



# LIFE CONNECTION

A PUBLICATION ABOUT BLOOD DONATION AND THE GOVERNORS' CHALLENGE BLOOD DRIVES

VOLUME V

## Around the Globe the Need Persists

Millions of people around the world owe their lives to people they will never meet – people who donate their blood freely and without any reward. But an overwhelming majority of the world's population does not have access to safe blood.

Many countries remain dependent on donations from the families or friends of patients who require blood and, in some countries, blood donors still receive payment. Yet evidence from research studies demonstrate that voluntary, unpaid donors are the foundation of a safe blood supply because they are least likely to transmit potentially life-threatening infections, such as HIV & hepatitis viruses, to the recipients of their blood.

To recognize these unsung heroes around the globe, World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) has been called for June 14<sup>th</sup> 2006. WBDD is a special opportunity for a united, global celebration on a day that has particular significance: the birthday of Karl Landsteiner, the Nobel Prize winner who discovered the ABO blood group system.



Photo by Will Leaf

World Blood Donor Day '05 festivities took place at Trafalgar Square in London. Heather Mills McCartney emceed the event.

LIFENUMBERS

**80** million units of blood are donated every year around the world.

**38%** of the total amount of blood comes from developing countries.

**82%** of the world's population live in developing countries.

## AND THE WINNERS OF DISTRICT 5790 10<sup>th</sup> GOVERNORS' CHALLENGE BLOOD DRIVE ARE...

Small Club -**Cisco Rotary**  
Large Club -**Mansfield Rotary**

Medium Club--**Mansfield Sunrise Rotary**  
Prior Winner Category--**Nocona Rotary**

In our ten years of blood drives we have been responsible for 34,046 units of blood in our district alone. Each unit of blood can save up to three people. We have saved an entire city! There is nothing more important on this earth that we can do than to save a human life

*Thank you Rotary for supporting our blood centers as they help us save lives. If not us, who?*

*Lady Vampire, Kay King*

### LOCAL BLOOD CENTER CONTACTS

Fort Worth, Arlington, Mid-Cities and all other areas not listed - Brenda Horn at Carter BloodCare (817) 412-5378, [bhorn@carterbloodcare.org](mailto:bhorn@carterbloodcare.org)

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Texoma Area Clubs - Deedee Morehead at Texoma Regional Blood Center in Sherman (903) 893-4314, [DMorehead@texoma.net](mailto:DMorehead@texoma.net)

North Texas and Wichita Falls Area Clubs

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## ASK A DOCTOR

**QUESTION:** How many times a year can I donate blood?

**ANSWER:** As long as you are in good health, you may donate whole blood every 56 days.

If you donate platelets, you can donate every seven days, up to 24 times a year.

## Drive Coordinator's Corner

*Tips for hosting a successful blood drive:*

**Come up with a Catchy Slogan** Grab a potential donor's attention with a powerful message. Here are some ideas:

- Do something amazing today. Save lives. Give blood!
- Give the gift that costs nothing to give.
- Every drop counts. Give blood today!
- I am proud to be a blood donor, What about you?
- It's in your blood to help save lives.
- Blood donors are special people.
- From me to you – a gift of life.
- Join the "vein-to-vein" chain that helps save lives.
- Life is precious. Be a life-saver. Give blood!
- Blood. It's in you to give.
- Share life. Donate blood.
- The blood you donate gives someone another chance at life.
- One day that someone may be a close relative, a personal friend, a loved one - or even you.

## Spreading the Mission of Blood Donation to the Philippines.

Rotary clubs are establishing blood centers and providing equipment for blood banks around the world. The Philippine National Red Cross, Rizal Chapter needed a refrigerated centrifuge machine to process blood and the Rotary Club of Rizal Centro stepped in to assist.

The donation of the machine came from the Dallas/Fort Worth-based Carter BloodCare, but the task of getting the machine half way around the world was made possible through the Rotary Club of Fort Worth South, with help from the Rotary Club of Arlington. The Rotary Club of Pasig North co-sponsored the project. Dynalab Corporation also contributed to the program. Mr. Manny Reyes of the Rizal Centro Rotary recently traveled to Texas to thank Carter BloodCare and all of Rotary.



