

EVENING EDITION



Rotary
Club of The Villages Evening



Evening Edition
September 1, 2021

Haiti Disaster Relief

On August 14, 2021 Haiti was rocked by a massive 7.2 Magnitude Earthquake. At least 227 dead, with hundreds injured or missing. The Rotary District 7020 Earthquake response committee met today and are assessing the damage done; the immediate needs; and how to help. As we compile a list of needs and navigate the logistics to provide speedy aid, we are mounting an urgent fundraising appeal - if you'd like to help now please donate via credit card; paypal; check, or wire transfer. See the attached document for details. Cash is always the easiest way to get help to those who need it quickly.



Rotary
District 7020



DISTRICT 7020: HAITI EARTHQUAKE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

In response to the devastation caused by the recent earthquake in Haiti, District 7020 has set up a Disaster Recovery Fund.

The fund is managed by Rotary's DNA-RAG Rotarian Action Group, a 501(c)3, #47-3860087 in cooperation with District 7020's Disaster Relief Committee
<http://www.dna-rag.com/> <http://www.7020.org/>

Rotary  Disaster Network of Assistance
Rotarian Action Group

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

By Credit Card or PayPal:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=ESJ9N2CASADV2

By wire transfer:

Account Name: Disaster Network of Assistance - Rotarian Action Group, Inc. dba "DNA-RAG"
Account #: 12 1682 8928
Swift Code: PNCCUS33
Physical address of Bank: PNC Bank, 9033 Glades Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33433
Contact: PDG Phil Lustig, Vice Chair, Tel: 1 561 212 6554 Email: phil.lustig3@gmail.com

By Check:

Payable to: DNA-RAG
Send to: PDG Phil Lustig, 11015 Via Lucca, Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Ensure payee instructions entered for: "District 7020 Haiti Earthquake Fund" and state Donor's Name

For further information on District 7020 contact:
District 7020 Disaster Chair: Haresh Ramchandani
Email: Rotary7020relief@gmail.com

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Meeting

This was our 9th meeting of the year and despite the rain we had a pretty good turnout, President Julie had no interesting national days to report so we got right down to business. After the pledge and Happy/Sad Dollars conducted by Mike G., we had some club business. First Pat C. spoke about the food packing event on October 2nd at the Fairway Church. In conjunction with CAP Mission they are going to try to pack 60,000 meals. Pat C. has reserved a packing table for 10 club members from 10:am to 12:00 noon. Please let her know your availability.

Our speaker for the evening was Glen Stein a member of the Ocala Rotary Club who has served as an Area Governor and Club President. Glen is a real estate broker who was here to talk to us about the business climate in The Villages. An area resident for many years, including some time in The Villages, he has seen a lot of change.

Housing prices is one of the changes we are experiencing. In mid 2020 there were 450 homes on the Multiple Listing in The Villages, by mid 2021 that had dropped to 78. Because of the reduction in inventory prices had increased by 30%. Some of the reasons include the number of millennials that are moving out of their parent's homes and buying their first house. Another reason is the reduction in new construction. As a result of the housing crash between 2010 and 2015, many construction companies had gone out of business. Also, the increase in population has created an more demand for housing.

Because of the increases in housing prices many people are being priced out of the market. It used to be you could purchase a basic house for between \$150,000 and \$200,00. Now that same house goes for between \$200,000 and \$250,000. With most of the lower price homes available only in the historic area.

Asked about the future of the housing market Glenn believes that the next 15 years will not see a severe downturn.

Literacy

Since September is Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy month, Sue B. provided a report on an initiative at Harbour View.

Mrs. Sarah Nelson is the media director at Harbour View Elementary School and she approached me to find out if we would help fund a program called Renaissance Accelerated Reading program. Its an incentive program that they hope will increase library checkouts 10% and improve reading scores 3%. It happens that

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tire \$1500 budgeted for HVES to support this subscription program. The media center will fund the balance with the proceeds from last years book sales.

Because it is a purchase for the school of over \$1000 it has to be approved by the school board and will be presented at their second Sept meeting. Once that is approved then the program will be up and running by Nov. 1

Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Hensel and the teachers are extremely excited we are helping support this initiative. They believe they can establish a multi year plan of funding so our help is phased out. Mrs. Nelson will be happy to report after the holidays. how things are going.

Labor Day

Originally commemorated through parades, political speeches, and labor union activities, Labor Day was born amid rising unrest over oppressive working conditions—and a massive strike that threatened to turn violent. By the late 19th century, the Industrial Revolution had made working life miserable for people around the world. In many places, workers toiled for at least 12 hours a day six days a week in mines, factories, railroads, and mills. Children were especially exploited as cheap laborers who were less likely to strike. Sweatshops locked workers in small, crowded spaces, and punished them for talking or singing as they worked.

Outrage at these burgeoning labor organized strikes and rallies in the 1860s and 1870s. In addition to safer conditions, work of their contribution of 1882, New York City is now considered the parade. Ten thousand city streets in an event speeches, fireworks,



ditions galvanized the movement, which organized in the 1860s and shorter workdays and workers fought for recognition. In September 5, union leaders organized what is now considered the nation's first Labor Day parade. Ten thousand city streets in an event speeches, fireworks,

It would take another clash in the American Midwest to make Labor Day a federal holiday. On May 11, 1894, workers at the Pullman Palace Car Company, a railroad car manufacturer near Chicago, went on strike to protest their low wages and 16-hour workdays. On June 22, members of the powerful American Railway Union (ARU) joined their struggle by refusing to move Pullman's cars from one train to another, thus crippling rail traffic across the country.

To appease the strikers and their supporters, the Senate quickly passed a bill, to create a national holiday, on June 22—the same day the ARU joined the Pullman strike. The bill passed the House four days later and President Cleveland signed it into law on June 28, 1894.

But the holiday did not improve conditions for the people it sought to honor, and was little more than lip service from politicians. It would take another 44 years for the U.S. to set a minimum wage, mandate a shorter workweek, and limit child labor with the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act. Whatever the intentions, the creation of a holiday devoted solely to workers was nonetheless an important achievement for the labor movement.



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News and Announcements

Fellowship Dinner

This weeks fellowship dinner will be at Cane Garden CC. If you are interested in going contact Martha F. 303-725-7852or martha.k.friedman@gmail.com.

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 masks and Villages ID required), or join by ZOOM.

Meeting ID 291 972 2411 and Password 84594

Please note the meeting ID has changed

Meetings

Sep 8th Club Assembly

Committee Meetings

Sep 8th Board Meeting

Sep 9th LovExtension Food Packing

Event

Sep 21st Fellowship Trip to Ocala Equestrian Center

Oct 2nd Food Packing