



As we focus on membership in Rotary this month, I ask you to help make history this year. For more than 20 years, our membership has stood at 1.2 million. Rotary is a vibrant organization with a 116-year history, members in more than 220 countries and geographic areas, and a rich legacy of work in polio eradication and other humanitarian programs. Rotary has changed so much in our own lives and the lives of others. As we *Serve to Change Lives*, don't you think Rotary could have an even greater impact on the world if more people were practicing Service Above Self?

My vision is to increase Rotary membership to 1.3 million by July 2022, and the call to action is simple: Each One, Bring One. This year, I want every Rotarian and Rotaractor to introduce a new person into their club.

We are a membership organization, and members are our greatest asset. You are the ones who contribute so generously to The Rotary Foundation. You are the ones who dream big to bring good into the world through meaningful projects. And of course, you are the ones who have put the world on the brink of eradicating polio.

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Meeting

A good turnout this week between in-person and ZOOM to greet our Area Governor, Jeff Cohen. Jeff, who is replacing Marcia Barber, spoke for a few minutes on his role as area governor and how he is here to help us.

After routines and club business the meeting was turned over to John Sullivan, the founder, along with his wife Amy of Mission 823. John started by telling his work history and what prompted him to start this organization. They

have been working in Ukraine since 2001 and have dedicated their lives to rescue at-risk children and equip them to reach their maximum potential.

Every year an estimated 15,000 children will age out of the orphanage system and be evicted from orphanages all over Ukraine. Almost 30,000 enter this system annually.

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As we make membership a priority this year, let us focus on diversity by reaching out to younger people and especially to women. Every club should celebrate its new members, and every Rotarian who sponsors a member will be personally recognized by me. And those who are successful in bringing in 25 or more members will be part of our new Membership Society.

Even as we share the gift of Rotary with others, let us be sure to engage these new members, because an engaged Rotarian is an asset forever. And remember that engaging our current members and keeping them in our clubs is just as important as bringing in newcomers. Let us also be ready to form new clubs, especially flexible ones. I am very bullish on clubs that hold virtual or hybrid meetings, and satellite clubs and cause-based clubs can also be very effective ways of growing Rotary.

As you *grow more*, you will be able to *do more*. Let us keep *empowering girls* through our work in each of the areas of focus. Scholarships for girls, toilets in schools, health and hygiene education — there is so much we can do. Projects focused on the environment are also attracting interest the world over. Do participate in these projects locally and internationally to make this world a better place for us and for all species.

Each of you is a Rotary brand ambassador, and all of the wonderful work done by Rotarians around the world needs to be shared outside the Rotary community. Use social media to tell your friends, colleagues, and relatives the stories of Service Above Self.

Finally, I'm challenging every club, during the coming year, to plan at least one Rotary Day of Service that will bring together volunteers from inside and outside Rotary and will celebrate and showcase the work of your club in your community. Visit rotary.org to find out more about all of these initiatives, along with other ways to *Serve to Change Lives*.

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- 60% of the girls will enter into prostitution.
- 70% of the boys will turn to crime to survive.
- 10% of these children will commit suicide.
- 106,000 children currently live in more than 750 state institutions.
- Another 800,000+ children are refugees from the war zone.

All of these children are at high-risk and with limited opportunities, they become targets of human trafficking.

State-run institutions, orphanages and boarding schools were created in crisis response to disintegrating families during the Soviet era in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Mission 823 builds and operates homes for children in Ukraine.



Shattered by conflict, economic depression, persecutions and resulting desperation,

families were destroyed by alcohol and drugs, criminal activity, domestic violence, incarceration and suicide. At risk youth in Ukraine include abused, abandoned, neglected and orphaned and refugee children.

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Rotary Projects Around the World

United States

In October, about a dozen Eau Claire Morning, Wisconsin members, used a proprietary, water-activated artistic, water-activated artistic. Rainworks, manufacturer of the hydrophobic, nontoxic liquid spray, donated the product, which allows users to create designs that only appear



Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Eau Claire, along with some of their family called Invisible Spray to stencil artwork on sidewalks throughout the area. The hydrophobic, nontoxic liquid, which allows users to create designs that only appear when the sidewalks get wet.

