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Last Week: Richardton Health Care Center



Dori Reich, Vice President of the Richardton Health Center Foundation, shared information on the new \$6.2 million Richardton Health Center. The center will be a licensed skilled nursing facility providing long term care, short term care, and rehabilitation services. There will be twenty private rooms and four suites.

Reich said the need is certainly there as the current building of twenty beds is 100% occupied. Of the total cost of the project there is a \$5.5M USDA direct loan with the rest being raised by the Foundation.

The rural health clinic is across the street from the care center and currently sees about 15 patients per day. Four providers are available for the facility to have care 24 hours a day. The providers include a medical doctor, who also serves as the director of the nursing home; one physician's assistant; and two nurse practitioners.



Give Thanks Today: Buck Haas

Next Week: Travis Hande

Today's Greeters Are:

Ken Kussy and Sue Larsen

Next Meeting:

Val Mack and Shirley Meyer

God of joy, thank you for the gift of a good laugh. Help us remember there is nothing life-giving about being gloomy. Let our joy be the sure sign of your presence in this world that needs you. Amen.

Your Program Today:

Stepheny Reger, American Bank Center—Cyber Security

Coming Up:

August 27—Classification Speeches

Program Chair: Erv Bren Next Month: Jim Ozbun

Birthdays

Dale Jacobsen 8/21

Rick Backes 8/26

Rich Wardner 8/26

Announcements:

- August is Rotary membership month, and members are encouraged to bring guests and to invite others to join.

Rotary Dues

Club President Mary Massad noted that considerable discussion is underway regarding the increase in Rotary dues discussed at the last meeting. On consideration by those present, a decision was made to survey the club as a whole and then ask the Board to act on the feedback. Members are encouraged to provide their thoughts and input so a final decision can be made soon.

Clubs bringing clean water to Ghana

When Marty Hatala, a Rotary member in Boaz, Alabama, first traveled to Ghana in 2010, she saw how local communities struggled to find clean water.

Though at least 80% of the country's population has access to improved water sources, according to UNICEF, 5 million Ghanaians still use water from unsafe sources. That leaves a significant part of the population susceptible to a range of diseases. Worldwide, one out of every five deaths among those under the age of five is caused by water-related diseases.

Hatala's experiences led to a series of projects. Rotary members installed two water wells in Aflao, a town in the Volta region. More recently, they worked to reduce the time and effort that go into finding and fetching water.

"People in this area would normally walk a minimum of 2 to 7 miles looking for water, depending on when the last rain was," Hatala says. With the help of local community leaders, they were directed to Afife, where an existing water source could be tapped with a distribution system. Rotary members installed pipe stands in nine villages and in places deemed important to the participating communities, including a common market, a boarding home, a school, and a poultry farm.

Although the water distribution project wrapped up in early March, they are planning another project and considering water sources in other regions. Their overall goal continues to be to improve the lives of as many people as possible.

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Last Meeting Visitors

- Pam Pierce, new staff member of the Theodore Roosevelt Center at DSU, guest of Sharon Kilzer
- Mark Billings and his son, Chad, guests of Josh Nichols