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Experiences From The NFL



Rod Barksdale is a former NFL wide receiver for the Los Angeles Raiders and Dallas Cowboys. While attending Compton High School, he practiced track and field and placed All-American in 1980. Rod accepted a track scholarship from the University of Arizona, and was a three time All-American athlete during his college career. In 1985, he received a tryout invitation from the Los Angeles Raiders after writing them a letter, where he ran the 40-yard dash in 4.3 seconds and was signed as an undrafted free agent.

Today, Rod has relocated to the beautiful state of Washington and is a superintendent for a tenant improvement contractor located in Seattle. Additionally, he provides private coaching for student athletes looking to advance their athletic talent. In his spare time he loves riding his Harley Davidson across the west coast, designing homes and hanging out with his family.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The succession of American presidents that starts with George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson and leads to Donald Trump and Joe Biden disproves forever the theory of evolution. My being your president after the club has had so many great men and women as leaders is further evidence of the fallacy of evolution.

All silliness aside, I pose the question, “Are we getting better?”

Clinton Duffy was an American prison warden known for successfully rehabilitating thousands of prisoners. Early in his career, someone mocked him, saying, “You should know that leopards don’t change their spots!” Duffy responded, “You should know I don’t work with leopards. I work with men, and men change every day.”

Our destinies are not cemented by who we are right now. People can change. We can change. We can put behind us the bad habits that plague us. We can be better, substantially better.

How do we do it?

Rotary International President, Shekhar Mehta, gave us a formula for successfully changing. Mehta stated in this month’s Rotary Magazine, “one of my mantras in Rotary has been *do more, grow more*. *Do more*, as in bigger and impactful service projects, and *grow more*, as in increasing our membership.”


I believe in Mehta’s “Do more, Grow more” mantra but for other reasons. By volunteering and serving (doing more) we learn and are greatly benefitted (growing more).

Here are a few ways we each benefit from serving:

- We are exposed to other environments that give us new perspectives and get us out of our comfort zones.
- We learn other people’s stories in ways that can often enrich our lives.
- Small actions can often have great impacts.
- We gain an appreciation for life.
- We learn organizing and leadership skills that can help us in other parts of our lives.
- We meet great people that can help, inspire or influence us to grow.


I do believe as citizens we are getting better, especially those of us that are Rotarians and serve our communities.

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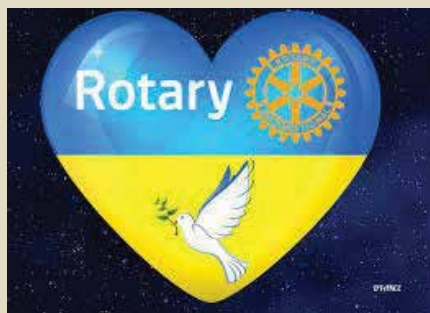
In response to the deepening humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine, The Rotary Foundation has created an official channel for donors around the world to contribute funds to support the relief efforts underway by Rotary districts and has designated its Disaster Response Fund as the main avenue for contributions.

To this end, The Rotary Foundation has approved:

- Now through 30 June 2022, designated Rotary districts that border Ukraine and the Rotary district in Ukraine may apply for grants of up to \$50,000 each from the Disaster Response Fund. These expedited disaster response grants can be used to provide relief to refugees or other victims of the crisis including items such as water, food, shelter, medicine and clothing.

- During this same period, other impacted Rotary districts that wish to offer support to refugees or other victims of the crisis in their district can apply for \$25,000 grants from the Disaster Response Fund.

- Now through 30 April 2022, Rotary districts can transfer unallocated District Designated Funds (DDF) to support the Disaster Response Fund, directly supporting these Ukraine-specific humanitarian grants.



- Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund in support of Ukraine can be made online on the Rotary website. All funds need to be received into the Disaster Response Fund by 30 April 2022 to qualify for use in support of the Ukrainian relief efforts.

- Although the Disaster Response Fund will be the main avenue for Rotary Foundation support, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are also encouraged to create their own responses to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

In addition to support provided through the Disaster Response Fund, the Foundation is coordinating with partners and regional leaders, exploring effective solutions to the increased humanitarian needs.

- We are in contact with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees – USA to prepare for and respond to the needs of those being

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THE LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB



PP Michael Gordon tries to coax his son **Samuel** to give the invocation with him.



Jerry Engel and Jaime Goldsmith led us in "America the Beautiful and God Bless America."



The head table includes guest **David Choo**, **Brian Sorrentino**, **Dan Adamson**, President **Mike Ballard**, PP **Tom Thomas** and speaker **Dix Jarman**.



Amy Mewborn, guest of her husband **Mike Mewborn**, enjoys a power couples' lunch.



Past President **Randy Camanale** walked away with the \$50 Lawry's Bucks.



In the Raffle drawing today, Rotarian guest **Sue Everson** still did not draw the Joker, but received \$10 for her consolation.

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John Everson, visiting Rotarian from Tellico Lake Rotary, Tennessee, exchanges banners with the President.



Ed Bannigan donates \$3,000 to the Rotary Foundation. **Russ Swain** facilitated this donation and **Tom Thomas** matched the contribution.



Austin Wyrick tries to explain why he was getting fined.



