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The 100% Club for Dec

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Bob Cranford

Dave Dickerson

Jerry Lee

Rosemary Nagle

Curt Norman

Richard Petronis

Keith Stripling

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Rotarians Celebrate the Christmas Season

In keeping with a long tradition the Club held its annual Christmas party in fellowship hall of St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Friday, December 18.

After a delicious meal of Bar-B-Que with all the trimmings, a Chinese Christmas gift exchange was played. After several steals and bargaining, most members received a "suitable" gift.

Thanks to Rotarian Curt Norman for allowing the Club to hold its party in the fellowship hall and to all those who planned and worked on the party. It was a success!

May each of you have the merriest Christmas ever and may the New Year bring health, happiness, and joy to you and your loved ones!



Rotarian Rosemary selecting the first gift from the tree to begin the Chinese Gift Exchange.

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Michelle Loyd, Graduate Student at Tarleton recently presented a program on Hollywood's response to World War II. Specifically she focused on Darryl Zanuck.

Zanuck was born in Wahoo, Nebraska and raised as a Protestant (Methodist). When WWI broke out, he joined the Army and served in France. He returned to the US following WWI and found work producing movie plots for Universal Pictures and Warner Brothers. In 1933, he started 20th Century Pictures.

When WWII began he was commissioned a Colonel in the Signal Corps but was upset to find he was assigned the duty of making war movies for Astoria Studios. He felt like he needed a job that was riskier and would have a more direct impact on the war effort.

Following WWII, he returned to 20th Century where he produced such blockbusters as *Twelve O'clock High*, *The Longest Day*, and *Tora! Tora! Tora!* While many in Hollywood were sympathetic to Nazi and Communist ideals and were guilty of illegal profiteering during WWII, Zanuck remained true to his Midwest roots and values.



Michelle Loyd, Graduate Student at Tarleton, presented a program entitled, Darryl Zanuck, Super Patriot.

According to Michelle, Darryl Zanuck should be labeled a "Super Patriot" and honored for his patriotism during both World War I and II.



Be a gift to the world

Happy Birthday!!

Bob Cranford Jan 13

Matt Hallgarth Jan 23

Richard Petronis Jan 29

Joe Sawyer Jan 28

Club Honors December Student of the Month Conner McKinzie

At a recent noon meeting, Conner McKinzie was honored as the Rotary Student of the Month for December. For maintaining a 90 percentile in his class work, Conner is a member of the National Honor Society. Other school activities include serving as the Senior Class President, Stephenville FFA Chapter President for 2013, 2014, and 2015, and Student Council Secretary.

Conner has been awarded the National Champion Meats Judge for 2015 and the National Champion Agribusiness Fair Project for 2013. He has also participated in Cross Country and the UIL Congressional Debate.

He is currently working on building an outdoor educational amphitheater beside the Bosque River trail for the community.

His future plans include running for a state office with the Future Farmers of America. After graduation, he will attend Texas A&M University and major in Animal Science and minor in Agribusiness. Conner is the son of proud parents Marty and Kelli McKinzie.



From left to right, SISD Student Counselor Kristi Adams, Student of the Month Conner McKinzie, and parents Kelli and Marty McKinzie.



Chief Deputy Jason Upshaw and Randy Fowler of the Erath County Sheriff Department presented a program on the recently initiated drone program.

The Erath County Sheriff's Department recently presented a program about the drone operation to be used by the Department in certain types of law enforcement work.

According to the officers, the quadcopters can be used for surveillance, reconnaissance, and search and rescue by military and law enforcement.



Erath County Sheriff's Department recently demonstrated the capabilities of a recently acquired quadcopter drone. This drone has a 1 mile range with a 400 foot ceiling. It will take 14 megapixel pictures in any direction from the drone.

The quadcopter purchased by Erath County law enforcement has a maximum range of 1 mile radius with a 400 foot ceiling. The drone is powered by a battery which has a limited life of approximately thirty minutes while in use. If the drone does not maintain contact with the ground based controller, it is programmed to return to its launch point.

There are many potential applications for the drone in law enforcement, the military and agriculture. Relatively inexpensive drones can take the place of human intelligence gathered at the risk of life.

Pictures from the Christmas Party!



Rotarian Curt — Thanks for making the Fellowship Hall Available!



Rotarians Rosemary, Bob, and Moumin talk to Colby.



Rotarian Rosemary can't seem to make up her mind!



Sometimes Rotarians can have a good time!



Rotarians Vernon and Dave enjoying the Chinese Christmas!



President-Elect Jerry Lee and Devonna—All Smiles!!!!



Past Presidents enjoying the festivities.



Can I switch this gift? Anybody?



From host to janitor, its all in being part of Rotary!

***May the Spirit of Christmas Dwell in Our Hearts Throughout the Year!!!
Let Us Unite to be "A Gift to the World"!!! Happy New Year!!!***