



**Our Club's
\$6,000.00
Challenge**



Rotary Club of Florence
Where Northern Kentucky's Leaders Put "Service Above Self"



**This Monday
April 4, 2011**

**Florence Rotary Club
Board Meeting 11:00
Regular Meeting & Lunch
11:45**

**Greg Palmer, President
Presiding**

**The "New Generations" Team #6
will greet you at the
door and present the
Prayer - Pledge - 4 Way Test**

**This Mondays Program
April 4**

**A. H. Davis
Juvenile Delinquency Program**

Next Weeks Program

**Felicity Spicer
Cancer Victim**

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Magazine Month**

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Life saving aid from ShelterBox is helping families in Japan as they begin to rebuild their lives after the earthquake and tsunami that hit the country on March 11.

The charity's work is being welcomed by officials in Japan's Prefectural government system who say ShelterBoxes will be used to provide emergency assistance to the most vulnerable. Takanori Hirai, Director of the Climate Change and Energy Policy Division for the Iwate Prefectural Government said: We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind donation of ShelterBoxes after Japan's horrible earthquake and tsunami disaster.

"These ShelterBoxes will be used in a variety of ways; as shelters in the affected areas, protecting the privacy of those living in shelters and creating a space for families to live in. We have the deepest respect for the efforts that ShelterBox is carrying out throughout the world. We hope that your organization will grow even larger in the future."

ShelterBox tents have been used to provide privacy and restore dignity to families sheltering in an evacuation centre – a school gymnasium - in Ofunato, a coastal town which was devastated by the tsunami.

Speaking to ShelterBox Field Operations Specialist Mark Pearson (UK), Rah said: 'My house disappeared in the tsunami. Since the tent arrived it has made things much better for us, at the evacuation centre privacy is important to us.

'When the tsunami came I was outside my home. We saw smoke and we ran away to higher ground. Everyone is helping each other at the evacuation centre and we hope Ofunato will recover in the future.'

Sense of dignity

200 tsunami survivors, a mixture of young families and elderly people, are sheltering in the school gymnasium.

Mark Pearson added: 'It's snowing heavily on a regular basis here and there's very limited kerosene to fuel the heaters inside. Our tents are being used by young families as a private space and a sleeping area. This is incredibly important for morale and is giving the families back a sense of dignity.

'Also these evacuation centres are open places to anyone and the tents add a sense of security for people's belongings.'

The Japanese government has said that 8,800 temporary housing units will be built in the Iwate Prefecture. In Ofunato 1,400 are being built and it is expected to take between three to four months for them to be completed.

According to OCHA (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) more than 27,500 people have been confirmed dead or remain unaccounted for.

A survey found that of this number more than 60% were over the age of 60 – meaning the elderly were the worst affected by this disaster. This saddening statistic means that the elderly were probably not able to evacuate quickly enough despite the tsunami warnings

SHELTER BOX UPDATE Get the latest news at <http://shelterbox.org/>

News reports from Japan seem to get more tragic everyday, but we can help by giving a few dollars that we won't miss to help a family that has nothing. I have challenged each team to raise \$1,000 and for EVERY ROTARIAN to give something. I have said it before, we all have an amount that we can give that will make absolutely no difference in what we do, and yet even the smallest amount will do so much good for those who have lost everything. Please bring your check made payable to The Florence Rotary Foundation on Monday.

Yours in Rotary Service, President Greg Palmer

On Thursday, April 7, the Fifth Annual Paul Harris Dinner to celebrate and support the Rotary Foundation will be held at Turfway Park in the President's Room, at 6:30 pm. The Hilvert String Trio will provide dinner music and DG Robert Ryan will be attending. Cost is \$30 per person, Just log on [DaCdb - District and Club database](#) and make reservations now.

THE LOCATION OF OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING FOR APRIL 11 HAS BEEN CHANGED. THE NEW LOCATION FOR APRIL 11

The Holiday Inn Express, 7905 Freedom Way, Florence, KY

Lunch still served at 11:45, Cost is still \$12.00 per person