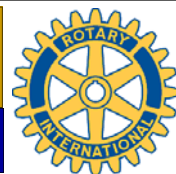




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Dear Rotarians,

As I traveled the district this year, I listened to your suggestions and comments about the District Conference. In our planning we have tried to include those things that you named.

The All club Luncheon on Friday will feature Chad Hennings as our keynote speaker. We will have some of the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders to greet you before the luncheon and sign autographs. Chad will give an autographed copy of his book, "Rules of Engagement" to the first three hundred people who register for the luncheon. This luncheon will be an opportunity for me to showcase the District 5790 Champions—**our 2011-12 Club Presidents**. They will enter carrying flags from the countries with which they have had, or supported, an international service project!

Friday evening is planned to be fun and put the spotlight of all the talent in our district. I hope you are recruiting those talented folks in your club to enter our Talent Show!

The Saturday morning breakfast will feature our Youth Exchange students. They will provide entertainment, testimonies, and we'll even get to hear for the host families.

Our Saturday luncheon will be a celebration acknowledging the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to allow women to be in Rotary. Our keynote speaker for this will be Sylvia Whitlock, the first woman club president for Rotary. We will be launching our new "Bluebonnet Society" at this luncheon.

Saturday night will be our Governor's banquet where we recognize those Rotarians and Rotary clubs who have excelled this year!

Additionally, we will hear from our GSE team who went to New Zealand last year, and the ones who will be here from Melbourne Australia this year.

We will have things for your whole family- like a Kid's Camp and Spouse activities on Saturday.

So, make plans to join us in Fort Worth on May 18-20, 2012 for a great Rotary Celebration of Champions!

*Sharron*



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### **"ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON"** *Nominee for the "White House Champions of Change"*

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Arlington! They were named a Nominee for the "White House Champions of Change" because of their long time scholarship program provide to the students at Webb Elementary School. They were recognized on April 20, 2012, at the "Rotary Day at the White House." This event was in recognition of Rotary International's humanitarian efforts in the United States and around the world and is part of the White House's Community Leaders Briefing Series.

As part of the proceedings, the White House and Rotary will recognize key service projects and individuals that are making a difference in the lives of others. These "Champions of Change" come from across the country and best exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." There are only 10 nominees who were selected for this honor.

In addition to recognizing the Champions of Change, the day-long meeting served as an opportunity for high-level officials from the US Federal Government and representatives from Rotary to discuss how both are addressing key issues impacting communities in the United States and across the globe.

A report will be included in the May issue of "Tales & Trails"

### **"JAY GILLIAM—PEACE FELLOW SCHOLAR"** *"New Job with USAID"*



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I wanted to share some good news with you: I will be starting a new job at the US Agency for International Development next week. My new position will be in their Public Affairs Department as a Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Administrator. I will be helping the Deputy Assistant Administrator manage the Public Affairs team and get out stories about the development work being done at USAID. It will be similar to my current work at the Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A.



**"DISTRICT CONFERENCE"**



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# A Celebration of Champions

## **Rotary District 5790 District Conference**

**May 18-19, 2012**

## **Fort Worth Sheraton Hotel and Spa**

Greetings Rotarians,

We have already begun planning for your 2012 District Conference where we will be celebrating our Rotary Champions. I am excited to have this opportunity to honor you and the work of your clubs. Mark your calendars now to attend and share in our celebration of Rotary District 5790!



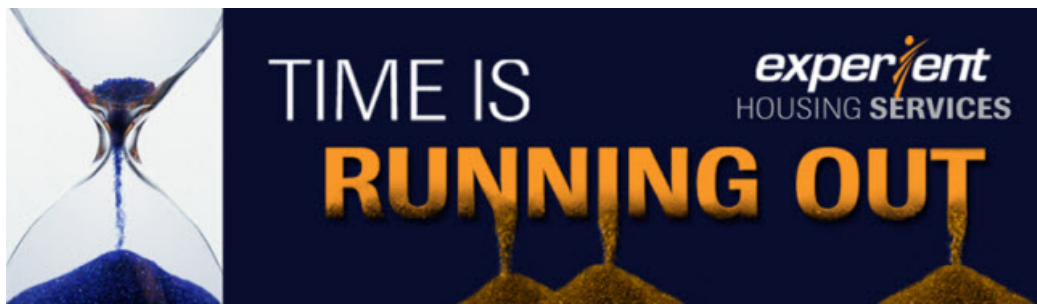
## "INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION—BANGKOK"



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## REGISTRATION UPDATE—NEW BARCODES

As a result of some software changes, we have had to make a change in the format of the barcode that was previously sent to you. Please disregard the previous email and bring this one with you to the pre-registration area at the convention.

We highly recommend that all attendees bring a copy of their registration confirmation with them and present it upon arrival. This year's confirmation contains a bar code that will be scanned and will expedite the process of picking up your badge.

In order to provide a more streamlined manner of service, those who do not bring their confirmation and/or do not know their registration ID number, will be asked to register via the customer service counters.

NOTE: If you received a confirmation without a bar code, please print out a copy of this email and bring it with you.



