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## July 10 Meeting Preview

### Paul Gray, Club President

### 2024-2025



At our July 10 meeting, Paul Gray will present his plans and goals for the 2024-2025 Rotary Year.

Paul is a retired FBI Special Agent with over 28 years of service. During this career, Paul investigated a wide variety of crimes, to include drugs, violent crimes, crimes against children, and terrorism related matters. Paul is a

former SWAT Team Leader, and in addition to his regular investigative responsibilities, he fulfilled the additional FBI duties of Hostage/Crisis Negotiator and Behavioral Science Coordinator.

After his retirement, Paul has served the past 5 years as President of the local Fraternal Order of Police Lodge in Kingsport, where he now serves as the state trustee. Paul is a proud graduate of the University of Tennessee, and he served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve prior to joining the FBI.

Paul has been a member of the Rotary Club of Kingsport since 2014, serving on various committees and leadership positions leading up to Club President for the 2024-2025 year.

Paul resides in Piney Flats with his wife Kathy, and they have 2 young adult daughters - Hannah and Abigail, son-in-law Alex, and grandson Zion.

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# Rotary Club of Kingsport 2024-2025

## Committee Listing

### Rotary Club of Kingsport Committee Master List 2024 - 2025

#### **Public image Committee**

1. Chair Person: Linda Coffey
2. Jim Johnson
3. Lynn Tully
4. Pam Rehart

#### **Rotary International Foundation Committee**

1. Chair Person: Jennifer Salyer
2. Jim Johnson
3. Judy Fischer
4. Jerry Lukach
5. Bruce Sites

#### **Nominating Committee (Past Presidents)**

1. Chair Person: Heather Cook
2. Deborah Mullins
3. Jennifer Salyer
4. Ted Fields

#### **Polio Plus Committee**

1. Chair Person: Dr. Judy Fischer
2. Dr. Jerry Miller
3. Leslie Lynch
4. Jim Johnson

#### **Member Moment/Sunshine Committee**

1. Chair Person: Al Crymble
2. Isaac Webb
3. Emily Ball
4. Leslie Lynch
5. Sharon Moore

#### **New Member Orientation Committee**

1. Al Crymble

#### **Membership & Special Events (Socials) Committee**

1. Chair Person/Membership: Leslie Lynch
2. Chair Person/Special Events: Pam Rehart
3. Sharon Moore
4. Jennifer Salyer
5. Todd Jones
6. Dr. Jerry Miller
7. Al Crymble

#### **Invocation & Pledge Committee**

1. Chair Person: Paul Montgomery
2. Shannon Morelock
3. David Randolph
4. Kenneth Calvert

#### **Service Projects Committee**

1. Chair Person: Jennifer Salyer
2. Kitty Frazier
3. Todd Jones
4. Jim Johnson
5. Emily Ball
6. Isaac Webb
7. Linda Coffey

#### **Youth Services: Early Act/Ryla Committee**

1. Chair Person: Kaylee Feathers
2. Heather Cook
3. Ambre Torbett
4. Leslie Lynch
5. Ted Fields
6. Claudia Byrd
7. Rebekah Rockett

#### **Programs Committee**

1. Chair Person: Kandi Douthat
2. Todd Jones
3. Sharon Moore
4. Kitty Frazier
5. Ted Fields
6. Jane Crawford
7. Jeff Fleming

# Rotarians help Ukrainian refugees rebuild in Florida

## Rotary Voices

By Terry Collier, Rotary Club of Seminole, Florida, USA



Terry Collier (second from right) and some of the Seminole, Florida, Rotarians who collected supplies to help Ukrainian refugees.

I've been a professional counselor for more than 30 years. For the last 24, I have focused on individuals, couples, families, and organizations in crisis. I have worked in the nonprofit sector my whole life and have started four of them. In July 2021, just after the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the world, I started Crisis Connect to address the multitude of "crises" I saw around me. A crisis is when a person, family, or organization is destabilized.

When the invasion of Ukraine happened in February 2022, our local Ukrainian church held a vigil that I attended. Moved by the vigil, a fellow Rotarian from the Seminole Lake club, Sandra Lilo, who is Ukrainian-American, and I distributed a memo through our networks listing needed humanitarian items. We knew that Rotary and hundreds of other large organizations would respond to the crisis in Ukraine, but wanted to let our local Ukrainian community know we cared and wanted to come alongside them physically, emotionally, and financially.

After collecting two tractor-trailers loaded with presorted humanitarian items and packing thousands

of backpacks to help those fleeing their homes, we had the first shipment flown to Poland and then trucked to Lviv, Ukraine. With Sandra's help, we connected with Rotary clubs in Poland and Ukraine who secured warehouses and trucks to properly distribute the supplies.

