



# Metro Banner

## Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary

District 5730 -- March 11, 2014



## Unsung Heroes Award Ceremony – Awesome

In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, tragedy, Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary initiated the Unsung Heroes Award program to honor our local first responders who make our lives safe. The Eleventh Annual Unsung Heroes Award Ceremony made March 6<sup>th</sup> a night to remember; and an event to make Metro proud. Fox News Anchorman Kurt Kiser started with the Chick-fil-a song, the whole thing – had you ever heard it; I hadn't – and segued into a both thoughtful and entertaining speech based on the word H-E-R-O. Then:

- Director Chris Teague of the UMC Lubbock EMS introduced their unsung hero Jason Cook.
- Chief Mike Kemp of the Lubbock Fire Department introduced their unsung hero Jimmy Bacon.
- Chief Roger Ellis of the Lubbock Police Department introduced their unsung hero Curtis Wadkins, and
- Sheriff Kelly Rowe of the Lubbock Country Sheriff's Department introduced Rolando Ponce, their unsung hero.

Each of the recipients came forward to a standing ovation to receive their trophy; but as the audience stood and applauded, Rolando Ponce didn't appear. Sheriff Rowe explained that Ponce is an undercover agent, so he couldn't "blow his cover" by coming forward.

The EMS trophy was provided by the University Medical Center and the Lubbock Fire Department trophy was supplied by William G. Morris, CPA (our "Bill"). The Lubbock Avalanche Journal supplied the Fire Department trophy and Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary provided the Sheriff Department's trophy.

While Metro hosts the event, each of the Unsung Heroes is selected by their respective organizations. Veteran viewers of Unsung Heroes thought the attendance was the most ever. We're pleased that Prosperity Bank and Chick-fil-a both have expressed interest in supporting next year's event.

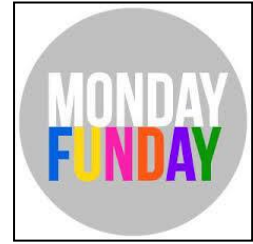


Thanks to VP-Elect Bobby McCloud and Prosperity Bank's Amber McCloud for organizing the event.

# Memories of Unsung Heroes



## Metro's Now a Friday Morning and Monday Evening Club



**Invite prospective members** to go to the Atrium of the Holiday Inn on the South Loop on Mondays at 5:15-6:30 pm to hear about Metro's Monday group.

Details about the Monday Metro group appear later in this Banner.

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## Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – South Plains Honor Flight



The Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their service and sacrifices. These veterans are transported to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials built in their honor. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill. The Texas South Plains Honor Flight is one of over 120 organizations across the country which are dedicated to accomplish this mission at NO COST to the veteran. Of all of the wars in recent memory, it was World War II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation – and as a culturally diverse, free society. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 640 WWII veterans die each day. Our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out.

Friday's presenters will be:

- Myron Hargrove – American Airlines retiree where responsibilities included the administration of pension and savings/401(k) plan. He became a member to the Texas South Plains Honor Flight committee in July 2012 and currently serves as Treasurer.
- Howard Mercer – WWII veteran who served in the South Pacific 1944-1946. He was on the inaugural Honor Flight from Lubbock in October 2012. He served as Rotary 5730 District Governor in 2003-2004.

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## District Conference – May 2-4

Hold these dates, especially Friday, May 2, when there will be no Metro meeting in the morning. Instead, we will meet as part of the district luncheon that day. Please attend as much as you can so Metro can support DG Ken Patterson. And watch for volunteer opportunities.



## Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – David Vroonland Frenship ISD Superintendent



The program at our meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> was given by David Vroonland, Frenship ISD Superintendent. He spoke about the upcoming Frenship ISD tax levy vote and the growth of the Frenship independent school district. Dr. Vroonland discussed the continuing growth and emphasized their vision statement of “Seek Perfection, Capture Excellence.” Since 2001 the FIDS has had an enrollment growth of more than 3,000 students and they have opened four new campuses since 2006. The high school has almost reached capacity and a new ninth grade center and elementary school campus is planned. Not only has their school enrollment grown, there has been a rapid growth in housing and business development in the area. On May 10, Frenship ISD will vote on an \$85.2 million bond authorization package. In addition to the expansion in schools, they will be able to upgrade technology and security in the Frenship ISD if the bond vote passes.

