



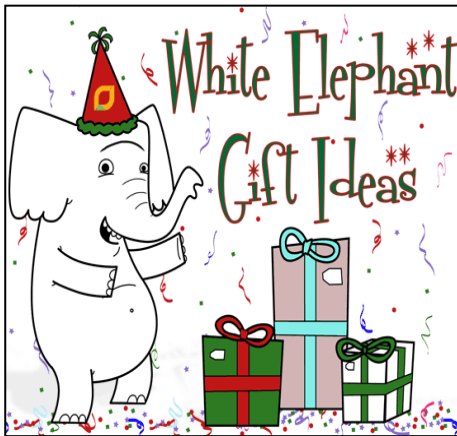
# Metro Banner

**Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary**

**District 5730 -- December 17, 2013**

**December 20<sup>th</sup>**

## Bring Your White Elephant Wrapped Gift



No Metro Rotarian wants to miss the first annual White Elephant Gift Exchange Gala, next Friday, December 20! Look around your home or office for that very special something that you forgot to put in the Goodwill donation bag – something which will no doubt bring joy, and maybe a good laugh to its recipient. Put it in a sack or wrap it up (Christmas wrapping not required), and bring it along to our Metro meeting. Don't put your name or identifying information on your offering, and it will be among the priceless finds just waiting to be claimed by some very fortunate fellow Metro Rotarian. Even if you've already disposed of all those precious goodies, come anyway. Lots of laughter and fun are

guaranteed on Friday morning! You will NOT want to miss what promises to be a most memorable holiday extravaganza.

*Thanks SarahLee Morris for Program Planning and This Story*

## December 13, Tubby Smith, Tech's Men's Coach

The Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was not unlucky, as we had a great speaker, Tubby Smith new head basketball coach at Texas Tech University and former Rotarian in Lexington, Kentucky. Tubby Smith is truly one of the legends of college basketball. He has been a part of 744 collegiate wins and 23 trips to NCAA Tournaments since he



started coaching as an assistant at Virginia Commonwealth in 1979. But beyond that, he is one of seven active head coaches to win 500 games and a national championship as a head coach. He came here from the University of Minnesota and was named the 16<sup>th</sup> head basketball coach at Texas Tech on April 1, 2013. He spoke about his assistant coaches, his players and the schedule this year. He mentioned that he has good leadership on the team and he is optimistic even though they have a very tough schedule ahead. The Red Raider next take on LSU at the United Spirit Arena on Wednesday, December 18 at 8 p.m.

*Thanks to Jim Graves for reporting on the December 13<sup>th</sup> program.*

## December 20<sup>th</sup> – Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Please email Brian Murry at [bmurry@lubbocknational.com](mailto:bmurry@lubbocknational.com) for one of the remaining shifts – 3 to 4 pm and 4-5 pm – to ring bells for the Salvation Army on Friday, December 20, at Hobby Lobby on Slide.

Here are the names of Metro members who have already signed up. SarahLee Morris will be available in a pinch.

Time	Ringer #1	Ringer #2
10-11 AM	Brian Murry	Phil Houchin
11 AM to Noon	Dennis Reeves	Cal Brints
Noon to 1 PM	Kim Martin	Susan Wierzba
1-2 PM	Bonnie Schwarzentraub Susan Brints	Elyn Patterson
2-3 PM	Matt Smith	Ken Patterson
3-4 PM	Ken Clowes	
4-5 PM	Jerry Price	
5-6 PM	Caryl Smith	Walter Smith



## Five Paul Harris Fellows

At our December 13 meeting, both Mary Frances Agnello and Doug Chalmers were individually presented a Paul Harris Award by Metro's Foundation Chair, David McAlexander.

Past Presidents Craig Alley, David McAlexander and John Nelson all received Paul Harris Plus pins.

