

Metro Banner

Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary District 5730 -- September 3, 2013

Powering Metro's Service Projects



Metro's big annual fundraiser, the Apple Butter Festival, is upon us. The public will flock to Apple Country east of Idalou on Saturday and Sunday, September 14-15, with set-up on Friday evening, September 13. We hope every Metrarian will take a shift (or two) on Friday evening or Saturday or Sunday morning or afternoon. This can be a family affair; bring your spouse and kids. Also neighbors. Some tasks such as setting up tents are physical; others such as scooping ice cream are less so. Volunteers from Tech's Women's Service Organization (WSO), Miller Girls, residents from Hulen Hall, and College of Education visiting scholars and students from China and elsewhere will pitch in.

Sign-up sheets will be passed at each of the next two club meetings. 17 volunteers are needed for each of the five sessions: Friday night plus Saturday and Sunday mornings and afternoons . . . or 85 shifts overall.

Proceeds from the Apple Butter Festival and from our periodic beef tasting – powered by your efforts – support Metro's service projects such as the Unsung Heroes and Tinney Awards, Meals on Wheels, Dupre Elementary School's Rotary Readers (books and prizes for the kids and books for the library), Westwind Elementary School's closet of toiletries, etc., for needy students, Harwell Elementary School's Outdoor Education Lab, Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) students, attendance at Diabetes Camp and other projects as they arise.

Time to Sign Up to Help

September 6: Adapting Vehicles for People with Physical Limitations



Stan Beam of Open Road Mobility will speak on Friday, September 6, about automotive equipment adaptations for people who have physical limitations with either bolt in equipment for their current vehicle or Wheelchair accessible conversion vehicles. Stanley Beam, 43-year-old Mobility Manager at Open Road Mobility since 2006, is

happily married since 1998 to a wonderful Rotarian, Dee Beam of the Lubbock Rotary Club, and father of a new Frenship High student.

Metro Rotary on I Beat Pete



Watch for Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary on KCBD's "I Beat Pete" with an archery challenge to advertize the Apple Butter Festival.

Rotary History

Paul P. Harris, an attorney, wanted to create a professional group with the same friendly spirit he felt in the small towns of his youth. On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary club meeting. They decided to call the new club "Rotary" after the practice of rotating meeting locations. Within five years clubs had formed across the country, from San Francisco to New York. In August 1910 Rotarians held their first convention in Chicago, when there were 16 clubs. (http://www.rotary.org/en/history-rotary-international)

Tech Women's Basketball Coach Spoke



Candi Whitaker, first year coach for the Tech women's basketball team, gave us a very interesting program on Friday morning, August 30, 2013. She was excited about being back in Lubbock, coaching the Lady Raiders where she played more than ten years ago. She talked about her assistant coaches and trainers and looked forward to an interesting season. There have already been nearly 80% as many season tickets sold for this season as last year. Four of the starters from last year graduated and the other is injured, so it is hard to predict who will be stand-out players this year. She is anxious to see a new freshman player from Spain who has selected Texas Tech as a place to play this fall. We were invited to attend the preseason practices to find out what the team will look like.

Thanks to Director-at-Large Bobby McCloud for securing Coach Whitaker for August 30 and to Jim Graves for this story.

Meals on Wheels Drivers

September 6 Ken Clowes and Dan Carpenter with Walter and Caryl Smith



For how many years has Metro supported Meals on Wheels? Hint: Ask a Metro Charter Member.

Weekly Programs – Consult ClubRunner

Want to know what the 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.

Next Metro Lubbock Rotary Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 5:30 pm
At Craig Alley's office in the Pyramid Bldg.
To the west of the Holiday Inn where we meet.
All members are welcome to attend.

Sep 6 2013

Stan Beam

"Open Road Mobility"

Sep 13 2013

Various Experts

"ClubRunner Demonstration"

Sep 20 2013

Marie Hanza

"Habitat for Humanity"

Sep 27 2013

Susan Brints & David McAlexander

"The Rotary Foundation"



Petch Has Returned to Medical School

Petch arrived at the Lubbock Airport on Saturday morning, August 31, at 6:30 AM to start her return flights to Chiang Mai, arriving there at 11 PM on Sunday and starting classes the next morning.

It doesn't work to leap a twenty-foot chasm in two ten-foot jumps.

-- American proverb

Happy September Birthdays & Anniversaries to:



Birthdays

9/16 Phil Houchin

9/16 Gerry Anne Houchin (Phil's wife)

Anniversaries

9/4 Jerry and Vicki Price

9/4 Caryl and Walter Smith

9/9 Linda and Mike McMurry

9/15 Kirk and Marilee Thomas

How to Propose a New Member

- 1. Talk with someone you'd like to invite to join Metro.
- 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.
- 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.

Cartoon of the Week



Caryl's Questions: Read On For The Answers

(Caryl's College of Useless Knowledge)

What temperature is the same in both Fahrenheit and Centigrade?

Which countries besides the U.S. do not use the metric system?

What is the official measurement system of the U.S. called?

See page 7 for answers.

Answers to Caryl's Questions

Forty degrees below zero is the same Fahrenheit and Centigrade temperature.

"Using the metric system" is a tricky notion. We think of the U.S. as not being metric, but when is the last time you bought a fifth of licker? Or a quart of Coke? Or had your prescription written in ounces?

According to http://askville.amazon.com/USA-world-countries-metric-system-weights-measures/AnswerViewer.do?requestId=4043688, only three countries do not generally use the metric system: Liberia (in western Africa), Burma (also known as Myanmar, in Southeast Asia) and the U.S.

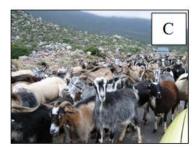
Actually, the U.S. has been metric for over one hundred years. That is, "in 1893, metric standards, developed through international cooperation under the auspices of BIPM, were adopted as the fundamental standards for length and mass in the United States. Our customary measurements – the foot, pound, quart, etc. – have been defined in relation to the meter and the kilogram ever since." (http://www.nist.gov/pml/wmd/metric/upload/1136a.pdf)

To add to confusion about which countries are metric, according to Wikipedia, aviators use feet for altitude worldwide (except in Russia and China).

With Which Source of Protein Are We Trying to Help the Malawian People?







Rotary D5730 Annual Youth Exchange Fundraiser

The Rotary District 5730 Youth Exchange Committee is presenting its annual fundraiser, a Clay Shoot, in Midland on Friday, September 27th.