*Members of the Philippine Red Cross accept a refrigerated centrifuge machine provided by Texas-based Carter BloodCare. Several Rotary Clubs, including Fort Worth South and Rizal Centro, sponsored the delivery of the much-needed*



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Tenth Annual Challenge April 1, 2005 thru March 31, 2006

25 or fewer	Units / members =	Ratio	Prior Year's Ratio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cisco Rotary Club	221 / 20	11.05	6.33
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanger Rotary Club	86 / 17	5.06	3.13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iowa Park Rotary Club	102 / 21	4.86	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decatur Rotary Club	93 / 26	3.58	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hamlin Rotary Club	58 / 18	3.22	4.38
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eastland Rotary Club	39 / 20	1.95	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colleyville Rotary Club	23 / 22	1.05	1.94
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abilene Wednesday Rotary Clu	9 / 16	0.56	0.33
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North Hills Rotary Club	2 / 7	0.29	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Southlake Rotary Club	6 / 23	0.26	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlington Sunset Rotary Club	2 / 11	0.18	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Colony Rotary Club			15
<input type="checkbox"/> Fort Worth Horizon Rotary Clu			6
<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club			16

Sum 641 / 238 = 2.69

26 to 50	Units / members =	Ratio	Prior Year's Ratio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mansfield Sunrise Rotary Club	288 / 30	9.60	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stamford Rotary Club	125 / 26	4.81	1.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Azle Rotary Club	88 / 45	1.96	1.42
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brownwood Rotary Club	50 / 32	1.56	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lewisville Morning Rotary Clu	27 / 40	0.68	1.07
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlington North Rotary Club	20 / 35	0.57	1.06
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlington Sunrise Rotary Club	18 / 38	0.47	0.36
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlington South Rotary Club	8 / 26	0.31	0.48
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mineral Wells Rotary Club	9 / 45	0.20	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mid-Cities Pacesetters	7 / 43	0.16	1.29
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fort Worth East Rotary Club	5 / 33	0.15	0.20
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fort Worth Southwest Rotary C	4 / 32	0.13	0.93
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fort Worth North Rotary Club	2 / 27	0.07	0.15
<input type="checkbox"/> Arlington West Rotary Club			36

Sum 651 / 488 = 1.33

51 and greater	Units / members =	Ratio	Prior Year's Ratio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mansfield Rotary Club	226 / 49	4.61	1.43
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keller Rotary Club	122 / 54	2.26	1.18
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burkburnett Rotary Club	108 / 54	2.00	2.43
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lewisville Rotary Club	43 / 62	0.69	0.23

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Western Fort Worth Rotary Cl	52	84	0.62	0.10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEB Rotary Club	33	64	0.52	1.22
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wichita Falls Rotary Club	27	92	0.29	0.45
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denton Rotary Club	19	96	0.20	0.26
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abilene Rotary Club	16	88	0.18	0.04
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abilene Southwest Rotary Club	10	66	0.15	0.08
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fort Worth Rotary Club	49	572	0.09	0.12
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flower Mound Rotary Club	2	68	0.03	0.05
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Great Southwest Arlington Rot	1	57	0.02	0.06
<input type="checkbox"/> Graham Rotary Club		121		

Sum 708 / 1527 = 0.46

Prior Winner Category	Units / members =	Ratio	Prior Year's Ratio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nocona Rotary Club	212 / 17	12.47	7.09
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wichita Falls North Rotary Clu	447 / 36	12.42	26.10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burleson Rotary Club	575 / 61	9.43	1.60
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crowell Rotary Club	135 / 16	8.44	6.13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breckenridge Rotary Club	175 / 23	7.61	5.50
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weatherford Rotary Club	861 / 114	7.55	3.45
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Haskell Rotary Club	162 / 22	7.36	7.60
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dublin Rotary Club	187 / 27	6.93	4.32
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephenville Rotary Club	246 / 37	6.65	2.43
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coleman Rotary Club	103 / 17	6.06	3.91
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bowie Rotary Club	103 / 30	3.43	2.59
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metroport Rotary Club	102 / 32	3.19	3.25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Granbury Rotary Club	57 / 29	1.97	1.62
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleburne Rotary Club	166 / 107	1.55	1.15
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fort Worth South Rotary Club	115 / 78	1.47	1.58
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlington Rotary Club	187 / 143	1.31	0.89
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denton South Rotary Club	37 / 41	0.90	9.19
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gainesville Rotary Club	52 / 79	0.66	2.76
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grapevine Rotary Club	32 / 84	0.38	2.39
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vernon Rotary Club	9 / 48	0.19	0.28
<input type="checkbox"/> Wichita Falls Southwest Rotary		19	2.17

Sum 3963 / 1060 = 3.74

District 5790 Totals 5,963 / 3,313 = 1.80 / 1.48  
 District Total Since 1996 = 34,046

Check mark indicates pledged participation