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**The Rotary Club of Frankfort Meets Every
 Wednesday at the American Legion #7,
 164 Versailles Rd. from 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

NEIGHBORING CLUBS		
Monday:	Eminence-Henry County Public Library	12:00 noon
	Owenton-Smith House	12:10 p.m.
Tuesday:	Lexington Sunrise-Shriners Hospital	7:00 a.m.
	Georgetown-Galvin's on Main (Downtown).....	12:00 noon
	Shelbyville-Centenary United Methodist.....	12:00 noon
Thursday:	Lawrenceburg-Anderson Co. Extension Ofc.....	12:00 noon
	Lexington-Fasig Tipton.....	12:00 noon
	Louisville-Galt House.....	12:10 p.m.

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Next Week's Meeting...

There is no speaker scheduled for next week's program we will just be having a social event with fellow members.

Opening Exercise for September 20

Opening will be Gary Stratton

Raffle

Thanks to fellow Rotarian Donna Hecker for donating this week's raffle item.

Board Action

The board approved new members Sheri Satterly and Monica Taylor-Garner contingent upon no negative response after publication in the newsletter.

Rotary Dues Reminder

If you haven't already paid your current dues from 7/1/23 to 12/31/23 please do so ASAP. There are budgeted amounts that need to be paid for this Rotary year.

Rotary



Rotary projects around the globe

By Brad Webber • from www.rotary.org

Belize: Since 2014, members of the Rotary Club of Seminole Lake, Florida, have ventured on service trips to Belize with a focus on the welfare of children: constructing school playgrounds and providing educational assistance, clothing, and medical screenings. "The kids had a recess period but little for them to do," says David Buzza, a past club president. Three years ago the club forged ties with the Rotary Club of Belmopan, Belize. In February, Rotary members helped construct a seventh playground in Belize and helped hand out 1,500 pieces of new clothing, along with toiletries and backpacks. The Florida Rotarians added to the Belmopan club's existing wheelchair distribution project with a May shipment of 30 wheelchairs.

United States: The Indian River Lagoon along Florida's Atlantic coast is home to some 3,500 plant and animal species. In January, District 6970 and the Rotary clubs of New Smyrna Beach and Edgewater introduced a



Thanks to Sam Taylor with Swim With Purpose for speaking to our meeting.

tide pool exhibit in the Marine Discovery Center in New Smyrna Beach. The display is home to horseshoe crabs, sea stars, sea urchins, hermit crabs, marine snails, and other small oceanic creatures. "Having that opportunity to see the animals up close is a very engaging experience," says Chad Truxall, the center's executive director. "It's been fun for us to have this additional tool to share the story of the Indian River Lagoon." A district grant provided \$20,000, the New Smyrna Beach club devoted \$10,000, and the Edgewater club another \$5,000 toward the cost of the exhibit, representing just a portion of the financial and volunteer contributions Rotarians have made to the marine center over the past decade.

Canada: The pandemic's toll on older people struck especially close to home for the Rotary Club of Cornwall Sunrise in southeastern Ontario. "Until COVID, our club met at a seniors residence, and the need for the residents to be able to get out was made clear to us," says club member Elizabeth "Bette" Miller, a past governor of District 7040. To ease the isolation of the town's older population, the Cornwall Sunrise club teamed up with the Rotary Club of Cornwall and their city government to introduce Seniors on Wheels tours on three-wheeled cycle rickshaws. Volunteers pedal seniors around on seasonal tours along the St. Lawrence River. "The trishaw is used primarily by local seniors who would otherwise be unable to enjoy the beautiful scenery," says Miller, whose club contributed an initial CA\$3,000 for the project. "The routes for the trishaws follow the bike paths with stops at points of interest, many of which are projects Rotary has partnered on with the city." Volunteers and their passengers covered a cumulative 300 miles last year.

India: In Visakhapatnam, along the Bay of Bengal, Rotary members launched an innova-

tive plastics recycling and youth employment project. Participants from the nonprofit India Youth for Society collect plastic bottles from drop-off locations and beaches and process the plastics into small chips that are sold to recyclers. The nonprofit's goal is to make the operation self-supporting. About eight young people were working on-site as the processing plant scaled up production in June, and as many as 25 people eventually could work at the facility. The roughly \$120,000 project is supported in part by a global grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Lake District Moinabad, India, and Naperville Sunrise, Illinois, with contributions from other Rotary clubs in the United States and India. Among its accolades is an award from the American Academy of Environmental Engineers & Scientists. "I wanted to get the academy's feedback and make [the project] more robust using their suggestions," says Prakasam "Prakash" Tata, a retired environmental engineer and a member of the Rotary Club of Naperville, Illinois. "But lo and behold, I heard, 'You won the grand prize.'"

United Kingdom: Some people will walk through fire for a good cause — literally. More than 50 participants hotfooted across wood embers during a fire walk charity event in April sponsored by the Rotary Club of Newton Abbot. The sizzling jaunts, to taiko drumbeats, raised more than \$11,000 through sponsorship pledges for charities. The club brought in a professional fire walking company to stage the event. Organizers offered a "motivational psychology fear-busting seminar" before the challenge. The secret? Walk in a controlled, fast manner, says Past Club President Phil Millichap. He and 2022-23 Club President Jeremy Newcombe were among the Rotarians who put their feet to the fire. "Top tip: If you fall over, which one lady did, get up quickly," Millichap advises.

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