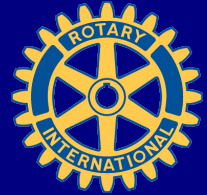


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District Governor Secord visits the Club

District Governor Troy Secord made his official visit to our Club on Thursday, October 22. The Governor observed our Board meeting and was the guest speaker for the general membership meeting.

During his talk he thanked our Club members for being active and for volunteering time and treasure to Rotary. He also listed numerous areas of focus which will receive greater emphasis going forward. Among these are protecting the *environment*, promoting *literacy*, eliminating *hunger*, advancing *health* by eliminating polio, and advancing *peace* through greater understanding. He urged Club members during this year to choose a focus area which stirs their passion and join other Rotarians who are like minded. "Be A gift to the World" through your service.

Governor Secord also honored our veterans who served during the Viet Nam era. "These veterans did not get the welcome home they should have and during this year it will be a special emphasis item." (See page 3).

In closing, Governor Secord quoted Sister Teresa. "We will not be judged by our possessions or awards we have collected, but rather by the possessions we have shared with others in need."

Thanks to Governor Secord for sharing his thoughts and a wonderful visit!



President Debbie welcomes District Governor Troy Secord and his wife, Jeani to the Stephenville Club.



Governor Troy and his wife "Lt Governor" Jeani Secord pictured with President Debbie Hummel during the Board Meeting.



Happy Birthday!!

Joe McFarland Nov 8
James K. Polk Nov 2
Franklin Pierce Nov 23
Zachary Taylor Nov 24



Halloween is so confusing. All of my life my parents said, "Never take candy from strangers." On Halloween, they dressed me up and said "Go beg for it." I didn't know what to do. I'd knock on people's doors and go, "Trick or Treat.....No Thank You!"
Rita Rudner

District Superintendent Matt Underwood spoke to the Club at a recent luncheon. In his talk, he explained the rationale of raising the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) rates by reprogramming \$.13 from the Interest and Sinking (I&S) rate. According to the Superintendent, reprogramming this amount will not increase the overall tax rate of \$1.2349 per \$100 currently paid by taxpayers. But it will generate an additional \$360,000 to enhance the education of our students primarily to fund the Digital one to one Initiative.

The Digital one to one Initiative will allow students beginning in the grade 3 to have their personal computer during the school hours. This will allow students to learn the computer and to learn on the computer.

On the August 24 the Stephenville ISD Board of Trustees approved the M&O tax increase of \$.13 which must be approved by the voters. The Board adopted an order calling for a Tax Ratification Election (TRE) which will be held on November 3, 2015.



Matt Underwood, Superintendent of the SISD, speaks to the club about the Maintenance and Operations budget and the Tax Ratification Election set for Nov 3.

At a recent noon luncheon this month, Wendell Hollingsworth, spoke to the club about the Fibergrate plant here in Stephenville. According to Hollingsworth, Fibergrate was founded by William C. Coonrod when he produced the first fiberglass molded grating panels in his Dallas garage in 1966. While maintaining corporate offices in Addison, TX, the main plant was established in Stephenville in 1972. In 1996, Fibergrate became a wholly owned subsidiary of RPM, Inc. a multinational conglomerate.

Fibergrate is the world's leader in fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) molded grating. In addition to manufacturing a full line of proven products, Fibergrate also provides value-added services for its products including design, drafting, fabrication and installation.

The company provides solutions to water and wastewater, food and beverage, oil and gas, utilities and power, and the recreation markets to name a few. The company's mission is to create, partner and collaboratively innovate with our customers, providing them with quality fiberglass composite solutions that meet or exceed expectations.

In addition to performing the mission, Fibergrate is dedicated to being a good neighbor to all of Stephenville. Thanks for a great program.



Wendell Hollingsworth, Fibergrate Manager, speaks to the Club about the plant in Stephenville.



Jonathan Weiss (center) is formally initiated into the Club by Burton Smith (right) and mentor Matt Hallgarth (left).



Pictured from left to right Keith Stripling, Steve Trogdon, Carrie and Austin Pack. Steve and Austin were recently initiated into the Club.

Veterans Day is observed annually on November 11, to honor people who have served in the Armed Forces. It coincides with the ending of World War I which occurred on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. As we celebrate this Veterans Day, let us pause and give thanks for our great nation and the freedoms we enjoy everyday. Freedom of speech; freedom of the press; freedom to worship; freedom to assemble; and freedom to keep and bear arms. These precious freedoms were purchased by the selfless dedication of the men and women who wore the uniform of the United States of America. Thanks to all who served and who are serving now!

P. S. We post flags on Veterans Day!



Honoring Veterans who served during the Viet Nam era. District Governor Troy Secord Paid special tribute to Rotarians who served during the Viet Nam Conflict. Pictured from left to right Burton Smith, Gene Atkinson, Jim Choate, Bob Collins, DG Troy Secord, Dave Dickerson, Joe McFarland, Richard Sanders, and Vernon Sweeney.

Chelsea Gillespie Honored as Rotary Student of the Month for October

Chelsea Gillespie was honored as the Rotary Student of the Month for October at a recent noon luncheon. Because of sustained excellence in her academics, Chelsea is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society where she served as Vice President. In addition Chelsea is a member of the Science Club, the Student Council and she serves as Vice President of the Senior Class.

Extracurricular activities include being a member of the Yellow Jacket basketball, golf, power lifting, cheerleading and volleyball teams. In volleyball she has been an All-District performer for three years. She has also been selected as the most athletic girl for her senior class.

In the community she has served as Coach of the 6th grade Stephenville Parks and Recreation Department (SPARD) volleyball team. She also works at the local Beans and Franks restaurant.

After graduation this Spring, Chelsea will rejoin her parents and attend Tulsa University to study nursing. From Tulsa, she plans to attend Duke University where she will specialize in pediatric oncology nursing.

Chelsea is the daughter of proud parents Joe and Jodi Gillespie. Joe was the Head Coach and Athletic Director of Stephenville High School before taking a position with the University of Tulsa.

Dr. Kelli Styron, Dean of the College of Liberal and Fine Arts (COLFA) TSU spoke at a recent luncheon. As the Dean she oversees six academic departments including Communication Studies, Criminal Justice, English and the Languages, Fine Arts, and Social Sciences. Recently the college underwent a \$20 million renovation to the campus buildings. Dr. Styron reviewed the new construction on the Grant Humanities building.

The project rehabilitated 12,000 square feet and added another 30,000 square feet. It provided new space including a Writing Center, Learning and Collaboration Spaces, a Communications Studies Suite, Texan TV Studio and Media Coverage Center, Public Relations and Event Management Space, Video Podcast Rooms, Student Meeting Spaces and an office for the Dean of Liberal and Fine Arts.

A special thank you for Dr. Styron for her work as Dean during a difficult construction period.



From left to right, Grandmother Cathey Gillespie, Student of the Month Chelsea and Kristi Adams, SHS student Counselor.



Dr. Kelli Styron speaks to the Club about renovation recently completed on the College of Liberal and Fine Arts (COLFA).