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### "PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN UPDATE "



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Our campaign is a partnership with the Dallas district, and we sought a recognizable figure to be the face of Rotary –someone who is a "Champion" to carry through with our district emphasis on being Champions for Rotary. We believe that Chad Hennings is a wonderful role model and his life exemplifies the core values of Rotarians. Chad was named an Honorary Rotarian in our District, and will be the key note speaker for our Friday Luncheon at the District conference on May 18.

Football player and fighter pilot Hennings knows all about the "go-it-alone" myth that keeps men from connecting in meaningful ways with each other! In his book he shares 12 steps that will improve your relationships with God, family, and friends, including healing the past, developing a work ethic, committing to self-care, living with spirituality, and developing financial proficiency.

The link below is to our Public Service Announcements that are currently running. The audio script has also been sent to radio stations in our district for broadcast. If you have not seen it, please take a peek by clicking this link.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKTQC6tHU78>

Below is the billboard that was placed last week on IH 20 and McCart—just west of IH 35 in Fort Worth.



We are currently in the process of making 18" x 24" posters of some of our New Generations Rotarians. These posters will be disseminated to every Rotarian in the district. We are asking Rotarians to place them in their businesses, banks, or places where we can promote Rotary in our local communities.

I hope you are pleased with our campaign.





## "DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN 2012-2016—ADDENDUM"

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*District 5790 Strategic Plan requires that any changes be approved by voting delegates at the District Conference. In order for these changes to be made, they must be published ahead of the District Conference to the District Membership. Below are the proposed two changes to be voted on at the District Conference next month. - Editor*

### 1. ADD STATEMENT REGARDING ROTARY ACTION GROUPS (RAGS)

#### REASON:

Currently there are 15 RAGs with a combined membership of nearly 30,000 in more than 100 countries worldwide. Each RAG specializes in a particular area of service, with most RAGs having significant expertise in one or more of Rotary's six areas of focus. Many RAGs also have valuable connections to external partnering organizations and funding sources that Rotary service projects can benefit from. We think of RAGs as volunteer consultants that can help clubs design and implement new service projects, or enhance existing projects to make them more effective and sustainable

While the RI Board of Directors sets policies for RAGs and decides whether to recognize prospective RAGs, the RAGs operate independently of RI and must obtain Governor's permission before contacting clubs to offer their assistance. We strongly encourage the Governor and Governor-elect to look with favor on the services that these groups have to offer and facilitate connections between clubs and the RAGs whenever possible. By working together rather than separately, the leveraged strength of clubs and districts, RAGs, Rotary's professional staff, and our many partners around the world can dramatically enhance Rotary's global humanitarian service impact.

#### PROPOSED:

ADD to end of Section 2, after item G.

Clubs are encouraged to become aware of the services available from Rotary Action Groups (RAGS) as one method to facilitate development and execution of humanitarian service projects outlined in the foregoing.

### 2. REASON:

Clarification of filling of unanticipated vacancies on the Strategic Planning Committee.

#### PROPOSED:

ADD the word "unanticipated" to Section 4 paragraph 2, sentence 2 as follows:

"Rotarians to fill any unanticipated vacancies...."



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### "PEACE FELLOWS UPDATE" *"Cody Griggers"*



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Hello again District 5790! This marks what I believe is almost the last update you'll be getting from me as my journey as a Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland rapidly draws to a close.

With only two more months to go before until graduation, I have dived in headfirst into another full semester of studies on subjects including Arms Control and Disarmament (a very topical issue these days, obviously, with North Korea only today attempting a failed missile launch and of course the looming question of Iran), a course on the International Relations of the Asia-Pacific (another clearly relevant course as the news is filled with examples of the US foreign policy's "pivot towards Asia"), and finally a course in urban planning just to explore a new aspect of development issues.

I am also proud to have been selected by one of my professors to be a research assistant on a project to bring a group of community and church leaders from the Solomon Islands over to Brisbane to conduct a training in conflict resolution in early June, in which I will be one of the trainers. We are also starting to put together a series of case studies on local forms of conflict resolution in the Pacific Islands in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme – an exciting opportunity that may offer me the chance to travel to the island of Vanuatu in June.

Also, one of the highlights of our time as a Peace Fellow is that this is our year to lead the annual Rotary Peace Seminar on campus – the invitation is shown here. During this day, the other Fellows and I will hold a series of talks about the experiences we had on our recent internships, or on other aspects of peace building that we'd like to discuss for an audience of about 200 from the university community.

Finally, I am thrilled to have been selected to attend the Rotary International Peace Symposium in May that coincides with the Rotary International Conference in my former 'hometown' of Bangkok, Thailand. If any of you happen to be making the journey over for either of these events, I would love to catch up with you!

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## PEACEtalks

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### "YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE" *"A Great Year for Youth Exchange"*



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The inbound students are making presentations to their Rotary Club Sponsors, experiencing many new things and their host families are doing a great job to be their American parents. Our Texas outbound students are having wonderful experiences around the world. On April 13 we will have our second orientation program for our new group of outbound students and we are now in the process of placing new international students arriving in August.