Mexico

In Ciudad Juárez, one woman's work to protect children from street violence has blossomed into Soles de Anapra, a center serving some 80 young people. Since 2014, the Rotary Club of El Paso, Camino Real, Texas, had been donating goods to Lourdes Contreras for the after-school program she ran out of a small house. In 2015, the club decided to find her a bigger, better space. With \$25,000 donated by the 16 clubs in Ciudad Juárez and two partners in New Mexico — the Rotary clubs of Los Alamos and Silver City, frequent contributors and visitors to the center — and \$10,000 raised from a 5K run sponsored by the Eaton Corporation, the club purchased a 6,000-square-foot warehouse in 2016 and went to work. In April, the club completed a refurbishment of the building, carried out even as the pandemic temporarily halted the after-school program

France

The Rotary Club of Nice Riviera Côte d'Azur has tackled an outstanding number of projects in France and beyond in recent years. It worked with a sister club, the Rotary Club of Norwich, England, to install a rainwater recovery system in Ho, Ghana, and has done fundraising for cancer research. The Rotarians also donated to a charity that purchased garden planters valued at more than \$6,000 for local pediatric medical facilities in Nice. The club also raises funds for cancer research. At local grocery stores, in exchange for a donation of 1 €, club members offer tokens used to unlock shopping carts.



South Africa

When COVID-19 shutdowns heightened hunger in his country, Rex Ifechukwude Omameh turned his family's living room into a sandwich assembly area to prepare food for those in need. Omameh, who is a member of the Rotaract Club of Blouberg and the Rotary Club of Blouberg, and his family members made the effort a Friday tradition. Fellow Rotaractors sometimes help prepare the sandwiches, and most of the food is given to the Milnerton Community Action Network for distribution. Omameh has spent more than \$1,500 on food, and a bread company has also pitched in to provide some of the bread and soup. Omameh also received contributions to defray the project's costs as a birthday present.

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Their Three-Pronged Approach To Restoring These Forgotten Children Is To:

1. Build trusting relationships with children in crisis and begin to understand their personal suffering.
2. Create Family Homes for children in Ukraine where trained, licensed and certified parents bring healing lovingly and emotional
3. Provide a higher level of education that is critical for to excel and find their greatest potential the marketplace. These family homes are and there is a constant need to build new train new house parents. Abused, neglected and orphaned children have been hidden away in institutions or huddling on the street far too long.



Youth Camps

Our youth camps in Ukraine are designed to provide all of the crazy, fun and awesome adventure of any typical youth to draw the children out of a protective relationships with others, help them.



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Specialized group activities, and field trips are all created by the children to let their guard understand love and trust for possibly the first time in their

breakout sessions, exercises, games highly trained professionals to allow down, to be kids again and begin to

Mission 823 Is Actively Involved In Three Major Aspects Of Reduction And Elimination Of Human Trafficking In Eastern Europe:

- Prevention - Identifying at-risk children and providing awareness and resources
- Rescue - Working in cooperation with task forces and law enforcement, facilitating the rescue of victims held in modern day slavery.
- Restoration - Providing physical, spiritual, emotional, and phycological healing in order to stabilize these young people.



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- Earl Wilkinson
- Kin Grassi
- John Sullivan

News and Announcements

Fellowship Dinner

This weeks fellowship dinner will be at Glenview CC. If you are interested in going contact Kate T. at 408-892-6288 or ktapia1@aol.com

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Winner...winner, chicken dinner! Jim B. acting as an agent for his wife who was on ZOOM drew the ace of spades to claim the jackpot worth almost \$800.00. After a brief conference cell phone call between the two, they decided to give \$500.00 to our guest John Sullivan for the Mission 823 organization.

Fellowship Trip

The club is working on scheduling a trip to the Ocala Equestrian Center tentatively on September 21st. More details to follow.

Group Food Packing

Pat C. is putting together a list of members who are interested in joining a larger group to pack 60,000 meals. The event is on October 2nd from 9:00 to 1:00, in one hour segments. You can sign up for one to 4 hours. This is a great chance for our club to increase our numbers for both the Zones' Feed10Million and District's feed1Million initiatives.

Currently we are conducting "hybrid" meetings every Wednesday **starting at 5:00pm**. You can attend in person at Lake Miona (face mask optional and Villages ID required), or join by ZOOM.

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Meetings

Sep 1st Glenn Stein - Business Climate in Villages

Committee Meetings

Sep 8th Board Meeting

Event

Mar 19th Tech Expo