



Rotary Club of Mineral Wells

eBulletin

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Future Speakers

Feb 15 2012

Ken Williamson

Feb 22 2012

Saskia Vaughan

Feb 29 2012

Not Assigned

Upcoming Events

4-Way Speech Contest
Feb 16 2012

Rotary Flag Day on President's Day
Feb 20 2012 - Feb 20 2012

Lone Star PETS
Mar 23 2012 - Mar 25 2012

2012 Rotary International Convention
May 6 2012 - May 9 2012

District 5790 Conference
May 18 2012 - May 20 2012

News

By-Laws Adopted

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Flag Day, President's Day, February 20

by Dan Steele

Contact your flag captains for your assignments.



The Meeting, February 1, 2012

by Perkins, Rual



President-elect Keri Dobbs opened the meeting, Karen Thompson lead in the pledge to our flag and Ken Williamson said the invocation. Roger Patel had another very funny joke for us and followed up with a winning ticket on the drawing. He took home \$30 and drew the 10 of ♠'s. The pot now stands in excess of \$2,200.00.

BUY THOSE TICKETS! WIN THAT MONEY! ONLY 8 MORE CARDS LEFT!

Our guest today was LeAnn Tucker, the new minister at the First United Methodist Church.. Remember Flag Teams, Feb 20 is Flag Day.

Program chair Diane Brown brought another interesting speaker, Linda Porter-Bradford who introduced Brian Lee, a Rotarian and President-Elect of the Kennedale Rotary club to speak on Interact.

Brian is a General contractor with much business experience in start-up businesses, growing them and selling them. He graduated from the University of Arkansas, but has returned to college as he wants to teach. His wife of 20 years is a high school teacher and the Interact Sponsor in Kennedale.

He moved to Texas in 2001, is active in his church and has traveled on several mission trips. He advised us to study the RI website to be aware of all the information and helps available to have a successful Interact program. The kids love the activities and can help with the Flag Program.

Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest February 16

by Steele, Dan

Karyn Bullock has contacted the area schools to solicit participants in our Four-Way Test Speech Contest. At the board meeting on Monday Karen told us she had ten students registered for the contest including one from Santo. We need as many Rotarians as possible to attend on Thursday at 7 p.m.at the city hall annex and give support to our contest participants.



ROTARY CLUB
MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS

Just 5 minutes give you a chance for
a \$1,000 college scholarship!

You are invited to participate in the

Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest

7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012
Mineral Wells City Hall Annex
115 SW First St. (US 180 Eastbound)
Mineral Wells, Texas

See your school counselor or call
Karyn Bullock at (940) 452-1602
for more information.

THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST: Of the things we think, say or do: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary celebrates India's first polio-free year

by Steele, Dan



*By Dan Nixon and Wayne Hearn
Rotary International News -- 12 January 2012*

Rotary club members worldwide are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, sometimes fatal, disease.

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children, organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items.

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat.

"The achievement of a polio-free India for a full year is a significant step towards a polio-free world -- an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what problems need to be overcome," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels, without which the world would not be marking this milestone."

Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending

polio. To date, the Indian government has spent more than US\$1.2 billion on domestic polio eradication activities. "Government support is crucial if we are to defeat polio, and we are fortunate that our government is our biggest advocate in this effort," Kapur says.

"Marching ahead, the goal is to sustain this momentum," he adds, describing as potentially "decisive" the upcoming immunization rounds this month and in February and March.

If all ongoing testing for polio cases recorded through 13 January continues to yield negative results, WHO will declare that India has interrupted transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus, laying the groundwork for its removal from the polio-endemic countries list, which also includes Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. However, because non-endemic countries remain at risk for cases imported from endemic countries, immunizations in India and other endemic and at-risk countries must continue. Neighboring Pakistan, which has reported 189 cases so far for 2011, is a major threat to India's continued polio-free status. Last year, an outbreak in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced genetically to Pakistan.

"As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished," Banerjee says. "However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunize children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved."

Elementary Reading Program

by Steele, Dan

Our reading program for literacy is a service project just like Meals on Wheels. We need your help and participation. The young children you read to will be very excited and attentive while you are reading. Be sure to check in at the window to the right as you enter Lamar Elementary. You will be given an ID badge to wear.



The weekly assignments are as follows:

| Date | Time | Rotarian | School | Teacher |
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| Feb 8 | 11:00 | Roger Eades | Houston | TBA |
| Feb 8 | 1:00 | Wes Ellis | Lamar | |
| Hammond | | | | |
| Feb 15 | 11:00 | Pam Holt | Houston | TBA |
| Feb 15 | 1:00 | Lottie Eubanks | Lamar | Moody |

If you cannot make the assigned time, please try to find a Rotarian to take your place. Please call Connie Ball if you need help.

Lamar Elementary, 2012 SE 12th Street, 940-325-5303
Houston Elementary, 300 SW 13th Street, 940-325-3427

MOW Schedule

by Steele, Dan



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| Feb 17 | Ken Williamson |
| Feb 24 | Connie Ball |
| Mar 02 | Pam Holt/Lottie Eubanks |
| Mar 09 | Karen Thompson |
| Mar 16 | Saskia Vaughn/Linda Bradford |
| Mar 23 | Dan Steele |
| Mar 30 | Mitch Bradshaw/Raj Patel |

Pick up the Meals at the MOW Office at 1410 SE Martin King Jr.

by 11:00 AM. If you cannot do your assigned day find a replacement or call Connie Ball or Diane Brown.

Foundation Jackpot

by Steele, Dan

Jim Ashby had the winning ticket and won \$27. Jim drew the 7 of Hearts and was unable to take the jackpot home. The jackpot will be \$2257 going into the February 15, 2012 meeting. **Only 6 cards remain to be drawn!**



This Week's Foundation Thought is about ...

by Steele, Dan



Service. "Having fun while helping others is what Rotary is all about. Too often we forget that giving of our money, our time, and our talent to help others through The Rotary Foundation and through local community service projects is one of the most important ways that Rotarians have fun. Sometimes it is working together on a local hands-on service project or fundraiser. Sometimes it is informing people about all that Rotary does for both the world and our local community through The Rotary Foundation. And sometimes it is just that warm, satisfied feeling that comes from knowing we are helping others."
— Rotarian Ronn Kerr

Cause for Celebration

by Perkins, Rual

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| Feb 15 | Jane Privitt | Spouse BD |
| Feb 17 | Leon Groves | Club Anniv |
| Feb 17 | Wayne Sanderson | Birthday |
| Feb 23 | Lauren Mitchell | Spouse BD |
| Feb 24 | Wesley Ellis | Spouse BD |
| Feb 25 | Wayne Sanderson | Birthday |



Rotary Foundation Motto and Mission

by Steele, Dan



Doing Good in the World

To enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

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