At the District Assembly on April 21 DGE Hollis included two youth exchange sessions and a session on Child Protection. We are holding repeat youth exchange sessions so Rotarians interested in youth exchange can attend. This will be an important training workshop to provide club Rotarians specific detailed information on how to administer this program. Clubs who are sending outbound students NOW or are thinking about getting involved in hosting students must set up at least a 3 person Youth Exchange Club Committee. Please have as many of your committee people as possible attend one of these two sessions plus the child protection session. Rotarians have to have specific training so they know the rules we must follow today.

DG Sharron is giving Youth Exchange an hour program at her District Conference. On Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> after breakfast we will have an hour program to showcase ALL OUR STUDENTS! We are developing a dynamite program including music, an exchange student PowerPoint presentation, and a panel of host parents. Our outbound students around the world will be bringing us greetings. You will not want to miss this!

Below take a look at what are students are doing and saying!

Alex from Keller is in France. She wrote: "I am living in the center of France and as it is slowly turning into spring I find myself with a greater appreciation for (what I consider) as my second home. I have been so busy. My family came to visit me in France and we traveled to Italy. We went to Milan, Venice, Rome, Lyon which is in France, my little town called Vierzon and of course PARIS! After my family left, these past two weekend I have had rotary events. All 400 of the exchange students in France met up in the south of France, Annecy for 3 days. I can't begin to describe the amazing moments I get to experience. The cool part was I saw my friends that were in (outbound camp) from Oklahoma. It was amazing because before we couldn't speak in French and now we can all have a full conversation, without hesitation. Others then that, I am enjoying my life with my friends, my host families and of course the delicious French cuisine".

Ale from Italy is giving her club presentation at the Mid Cities Pacesetters Club meeting.

Roland from Slovakia and Valentin from Austria are inspecting Texas Crude on a ranch near Abilene and Patrick from Switzerland met with the Deputy to the Swiss Ambassador in New York City while attending the Rotary Day at the United Nations. Outbound students are attending their orientation sessions.





## **"AN OPEN LETTER OF CONDOLENCE"** *"A Lifetime of Friendship over 2 continents"*

Dear Rotarians,

As we know, a major purpose of Rotary is to help create Peace and Understand in the world and to develop life long Friendships among people from different parts of the world.

Below is a letter of condolence I received from a former president of the Chita Rotary Club, Nikolai Yefimov, upon learning of the death of his close Abilene Rotary Friend, Paul Ruska. I asked Nikolai permission to publish this.

After I was in Russia for the chartering of the Chita Rotary Club in which our club was a sponsor, the following year Rotarians and spouses from Chita came to Abilene. The delegation included 11 people. 18 had wanted to come but some could not obtain US Visas.

A year later I took 7 people including the Ruskas to Siberia. We helped charter 2 more Rotary Clubs and the Rotaract and Interact Club of Chita. This was a very big deal. This is when the Ruskas met Nikolai in Chita. . Abilene and Chita because Sister Cities and once again the Ruskas met up in Abilene with their friend Nikolai who was part of the official Sister City delegation to come to Abilene.

For about 15 years these two families were close friends. Nikolai received an e-mail from Paul Ruska just a few days before he died at age 91.

From my point of view, this is an example of the great work Rotary does to build meaningful friendships among people of our two countries.

Jim Aneff

*Dear Jim,*

*My friend Tatiana Sukhanova will translate this letter for me, she teaches English at Zabaikalsky University. I have asked her to do it for me as my knowledge of English is limited and won't permit me to express fully the thoughts and feelings that I want to share with you.*

*I hope that you will be able to give this letter over to the relatives of Paul and Julia Ruska. Though late, I want to convey my sincere condolences to them.*

*I used to get letters from Paul quite often and both my wife Irene and I looked forward to hearing from him. Sometimes there were long breaks in our communication but it was always resumed after a while. I was sure that I would get another letter from him some time. But a few days ago I found out from the internet that Paul had passed away in August 3, 2011. It was a real shock for me. The last letter I got from him was dated August 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*I had truly warm feelings towards Paul and Julia, especially after my parents' death. Paul and Julia visited us here, met my parents and treated my family with warmth and sincerity. When my parents were still alive, both Paul and Julia were always interested in their life. I felt like they had become part of my family. And also for a long time I knew that somewhere in the United States there were people who were thinking about me and remembered my parents and whose life meant a lot for me too. The very fact that they lived, even so far away, made my heart softer and warmer. We had some common memories and every time I thought about them I came to recall my Mum and Dad. Now when Paul and Julia are no more I feel like I have lost a part of myself, something kind and warm that helped me keep going.*

*I want Paul and Julia's children and grandchildren to know that there are people in a far away country who treasure their memory and that my wife Irene and I will always keep in our hearts their images and the kindness they used to send us from the other side of the globe.*

*Sincerely, Nikolai Yefimov*



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### "AREA 3 UPDATE" *"From Way Out West"*



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With two thirds of the Rotary year gone the seven clubs in Area 3 have accomplished most of their goals. Each club has excelled in service to their individual community, as usual. For instance, the Abilene Rotary Club's "Taste of Abilene" just raised nearly 40,000 dollars, half of which will go to the Abilene Restaurant Association and half to the Abilene Rotary Club's Community Grants Program. Last year the club gave \$20,000 to 19 non-profits in the area.

