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Next Week's Meeting...

Greg "Chuck" Dempsey will be presenting about The Greenhouses of Love Foundation Thrift Store, and the global causes they benefit. He will include information about the Greenhouses Love thrift store, now located at 27 Grandview Drive in Frankfort. Learn more by clicking [here](#).



Dempsey

Greg has been married to Reina Diaz Dempsey for 29 years and is a father of three girls and one boy. He is retired from employment services, Education Cabinet after 28 years, retired owner of Estate Tree Service (15 years) and current partner at Mami Monchita's restaurant on Ridgeview Dr.

Opening Exercise and Greeter June 4, 2025

Opening exercise will be Chuck Dickinson
Greeter will be Don Dampier

Raffle

Thanks to Rob Weber for donating this week's raffle

Paul Harris Fellows

Congratulations to Don Dampier for receiving his +2 Paul Harris Fellow pin from President Gary Stratton.

Board Action

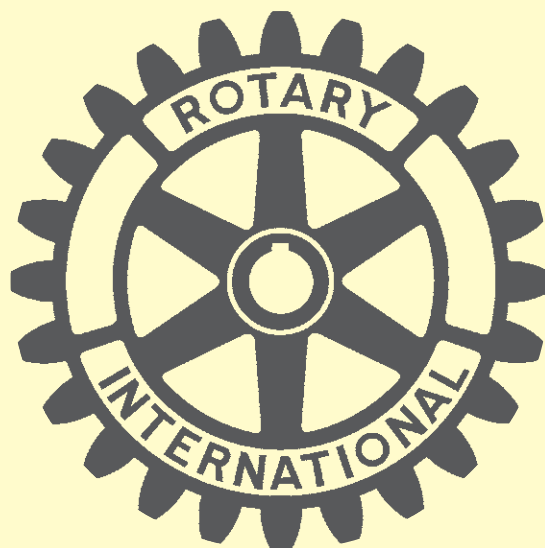
The board approved new member Steve Varriano contingent upon no negative response after publication in the newsletter.

In Other Club News...

The Bardstown Rotary Club will hold its 46th annual Wine and Cheese tasting Festival on the grounds of My Old Kentucky Home State Park Rotunda on Saturday May 31 from 6:30-9 p.m. Live auction begins at 8 p.m. with an ongoing silent auction. This year's Live Auction and Silent Auction are promised to be the most exciting we have ever had with several rare and interesting items. Learn more [here](#).



We thank Ned Frazer with Recovery Café for speaking to our club today.



Rotary's Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings. Of the things we think, say or do...

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary projects around the globe



↑United States — Inspired by the American flags placed beside headstones at military cemeteries, Rick Clark asked officials at Miramar National Cemetery in San Diego if Rotary clubs could similarly pay tribute to service members interred there. Clark, a past president of the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, is a Vietnam veteran who served as a Seabee, as members of the U.S. Navy’s construction battalions are called. He enlisted District 5340 leaders to recruit 400 volunteers to participate in the project, dubbed 2024 Operation Flags for Vets. “It was a powerful event that impacted so many people, including countless survivors who expressed their gratitude,” says another organizer, Michael Fuqua, a member of the Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo and a retired naval captain. The district plans to repeat the event this Memorial Day. The initiative is supported by a new district committee formed to coordinate projects related to military members and veterans. The committee helped raise about \$14,000.

↓Mexico — Dogs, cats, rabbits, and other pets took center stage during a Blessing of the Animals event co-organized by the Rotary Club of Tehuacán Granadas in Puebla state in January. “Around 1,000 pets and approximately 3,000 people attended the event this year,” reports Paola Ortiz Gómez, president of the club, which partnered with TAC Una Protección al Entorno A.C., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection of animals. Since 2022, the club has organized and promoted the special Mass. “We all believe that by fostering a culture of respect for nonhuman life, it teaches us to respect human life as well,” she says. “It fills us with satisfaction to see that entire families attend and not only receive a blessing for their pet but at the same time receive veterinary care,” learn about animal adoptions, and donate to the care of homeless animals.

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