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**February 2, 2017** Rotary Motto: **Service Above Self** District 7730, Club Number 6167  
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Last Week - A Ministry in Russia and Ukraine



Steve Smith introduced our guest speaker, the Reverend Patrick Whaley, an ordained minister. Reverend Whaley told us about his activities, experiences, travels, and knowledge gained during his 10 year ministry in Russia and post Soviet states.

As indicated on the [Sasha Ministry](#) facebook page, Reverend Whaley's mission was to shepherd and mentor pastors and lay leaders to serve a Risen Savior by reaching out and meeting the needs of people wherever they are in

daily life. Sasha is an acronym for "Shepherding A Servants Heart, Amen".

This mission was accomplished by teaching classes, preaching, and conducting camps for the purpose of developing vital Christian experiences within a faith community. Hopefully these actions will enable people to discover answers to life's questions which will allow them to grow in life transformation. This ministry has given Reverend Whaley a deep knowledge and understanding of the challenges people face living under a communist government. He shared this knowledge by telling us many stories of

what weddings are like,  
what voting is like,  
what housing is like, and  
what pensions are like.

In essence, what everyday life is like in Russia outside of the cities of Moscow and St Petersburg. He also informed us about some inspired events such as a book that was written about a conference on hospice and palliative care that developed from his contacts and discussions.

How Reverend Whaley's ministry in Russia and Ukraine came to be is discussed in [blogtalkradio.com](http://blogtalkradio.com) entitled "REFLECTING HIS GIFTS with Sissy Ellison and Pastor: Patrick Whaley." This talk radio blog also explains how the name "Sasha" was chosen for the name of the ministry that he helped create in June 2006. Reverend Whaley also shared this story of a tough military man named Alexander and his wife with us. This profound result of God's influence of lives through prayer inspired the name Sasha pronounced SAH-shah. It is of Russian and Greek origin, and the meaning of [Sasha](#) is "man's defender," a short form of Alexander.

Reverend Whaley's stories of his experiences while traveling in many parts of Russian and the Ukraine were extremely enlightening relative to what life is like in these communist controlled communities. There were several questions that demonstrated our interest in Reverend Whaley's ministry.



John Nelson Mar 28



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**Rotary Month Designation & Program Schedule February**

Peace and Conflict  
Prevention/Resolution Month  
Feb 2..... Demus Thompson  
Feb 9..... James Walker  
Feb 16.... Brian Boyette  
Feb 23.... David Bradley

**March**

Water and Sanitation Month  
Mar 2..... Jim Chalk  
Mar 9..... Darden Eure  
Mar 16.... Shelby Freeman  
Mar 23.... Jim Garner  
Mar 30.... Gerald Godette

"Friendship...the craving for which brought Rotary into existence is the thing that will keep Rotary a living, vital force in the world for all time, the very foundation of our organization."

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