The Abilene Southwest Rotary Club will honor the top graduating seniors in the local high schools during their annual "Top 50 Plus" Banquet. The event will follow their annual Golf Tournament, April 13<sup>th</sup>. This outstanding club has given over \$100 for each Rotarian again this year to Rotary's EREY program...and they had three excellent speakers to enter their "Four Way Test" Speech Contest.

The Hamlin Rotary Club has held two fund raising dinner events with proceeds going back into the Hamlin community. They continue their participation in the Adopt-A-Highway "clean-up" project near Hamlin and have applied their recent District Simplified Grant to drilling a water well for the Hamlin Elementary School playground.

The Abilene Wednesday Rotary Club recently provided 240 dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Fannin and College Heights Elementary Schools in Abilene. They said the children were so proud to have a dictionary of their very own. At Christmas members purchased gifts for several individuals and participated in parties for some of the dorms at the Abilene State Supported Living Center. The Club plans to plant several trees on the Disability Resources Campus this spring.

The Stamford Rotary Club is preparing for the Group Study Exchange Team from Australia. They will host the team overnight on Monday April 30<sup>th</sup> and have the Team speak to their Club on Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> before the Team returns to Abilene for four day. Stamford Rotarians continue to involve students in their weekly programs and enjoy good food prepared by the high school home economics students and faculty.

The Haskell Club has added some new members and is looking for students who are interested in attending RYLA this year. They want to continue their tradition of sending deserving students to Rotary's youth leadership training each year.

And, in Coleman, the Rotary Club will hold their annual banquet for graduating high school seniors and their families. The Club prepares and serves the food and after dinner they take the opportunity to talk about Rotary in Coleman and to tell about Rotary projects around the world. Attendees are told of the "Four Way Test" and that Rotarians try to live by the test of things we..think, say, and do.

It seems that good planning by our area presidents has helped each club have a successful year for Rotary in each community.



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### "AREA 5 UPDATE"



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#### Arlington Sunrise

The Arlington Sunrise Rotary Club remains a vibrant, active club, emphasizing the tenants of "Service Above Self". On March 31, the Arlington Sunrise club, along with the other six Rotary Clubs in Arlington, held an Adoption Awareness Picnic. Over 90 children from the Tarrant County Child Protective Service (CPS) system, along with dozens and dozens of potential adopting parents, were treated to a carnival-like party which included things like bounce houses, face painting, lots of food, and a ton of games. Over 120 volunteers helped put this on. Recently, District Governor Sharron Miles visited the Arlington Sunrise Rotary club and presented it with the 2010-2011 District's First Place Award for per capita giving. Earlier in the school year, with the help of a District Simplified Grant, we presented over \$3300 in school supplies to West Elementary School. And at the end of each six-week period, two lucky students with perfect attendance for the previous six weeks at Thornton Elementary received bicycles and helmets. Satisfying goals presented to us by RI President Kaylen Banerjee, Sunrise Rotary recently planted a tree and held a Purple Pinky project.

#### Arlington Great Southwest

Our club 2011-2012 accomplishments:

Will send 3 students to RYLA. Held a Four Way Test Speech Contest between the students of Sam Houston H.S. and the students of Summit International Prep. A charter school. The competition between the two schools drastically improved the quality of the contest over previous years. Sponsor an active Rotaract Chapter at UTA. Sponsor an active Interact Chapter at Sam Houston HS. Provided financial support to the Harold Key Foundation that provides college scholarships for Sam Houston students.

Provided the gift of Literacy to all of the third grade students at 8 Elementary schools in the Sam Houston cluster. Held the fourth annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Monument in Veterans Park that was constructed by Rotary. Provided financial support to the Veterans Park Foundation for improvements and maintenance of the monument. Second Annual Mardi GRAS Fundraiser at Cacharel Grand Ballroom was an amazingly enjoyable event for all. Members of other clubs said "it was so much fun it didn't seem like a Rotary event". Perhaps we should concentrate more on fun and fellowship in our events and RI would not have the problems we are having attracting young new members. Held monthly FORK "Family of Rotary Kuisine" fellowship dinners at local restaurants. Held a Wine Tasting to raise money for Polio Plus. Participated in Rotary Night at the Ballpark by serving hot dogs and drinks to raise money for Polio Plus. It was about 107 degrees in the shade that day, so we all should get double credit for this event. Participated in the second annual All Arlington Adoption Awareness Picnic as organized by the Arlington Sunrise and Arlington Rotary Clubs. What a heart warming Service activity that hopefully will unite foster children with adoptive families. Best Rotary Event Ever! Sent our clubs future leaders to the Rotary Institute For Leadership "IFL" Sent our PE to PETS. Held a membership survey at the beginning of the year that out-



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### "AREA 5 UPDATE, Con't"

lined the programs and activities that our members supported and enjoyed as well as those old stagnant projects that members did not support and wanted to eliminate. Our club that at one time had over 100 members was overtaxing our 30+ members and needed to define what those 30 members had a passion for and wanted to continue in the future. This is an important strategic planning exercise that would have been very beneficial to our membership if a small group did not demand the non supported stagnant program be retained. Sent members to the District Membership and Foundation Seminars. Had fantastic ground breaking programs all year that entertained our members and drew guests and potential members to Rotary. Designed and Purchased sign boards to be displayed at our meetings to show members and visitors the great service activities that our club engages in. We borrowed this great idea from the Arlington Sunrise membership gurus Don and Chris. Updated our members badges to the new credit card style. Replaced departing PE in time for the newly minted PE to prepare properly for next year.

