

# **Metro Banner**

Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary District 5730 -- March 4, 2014

March 4<sup>th</sup> – Each Year's Only Command







Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> Unsung Heroes Award Ceremony – Be There or Be Square

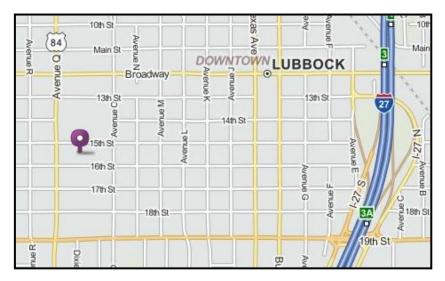
This year's Unsung Heroes Award Ceremony will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the

Prosperity Bank Conference Center located at 1501 Ave. Q in Lubbock. Fox News Anchorman Kurt Kiser will be our guest speaker. Bring your spouse and kids, for it will no doubt be a moving, very special occasion.

Thanks to Prosperity Bank for again hosting Unsung Heroes and to Chick-fil-a for providing food.

Thanks to VP-Elect Bobby McCloud for organizing the event.





### Metro Put on Its Paint Duds Friday and Saturday for Mosaic of Lubbock

On Friday and Saturday, February 28 and March 1, Metro members refreshed the paint for one of the Mosaic of Lubbock residencies. Take a look at these fine people. *Thanks to SarahLee Morris for pictures*.



### L. A. Love – Newest Metro Member



On Friday, February 28, we were honored to initiate L. A. Love, Texas Tech's Assistant Director for Athletic Academic Services / Men's and Women's Basketball. L. A. spoke to Metro earlier this Rotary year about Habitat for Humanity, another of this very busy man's activities. We look forward to getting to know his wife, Tiffany, and their daughters, Jasmine, Anessyah, and Oliviyah.

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

We're off and running with a second meeting time – Mondays at 5:15 pm – to go along with our traditional Friday 7-8 AM meeting time.

Invite prospective members to go to the Atrium of the Holiday Inn on the South Loop – our regular Friday meeting spot – at 5:15 to 5:30 PM for fellowship and 5:30-6:30 for the meeting. Of course, sooner is better; but anyone interested in checking out this new Rotary opportunity can start any March Monday.

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.

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





Rotarian David Vroonland, Frenship ISD Superintendent, will talk with us about the upcoming FISD tax levy vote. Growth in Frenship is huge; soon there will be more students than space.

An Iowa native, Dr. Vroonland has a bachelor's degree from Centenary College in Shreveport, La., a master's degree from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, and a doctorate from the University of North Texas.

### Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> Christy Reeves, Corporate Wellness



The program on Friday morning, February 28, was given by Christy Reeves, who is serving as the Director of Corporate Wellness Today. She showed slides and told us about the programs of Wellness Today with their office located at 2431 S. Loop 289,

where they provide instruction on Total Wellness. She is working with corporate businesses trying to transform Lubbock into a more fit community. She talked about the growing concerns of obesity and diabetic problems in the Lubbock area. She said that one of the biggest problems to our health is our inability to handle stress. She left us with handouts on Fitness, Wellness Today, Nutrition and their exercise programs. It was a very healthful program.

Thanks to Jim Graves for reporting on our programs each week.

### 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.





### **Happy March Birthdays:**

Spouse Birthdays:

Susan McAlexander

March 17

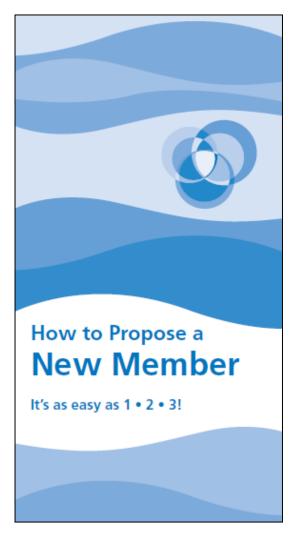
Member Birthdays:

