

## TODAY'S PRESENTATION:

**Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation**  
**Razia Jan**

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Today we welcome (via Zoom) **Razia Jan**, founder Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation.

Since 2008, Razia Jan has changed the lives of Afghan girls and women through community-based education in rural Deh'Subz.

Razia's courage and power of persuasion are legendary. The antagonistic village elders who first objected to a school for girls are now fervent supporters of their daughters' and granddaughters' education. Today, Razia has educated thousands of students and is hailed as the "Mother of Deh'Subz."

"In the beginning, no one wanted to let their daughters go to school. But now everyone wants their daughters and sisters to go to school and learn. They are not only letting us come to school, but convincing us to learn more."

— Shakira, graduate of both the Zabuli Education Center and Razia Jan Institute.

Thank you Razia!

<https://raziasrayofhope.org/>

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FOR MEETING ID AND LINK



Thanks to all who attended  
Member Day!

44 SWR Members + 18 guests = 62 !!

### New Members

The following individuals have been recommended for membership by the Board of Directors.



#### Second Posting

**Name:** Jacob Floam

**Vocation:** Campaign Manager  
re-election of Glenn Grothman

**Proposed by:** Rotary

**Name:** Ethan Hollenberger

**Vocation:** County Executive Assistant  
Winnebago County

**Proposed by:** transfer from West Bend

### 2022 - 2023 Board

<b>President</b>	Brad Dunn
<b>President Elect</b>	Karlene Leatherman
<b>Past President</b>	Mike Vaughan
<b>Secretary</b>	Karlene / Mike
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kathy Hanson
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	Barb Herzog

### Avenues of Service

#### Club:

Griffin Pollnow, Becky Metz

#### Community:

Allison Garner, Scott Waterworth

#### International:

Bill Thimke, Nick Hahn

#### New Generations:

Eric Smiltneek, Jessica Benesh

#### Vocational:

Autumn Urban, Matt Vaughan

### Committees

#### Foundation:

Bill Wyman, Todd Slagter

#### Membership:

Kristopher Ulrich, Nate Olson

#### Programs:

Allison Garner, Jessica Benesh

#### Public Relations:

Siri Smits

#### Greeters / Invocations:

Erik Gialdella

#### Environmental:

Tom Weber, Vicky Redlin

### District 6270

**District Governor:** Mike Phillips

**RI President:** Jennifer Jones



**Calendar of Events**

**Upcoming Programs**

- Oct 26 **UWO Foundation**  
Greg Giles
- Nov 2 **Mental Health & Workplace Tragedy**  
Heather Foust  
Ethan Hollenberger
- Nov 9 **Winnebago County**  
Jon Doemel
- Nov 16 **Day by Day Warming Shelter**  
Molly Yatso Butz
- Nov 23 **Club Fun Day**
- Nov 30 **Cardiac Electrophysiologist**  
Dr Babak Yasmeh
- Dec 7 **Oshkosh Police Dept**  
Chief Dean Smith
- Dec 14 **Boys & Girls Club**
- Dec 21 **Oshkosh West Madrigals**

**Recurring Events**

- 2nd **Club Board Meeting**  
Monday Revs Bowl Bar & Grill  
Nov 14 275 N Washburn St  
4pm Oshkosh  
All are welcome to attend!

**Volunteers Needed  
Celebration of Lights**



The Oshkosh Celebration of Lights invites YOU to volunteer! This holiday season, consider joining us and experience the

magic the holiday lights bring! We have MANY volunteer opportunities available! The Oshkosh Celebration of Lights is a community event and we would love more community involvement!

For more information:

<https://www.oshkoshcol.org/>

Sign up to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f49a5ab2da7fb6-oshkosh2>

**Dodgeball  
November 5**



**Team Throwtary**

- Erik Gialdella
- Shelly Hurzeler
- Dave Mahern
- Joe McCleer
- Nate Olson
- Michael Raymond
- Kristopher Ulrich
- Mike Vaughn



**TEDxOshkosh**



x = independently organized TED event

Unlock your "Doorway to Possible"  
**Saturday, November 19**  
**8am-3:30pm**  
**The Grand Oshkosh**

After five previous outings, TEDxOshkosh returns for a sixth year, bringing new ideas worth spreading - Live and Local!

Licensed by the TED organization, TEDxOshkosh produces a local event with an immersive day of short, powerful talks on a wide variety of topics, in the famous "TED Talk" format.

The full day includes plenty of conversation breaks (with snacks, of course!) and a catered, hot lunch to have even more time to discuss the Ideas Worth Spreading presented at TEDxOshkosh.