#### Arlington West

A club which truly exemplifies the Rotary motto of, "Service Above Self" is the Rotary Club of Arlington West (AWR), chartered on 11-21-80. Since its formation, AWR has been a Sustaining Member Club for many of those almost 32 years and currently happens to be a 100% Sustaining Club. Additionally, 80% of the AWR members are Paul Harris Fellows and that percentage is definitely on the rise! AWR will finish this Rotary year with 36 members after starting the year with only 32 members....that's a 10% increase in membership! This 2011-2012 Rotary year has been especially productive and successful, because AWR has gone places and done things AWR has not been or done in the past! An emphasis on Rotary training and education for the upcoming leadership began early in 2011 and is moving AWR forward for well informed and equipped leaders for the future of AWR. AWR is thankful for the awesome Rotary District 5790 and for the fantastic educational opportunities provided! The Rotary Club of Arlington West meets every Tuesday, at 12:00 noon at the Shady Valley Golf Club...come see us...we are the BEST in the WEST!

#### Arlington Sunset

Major accomplishment of the past year has been an increase in membership from eight to fourteen members - with all the new members very actively engaged in the club's work. One of the new members, Larka Tetens, introduced the club to its first international project in recent years: Larka has been involved in the formation of a program to provide a school library - building, furnishings and books - to 137 Mayan children in a Yucatan Peninsula village. The school's educational materials are in Spanish, although the students speak a Mayan language. Larka has made contact on behalf of Arlington Sunset with the Rotary club in Tulum, Mexico, near the Mayan village. Sunset has voted to work with the Tulum club in a joint program of support for this Mayan school. Sunset Rotarians are excited to be involved in an international project, since many such projects are beyond the capabilities of a club of our size.





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### "AREA 10 UPDATE"



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The Colleyville Club is flying high with putting out 185 flags 3 times this year with 2 more to come in May and June. They also have 2 new members -- 1 new Rotarian, Robin Burgess, and 1 transferee with a PHF, B.J. Smith. They also added more PHFs so now 7 of the 13 members have theirs.

Community Service has been active with cash donations to: Boy Scout Eagle Project; Police Dept. Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) project; used hearing aids donated to Callier Center, UT Dallas; and eye glass donations to Alcon for 3<sup>rd</sup> World Countries. Also time donations by Bill Harris to Immunization of Tarrant Co. and Bill's election to Vice Chair of ITCT.

District activities included: attendance at Foundation Seminar and Membership Seminar in August & September; a sponsor and attendees at the Rotary Foundation Banquet in February; and filed a 501(c)3 for Colleyville Rotary Foundation. The Club sponsored 3 Socials.

Their major fund raiser was "Dancing for the Stars" which was the talk of the town and was very successful. Also, the April 3 regular meeting will be a "Thank You" affair for the sponsors.

Colleyville Chamber of Commerce resulted in some Rotary Club recognition: Club promotion at local meetings; Awards Banquet announced Past President Jon Bullock as a nominee for Citizen of the Year; Rotary Club nominated as outstanding club; and Past Presidents Charna and John Gray received the Community Spirit Award.

The HEB Club is also flying high with their membership up 9+% to 70. They also started an International Project thru RI to fund a micro-dairy farm in India, and celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 20.

They have initiated several pledges: 1) sponsor 2 students to RYLA; 2) award 5- \$1000 Scholarships; 3) award 1-\$1000 scholarship to a TCC Nursing Student; and commit \$250 to the RITE program. They have donated approximately \$6000 to local charities.

District activities have included: Participation in the Rotary Readers Program; Meals on Wheels program; and sponsored the Clubhouse for Special Needs by funding a security system for them. They have donated \$2500 to Polio Plus; \$4000+ to the District Wheel Chair Project and maintained their EREY status

The Club will host a luncheon honoring 50 Special Olympians from Tarrant in June and will host a dinner and honor the Top 10 HS students from the 2 HEB ISD high schools in May.

They have also cosponsored the following projects with the Mid-Cities Pace-Setters Club: Provided a dictionary to every 3rd grade student in the HEB ISD, using a District Matching Grant, helped fund a Youth Exchange Student at Trinity High School, held the 4-Way Speech Contest in which all three high Schools participated, and hosted the Regional 4-Way Speech Contest March 31.



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### "ROTARY CLUB OF ABILENE" "Embracing Technology"



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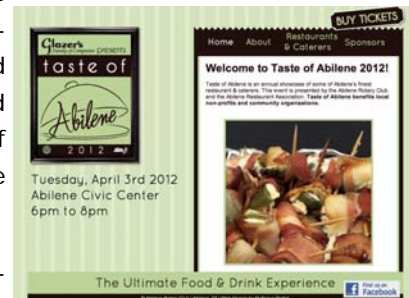
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The Rotary Club of Abilene has made a number of technological advancements in the past year. Credit and debit cards are now accepted for club meetings using a Square Card Reader along with an iPhone, or other smart phone. This advancement also streamlined fundraising efforts, as ticket locations for Taste of Abilene, our annual fundraiser, could be made by cash, check, or credit in person, or through PayPal at [www.tasteofabilene.org](http://www.tasteofabilene.org).