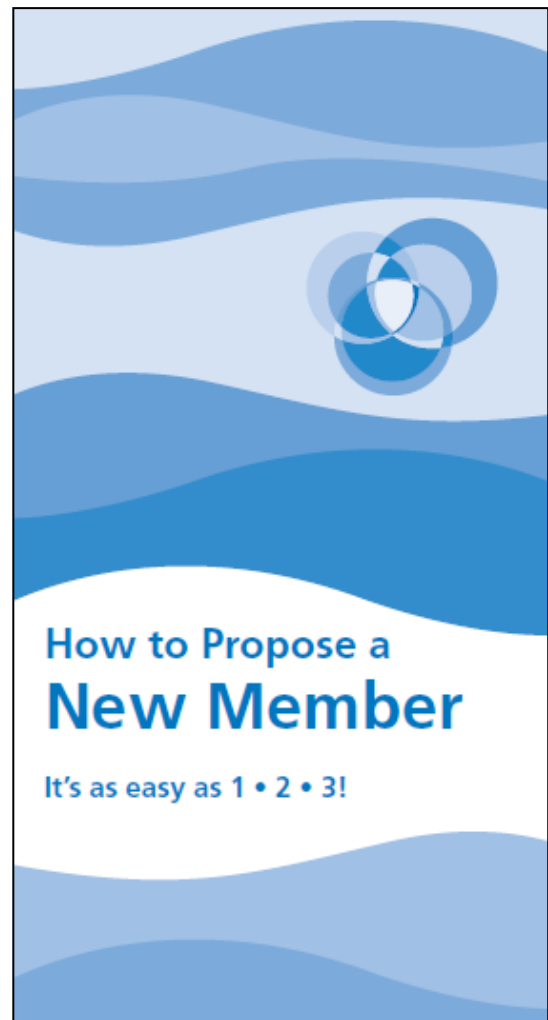
Thanks to all for their outstanding support of Rotary projects through their donations to the Rotary Foundation.

When contemplating your end of year giving, consider donating to the Rotary Foundation, using your credit card, at <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give> or give a check to the Rotary Foundation to David McAlexander or Treasurer Linda McMurry.



# How to Propose a New Member

1. Talk with someone you'd like to invite to join Metro. Let them know about expectations of attendance at all but at least half of the club meetings, initiation fee of \$50, and quarterly dues and meals of \$180.
2. When he or she expresses an interest, fill out Part A of the "Membership Proposal Form" found at [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/254en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/254en.pdf) (shown to the right). It's only a couple questions long.
3. Give the completed form to Linda McMurry, Metro's Secretary.
4. After the Metro Board approves the proposed member, the Board will arrange to talk with the proposed member about membership in the club and ask her or him to fill out Part B of the "Membership Proposal Form."
5. Information about the proposed member will be published to club members; and if no objections are raised, after seven days the proposed member will become a member of Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary and the club secretary will report their membership to Rotary International.
6. The club president will arrange a formal induction ASAP at a club meeting.



## *Mark Your Calendars* **ROTARY READERS DATES**

DUPRE SCHOOL – 21<sup>ST</sup> AND AVE T  
7:00AM-7:45AM

2014:

January 16<sup>th</sup>  
February 6<sup>th</sup>

March 6<sup>th</sup>  
April 10<sup>th</sup>

May 8<sup>th</sup>





## No Meeting, Friday, December 27

We'll not meet between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Banner will also take a holiday. See you at our regular club meeting on Friday, January 3.

## Future Meetings

Want to know what upcoming programs have been planned by President Elect SarahLee Morris and friends? Go to our club's ClubRunner homepage (<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=9071>) and click on Speakers to get to this screen.



