*Sent to all Members*

September 2, 2024

Dear {%FName%},

Rotary Minutes are provided by District 6220 Governor Roger Utnehmer (Oot-name-er). Please distribute in club newsletters and social media.

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“This is a Rotary Minute from District Governor Roger Utnehmer (Oot-name-er).

Tom Guyette and Sanford DeWitt are Rotarians I admire and appreciate.

Tom, a member of the Rotary Club of Green Bay for forty-four years, has served several terms as District Foundation Chair and also is a Past District Governor. Tom also served for ten years on the Rotary International Foundation Investment Advisory Committee.

Sanford recently joined the Stevens Point Rotary Club. He is a former Peace Corp volunteer and business consultant with extensive experience in Ukraine.

Both are people of action, and both are generous.

Sanford joined Rotary because he wanted to provide essential assistance to people under siege from the Russian invasion of Ukraine. His work in Ukraine prompted him to volunteer to co-chair our district Ukraine Relief Committee.

After putting out a request to raise $15,000 to pay for a shipment of medical supplies and equipment, Sanford got a quick response from Tom. Tom Guyette made a personal donation to our district Ukraine relief effort of $15,000. That qualified us to receive another gift of $15,000 to make the $30,000 cost of shipping a container to Ukraine possible.

For that I say ***Thank You***.

Thank you to both Tom for his long history of Rotary leadership and his generosity and also to Sanford for bringing the urgent reality in Ukraine to all of us in District 6220.

The need is more urgent today than when Sanford issued his initial request. Drone attacks are in the news this weekend. Hospitals are performing surgeries in the basement often powered by generators provided by Rotary International.

Children are being taught underground in subway stations.

Sanford is working with a non-profit that will, for each donation of $250, provide more than $2,500 in medical supplies to people in Ukraine.  Rotarians are purchasing the $250 kits in the names of grandchildren and then asking grandchildren to write letters to be included in the shipment sharing concern for the people in Ukraine receiving the supplies.

If you would like to invite Sanford to speak to your club about Ukraine relief and the growing need, please contact him at sanforddewill@yahoo.com.

And if you would like to make a donation for future shipments or purchase a $250 supply kit please send checks made out to Rotary District 6220 to District Treasurer Scott Knaffla at 17 E. Nicolet Blvd., Marquette, MI 49855.

Please look around you and be grateful for what we often take for granted in the United States. And invite Sanford to speak at your club soon. And, if you can, please make a donation to continue our efforts on behalf of those who need our support today in Ukraine.

Thank you.  This has been a Rotary Minute.”

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