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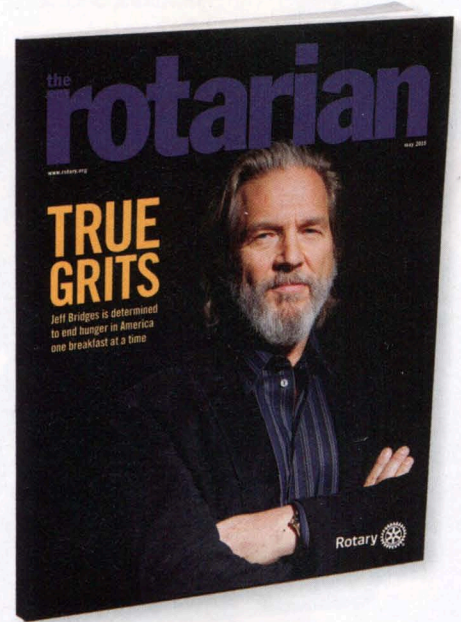
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**LETTERS**

**Systemic change**

What Jeff Bridges and Billy Shore are doing to help minimize child hunger in America, as described in Kevin Cook's interview in the May issue ["The Rotarian Conversation"], is commendable. But it's also a perfect example of giving a person a fish instead of a way to catch a fish. If all employers were required to



pay a higher minimum wage, perhaps there would be far less hunger. The emphasis should be on raising the minimum wage to a 40-hour-a-week living wage. Doing so likely would increase the cost of fast food, resulting in healthier eating and less obesity, I hope. Let's do everything we can to treat the problems (inadequate income and poverty) and not just their symptoms (hunger and obesity).

Without an increase in the minimum wage, the issues of hungry students and poor parents will remain.

Lon D. Lewis  
Topeka, Kan., USA

**Cure campaign**

I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to

*The Rotarian* for sharing Shirley Stephenson's article on my fight against triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) and the research that could end it ["The Fighter," May]. The establishment of a research project of this magnitude has required the expertise and sacrifices of many. We can hope that it will lead to extended training of medical scientists studying TNBC pathology at the molecular level and developing targeted TNBC therapeutics. I am thankful to the Rotary Club of Blue Ash-Montgomery, Ohio, for its strong and early support of this project. Several of our club members serve on the board of directors with the research foundation mentioned in Ms. Stephenson's article.

In recent years, the *Annals of Oncology* has reported that TNBC is three times more common in women of African descent and in premenopausal women. TNBC strikes young women, minority women, and women like me. Many of these women are dying, but many Rotarians are fighting back. To get involved in the research effort, contact the Koss National TNBC Research Foundation. You can find contact information on our Facebook page (search for "Koss TNBC Foundation"). We are dedicated to TNBC medical research, standardized therapeutics, and a cure.

Kimberly L. Koss  
Mason, Ohio, USA

The excellent article in the May issue about Dr. Kimberly Koss is inspirational and emotionally moving. It is appreciated by all who know Kim as a person, Rotarian, and friend.

It is significant that first among the sources of strength she mentions is her profoundly sustaining Christian faith. She has requested and received the prayers of many. It was my privilege to offer a special prayer for Kim in one of our club meetings, and I have held her hand in prayer in her home. Consistent with her Rotarian spirit, our Rotary Club of Blue Ash-Montgomery in

suburban Cincinnati made Kim a Paul Harris Fellow.

In my long years of pastoral ministry and 25 years as a Rotarian, I have never encountered anyone more selfless in serving with courageous faith. Thank you for your tribute to Kim's remarkable sacrifice, a true example of Service Above Self.

Theodore Kalsbeek  
Loveland, Ohio, USA

Thanks to Shirley Stephenson and the magazine staff for the excellent article on my fellow Rotarian Kim Koss. Dr. Koss still has a difficult path, but she has had some success with

recent treatment and will undergo more. Her indomitable spirit is stronger than ever, and she continues to tutor. She remains an inspiration to us all. The research of Dr. W. Keith Jones is also moving forward.

For those who want to learn more about triple negative breast cancer, and the treatment and possible cure, visit [curetnbc.org](http://curetnbc.org).

Joseph W. Mathews  
Loveland, Ohio, USA

### Brain battle

The article "Slow Fade," by Julie Bain with illustrations by Antonio Mora [April], was excellent and timely. I

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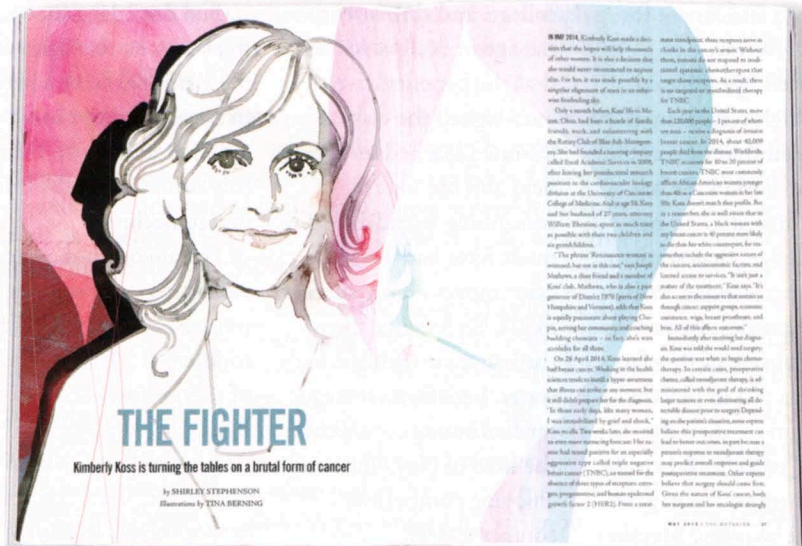
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