Jan 03, 2014

**Classification Talks**

Jan 10, 2014

**Club Assembly**

Jan 17, 2014

**Susan Elizabeth Brints**

"Malawi: Grace Center and Rotary Grants"

Jan 24, 2014

**Brandale Randolph**

"Project: Poverty"

Jan 31, 2014

**Ambassador Tibor Nagy**

"Annual "State of the World" Assessment"

## Once Started, Rotary Grew Quickly

After the first Rotary club met in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905, the first Rotary club in

- Europe met in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911.
- A non-English-speaking country met in Havana, Cuba, in 1916.
- Asia was chartered in Manila, Philippines, in 1919.
- Africa was chartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1921.
- Australia was chartered in Melbourne in 1921.

# Happy December Birthdays and Anniversaries:



## Birthdays:

Alley, Craig	Dec 22
Cooper, Travis	Dec 24
Guinn, Brent	Dec 24
Martin, Kim	Dec 27
Reeves, Dennis	Dec 30
Morris, Bill	Dec 31

## Anniversaries:

Mason, Greg and Areace	Dec 09
Patterson, Elyn and Ken	Dec 28

## Metro Members Attend Rotary Zone Meeting

On December 10-15, D5730 District Governor Ken Patterson and Elyn, Assistant DG Susan Brints, and Metro President-Elect SarahLee Morris traveled to the Lost Pines Hyatt in Bastrop, TX, to attend the Rotary Zones 21B and 27 Institute. The Zone Institute provides an opportunity for training the Districts' President-Elects and President Nominees and for the present District Governors to review their District's programming and renew old friendships. Also, district leaders have the opportunity to make new Rotary friendships, develop partners for new projects and programs, receive additional Rotary leadership training, and enjoy talking with speakers and guests who have traveled from other parts of the United States and the world. A focus of the Institute is to bring more Service to our districts, more New Generations programs and more leadership opportunities.

Our District 5730 includes 51 clubs from the Oklahoma border on the north to Pecos in the south and then east to Sweetwater. The 34,000 Rotary clubs are grouped into 534 districts worldwide. In turn, Rotary Districts are organized into 34 Zones with D5730 being assigned to Zone 27 that stretches across mountains and plains from Montana on the Canadian border through Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, portions of Minnesota and Iowa, a portion of Oklahoma, and the entire panhandle of Texas over through the Big Bend country to El Paso. However Zone 21B includes the rest of Texas, so we have a natural affiliation with our fellow Texans, although not assigned to that Zone.



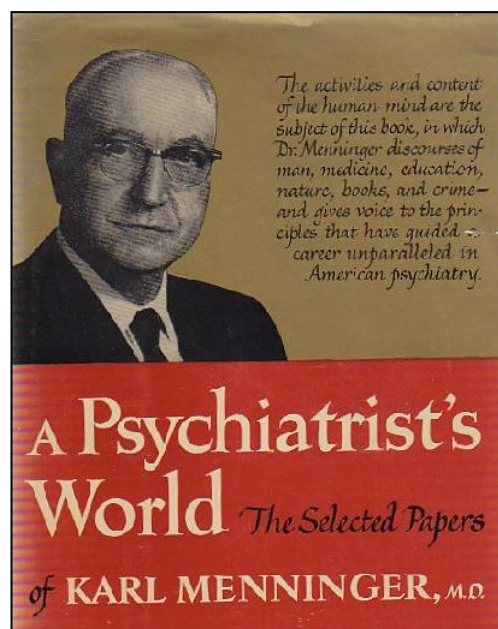
## Prominent Rotarians



### Cornelius "Connie Mack" McGillicuddie

Baseball player, manager (50 years) and team owner;  
member, Baseball Hall of Fame  
Rotary Club of Fort Meyers, Florida  
and Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania (honest,  
that's what the website says.)

Yes, as in this picture, he managed in a business suit.



### Dr. Karl Menninger

Psychiatrist and co-founder of the Menninger Clinic, USA  
Rotary Club of Topeka, Kansas

## Meals on Wheels Drivers

- Dec. 20 Kirk Thomas and Ken Clowes
- Dec. 27 Matt Smith and Jason Johnston
- Jan. 3 Phil Houchin and Andy Penney
- Jan. 10 Caryl and Walter Smith and Ken Clowes
- Jan. 17 Dennis Reeves and a player to be named later.