Club meetings are now heard much better thanks to a new, portable sound system that can be used for various settings. Meetings have also allowed more time for our programs, as announcements are now projected on a repeating slide show before the official club meeting begins. The slide show includes various Rotary fun facts, on which members are quizzed at the end of the meeting for donated prizes.

The Rotary Club of Abilene has also begun using many more online resources. In an effort to save postage and paper costs, interactive newsletters are now sent online using Constant Contact. Facebook has been a useful tool in promoting the club among the membership, as well as a great tool for promoting Taste of Abilene. Online contests and social media marketing helped make this fundraiser a great success this year. Several new members and speakers have contacted us through Facebook in order to connect, begin the membership process, and schedule a speaking event. Members have even used Smart phones during club meetings to upload pictures of speakers and awards to our Facebook page and share the news immediately.

In order to make contacting Rotary officials more consistent for the community, our club has adopted email addresses based on position rather than a club official's personal email address. The president of the club can now always be found at [president@abilenerotaryclub.com](mailto:president@abilenerotaryclub.com), the editor of the membership directory at [directory@abilenerotaryclub.com](mailto:directory@abilenerotaryclub.com) etc. Email addresses will be transferred to the new officials as positions change hands each year. All in all, the Rotary Club of Abilene has taken strides forward in this last year to stay up-to-date with the rapidly changing technological demands of our rapidly changing world.



The Rotary Club of Abilene hosts the Taste of Abilene each year.

Embracing technology, it has been a great way to promote the Taste of Abilene.



## MINERAL WELLS ROTARY CLUB

*"Exceeding Goals, Poised for Growth"*



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The Mineral Wells Club has had a successful year so far. We started with 41 members and have grown by five with eight more potential members ready to join!

Unless you regularly travel to other's clubs, you never really know how unique your club is. PETS can put your club into perspective! Rotary is so big and does so much, as a newer member it is hard to grasp the complexity of your Club, the District, and Rotary International.

While Mineral Wells is a medium sized club, I like to refer to it as a "very manageable sized club." We exceeded all the goals we set for the year and thanks to our revolving program chair, each member is able to bring truly dynamic speakers. Personally I love having Rotary on Wednesday's at lunch, as it is the highpoint of the week and it is all downhill after that!

Our largest and annual fundraiser is our local Flag Project. After many years of keeping the price consistent, the program had grown to over 400 subscriptions. This project runs 6-times a year on major holidays: *President's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veteran's Day*. After much discussion, the Club elected to change the program by removing Labor Day and adding September 11<sup>th</sup>. It seemed to be a very patriotic and "Flag Appropriate" day! We also made a bold move of increasing the price by \$1 per holiday. We knew the potential risk of a price increase, might equate to a loss of some subscriptions, but the increase in profit should outweigh the risk. We did lose a few subscriptions, as we do at each renewal year. But, we have retained most of the subscriptions and have considered opening the subscription service to a new expanding neighborhood at the fringes of the city limits.



In conjunction with our Chamber of Commerce's Mineral Wells Leadership Class, our Club wrote a matching District Simplified Grant for a total of \$2400 to help purchase a handicap accessible swing-set for our local City Park. This dedication ceremony was held on March 28, 2012.

While the Rotarians were dedicating the swing-set, we also used this opportunity to "plant a tree" as part of our Presidential Citation.





## ARLINGTON NORTH ROTARY CLUB

*"Continuing Traditions as the Friendliest Club in Town"*



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We open each meeting with these words. It is both a welcome to all and a reminder to us as a club of who we are and how we intend to relate to one another, our community, the district and the greater community of Rotary worldwide.

Over the past year we have continued our traditions of personally handing out more than 1,000 dictionaries each year the third graders at 9 North Arlington Elementary Schools; donating more than 80 coats to kids at Speer Elementary; giving our blood, sweat and tears (literally) at regular blood drives; sending high-schoolers to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards); sponsoring Arlington Lamar's Interact Club; committing to delivering Meals on Wheels every week; providing scholarships to Lamar High and Venture High scholars; and making substantial donations to HOPE Tutoring, the Lamar High Library, and Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of America camperships.

This year we participated with each of the other Arlington clubs in a very successful adoption program for Tarrant county children in need of a foster home. This event marks a return to cooperative efforts among the Arlington clubs, and Arlington North is very pleased to have participated.



Our most important fund raiser continues to be our very successful flags program. Six times a year we put up flags around north Arlington in the morning and take them down in the evening. Not only is this an expression of patriotism and remembrance on the part of the club and the community, but also it is a powerful way for us to take unified action as a club. This year we are pleased to be providing support for Arlington South as they begin exploring their own flags program as well.





