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Joseph W. Ashy, General, USAF Retired



General Joe Ashy graduated from Texas A & M University with a degree in mechanical engineering. After commissioning, he attended flight school at Reese AFB, Texas and F-100 gunnery school at Luke AFB, Arizona.

His first assignment was to the 494th Tactical Fighter Squadron at RAF Lakenheath, England. He flew 289 combat missions in Southeast Asia with the 3rd Tactical Wing. Other aircraft he has flown operationally include the A-7, F-4, F-5 and F-16.

He served in various staff positions: at HQ USAF as a Division Chief in the

Deputate of Plans and Operations, and then as Executive Officer to the Air Force Chief of Staff; and at Tactical Air Command (TAC) HQ as IF, Chief of Staff, Director of Plans, Director of Operations and later as Vice Commander. He was the Operations Officer of an F-4 squadron in Korea, commanded an F-4 fighter squadron, two fighter wings, the USAF Fighter Weapons Center, 16th Air Force, two Air Force major commands (Air Training Command and Air Force Space Command), a theater component command (NATO's AIRSOUTH) and two combined/joint commands (NORAD and U.S. Space Command). Before assuming command of the latter, he commanded NATO air forces in the Mediterranean and the Balkans/Bosnia.



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Before his retirement in October 1996, he was "triple hatted" as Commander-in-Chief of NORAD, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Space Command and Commander of the Air Force Space Command.

He is a command pilot with over 3,500 hours in fighter and attack aircraft. Decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster.



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Future Programs

November

6th General Joseph Ashy (Ret.)
 Veteran's Day Program
 13th David Huntley
 20th Van Richey(ACIPO)

December

11th Dave Marrow

Makeups

Monday:

No. Port Arthur.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69
 Vidor.....Hibernia National Bank

Tuesday:

Spindletop.....Holiday Inn 11th St.
 Orange.....Sunset Grove
 Port Neches.....Pompano Club

Wednesday:

Groves.....Pompano Club

Thursday:

Port Arthur.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

Friday:

Nederland.....Garden Tea Room

**Wheelchairs Are
Rolling into Mexico**

According to **Emily Compton**, last year's Chair of the Wheelchair Project, our Christmas Wheelchairs for the World program is nearing fruition. Jeff Neal of the Wheelchair Foundation, which provided matching funds to our wheelchair donations, reports that our sea container of 240 wheelchairs is expected to arrive at the Port of Manzanillo, Mexico on November 9th. From there, the wheelchairs will be transported to Mexico City.

Emily plans to join former RI President Frank Devlyn in Mexico City later this year or early next year when the wheelchairs are distributed. We look forward to seeing lots of photographs upon her return.

President Harland wants to continue our support of the project this year.

Emily will continue as Chair of the committee with help from **James Broussard** and **Joe Broussard IV**. Plan now to honor your family and friends this holiday season by donating a wheelchair in their names through your Rotary Club. She will provide additional information in later issues.

**Vocational
Excellence Awards**

The Vocational Excellence Awards are presented annually in November to our Rotarians and those non-Rotarians in our community who are nominated for their vocational excellence, their high ethical standards and their service to our community.

It could be a store clerk who was especially helpful, a teacher whose efforts exceed expectations, a fireman who rescued your cat from a neighbor's tree, a business owner who went that extra mile in customer service or a fellow Rotarian whose contributions to the business community or the community at large you particularly admire.

Please be thinking about the person you would like to nominate for this honor and send your nominations with a brief explanation of how your nominee has distinguished herself or himself to **Emily Compton**:

fax (832-1822), or
 e-mail (emily@goodwillbmt.org)
 or to the Rotary office:
 fax (842-5613), or
 e-mail (rotarybmt1@yahoo.com).

Program Review

Ferrell Jenkins has been a frequent visitor to the Middle East for 35 years and, on Wednesday, he shared what he has seen and heard with our club.

A teacher of Biblical studies, Mr. Jenkins has seen first hand the problems - and the beauty - of the countries where religious differences have caused many battles.

He has traveled by camel, donkey and horse but prefers the automobile. He showed us slides of Bedouin tents and "beehive" houses but said most people in that region now live in cinderblock housing.

The average annual wage in Syria is now about \$950. There is a lot of resentment of American policies but

most people seem fond of Americans personally, he said.