Thanks, Ken Clowes for organizing our Meals on Wheels.

# It's That Time of Year

## *Winter Solstice*

According to [timeanddate.com](http://timeanddate.com), winter solstice will occur in Lubbock at 11:11 AM on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Winter solstice marks the time when the sun rises and sets as far south as it ever does; or another way to say it is that the Sun's path across the sky is as far south as it ever is. As a result, that day has the shortest daylight and longest darkness of any day of the year here in Lubbock. While we are experiencing the winter solstice, in Brazil, the home of the upcoming World Cup matches, they're heading to the beaches for summer solstice, the longest daylight day of their year. And, oh, by the way, on the Equator on the 21<sup>st</sup>, they'll have 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness, just like they do every other day of the year. I've often wondered whether it would be boring to have every day of the year the same length.



But back to winter solstice. When someone, especially a guy, refers to the "good old days," I wonder whether they are aware that in ancient Greece on Winter Solstice female followers of Dionysus, the harvest god, would tear a live man apart and eat him. I'm not sure whether this was done every year or only in years of a lean harvest. Or perhaps a good harvest. But as a guy, that doesn't sound like the "good old days" to me.

## *Kissing Under the Mistletoe*



When you think about mistletoe, remember it's actually a poisonous, evergreen, parasitic plant that grows mostly on trees, such as apple and pine, with soft wood. Eating it causes mild to severe gastrointestinal distress.

When giving him or her a big smacker under the mistletoe, think about how you're kissing under a poisonous parasite that can cause a big pain in the gut.

According to [wikipedia.com](http://wikipedia.com), "The earliest documented case of kissing under the mistletoe dates from 16<sup>th</sup> century England, a custom that was apparently very popular at that time." However, Yahoo Voices says that myths about kissing under the mistletoe go back to the Greek festival of Saturnalia and were later involved with primitive marriage rites. Some cultures believe mistletoe bestows fertility and others believe it's an aphrodisiac.



# Caryl's College of Useless Knowledge

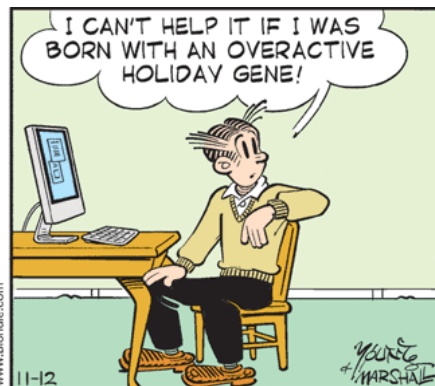
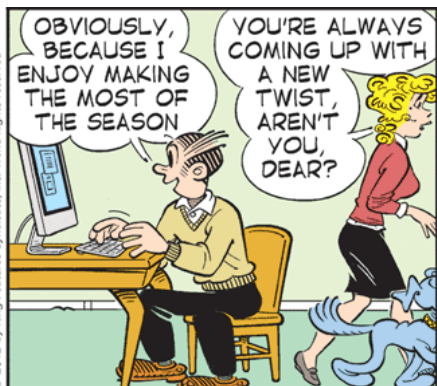
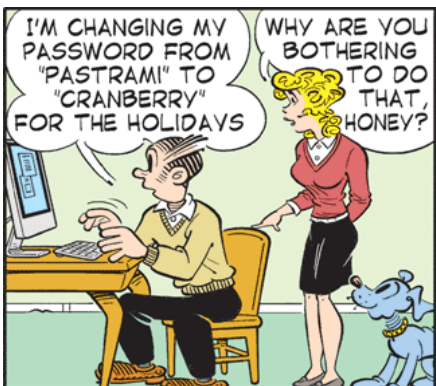
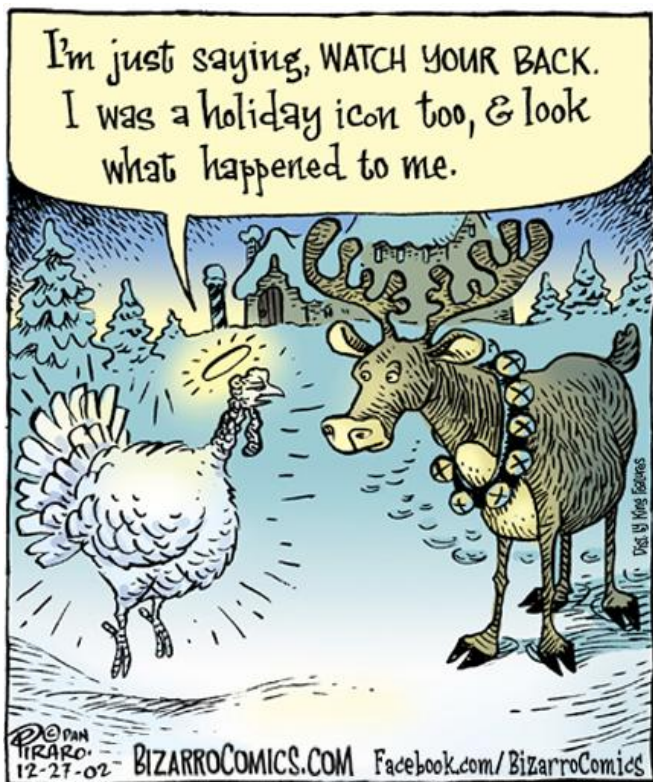
Why are coins kept in piggy banks?