## WEATHERFORD ROTARY CLUB *"Supporting the Community"*



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**Weatherford Rotary Club** wrapped up their 56th Annual Pancake Supper on February 28th. The Supper was held at the Weatherford High School cafeteria with almost 1600 in attendance, the Club flipped over 5,500 pancakes, prepared 550 pounds of bacon, 500 pounds of sausage and served hundreds of cups of coffee, milk and orange juice. A large portion of food for the Supper was donated by local businesses.



The silent auction contained a variety of items including a dinner for two with a helicopter ride to enjoy the lights over Weatherford and Fort Worth, several tickets to ball games, a Jay Novachek signed football, a nook, jewelry and numerous other great items. The Club offered raffle tickets for a Gas BBQ.

Proceeds from the Pancake Supper will benefit several high school and college students with \$1,000 scholarships, as well as several charities receiving contributions. The student scholarship applications are listed on the Club's website.



Weatherford Rotary Club recently partnered with Trinity Habitat for Humanity of Parker County to build a home in Weatherford for a single mom and her two daughters. Several of the Rotarians worked on the project over a three week build. Earlier in the year a group of Rotarians worked on an all-women Habitat build in Weatherford.



It has been a rewarding experience for the Rotarians to be able to give a hand-up to families in our community and work side-by-side with those families to see the pride they take in building their new homes.



Kudos to District Governor Sharron Miles for a fantastic gathering at the District Gala Foundation! We enjoyed a lovely evening with our fellow Rotarians, the food was fantastic, the silent auction had a wonderful variety of items. And, Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee was very inspiring especially when he spoke of the progress of Rotary to eradicate Polio. What a beautiful evening, thank you Governor!



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**PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RAFFLE**  
*"4 PHF's will be given"*

Rotary District 5790

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOW  
RAFFLE**



*4 Paul Harris Fellows will be given*

**ONLY 1,000 TICKETS TO BE SOLD**

1 Paul Harris Fellow per every 250 tickets sold!

Tickets only \$10 each

Drawing will be held on June 30, 2012

You do not need to be present to win.

**PROCEEDS GO TO  
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

**Make Checks Payable to:**

PHF Raffle

P.O. Box 181861

Arlington, TX 76096

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## HIGHLAND VILLAGE ROTARY CLUB "PAWS FOR A CAUSE"



Highland Village Rotary  
presents:

**April 28th, 2012**

**10 am - 1 pm**

Unity Park, Highland Village



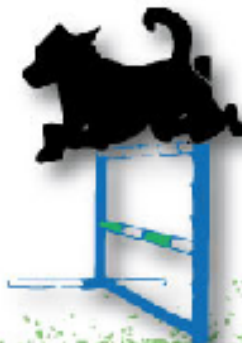
**Funds raised will go to the  
Humane Society and the  
Future Highland Village Dog Park  
and other Highland Village Rotary charities**

**This event is FREE to attend**

(if you would like to participate in an activity, tickets start  
at \$15 for one activity, \$25 for two, and \$30 for three)

register your dog  
become a vendor  
learn about sponsorships

**[www.RotaryPaws4aCause.com](http://www.RotaryPaws4aCause.com)**



**FURR BALL PHOTO BOOTH**

**DOG WALK**





## SHELTERBOX ANNOUNCEMENT *"Project Partner Agreement"*

SARASOTA, Fla., March 30, 2012 – ShelterBox and Rotary International (RI) have formed a project partner agreement this month, signed by John Hewko, Rotary International's General Secretary, and Tom Henderson OBE, ShelterBox Founder and CEO.

The formalization of this partnership cements a 12-year relationship, providing emergency shelter and life-saving humanitarian aid for hundreds of thousands of families around the world, who have been made homeless by disaster.

ShelterBox began as a Rotary Club Millennium Project in 2000 and today continues to have a significant input from Rotarians in its governance Board, senior management, operational capacity and international development.

"Rotary and Rotarians have been integral in the operational development of the organization, from being eyes and ears on the ground during deployments, to providing logistics, accommodation and translation services, right to assisting with the pitching of tents," said Henderson. "Many of our global Response Team volunteers are Rotarians. Others have joined the Rotary family having seen the difference that Rotary and ShelterBox make on the ground. They have always helped us in endless ways."

Not only have Rotary clubs and Rotarians historically contributed a significant percentage of ShelterBox's income, but members of the Rotary family have also founded each one of its 21 affiliates. This support remains key for the charity to be prepared for a disaster of any scale and to be in a position to assist the most vulnerable families at the time when they need it the most.

Through the new partnership, the two organizations will assist Rotarians to be part of a critical solution at times of disaster through providing humanitarian service when disasters occur in their area; engaging with ShelterBox in disaster preparedness initiatives within their country or District; and supporting ShelterBox readiness, awareness and capacity building.

"For more than ten years, ShelterBox has given light to over one hundred thousand families worldwide in their darkest hour," said Hewko. "This project partner agreement represents our mutual goal of helping those in need. It gives RI a forward-facing approach to immediate disaster relief."

"It's an historic moment for us to become a Rotary project partner," said Henderson. "It's the first of its kind and is a great opportunity for us to engage with our Rotary friends around the world to increase awareness of what we do with Rotary and, of course, an opportunity for Rotarians to increase our avenues of service worldwide."

