Rotary Club of Dunwoody

The Friendly Breakfast Club

DECEMBER 14, 2022

No Meeting This Week or Next Two Fridays

Join Us for Thirsty Thursday on December 16 ... and Third Whiskey Raffle

Don't miss the excitement of the drawing that determines our third whiskey raffle winner ... or the opportunity for fellowship and fun with your Dunwoody Rotary friends this Thursday night at the Dunwoody Tavern. Festivities begin at 5:30 pm.

You still have time to purchase tickets - or encourage your friends to do that - as we stand at 127 tickets sold out of the 150 available tickets. For drawing #3, the prize is a bottle of Blanton's Gold valued at $400. Tickets are on sale for $30 each at ***whiskey-raffle.com***. Also at stake - the opportunity to grow our Rotary Club of Dunwoody Charitable Fund so that we can provide more support for our community.

Fellowship and Fun

Dunwoody's Planning a Mardi Gras Celebration



Put the date on your calendar now and contact Raymond Mesa if you'd like to volunteer for the Mardi Gras committee!

MEETINGS

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

1/6	Regular Meeting- Imani Reynolds
1/13	Regular Meeting: Georgia Milton-Sheats, CEO, Special Olympics of Georgia
1/20	No meeting: Join us for Thirsty Thursday instead!
1/27	Regular Meeting: Marion Bunch, Rotary Family Health Days
2/3	GRSP student
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2/10	Drew Walston, Mighty Hero Homes
2/17	No meeting: Join us for Thirsty Thursday instead

EVENTS

12/15	Thirsty Thursday - Dunwoody Tavern
12/16	No Meeting - join us for Thirsty Thursday 12.15
12/23	NO MEETING
12/30	NO MEETING
1/6	Regular Meeting
1/13	Regular Meeting
1/16	Dunwoody Nature Center - MLK Workday
1/19	Thirsty Thursday - Dunwoody Tavern

BIRTHDAYS

12/15	Rick Woods
12/23	Erich Schuetz
1/1	Dick Game
1/2	Jeannette Jezerinac-Prince
1/6	Roy Wise
1/6	Lindsey Fentress
1/11	Jim Glass

The Power of Rotary

Books for Ukranian Children



Editor's Note: This article appeared on the Rotary Voices Website, authored by our own Honorary Member Laura Kann who started her Rotary career with us and is now District Governor of District 6420 in Illinois.

Rotary's response to the war in Ukraine has been simply incredible. Since the war began in February, Rotarians have opened their hearts to support those effected by the war in many different ways. Many members in my district have also been thinking, what can we do, right here, right now?

In August, I read a front-page article in the Chicago Tribune about Ukrainian refugee children in Chicago and the impact of the war on them and their families. It both broke my heart and spurred me to action, showing me how District 6420 could make a difference for at least some of these children.

With the start of the 2022-23 school year many of these children enrolled in a new school in a new city with new teachers and new classmates. They had been forced to leave their homes, their relatives, their friends, their schools, their toys – everything. They had traveled a very long distance to a very new country where everything was different. Not necessarily different in a bad way, but different nonetheless. They literally had started over.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12/14	Mark Galvin (31)
12/20	Jack Sparks, Jr. (17)
12/21	Anne Glenn (26)
12/26	Ed Holliday (46)

ROTARY ONLINE

https://dunwoodyrotary.org
https://rotary6900.org/
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ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am
Maggiano's - Perimeter Mall
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Community Service	Rick Woods
Admin	Ed Holliday

Enrollment increase

This is occurring all over the United States, but also right here in the Ukrainian Village of Chicago. Two primary schools –Columbus Elementary School and St. Nicholas Cathedral School – are just a few blocks a part. They both have experienced nearly a 40% increase in their enrollment since last school year due to children fleeing the war in Ukraine. Consequently, they do not have all the resources they need to support their newly enrolled students and help them learn English as quickly as possible. One of their biggest needs is for new books. The new students need to learn English as quickly as possible and reading is obviously a great way to help them do that.

I had several long conversations with the principals of both schools. Anna Cirilli and Wendy Oleksy both told me how desperately they need new books. I told them of our upcoming district conference and the generosity of our members, and a plan was formed.

At the district conference 5 November, we partnered with Usborne Books and More to set up a book fair, featuring books specifically selected by the teachers and librarians at the two schools. Attendees at the district conference had the opportunity to buy books that would then be delivered to the two schools. For every $2 of books purchased at the conference, Usborne Books and More donated an additional $1 in books.

Book fair results

I had promised and depended on the generosity of our members at the district conference, and I was not disappointed. When the book fair closed just six hours after it opened, attendees had purchased a total of $10,000 in books and Usborne Books and More added $5,000 more for a total of $15,000 worth of books. This resulted in the purchase of 2,000 books that were evenly distributed between the two schools.

To say that the principals, teachers, and students were grateful is an understatement. My husband (Wick Warren) and I were joined by RI Director Pat Merryweather-Arges and Usborne Books and More consultant Erika Dahlgren in delivering the books. It was an amazing experience to see the smiles and happiness on the faces

of the children. Collectively, District 6420 feels grateful for the opportunity to serve in this way.

Calendar Updates

A Few Key Dates

Here are few key reminders about upcoming events:

- December 15: Thirsty Thursday and Whiskey Raffle Drawing #3 - Dunwoody Tavern, 5:30 pm
- December 16, 23 and 30: No meetings ... enjoy your holidays with your families
- January 6: Imani Reynolds, Cox Media, "Finding the GEM in You"
- January 13: Thomas Ritch, Director of Development, Special Olympics Georgia
- January 19: Thirsty Thursday, 5:30 pm, location TBD
- January 20: No meeting ... Join us for Thirsty Thursday
- January 27: Marion Bunch, Rotary Family Health Days: Idea to Action to Impact
- February 10-12: GRSP Leadership Weekend ... ask Jackie Cuthbert how you can help with this 20+ year tradition
- February 21: Dunwoody Mardi Gras Celebration
- May 15: Second Annual RCD Golf Tournament: Contact Bob O'Brien to help!