What is the largest bank in the world?

What is the world's oldest bank?

Answers on Page 10.

## For the Season



## New Year's Resolutions

Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual. - Mark Twain

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one Year and out the other. - Unknown



## Go Tech; Beat the Sun Devils

## Answers to Caryl's Questions

In the middle ages people kept coins in earthenware jars called pyggs. In the 1800's potters morphed those pyggs into banks shaped like pigs and the idea of a piggy bank caught on.

Next to Metro's Pink Pig, the world's largest bank is the Industrial & Commercial Bank of China, or ICBC, with assets of \$2.95 trillion. That's about 30 times larger than Texas's current biennial budget of \$94.6 billion. The United Kingdom's HSBC Holdings isn't far behind with assets of \$2.68 billion.

Banks have been around for over six hundred years:

Year	Company	Country of origin
1407	Banco di San Giorgio	Italy
1472	Monte dei Paschi di Siena	Italy
1590	Berenberg Bank	Germany
1614	Stadsbank van Lening, Amsterdam	Netherlands
1664	Child & Co	England

## *For Your Holiday Party, Play* **Name That (Christmas) Carol/Song**

Based on these clues, name the well-known Christmas carol or song.

1. Bleached Yule
2. Castaneous-colored Seed Vesicated in a Conflagration
3. Singular Yearning for the Twin Anterior Incisors
4. Righteous Darkness
5. Arrival Time 2400 hrs – Weather Cloudless
6. Loyal Followers Advance
7. Far off in a Feeder
8. Array the Corridor
9. Bantam Male Percussionist
10. Monarchial Triad
11. Nocturnal Noiselessness
12. Jehovah Deactive Blithe Chevaliers
13. Red Man En Route to Borough
14. Frozen Precipitation Commence
15. Proceed and Enlighten on the Pinnacle
16. The Quadruped with the Vermillion Proboscis
17. Query Regarding Identity of Descendant
18. Delight for the Planet
19. Given Attention to the Melodious  
Celestial Beings
20. The Dozen Festive 24 Hour Intervals

*The Banner Editor knows only a few answers; so please use ClubRunner to email the answers to everyone when you've figured out all twenty.*

