00 pm, prepare food bags & 5:00 pm, starts distribution to community

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