<https://www.tedxoshkosh.com/attend/register>



**Words of Inspiration**

**October 19**

Michael Raymond

**Greeters**

**October 19**

Karen Boehm

Greg Giles

**October 26**

Barb Herzog

Bill Thimke

**Today's Meeting Location**

Best Western Premier

Atheam Ballroom

1 N Main St, Oshkosh

**SW Rotary Website**

[oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org](http://oshkoshrotarysouthwest.org)

**District 6270 Website**

[rotary6270.org](http://rotary6270.org)

**Rotary International Website**

[rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

[Oshkosh Rotary Southwest](#)

[Rotary Club of Oshkosh Southwest](#)





**Razia Jan**  
**Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation**

Razia Jan is an entrepreneur, business owner and professional speaker, globally recognized for her activism and humanitarian work in Afghanistan, including the CNN Tope Hero award, the Woman of Excellence Award from Germaine Lawrence, Rotary International's Service Above Self Award and Global Woman of Action Award, and certificates of appreciation from the Army Corps of Engineers and the American Legion, Razia also received an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Lasell University in 2022. Razia has served as a member of the Interfaith Council, the No Place for Hate Committee, and Jordan Hospital's board of directors.

Raised in Afghanistan, Razia Jan moved to the U.S. in 1970 and began studying in Massachusetts, later working as the proprietor of a small tailoring business. After September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, she rallied her New England community to send over 400 homemade blankets to Ground Zero rescue workers. Those efforts expanded to sending care packages to troops in Afghanistan and assisting the U.S. Army in coordinating the delivery and distribution of more than 30,000 pairs of shoes to Afghan children in need. Her handmade quilts commemorating September 11<sup>th</sup> have been exhibited at Madison Square Garden, the chapel at the Pentagon, and at fire stations in New York and Massachusetts.

In 2007, Razia Jan launched the Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation (RRH), an organization founded on the belief that education is the key to positive, peaceful change for current and future generations. RRH soon brought girls' education to a rural Afghan community for the very first time, and the resulting transformation has been nothing short of remarkable. The foundation improves the lives of Afghan girls through community-based education, in addition to the provision of basic necessities like food and warm winter clothing, understanding that we must empower girls and young women through both education and resources to work toward brighter futures in their own villages and beyond.

In addition to a pioneering K-12 school for girls, Razia continues to expand her foundation's programming to increase the educational and economic opportunities for the students and their community, including: Midwifery and Teacher-Training certification programs - - meeting critical medical needs and ensuring the sustainability of education for girls and women in their community; the Widows' Program, an initiative that provides widow-led families with financial support and basic necessities to ensure their daughters remain enrolled in school; and the Emergency Hunger Relief Program, a recently-launched project aimed to address the ongoing hunger crisis in Afghanistan, which provides life-sustaining nutritional support to the students and their community.

Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation would not exist without the spirit, vision and tireless efforts of its founder and president Razia Jan. In order to continue her work, oversee school administration, attend fundraising events and spend time with her family, Razia continues to travel frequently between Afghanistan and the United States.

# Rotary's Impact on Razia's Ray of Hope



**Duxbury, MA Rotary**  
2007  
Raised initial funds for the opening of Zabuli Education Center.



**Sharon, MA Rotary**  
2010  
Fundraised for the continued success of ZEC.



**Nashoba Valley Rotary & Rotary International**  
2017  
Global grant of \$58,000 to launch midwifery program at the Razia Jan Institute.

**Omaha, NE Rotary**  
2015  
Funded science kits for the students.



**LaCrosse, WI Rotary**  
2020  
Raised \$45,000 to purchase a new school bus to safely transport students to and from school.



**Bartlesville, OK Rotary**  
2011-2021  
Sponsored two classrooms in 2021 and hosted sponsorship drives.



**Rotary International:**  
2012 - Furnished computer lab  
2020 - School supplies  
2020 - Teacher salaries during COVID