*Thanks to Jim Graves for reporting about our speakers.*



## Happy March Birthdays:

### Spouse Birthdays:

Susan McAlexander March 17

### Member Birthdays:

Mary Frances Agnello March 8  
Elyn Patterson March 20

## Mark Your Calendars Last Two Rotary Reader Dates

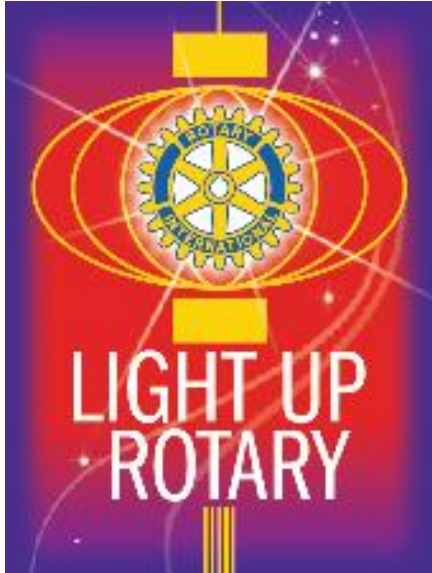
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7:00AM-7:45AM

April 10<sup>th</sup>

May 8<sup>th</sup>



## Metro Descends on Lone Star PETS 2014 in Dallas



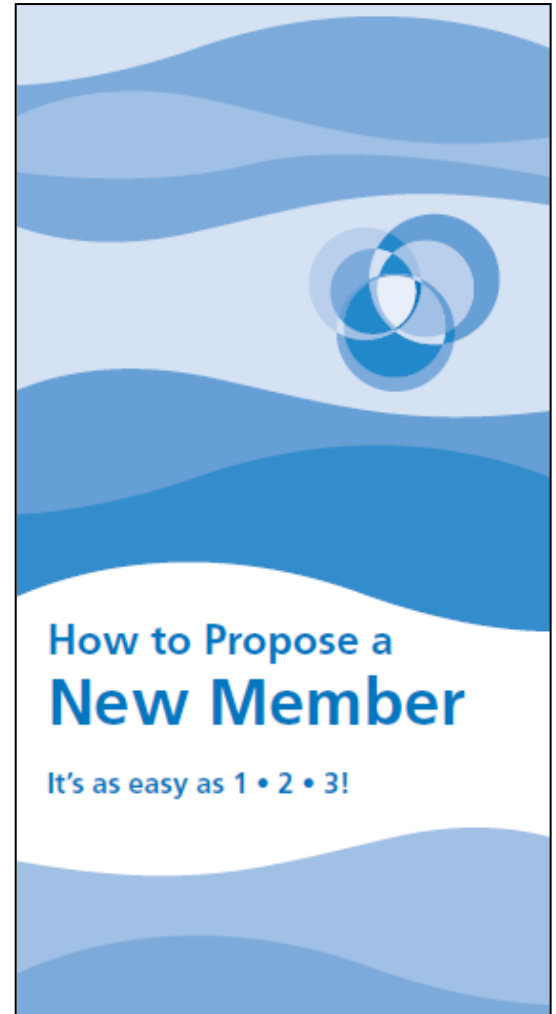
I confess. I'd been to my share of Rotary PETS – President Elects Training Seminar – in former Rotary lives, so I had low expectations last year for Lone Star PETS. How stupid of me; this is Texas after all. I was blown away. It's something every Metro Rotarian should experience. Eight to nine hundred enthusiastic Rotarians from right across the state and a bit of Oklahoma gather to hear outstanding speakers and attend breakout sessions about Rotary's upcoming year and idea sharing from clubs of similar size and people in similar roles. And then there's food. And the store with tons of Rotary goodies. And best of all, fellowship with likeminded people.

Trekking off this year to Dallas for Lone Star PETS were 5730 DG Ken Patterson and Elyn plus Susan Brints (5730 DG elect-elect, or some such title), Metro President Elect SarahLee Morris, and Treasurer Bonnie Schwarzentraub (and her husband Greater Southwest Lubbock Rotarian Paul Schwarzentraub – shown here, with Bonnie, all duded up as a Lone Star PETS "Ranger," part of the meeting's sergeant-at-arms corps). I'm sure they'll all come back brimming over with new ideas. And we'll hear their reports.



