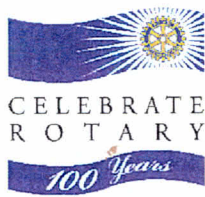


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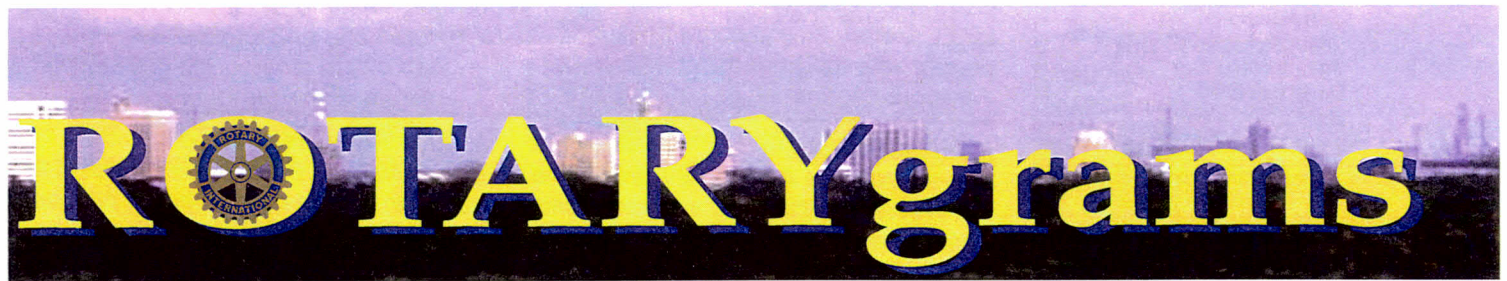


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Vocational Excellence Awards

Each year Rotary Clubs around the world acknowledge vocational excellence, applaud the practice of incorporating high ethical standards in the workplace and recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves through service to their communities.

This week our club will honor recipients of these awards for their efforts in performing their jobs beyond what is required and for the exemplary service they provide to others. Please join us in recognizing those who make our lives a bit easier and more pleasant.

The Wall Street Journal Salutes Rotary

The following was published on the editorial page of the April 12th issue of *The Wall Street Journal*:

Polio and Rotary

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the Salk polio vaccine. Poliomyelitis, also known as infantile paralysis, used to be one of childhood's most feared diseases. A few years after Dr. Jonas Salk announced his vaccine on April 12, 1955 nearly every child in the U.S. was protected. Today polio has disap-

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BROCK BRENTLIGER



PLEDGE
HARLAND MERRIAM



4-WAY TEST
KARI DOLAN



GUEST INTRODUCTION
MARY RANDALL

Spaghetti with meatsauce & Lasagna

PolioPlus



Rotary International

Rotary International's Polio Eradication campaign is distributing polio vaccine to 100 million children in Africa and 80 million children in India this year.

If you haven't made your donation, contact our Rotary office to give now. Read more about it at www.rotary.org

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

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Thursday:
 Port Arthur Holiday Inn Hwy 69

Friday:
 Nederland Sanderson's

On-line: www.rotaryclubone.org
 (limit 3 times in each quarter)

Program Review

April is designated as Mobility Month and last week's program spotlighted The Wheelchair Foundation's efforts to provide all-terrain wheelchairs to those who need them around the world. Dr. **David Teuscher** gave an informational presentation about the Wheelchair Project.

The Wheelchair Foundation is a non-profit organization whose main mission is to deliver a wheelchair to every person in the world who needs one but cannot afford one. For these people, the wheelchair offers hope, freedom, self-reliance and mobility. The Foundation was established on June 13, 2000. Rotary International became a partner with the Foundation in 2001. For more information about The

Wheelchair Foundation, visit their web-site at www.wheelchairfoundation.org.

With matching grants, your \$75 donation will purchase two wheelchairs valued at \$150 each (a 3:1 match). Our club has contributed approximately \$25,000 for more than 300 wheelchairs during the past few years. All of the wheelchairs have been distributed in Mexico. Our club joins with other Texas clubs for this project.

David introduced Dr. **Christina Baum** and **Chester Jourdan** who spoke about their recent trips to Mexico to distribute the wheelchairs our club purchased last year.

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 peared from the Americas, Europe and the Western Pacific and is nearly gone from the rest of the world.

A too-little known part of this feat is the role played by Rotary, the international businessman's club, which 20 years ago adopted the goal of wiping out the disease. Rotary understood that medical breakthroughs are worthless unless people aren't afraid to immunize their children and efficient delivery systems exist to get the vaccine to them. And so it mobilized its members in 30,100 clubs in 166 countries to make it happen.