### ABOUT SHELTERBOX USA

Since 2000, ShelterBox has provided shelter, warmth and dignity following more than 170 disasters in nearly 80 countries. ShelterBox instantly responds to earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, cyclone, tsunami or conflict by delivering boxes of aid. Each iconic green ShelterBox contains a disaster relief tent for an extended family, stove, blankets and water filtration system, among other tools for survival. ShelterBox's American affiliate, ShelterBox USA is nationally headquartered in Sarasota, Florida. Individual tax-deductible donations to ShelterBox USA can be made at [www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org).

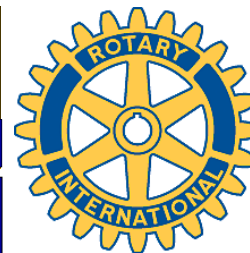
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## February 2012 Attendance

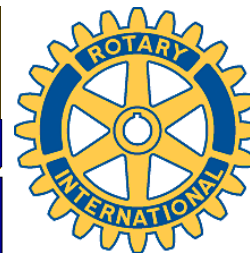
Rotary Club	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	2/1/2012			2/29/2012	
Abilene - F	94	55.19%	4	93	(1)
Abilene Southwest - T	58	78.33%	4	60	2
Abilene Wednesday					-
Arlington - TH	120	69.07%	4	120	-
Arlington GSW - W	35	64.58%	5	34	(1)
Arlington North - M	38	71.03%	4	38	-
Arlington South - F	17	58.21%	4	16	(1)
Arlington Sunrise - F	63	93.15%	4	63	-
Arlington Sunset - T	14	78.57%	4	14	-
Arlington West - T	35	59.00%	4	36	1
Azle - TH	31	68.00%	4	32	1
Bowie - W					-
Breckenridge - T	25	65.00%	4	25	-
Brownwood - W					-
Burkburnett - T	42	56.55%	4	42	-
Burleson - F	49	81.35%	4	49	-
Burleson Area Mid Day - M	24	70.00%	4	25	1
Cisco - TH					-
Cleburne - TH	73	67.28%	4	73	-
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	13	87.00%	4	13	-
Crowell - W					-
Decatur - TH					-
Denton - TH	87	64.70%	4	87	-
Denton South - T	37	73.65%	4	37	-
Dublin - T	22	78.00%	4	22	-
Eastland - TH	20	53.75%	4	20	-
Flower Mound - TH	73	89.93%	4	72	(1)
Fort Worth East - M	35	61.00%	4	35	-
Fort Worth International - W					-
Fort Worth North - W	22	60.00%	5	22	-
Fort Worth - F	441	60.00%	4	441	-
Fort Worth South - T	56	66.30%	4	56	-

Club Attendance is to be submitted to the District Secretary within 15 days after the last meeting of the calendar month. Club Secretaries should submit their attendance to District Secretary Richard Sherman at the following e-mail address: [rsherman5790@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsherman5790@sbcglobal.net)



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## February 2012 Attendance, Con't

RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	2/1/2012			2/29/2012	
Fort Worth Southw est - TH	27	75.96%	4	26	(1)
Gainesville - W					-
Graham - F	105	41.00%	4	105	-
Granbury - TH	53	75.70%	4	52	(1)
Grapevine - W					-
Hamlin - W					-
Haskell - TH					-
HEB - T	68	85.00%	4	68	-
Highland Village					-
low a Park - W					-
Keller - T					-
Kennedale					-
Lake Ray Roberts - T	13	73.08%	4	13	-
Lewisville Morning - TH	28	95.54%	4	28	-
Lewisville Noon - W	59	95.89%	5	60	1
Mansfield - T	31	89.74%	4	30	(1)
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	19	83.33%	4	19	-
Metroport - F	27	95.83%	4	25	(2)
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	46	63.04%	4	46	-
Mineral Wells - W	41	80.29%	5	43	2
Nocona - T					-
Southlake - T					-
Stamford - T					-
Stephenville - TH	30	72.50%	4	30	-
Vernon - T	36	66.44%	4	38	2
Weatherford - T	98	68.33%	4	101	3
Western Fort Worth - T	62	91.90%	4	62	-
Wichita Falls North - F	29	88.00%	4	29	-
Wichita Falls - TH	81	63.92%	4	80	(1)
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	29	87.39%	4	30	1

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### PHOTOS AROUND THE DISTRICT

In support of DG Sharron's request for clubs to plant a tree, Arlington Sunrise Rotarians are shown after planting a tree at Meadowbrook Park in Arlington.



The Rotary Clubs of Fort Worth, sponsored a Wine Tasting at the end of March. Attached is a rather unique way of decorating a watermelon—in the shape of the Rotary Logo.

### HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE???

Does your club have an upcoming event that you want to share with other Rotarians? Did you just complete a project or fundraiser? Let others in the district know!

Please send us a write up and pictures to include in the newsletter. See the contact information to the left.

### COMING IN THE MAY NEWSLETTER...

You'll find articles about the District Conference, and the Assistant Governors will share what has happened with their clubs, and District Chairs will begin to recap their year.

Burleson, Denton, Fort Worth South, Mansfield and Southlake will let us know what is going on with their clubs.