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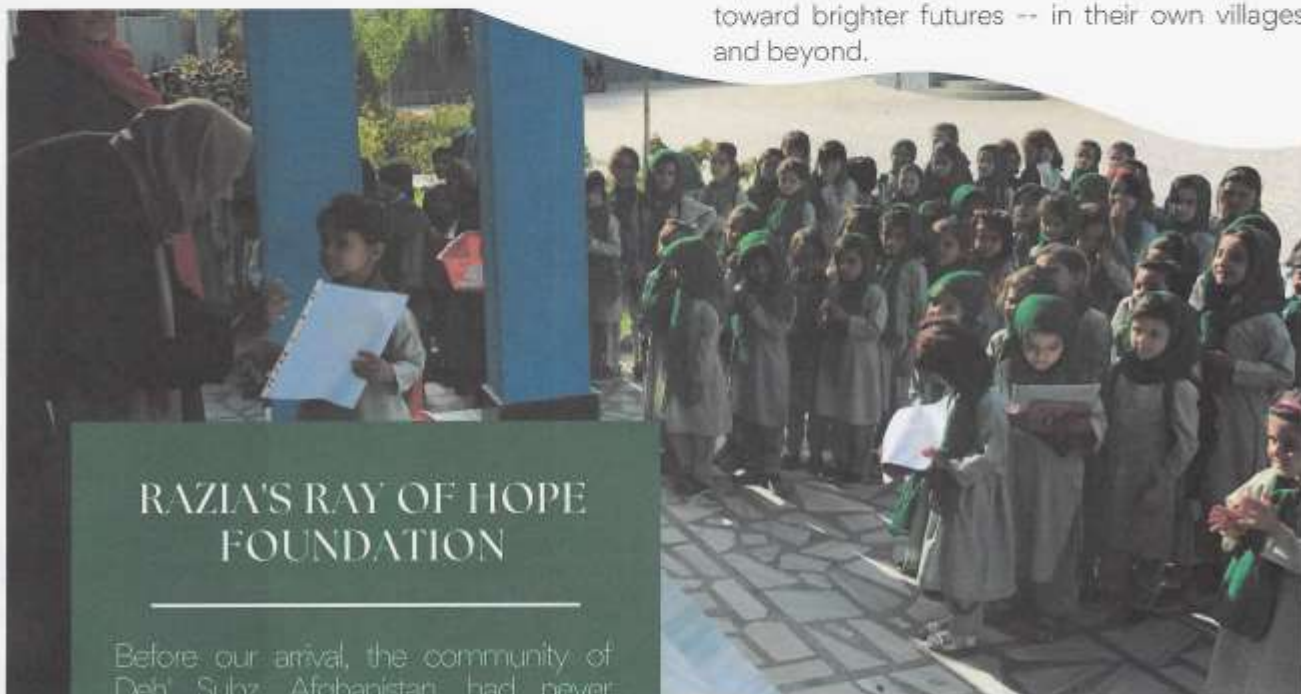
Razia has been a Rotarian for over 30 years, and is a former President of her local Duxbury Rotary Club. She was the first female member, and first female president, of the Duxbury Rotary Club. She has received many accolades from Rotary International, such as: Service Above Self Award (2016), Global Woman of Action Award (2015), and World Peace Awards (2003 & 2005).



RAZIA'S  
RAY OF HOPE  
FOUNDATION

**OUR MISSION**

Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2007 that improves the lives of Afghan girls and young women through community-based education. Built on the knowledge that education is key to positive change for current and future generations, we provide learning and growth in a safe, nurturing environment, empowering girls and young women through education and expanded resources so that they may work toward brighter futures -- in their own villages and beyond.



RAZIA'S RAY OF HOPE  
FOUNDATION

Before our arrival, the community of Deh' Subz, Afghanistan, had never before educated its girls.

Today, we are educating elementary school girls, providing food and supplies to the local community in crisis, and our post-grad certified midwives are the primary providers of life-saving medical services for women and children in our region.

In the face of ongoing threats to girls' education in Afghanistan, the demand for girls' education continues to grow and we will continue to answer the call.

We believe in the power of Afghan girls.

Empowering  
Afghan Girls  
Through Education

**CONTACT US:**

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## A Ray of Hope for Afghan Girls

In the fifteen years since our arrival, our community in Afghanistan has come to know progress. They do not wish to forget it.

Your donation or student sponsorship today enables a brighter tomorrow for the girls and young women in our community.

### SPONSORSHIP SIGN UP FORM

- Monthly Sponsorship:**  
Monthly Payment of \$35/per student  
(Only available with credit card)
- Annual Sponsorship:**  
Annual Payment of \$420/per student
- General Donation:**  
Make a one-time general donation  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Donate by Check

Make checks payable to:  
Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation,  
P.O. Box 81052, Wellesley, MA 02481

#### Donate Online

To make a secure online donation, please visit [www.raziasrayofhope.org](http://www.raziasrayofhope.org), or use your smartphone's camera to scan this QR code:



#### PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR INFORMATION BELOW

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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