In 1985, when Rotary International launched its eradication program, there were an estimated 350,000 new cases of polio in 125 countries. Last year, 1,263 cases were reported. More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time or donated money to immunize two billion children in 122 countries. In 1988, Rotary money and its example were the catalyst for a global eradication drive joined by the World Health Organization, Unicef and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

*In 2000 Rotary teamed up with the United Nations Foundation to raise \$100 million in private money for the program. By the time the world is certified as polio-free—probably in 2008—Rotary will have contributed \$600 million to its eradication effort.**

An economist of our acquaintance calls Rotary's effort the most successful private healthcare initiative ever. A vaccine-company CEO recently volunteered to us that the work of Rotary and the Gates Foundation, both private groups, has been more effective than any government in promoting vaccines to save lives. It's become fashionable in some quarters to deride civic volunteerism, but Rotary's unsung polio effort deserves the Nobel Peace Prize.

* Editor's note:
 Rotary International asked all Rotary Clubs to pledge funds to eradicate polio during its Centennial Celebration year. Our club was asked to pledge \$21,000. If you haven't made your \$90 tax deductible donation, please send it to our Rotary office before May 31st so our club and Rotary can meet our goal to eradicate polio globally.

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Welcome, New Members!

Please welcome two new members who joined our club on April 13th:



Marcia Crone
District Judge
U.S. District Court

Born in Dallas, she attended Vanderbilt University and is a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Houston Law Center. She and her husband Seth are the parents of two daughters, Kimball and Kirby, and are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. She enjoys traveling and reading.



Allan Vella
General Manager
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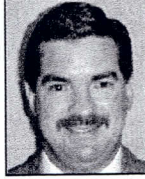
Born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, he is a graduate of the University of Iowa. He and his wife Nicole are the parents of three children, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys playing drums.

Lost & Found

We found a pair of silver/gray reading glasses at one of the back tables after the meeting on April 13th. We also have three black umbrellas, a pocket knife and another pair reading glasses (pink) from other meetings. Please call the Rotary office or speak with Sharon to claim any of these items.

Birthdays

20th Doug Chase (98)
Vice President,
Bank One



Born in Norwalk, Connecticut, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. He and his wife Tammie are the parents of Andrew, Edward and Corbin. He enjoys traveling, working out, skeet shooting and playing golf.

20th Imad Sarkis (03)
Vice President - Sales Manager,
Tri-Con



Born in Benin City, Nigeria, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He is a member of St. Michael's Greek Orthodox Church. He enjoys cooking, hunting and travel.

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Apparently the salsa music and shots of tequila turned our shy, quiet librarian, Dr. Baum, into Christina, the party girl. She shared with us her experiences as well as her photos.

She went to Villahermosa, Mexico in February 2005 accompanied by Ron Borel from the Orange Rotary Club. They were greeted at the airport about 9:00 p.m. by a large enthusiastic crowd. She expected to go to the hotel and go to bed. Instead, she and Ron went to the local Rotary meeting that was already in progress. The local Rotary club meets every Thursday from 9:00 p.m. to midnight. They apparently serve different beverages than we have at our Rotary Club.

She shared this amazing experience with us through pictures. She stated it was the most rewarding experience of her life. Over 100 wheelchairs were delivered to recipients at a ceremony in the park.

21st Allison Golias (96)
Financial Advisor,
Merrill Lynch



Born in Austin, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. She is the mother of Lee and Buffin, and is a member of Temple Emanuel. She enjoys playing tennis.

23rd Jim McNicholas (84)



Retired
Born in Michigan, he is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Jim is a Paul Harris Fellow.

23rd Ryan Smith (92)
Executive Director,
Texas Energy Museum



Born in Fort Worth, he is a graduate of Harding University and the University of Texas. He and his wife Peggy are the parents of Jennifer and Kenneth. He enjoys running, playing tennis, canoeing and backpacking.

24th Jim Cook (04)
Owner,
Delaware Animal Clinic



Born in Fort Worth, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Linda are the parents of Travis and Amy, and are members of St. Marks Episcopal Church. He enjoys skiing, archery, outdoor activities and exercise.

Chester traveled to Chiapas, Mexico. He had a very rewarding experience similar to Christina; however, he did not seem to have as "good" a time as she.

Thank you, Dr. Teuscher and your committee, for all of your efforts for this life-changing project. Remember Rotarians, please contribute to this project. The donation could be a Mother's Day gift, in honor or memory of someone.

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