## 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.



## Caryl's College of Useless Knowledge

1. On what date was Julius Caesar assassinated?
2. What does ides mean?
3. According to Roman history, what was the name of the astronomer who warned Caesar to "beware the Ides of March?"
4. Why did the Romans care about the ides of the month?

Answers  
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## 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.

Chris Atkinson is a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor working in the state of Texas for over the past 20 years. He is familiar with a diverse range of treatment modalities as he has worked in Residential Treatment, Adult Outpatient Programs, Adolescent Outpatient Programs, and Supportive Residential Treatment Centers.

Mar 21, 2014

**Chris Atkinson, LCDC**  
"Community Recovery Center in Post, TX"

Mar 28, 2014

**Brad Moran, RAMAR Communications**  
"The Broadcast Industry on the South Plains"

Apr 04, 2014

**Amy Johnson-Rubio**  
"March of Dimes"

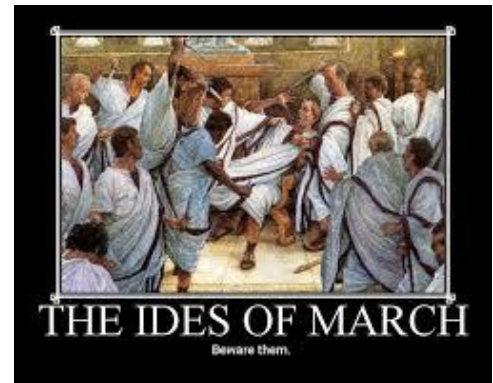
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**Robert Kollman**  
"The Chicken Express Business"

## Answers to Caryl's Questions

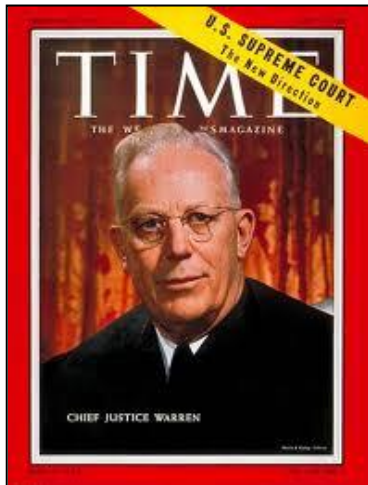
We read the answers on the Internet, so they must be right. Right? Sure, right.

1. Julius Caesar was murdered in the Roman Senate on the Ides of March in 44 BCE.
2. In the ancient Roman calendar ides was a day falling roughly in the middle of each month. It fell on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, May, July, and October, and the 13<sup>th</sup> of other shorter months.
3. "Beware the Ides of March," ancient Rome's most famous prediction, was a warning given Julius Caesar by the "haruspex" Titus Vestricius Spurinna, perhaps a month before Caesar's assassination in the assembly hall of Pompey's theater where the Roman senate was meeting that day. Since a haruspex, who read the future in the innards of animals, did not normally make precisely dated predictions, the modern consensus is that Spurinna was also an astrologer (sort of an astronomer).
4. The Romans did not number days of a month sequentially from the first through the last day. (I guess they weren't any better than us at bigger numbers like XXIX.). Instead, they counted back from three fixed points of the month: the Nones (5<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>, depending on the length of the month), the Ides (13<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>), and the Kalends (1<sup>st</sup>) of the following month.



Reflecting the lunar origin of the Roman calendar, the Ides were supposed to be determined by the full moon. On the earliest Roman calendar, the Ides of March would have been the first full moon of the new year. (With March being the first month, where does that put Janus looking forward and back?)

## Prominent Rotarians



**Earl Warren**  
Chief Justice, Supreme Court  
Governor of California  
Rotary Club of Sacramento



**Charles R. Walgreen Jr.**  
Chairman of the Walgreen Drug Company  
Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois

## More on Metro Monday

Of course, sooner is better; but anyone interested in checking out this new Rotary opportunity can start any March Monday. We hope by the first half of April to have to group ready to rock and roll.



The Monday group will meet each week just as other Rotary groups meet on a weekly basis. Meetings won't include meals, so dues will be limited to an anticipated \$75 per quarter.

During their five March meetings the folks who make up the Monday group will make plans for their future, including whatever service projects they want to undertake and the format for their meetings. Similar groups in other cities have had a regular club meeting one week, a meeting focused on their service project the next week, a meeting dedicated to classification talks the next week, and so forth.