Congratulations to **David Thorson** for receiving his Paul Harris Fellow +2 and **Nancy Anderson** for receiving her Paul Harris Fellow +1.



Sunburst Shutters CEO talks about the story behind the start of Sunburst, how shutters are made and the growth of the company.



President Mike presents **Dix Jarman**, Owner and CEO of Sunburst Shutters with the Sole Power Award as thanks for the presentation to the Club.



The Officers for the 25 Club

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The 25 Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday
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- **President Mike Ballard** called the meeting to order.
- **PP Michael Gordon** with the assistance of his son **Samuel** gave the invocation and **Jerry Engel** and **Jaime Goldsmith** led us in "America the Beautiful and God Bless America" followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **President Mike Ballard** thanked the members who helped with meeting roles: raffle, setup, teardown, scribe, photographer and Sergeant of Arms as well as the AV team.

Guests Attending:

- **John** and **Sue Everson**, visiting Rotarian from Tellico Lake Rotary, Tennessee and did the Flag exchange... **Steve Letta** guest of **John Palley**; **Tracy Banner**, guest of **Mike Cudiamat**; **Ann Bernard** guest of **Susan Ziobro**; guest of **Arleen Sirois** was **Bob Peiser**; **Amy Newborn** guest of **Mike Newborn**; **Ed Bannigan** guest of **Russ Swain**; and **David Shue** guest of The Club.

Announcements:

- **Bhaven Singh** announced that the 25 Clubs next meeting will be at **Carey Grohs** on April 14th.
- **Toni Kern** No update for the April 8th and April 22nd Green Our Plant Volunteer days.
- **April 23rd**, District Assembly in Apply Valley, California.
- **April 29th**, planting of the tree at Quannah McCall.
- **May 21th**, the beach cleanup starting at 7:30am with fun to follow.
- **Ed Bannigan** and **Russ Swain** made a check presentation of \$3,000 with **Tom Thomas** matching it.

Paul Harris Presentation:

- Congratulations to **David Thorson** for receiving his Paul Harris Fellow plus 2 and **Nancy Anderson** for receiving her Paul Harris Fellow plus 1.
- The Raffle drawing today for the pot of \$2,736 plus today's contribution was Rotarian guest **Sue Everson**; she did not draw the joker, but received \$10 for her consolation. **Randy Camanale** walked away with the \$50 Lawry Bucks.
- **Tom Thomas** had the pleasure of introducing the program today and talking about his good friend, **Dix Jarman**, Owner and CEO of Sunburst Shutters. Jarman talked about the story behind the start of Sunburst and how shutters are made and a little about the process. Also stated that they are in 85 markets Nationwide and talked a little about the Four Way Test and how his company follows the four steps.
- **President Mike** presented him with a "Sole Power" award to benefit a child in need of shoes and socks. Immediately following the meeting was adjourned.

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displaced in Ukraine and to neighboring countries.

- ShelterBox, our project partner for disaster response, is in communication with Rotary members in Eastern Europe to explore how it may offer support with temporary transitional housing and other essential supplies.

- The Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Migration is also mobilizing its resources to assist in this crisis.

More than 2 million people have fled Ukraine and are in dire need of emergency aid. The United Nations estimates that number could grow to as many as 5 million people displaced. Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world have stepped up their relief work, some working on the ground to help displaced families.

Rotary International will continue to monitor the situation in Ukraine and neighboring countries. Visit My Rotary and follow Rotary on social media to stay updated on how clubs can get involved and what actions Rotary members have taken and the impact it has had for people in the region.

For all other questions and to obtain more information, please contact the Rotary Support Center at rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.



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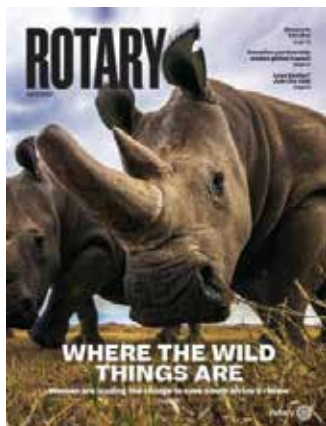
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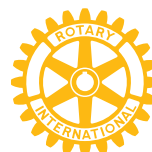
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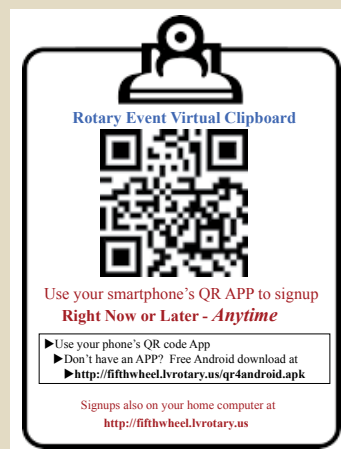


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- Hong Kong Business Association
- 04/21 Professor Nancy Rapoport
- Valedictorian Lunch
- 04/22 **Green Our Planet Volunteer Opportunity**
- 04/28 Jenna Morton - Morton Hospitality
- 04/29 **Tree Ceremony**
- **McCall Elementary at 3:30PM**
- 05/05 Jay Bybee - 9th Circuit Judge
- 05/12 Kelvin Watson
- Las Vegas Library System
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- 05/26 John Lynn - CEO/Founder
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