More than two years have gone by and the war is still destroying a country and thousands of families. A few months after the invasion, refugees started showing up on the steps of our local Ukrainian church. I kept the little task force together to help with emergency housing, transportation, food, jobs, clothing, language school, and schools for the children. Now into the second year, we have helped about 25 mothers and their children. It has evolved from emergency housing to long-term housing.

Through our efforts, we have provided about US\$60,000 in cash, two vehicles, and job placement for about 25 refugee mothers. Now that summer is here again, providing summer camps for the children so the mothers can work is very important and very expensive as the camps fill up quickly. With the Rotary connection in District 6950 and Rotary clubs in Poland and Ukraine, we have made a difference in the lives of a few.

Crisis Connect and our small task force has been able to meet the critical needs of these individuals without being bogged down in bureaucratic tape. I have been a crisis counselor long enough to know when a critical decision needs to be made. I have been a Rotarian long enough to know and follow The Four-Way Test. A hundred percent of the money given to Crisis Connect for Ukrainian relief is given to refugees who have come to our community, no fees or salaries are taken from this special fund. We are a small 501c-3 that reports to the IRS and has financial accountability. I could share stories all day of the people we have helped.

But the best part of it all has been building relationships and watching these young, traumatized mothers rebuild their lives with the help of the Rotary family and the values of a country that helps those in crisis and need.



Sister Rosamundo (left) embraces a Ukrainian refugee after blessing her and her vehicle. Rotarians have been assisting the refugee, a mother of two children.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3 No Meeting, Independence Day Holiday	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Paul Gray—Plans for 2024-2025 Rotary Year	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Dale Phillips—City of Kingsport Chief of Police	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Bobby Russell—Sullivan County Clerk of the Court	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Power of One Hour			

### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Edna Potts—July 4  
Shannon Morelock—July 9  
Jerry Miller—July 11  
Bruce Sites—July 14  
Kenneth Calvert—July 19  
Rebecca Beck—July 22

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

July 01—Bill Bard—63 Years  
July 06—Judy Fischer—51 Years  
July 08—Wirt Taylor—17 Years  
July 10—Rebecca Beck—20 Years

### MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

July 01—John Porter—44 Years  
July 01—Wirt Taylor—57 Years  
July 01—Buddy Scott—41 Years  
July 01—Dennis Phillips—35 Years  
July 09—Pam Rehart—16 Years  
July 15—Todd Jones—02 Years  
July 22—Jerry Miller—26 Years  
July 25—Bill Adams—43 Years

## Upcoming Events

August 24—District 7570 Membership Summit—The Heartwood Center, Abingdon, VA  
September 14—Rotary Leadership Institute—Part 1—Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN



### HOW TO FIND US

#### Rotary Club of Kingsport

District 7570 | Area 13 | Club 5739

Meets every Wednesday at Noon  
at

The Crown Center inside Food City  
1205 N Eastman Road | Kingsport, TN



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DISTRICT SECRETARY:

**Nancy Whitlock**

DISTRICT TREASURER:

**Jacob Higginbotham**

DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIR:

**Tim Carter**



### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, OR DO

- 1 | Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 | Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 | Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 | Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## Local Clubs for Make-ups

#### MONDAY

Noon | Tri-Cities—Northeast State  
Community College, Pierce Admin Bldg.,  
Room P309, Blountville, TN

6:00 PM | Johnson City Evening—Howard  
Hunt's Edward Jones Office, 4018 Roan St.  
Johnson City, TN

#### TUESDAY

7:15 AM | Scott County—Scott Co. Park &  
Golf Course Clubhouse, 247 Fore Drive, Gate  
City, VA

7:30 AM | Bristol Morning VA-TN—  
The Summit Co-Work Space (Expedition  
Meeting Room) 1227 Volunteer Pkwy, Bristol,  
TN

Noon | Bristol VA-TN—Bristol Train

Station ,101 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
Bristol, VA

Noon | Johnson City—Johnson City  
Country Club 1901 E Unaka Ave , Johnson  
City, TN

Noon | Greeneville—Tusculum University,  
Niswonger Commons Pioneer Café ,60 Shiloh  
Road Greeneville, TN

#### WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM | Greeneville-Morning—Laughlin  
Memorial Hospital Cafeteria Conference  
Room, Greeneville, TN

7:30 AM | Kingsport-Sunrise—Food City  
Press Room , Suite 300, 200 Clinchfield St.,  
Kingsport, TN

Noon | Unicoi County—Town Hall, 211

N.Main St., Erwin, TN

Noon | Elizabethton—First Christian Church  
of Elizabethton, Fellowship Hall, 513 Hattie  
Ave, Elizabethton, TN

#### THURSDAY

7:15 AM | Johnson City Morning—Food  
City Community Room, 920 N. State of  
Franklin Rd., Johnson City, TN

Noon | Kingsport-Downtown—Food City  
Crown Center, 1205 N Eastman Road,  
Kingsport, TN

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