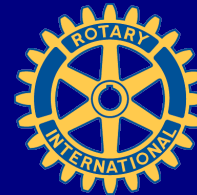


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City Manager Speaks to Club

At a recent noon luncheon City Administrator Pat Bridges spoke to the Club about the State of the City of Stephenville. As the chief administrator for the city, it is his responsibility to manage six different Departments and over 40 divisions. Those Departments include Community Services, Planning and Building, Utilities, Police, Fire, and Finance. The city budget for FY 2014-2015 is \$22.0 M up from the \$20.5M for FY 2013-2014. Most of the increase is for cost of living allowances for the 140 plus employees of the city.

Bridges also discussed specific projects such as the planned upgrade of railroad crossings, where two different accidents have recently occurred. He also discussed upgrading water meters to include wireless meter reading capability, which will allow more timely and more accurate water usage numbers.

He also discussed quality of life issues such as Splashville, the Bosque River Trail extension, and the Senior Citizens Center which is in need of renovation.



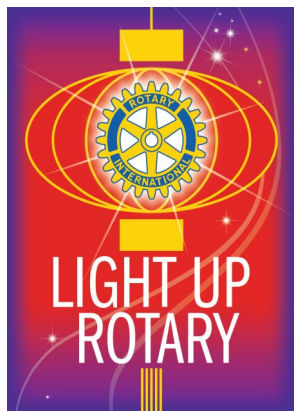
City Manager Pat Bridges spoke to the Club about the state of Stephenville.

Overall, Stephenville is a well managed and the Administration is meeting its mission to “progressively provide cost effective programs and services that encourage the highest quality of life to our citizens.”

Rotarian Dr. T. Lindsay Baker recently delivered the Annual Guy Caldwell Heritage Lecture at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. This lecture event marked the tenth anniversary of the series began in 2006 to promote and preserve the western legacy of Texas.

He spoke on the 1927 Stanton frame up in which criminals murdered two men to use their bodies in an unsuccessful effort to collect the reward for foiling a bank robbery. This criminal act is one of several examined in his recent book, *Gangster Tour of Texas*.

Dr. Baker has written over 20 books on the history of Texas and the American West. Our club has been the recipient of numerous exciting stories of lawmen and outlaws in Texas.



Happy Birthday!!

T. Lindsay Baker Apr 22

T. Jefferson Apr 13

J. Monroe Apr 28



Rotarian Dr T Lindsay Baker talks about the history of Texas lawmen and outlaws.

Club Welcomes New Rotarians



Carrie Pack is welcomed to the club by President Moumin. Carrie is the owner of Flowers Etc in Stephenville and is the daughter of Bob Scott a former Rotarian in Stephenville.



New member Dr. Barbara Nemecek is welcomed by President Moumin. Dr. Nemecek is the Dean of the School of Business at Tarleton and long time Rotarian with other clubs.



Capt Frank Dolberry II, Assistant Professor of Military Science with the Texan Battalion Army ROTC at Tarleton, spoke to our Club about the commissioning program at the University.



Go Army!

At our final noon luncheon for March, Capt Frank Dolberry spoke to the Club about the Army ROTC program at Tarleton. Capt Dolberry began by quoting facts about where the Army receives and trains the officers who will command Army units in the future. According to the Captain approximately 80% of the officers will come from ROTC detachments such as the Texan Battalion. The remaining 20% comes from the West Point Academy and other sources. Currently 60% of the Texan Battalion are women.

Cadets receive a stipend of \$300 as a Freshman and up to \$500 during their Senior year. After one year in the corp, students must make a commitment to the Army to stay the remaining college years in the program and receive a commission to serve in the Army. Other scholarships are available to cadets such as tuition payments and funds for books.

The Texan Battalion averages about 200 students strong at any given time, however the program may be reduced because of Congressional budget restrictions. Capt Dolberry stressed that quality of students commissioned has a higher priority than quantity. Finally the Capt reiterated that the Texan Battalion is dedicated to the Army core values of *loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage*.

Thanks Capt Dolberry for a great program and Thanks for your service!

Club Honors Students of the Month



Student of the Month for February Alex Jimenez (center) with parents Julie (left) and Emma (right)

Our Student of the Month honoree for February is Alex Jimenez. For maintaining an A average in all of his course work, Alex is a member of the National Honor Society. He is also the member of the A Honor Roll in both Chemistry and Physics. Alex is also the Caldwell Banker Teacher Merit honoree.

Extra curricular student activities include being a member of the SHS Yellow Jacket baseball team where he was selected as First Team All District Second Baseman. He is also a Texas Boys State Representative and a Student Council Representative.

Alex is active in the community where he volunteers to coach youth football and basketball for the Stephenville Parks and Recreation Division.

After graduation this May, Alex plans to attend either New York University or the University of Texas and major in sports management. Following college, Alex has his sites set on being a sports agent and eventually be the general manager of a professional sports team.

Alex is the son of proud parents Julie and Emma Jimenez.

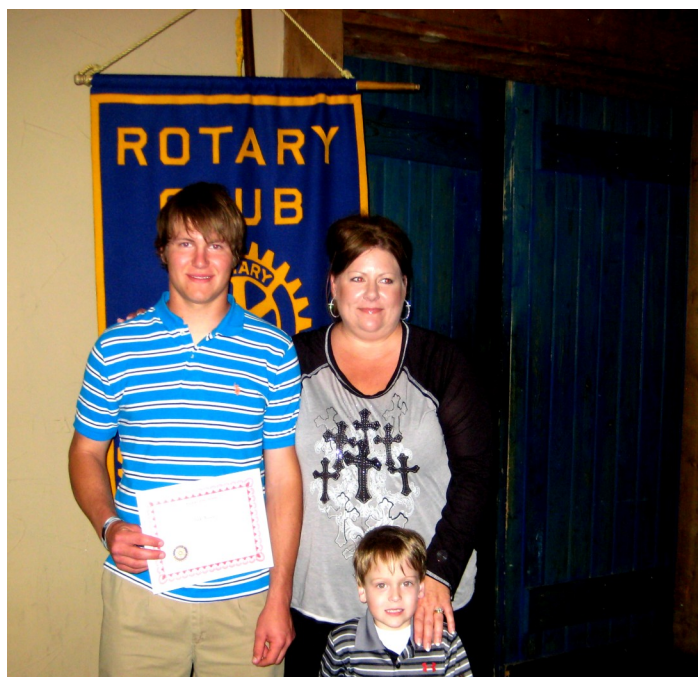
Our Student of the Month for March is Brock Morrison. Brock will finish his senior year in the upper 25% of his class at Stephenville High School. He has also served on the Freshman Mentor Committee and as a Student Council Representative.

Brock's extra curricular activities includes four years as a member of SHS Yellow Jacket baseball team where he was selected as the New Comer of the Year during his freshman year. He was also a two time first team All District selection during his sophomore and junior years. He was also a member of the Yellow Jacket football team where he was selected first team All District tight end for the last two years.

In the community, Brock is an active member of the Green's Creek Baptist Church where he volunteers to work with the youth.

After graduation, Brock will attend college as yet not determined, hopefully play baseball and pursue a degree in physical therapy.

Brock is the son of proud parents Billy and Amy Morrison.



March Student of the Month Brock Morrison pictured with his Mom, Amy and little brother.

"Today I can proudly proclaim that I am what I am in my life because I was molded by Rotary"

K. R. "Ravi" Ravindran, President Elect, Rotary International