*Sent to all Members*

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Dear {%FName%},

Wausau Rotarian Jim Warsaw left a legacy all of us would be wise to replicate.

Jim passed away recently after a short illness. The week of his passing Jim was scheduled to meet with Ukrainian refugees in the Wausau area and offer guidance on how to draft a business plan and obtain financing.

For many years, Jim was active in Rotary Youth Exchange. He not only hosted students, he and his wife, Jill, even adopted a Brazilian exchange student as another son.

Jim volunteered helping Afghan refugees find housing, furnish homes, learn English, obtain a drivers license, and assimilate into a new country.

Jim Warsaw leaves a void I ask all Rotarians to consider filling.

Our District 6220 Ukraine Relief Committee can use volunteers to serve as mentors to not only refugees but also young Rotarians who look for advice and career development.

If you have a background in law, human resources, business plan writing, banking, securing capital, public relations, real estate, or insurance please consider mentoring both refugees in need of your wisdom and also younger members of your club who could gain valuable insights from your experience.

Ukraine Relief Committee volunteers could meet occasionally by Zoom. Club “mentors” could simply have a monthly breakfast, lunch, cup of coffee or a beer with a young Rotarian looking for wisdom. I’ve already heard from new Rotarians who have asked for a mechanism to learn from those more senior members.

If you have time, and a heart as big as Jim Warsaw’s, please let me know of your interest. With an excess of exuberance and an abundance of optimism, I’ll make certain you are connected where a need is great and your experience will be appreciated.

Thank you.

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