



Rotary
Club of The Villages Evening



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Trustee Chair's September Message



Malala Yousafzai is a young Pakistani activist for the education of girls and women. As a teenager, Malala, whom the world knows by her first name, courageously spoke out for the rights of girls to learn. Extremists in her country disagreed with Malala, and she was shot by a Taliban gunman on her way home from school.

But the attack didn't dissuade her; it made her more determined. As soon as she recuperated, she resumed her mission of education activism. Today the Malala Fund supports education through projects around the world.

Not only is Malala an inspiration for Rotary members, we also have some commonalities: a drive to do what is right, a passion for literacy, and the power to transform dreams into reality. One of my life mottos is: If you can dream it, you can do it. This applies to everything Rotarians do, particularly with The Rotary Foundation. We literally make our dreams happen.

Meeting

We started this week's meeting with the Pledge, Reflection, and happy/sad followed by our welcome for our guests. It was great to see Nan and Everett Robinson for the third time and they are applying for membership. The other being hat day. It honor of hat day each table materials crayers, and the other being hat day. Kat S. gave member a and each a box of materials such as markers, sticks, ribbon, among other things. The challenge was within ten minutes for each member to decorate their hat. Four finalists were chosen and the winner was Kate T. (Continued on page 2)



President Julie shared this week's national days of celebration, one being bourbon day

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Like Malala, we know that literacy is, for many, the first step out of poverty. To put our vision into action, we first understand a community and the unique problems of its members, and then form a partnership with them. Next we join forces with others — exchanging ideas with clubs in other districts, and working with people and organizations outside of Rotary.

Our solution, in the form of a district grant or global grant, will be tailored for that community. And if it's a Rotary grant, you can bet it will be well-planned, strategic, and most of all, sustainable. We want that gift of literacy to not be a one-time book donation but a plan to transform a community over time.

Over the years, I have seen countless literacy efforts in Rotary, from national programs to local projects. When the global COVID-19 pandemic hit last year, many clubs took action to help com-



munities adjust to online schooling, including providing laptop computers. Rotary's solutions are endless, our volunteers tireless. And if I know Rotarians, I know that more solutions are being created as I write these words.

Rotary's passion for literacy and education projects is well-known. So is our commitment to make them happen. You, through Rotary, are a big part of helping people take their first step out of illiteracy, out of poverty, and into something much better. Remember, if you can dream it, you can do it — just like Malala.

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Kate T.'s prize for winning was a small bottle of bourbon. Our guest Nan Robinson placed second.

Our speaker this week was Phil Winkler from the Villages Chapter of Senior Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). Phil is a Certified Mentor and Director of Community Relations.

SCORE is the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors, dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals. Since 1964, they have provided education and mentorship to more than 11 million entrepreneurs.

SCORE provides a wide range of services to established and budding business owners alike, including:

Mentoring

Entrepreneurs can access free, confidential business mentoring in person at more than 250 local chapters or remotely via email, phone and video.

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SCORE regularly offers free online workshops on topics ranging from startup strategies to marketing and finance. **Library of online resources**

Business owners can also benefit from SCORE's extensive collection of eguides, templates, checklists, blogs, videos, infographics and more.

Local events

Many local SCORE chapters hold free or low-cost in-person workshops and roundtable discussions covering a range of topics.

YOM Kippur

Yom Kippur is considered to be a Super Sabbath, a soul-searching opportunity for pious and evil people alike. It is observed on the 10th day of the Jewish month of Tishrei (September 16, 2021). Tishrei's astrological sign is Libra, which symbolizes the key themes of Yom Kippur: optimism, truth, justice, scales, humility and tolerance. Libra is ruled by the planet Venus, which represents divine light and compassion.

Yom Kippur dates back to the Biblical Exodus (Leviticus 23:26-32): "The Lord said to Moses, that the tenth day of this seventh month [Tishrei] is the day of Atonement.... Do not do any work on that day.... This is a lasting ordinance for generations to come...."

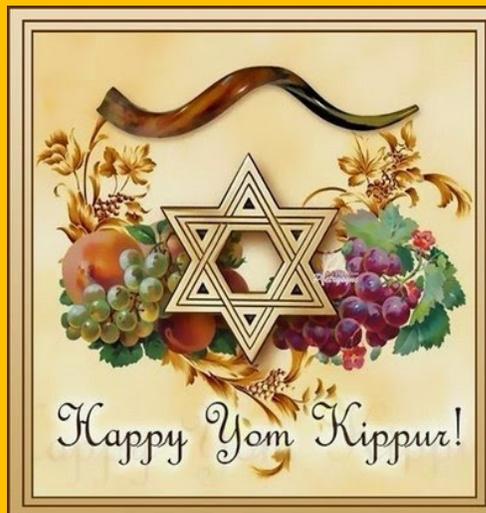
Yom Kippur concludes 10 days of soul-searching, atonement and repentance— the holiest Jewish time – which begins on Rosh Hashanah, the first day of the Jewish year, commemorating the creation of the first human-being, Adam. The Hebrew word Kippur, is a derivative of the Biblical word Kaporet which was the cover of the Holy Ark in the Sanctuary, and the cover of Noah's Ark and the Holy Altar in the Temple.

Asking forgiveness of fellow human-beings – and not only of God – is a major feature of Yom Kippur. From acrimony and vindictiveness to forgiveness and peace-of-mind. Sinners and criminals are invited to Yom Kippur services. Asking forgiveness of fellow human-beings aims at displaying magnanimity, humility, compassion, responsibility, optimism, repentance. It recognizes one's fallibilities, learning from one's mistakes, minimizing future missteps, elevating morality and enhancing family and community cohesion.

Fasting is a key feature of Yom Kippur, reducing material pleasure (for spiritual focus on one's soul-searching, examining moral track record toward fellow human beings, and enhancing empathy with the needy..

Yom Kippur is concluded by blowing the Shofar (a ritual ram's horn), ten days following the blowing of the Shofar on Rosh Hashana (the Jewish New Year). It represents a moral-wakeup-call, optimism, determination, humility and peace-through-strength. It commemorates the saving of Isaac by a ram, the receipt of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai, the conquest of Jericho by Joshua, and Gideon's victory over the 135,000 strong Midianite army.

A Memorial Candle in memory of one's parents is lit on Yom Kippur, reaffirming "Honor Thy Father and Mother," providing an opportunity to ask forgiveness of one' parent(s) and asking forgiveness on their behalf



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News and Announcements

Fellowship Dinner

Next week's fellowship Dinner will be at Mezza Luna. If you would like to attend please contact Norm D. at 617-840-9279 or dpn4659@gmail.com

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.

Tech Expo Fundraiser

Our club's board has decided to postpone this event scheduled in March of 2022 to March of 2023. because of the uncertainty of where we will be at with COVID next year

Whispering Oaks Fellowship

Dusty R. is looking into having out regular meeting at Whispering Oaks Winery on October 27th. More to follow.

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

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Meetings

Sept 22nd Char Griffin - AAUW

Committee Meetings

Sept 22nd Service Committee Meeting

Event

Sep 21st Fellowship Trip to Ocala Equestrian Center

Oct 2nd Food Packing

Oct 24th World Polio Day

Oct 27th Whispering Oaks Wine Tasting

Oct 30th - Nov 15 District Food Drive