



# Arlington Sunrise Rotary

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Division Street Diner

Today's Program

## Joe Ferrell The State of Literacy In Texas

Joe Ferrell is retired as owner and president of Safeguard Retirement Planning, Inc. in Arlington, TX. Joe spent 11 years in the retirement planning business and retired at the end of 2011.

As a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, Joe holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Education. He began his professional career as a high school biology teacher. Later, Joe developed a unique brain therapy learning system and started an educational software company named Creative Education Institute in Waco, Texas.

After selling the company, Joe worked with Hughes Training Inc., a division of Hughes Aircraft in Arlington as a Senior Scientist in the Technology Office. During his time with Hughes Aircraft, the Raytheon training Systems, he was awarded a patent for a multisensory computer program and won an international award from the Smithsonian Institute for its design.

A native Texan, Joe was born and raised in Waco. He and his wife, Ann, currently reside in Arlington. Their two grown children and two grandsons also live in Arlington. Joe and Ann are active members of First Baptist Church where they serve as adult Bible teachers, and he is a member of the Deacon Board.

Joe's interest in learning and development of literacy skills never waned and he is honored to be the literacy chairman for District 5790 for 2013-2014.

Please join me in a *Warm Sunrise Rotary Welcome* for *Joe Ferrell*.

### Programs

- November 22** Joe Ferrell - State of Literacy in Texas
- November 29** No Meeting
- December 6** Shekar Rao - Center for Innovation, Chamber of Commerce

### Greeters

- November 22** Gay Gibbs(1), Mark Gist(2), Bill Harnegel, Al Hethcock
- November 29** No Meeting
- December 6** Belinda Gist(1), Charles Kennedy(2), Hollis Lackey, Dwayne Lee

**(1) Prayer and Pledge (2) Introduce Visitors**

### Fine Program

- November 22** Delbert Hirst
- November 29** No Meeting
- December 6** Karen Hirst

### Foundation Moment

- December 6** Joel Webb

Rotary International President Ron D. Burton is urging the humanitarian organization's 1.2 million members of its 34,000 Rotary clubs worldwide to assist victims of killer Typhoon Haiyan in any way possible, including contributing to ShelterBox, the international disaster response charity that is Rotary's project partner for disaster relief.

Rotary has a long tradition in the Philippines, beginning with the Rotary Club of Manila, chartered as Rotary's first club in Asia in 1919, just 14 years after Rotary was founded in Chicago, Ill., USA. Today the Philippine Islands are home to 830 Rotary clubs with a total membership of nearly 22,000 men and women.

### Upcoming Events

- Dec 7** Downtown Parade of Light
- Dec 7 - 8** Carter Blood Drive at the Parks Mall  
2 hours shifts for volunteers
- Dec 13** Arlington Sunrise Rotary Progressive Dinner