



Rotary Club of Mineral Wells

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Future Speakers

Jan 11 2012

Paton Wall

Jan 18 2012

Mary Braddock

Jan 25 2012

Linda Porter-Bradford

Feb 1 2012

Wes Ellis

Feb 8 2012

Fred Smith

Feb 15 2012

Ken Williamson

Feb 22 2012

Saskia Vaughan

Feb 29 2012

Not Assigned

Upcoming Events

Rotary Foundation Banquet

Feb 10 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

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The Meeting, December 14, 2011

by Perkins, Rual

President Harris Brooks opened the meeting, Ric Burciaga lead in the pledge to our flag and Paton Wall lead in the Invocation. Roger Patel had a true story for us. And Connie Ball got her ticket drawn and won the ticket pot of \$22. This leaves the Ace of Spades pot at over \$1,800.



Our club is now the sponsor of the newly organized Mineral Wells High School Rotary Interact Club and its first meeting will be Jan 9. Maybe some of the members could be present with congratulations. Member sponsors are also needed.

Program Chair Pam Holt introduced Program Speaker Tara Carter

of Slate River Ranch near Garner, TX. She and her husband Pat Carter are instructors in the Parelli Natural Horsemanship method of personal growth and leadership development including rider and horse. Tara is a Three Star Instructor for Parelli, an International Organization and has been riding horses since she was two years old. Her family has a ranch in Clovis, NM where she grew up. She graduated from Baylor University with a business degree and is a competitor in reining, cutting and roping. She was a RYLA participant in high school and welcomed the opportunity to speak on her love for horses, the Parelli program and the business she is in. A very interesting program. Thanks.

Making time for family and Rotary

by Steele, Dan

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International News -- 8 December 2011

When Bill Simmermon joined the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch (Littleton), Colorado, USA, six years ago, he wanted to be an active member without sacrificing time with his family.

So the father of two brought his sons along to lunch meetings and involved them in club activities. His eldest son, Denver, has taken part in community and international service projects, is a member of Interact, and has been the featured speaker several times at the club's weekly meeting. And Simmermon's wife has been an active part of the club.





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Denver Simmermon takes part in a medical mission in Nicaragua, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch (Littleton), Colorado, USA. Photo courtesy of Bill Simmermon

"My family is all in," Simmermon says. "My involvement with Rotary doesn't conflict with family time. It has actually enhanced our family time, because we are all there together."

On [RI's official LinkedIn group](#), several Rotarians also discussed the benefits of involving their family in Rotary. Henna Budhrani, a member of the Rotary club of St. Maarten, Sint Maarten, says she has included her children in the club's holiday food distribution to the elderly. Her kids will also attend the club's annual Christmas party for children from low-income families.

Like father, like son

Bruce Thomson belongs to the same club as his father, the Rotary Club of Lynnwood, Washington, USA, and both are past presidents. Long before he joined, however, Thomson notes he took part in the club's annual projects, along with his mother and four sisters. His children now help out in club projects.

"Our club serves as the conduit for our family's community service," Thomson says. "Rotary has had a major impact in our family evolution and that has impacted the community."

"Rotary has something to offer the whole family," Simmermon says. "For some of our members, the No. 1 reason they were interested in Rotary was that they could get their children involved in service projects. There's a big push in high schools to have children take part in community service, and it looks good on their transcript when they apply for college."

And he notes that [The Four-Way Test](#) and Rotary's other guiding principles are useful for parents.

"The same values Rotary stands for are values we believe in as a family," he says. "We want to pass along those values to our children."

Family is on the minds of many Rotarians in December, as Rotary celebrates Family Month. In addition to recognizing the importance of families in Rotary, the month celebrates the family of Rotary, which includes Rotarians and all those involved in Rotary's work -- from Rotary Foundation program alumni to participants in Rotary youth programs around the world.

For more resources:

- See [suggestions](#) from other Rotarians about making clubs family friendly.
- Watch the [Rotary Minute](#), "Is Your Club Family Friendly?"
- Read the discussion on [RI's official LinkedIn group](#) "Does your family get involved with Rotary?"
- See photos shared by Rotarians in our [Family of Rotary Flickr group](#).
- Learn more about [Rotary's guiding principles](#).

MOW Schedule

by Steele, Dan

Jan 06 Jimmy Walker/Paton Wall
Jan 13 Steve Butcher/Rick Burciaga



Jan 27 Earl Medlin
Feb 01 Diane Brown

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



A very excited Keri Dobbs had the winning ticket and won \$27. Keri drew the Queen of Clubs and was unable to take the jackpot home. The jackpot will be \$1887 going into the January 4, 2012 meeting. Only 12 cards remain to be drawn.

This Week's Foundation Thought is about ...

by Steele, Dan

Celebrating our Foundation. *"Through Rotary, with the help of our Foundation, we can take on challenges that no one else has the ability or the inclination or the organizational resources to tackle.*



We in Rotary share what we have in a way that no one else does – with love, with kindness, and with simple generosity."
 – 2004-05 RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr.

Cause for Celebration

by Perkins, Rual



Dec 23	Dan Steele	Spouse BD
Dec 26	Fred Danforth	Wedding Ann
Dec 26	John Moore	Wedding Ann
Dec 26	Ken Williamson	Spouse BD
Dec 27	Lance Howerton	Wedding Ann
Dec 27	Dan Steele	Birthday

Rotary Foundation Motto and Mission

by Steele, Dan

Doing Good in the World



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