Mary Frances Agnello Elyn Patterson March 8 March 20

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### How to Propose a New Member

- 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.
- When he or she expresses an interest, fill out Part A of the "Membership Proposal Form" found at <u>http://www.rotary.org/</u> <u>RIdocuments/en\_pdf/254en.pdf</u> (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

March 6<sup>th</sup>

April 10<sup>th</sup>

May 8<sup>th</sup>



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### **Caryl's College of Useless Knowledge**

- 1. When does Mardi Gras officially start?
- 2. What do the official Mardi Gras colors purple, green and gold symbolize?
- 3. Where and when did the Mardi Gras start in America?
- 4. What does the French term Mardi Gras mean in English?

### **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.



#### Mar 14, 2014

Myron Hargrove and Howard Mercer "South Plains Honor Flight"

#### 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"

Apr 11, 2014

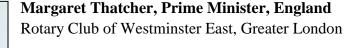
Robert Kollman "The Chicken Express Business" Answers on Page 7

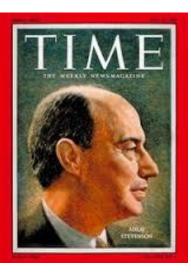
### **Answers to Caryl's Questions**

- 1. The Mardi Gras officially starts on January 6, the Twelfth Day of Christmas.
- 2. Purple represents justice; green symbolizes faith; and gold connotes power.
- 3. Mardi Gras started in America in Mobile, Alabama, in 1703 and was introduced to New Orleans in the mid-19th century.
- 4. The French term Mardi Gras translates to Fat Tuesday in English

### **Prominent Rotarians**

Adlai E. Stevenson, Ambassador to the United Nations Governor of Illinois and Candidate for U.S. President in 1952 & 1956 Rotary Club of Springfield, Illinois

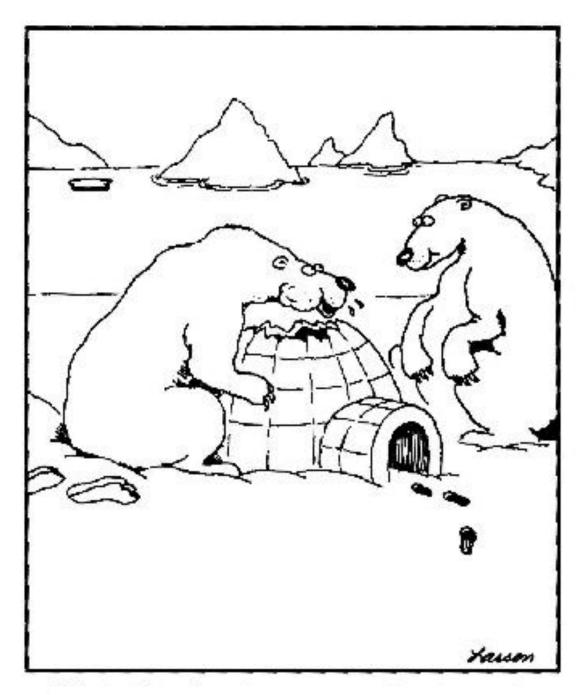






### I Looked for a Mardi Gras Cartoon, but ...

I thought I'd do a Mardi Gras theme, but the cartoons were bad and the jokes worse, so you're getting one of my audacious, old Gary Larsen favorites.



"Oh, hey! I just love these things! . . . Crunchy on the outside and a chewy center.

# **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 84th 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!

Susan A. Wierzba, District 5730 Annual Fund/District Raffle Chair 4015 84th Street Lubbock, Texas 79423 sawierzba@vahoo.com (806)789-7045 cell



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# 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

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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. Scan to register Child care can be provided for both functions, but reservations are required.

Members can register by logging in to rotary 5730 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 5718 Deauville Blvd. Midland, TX | 432-695-6870



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