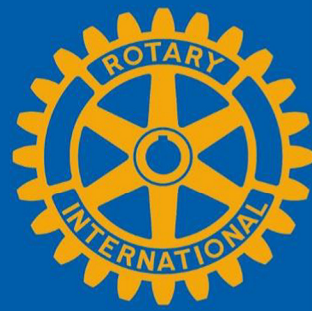


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Welcome to our July 10th meeting

We are glad you are here!

Club Assembly &



June Birthdays

Beaux Schaffner	5
Craig Lowry	6
Kelly Morris	6
Wes Styers	9
Jerry Roche	9
Randy Riley	12
Kevin DiBella	15
David Smith	16
Mike Lands	17
Charles Stribling	18
Monte Montelone	21
Daniel Boyd	24
Ronald Sytz	24
Alex Mullineaux	28
Ann Davis	29



June Club Anniversaries

Monte Monteleone	13
Richard Rankin	16
Kevin DiBella	20
Michael Dickson	31
Ed Jackson	36
Stephen Hannon	38

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Upcoming Events

July 17	Teen Suicide	Erin Farmer
July 20	Blackwater Rhythm & Blues	Rotary Pavilion
July 24	GE Talks	
July 31		Jennifer Davis
August 3	Fantastic Shakers	Rotary Pavilion

650 students broaden horizons through Rotary exchange program

By **Frank Bures**

Growing up in a village near the shores of Lake Victoria in Tanzania, Wanzita Ally never seriously thought about getting on a plane and flying to America.

Her father had died when she was young, and she lived with her mother and grandmother, who were poor farmers.

The family depended on what they grew in their fields to eat.

But Wanzita loved school, and she did well. She was chosen as a class leader by her fellow students, and her teachers noted that she showed “good effort, behavior, and attendance,” despite going long periods without eating. She was determined not to let her family’s situation interfere with her education.

In her senior class photo, Wanzita Ally’s jacket features a wide array of buttons and pins and a Rotary patch on the pocket;

Two decades earlier, in the early 1990s, a Peace Corps volunteer named Brian Singer was teaching mathematics at a high school near Wanzita’s village when he got to know four siblings whose parents had died.

After Singer returned home to Minnesota, he talked to family and friends about helping those students with their school fees. The response was so great that he sponsored additional kids, and **Project Zawadi** was born. To date, the nonprofit has sponsored some 650 students.

A few years ago, Project Zawadi began expanding its mission to help schools increase their educational reach, building classrooms and housing for teachers; installing toilets and computer labs; and setting up a vocational training center. One of the projects provided beds for a dormitory at Makongoro Secondary School, where Wanzita was a student. Wanzita herself received a school fee scholarship.

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