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Today's Program

Charitable Giving Trends & Creative Ways to Give, Rotarian Mike Kiedrowski, CFRE

Today's Program: Creative philanthropy to support your favorite causes

Rotarian Mike Kiedrowski, a certified fundraising professional, will speak today on the history and future of charitable giving, trends in philanthropy and creative ways to give.



Last week: Clean water, well saving kids

Kids and families in a small village in eastern Kenya, on the continent of Africa, now have safe clean drinking water, thanks to a multi-international Rotary district project. Last week, Fred Rau from the Forest Lake, MN Rotary Club told us via Zoom about the solar well and storage system and distribution kiosk. The village water committee and a local Rotary Club identified this need for the village to move from boiling muddy, dirty water that was collected far away along a dangerous route to clean, safe water in the village. The water is tested and now children are not exposed to water-borne diseases. The project cost was \$90,000 US, or 11 million Kenya shillings. The clubs raised \$25,000, received additional contributions of \$36,000 and used a \$30,000 grant from The Rotary Foundation. The local committee is trained to repair and sustain the well. About 15 Kenyan shillings pays for four to five gallons of water from the kiosk and the money goes into a fund for well repairs.



Meet Rotarian Irene Schafer

Irene joined Rotary 28 years ago at the urging of her friend, Rotarian Shirley Dukart. Selling tickets for the Pancake Karnival is her longtime favorite Dickinson Rotary Club project. Irene began her career as an accountant, then moved to 40+ years selling ads for the Penny-saver. She now does the same for the Heart River Voice. She has three children and five grandchildren and enjoys golf and bowling.



Today's Meeting:

Greeters: Deb Barros & Friscoe Erdahl

Next meeting: James Miller & Jeremy Berger

Community Kindness: We are collecting funds for the Dickinson High School After Prom Party, held annually to keep kids safe and entertained following prom.

Invocation: We gather today, not just as Rotarians, but as global citizens committed to the well-being of humanity. This month, we focus on a fundamental human right: access to clean water and sanitation. Let us remember that clean water is not just a luxury, but a necessity for life, health, and prosperity.

AMEN

Coming up:

Reading to Head Start students this month! Watch for sign up information coming soon.

High school vocational scholarship applications are now open.
See Rotarian Erv VanVeldhuizen for information.