We aim for the Monday group to be initiated into Metro on Friday morning, April 18.

Once initiated, the Monday group will be regular members of Metro but their usual meeting time will be on Monday, although they can attend the Friday meeting as a make-up. Our current Friday group and anyone who joins the Friday group will generally continue to meet on Fridays, although make-ups can be done on Monday.

In short, we will be one club; but some members will be "Friday members" and some will be "Monday members." At some time in the future the Monday group may choose to cut their Metro ties and go on their own as the 4<sup>th</sup> Rotary club in Lubbock.



**A Word to the Wise, Guys.  
Caesar Should Have Listened to His Wife.  
See What Happened When He Didn't . . .**



# COME FLY WITH US!



It's that time of year when all Rotarians in District 5730 can do our part to give back to the Rotary Foundation. The way we do this is by holding a district-wide raffle. The lucky winner of this raffle will be awarded a Southwest or United Airlines travel voucher in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Members of each club are asked to sell or buy for themselves; ten tickets (each ticket costing \$10.00). All proceeds of this raffle will be given to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Please remember, half of those proceeds will come back to the district in three years and the other half will go to The Rotary Foundation World Fund.

To make this raffle a lot more fun and in keeping with District Governor Ken's sports theme, we will make this raffle a district-wide competition. The clubs that sell ALL of their tickets will be recognized at the District Conference the night of the drawing. To make it even more interesting, the club selling the most tickets (in their respective clubs size: small 1-30, medium 30-75, large 75+) will receive a plaque with their club name on it. The three plaques will stay in the winning club during their winning year and transfer each year thereafter to the winning clubs.

ADGs and/or Presidents will receive your area/club raffle tickets this coming week to distribute to your members. If clubs need more tickets, please let me know. I am here to help and make this a fun and successful year.

Let's get excited about this and show that this district not only is up for the challenge but we will do so in the name of Rotary and the Rotary Foundation.

## ADG'S/PRESIDENTS and CLUB FOUNDATION CHAIRS

All money collected for this raffle should be sent directly to me at the address below. Checks are to be made payable to the Rotary Foundation. **DO NOT SEND TO ROTARY FOUNDATION!**

Susan Wierzba, District Raffle Chair  
4015 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lubbock, Texas 79423

Please make sure that all money and stubs are clearly marked with the club and member. Clubs who succeed in selling all of their tickets will also become EREY clubs.

Tickets for the club competition will end on April 29th so that name plates can be made. Individual raffle tickets will continue to be on sale throughout the district conference.

**NOTE TO Presidents and Club Foundation Chairs:** Please send money/stubs throughout the process so that it can all be tabulated prior to district conference.

If there are any questions, please email or call, but most importantly, **HAVE FUN!**

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**District Conference 2014**  
Lubbock, Texas  
May 2 - May 4



# ROTARY DISTRICT 5730 ASSEMBLY

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Midland, Texas



**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30 AM**

Meeting starts at **10:00 AM** and will end at **4:30 PM**

Grace Lutheran Church  
3000 W. Golf Course

**REGISTRATION: \$20.00**

Includes Continental Breakfast, lunch, drinks, and snacks

Rotarians will gather at District Assembly for President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and Foundation training. We invite spouses and anyone interested in learning more about Rotary.

This is a perfect time for meeting Rotarians from all around the District and indulging in great fellowship.

Please plan to stay for the Foundation Dinner the same evening. Cost for the steak dinner is **\$75.00** per person. Speaker will be **Amanda Wirtz**, an amazing 34 year old Rotarian with the most incredible life story of perseverance and dedication.

Children are welcome to attend with parents at the Assembly. Child care can be provided for both functions, but reservations are required.

Please contact Dianne Anderson ☎ **432-684-4560** ✉ **ddanderson24@gmail.com** for inquiries and reservations.

Members can register by logging in to [rotary5730.org](http://rotary5730.org), scroll down to right hand section entitled "District Events", click "2014 District Assembly" then click "Members". (Please click "Guest" for non-members.)

Rotarians in Midland and Odessa are opening their homes to host any Rotarian who would like to spend the night in the area. A block of rooms has also been made available at SpringHill Suites by Marriott at 5716 Deauville Blvd, Midland, TX | 432-695-6670



Scan to register