Mr. Jenkins also showed slides of several powerful propaganda posters, demonstrating the way hatred of other religions is generated and maintained.

Although the area is referred to as the "fertile crescent," the crescent cuts through a large desert area that is constantly threatening to expand.

Mr. Jenkins brought the skill of a professional speaker along with his information, closing his remarks with a picture of a comical camel (aren't they all?) with his slogan: "I'd walk a mile to avoid a camel."



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The 4-Way Test

New member **Mike Cain** led the Club in the 4-Way Test this week. Prefacing the recitation, he quoted this especially timely excerpt from RI President Bhichai Rattakul's message in the October issue of *The Rotarian*:

"In 1932, during the Great Depression, Chicago Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor created The 4-Way Test to help guide his company, Club Aluminum. It was not only good for morale, it was good for business. Consumers responded enthusiastically to the company's emphasis on high quality and honest service. Taylor credited the test with saving his company from bankruptcy and transforming it into a multimillion-dollar corporation. When Taylor served as RI president in 1954-55, he offered Rotary the copyright to his 'test'.

"Many Rotarians have questioned the relevancy of The 4-Way Test in today's challenging business climate. Yet these four simple questions have withstood the test of time in serving as a moral compass for Rotarians throughout the decades. Today more than ever, it is not enough that we recite The 4-Way Test; we must actually live it. We must show the world that Rotary is relevant and acts with integrity.

"Past RI Director Elmer R. Jordan wrote in the mid-1980s, 'It is the field of vocational service where you and I earn our daily bread, that we as Rotarians are judged. The way in which we conduct our business and profession is what really matters.'

"His words still ring true as Rotary approaches its 100th anniversary. As Rotarians, we will be judged on our ability to uphold the public trust. We must continue to Sow the Seeds of Love by fulfilling our time-honored commitment to vocational service and the highest standards of business ethics."

Thank you, **Mike**, for reminding us.

Birthdays



7th Lulu Smith (89)
Retired Physician. Born in Louisiana, she is a graduate of the University of Texas Medical Branch. Lulu is married to Wesley Washburn. She enjoys skiing and gardening. Lulu is a Paul Harris Fellow.



8th Randy Chatagnier (02)
Partner, Medical Data Systems. Born in Port Arthur, he has attended Tyler Junior College, the American Institute of Baking and Lamar University. Randy has one son, Tyler, and is a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys golf, baking and carpentry.



8th Chuck Mason (82)
President, Mason Construction. Born in Nacogdoches, he attended Southwestern University and is a Lamar graduate. Chuck and his wife Becky are the parents of Chad and Kristin, and are members of First Christian Church. He enjoys playing basketball, diving and choir singing. Chuck is a Paul Harris Fellow.



8th Jeff Noble (00)
Advertising Director, Beaumont Enterprise. Born in Lubbock, he is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University. Jeff and his wife K'lin are the parents of Parker and Tyson, and are members of First Baptist Church. Jeff enjoys fishing, hunting, basketball, softball, golfing, and music.



9th Tom Barras (93)
Owner, Barras Insurance Agency. Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Lamar. Tom and his wife Janice are the parents of Jim, and they are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. Tom enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.



9th Robert Thompson (84)
President, Interior Development Concepts. Born in Beaumont, he is a Lamar graduate. Robert and his wife Joyce are the parents of Jeff, Kevin and Greg, and are members of St. Anthony Cathedral. He enjoys sailing, scuba diving and travel. Robert is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Ramblings

The ever-prompt **Tiger Polk** was nearly half an hour late to the Rotary office to transport the badge boxes downstairs for the meeting Wednesday. He reported that eastbound traffic on IH-10, already slowed by reduction to one lane due to the ongoing construction, had to contend with one 18-wheeler rear-ending another and bringing all to a standstill.

Glancing at the archived *Rotarygrams* issue for this week twenty years ago, an overturned gasoline truck on IH-10 caused similar delays as all traffic was diverted to 11th Street. Panic

ensued when the scheduled speaker was unable to reach the meeting, but at the last possible moment our indomitable **Margaret Cherb** saved the day by producing our incomparable **Evelyn Lord** who spoke extemporaneously and, we're sure, entertainingly!

One more lesson from Rotary Goes to Work two weeks ago: **President Harland** learned that Blue Bell vanilla ice cream has 150 calories per *serv-ing*...not per *pint*...but only *after* finishing one all by himself! No dessert for him that night.

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