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Hello Rotarians of District 5790,



2009-2010 DG
John and his wife
Claire

The really neat part of Rotary is that each and every Rotary Club in District 5790 is totally different. There are no two the same. It is this difference that we so enjoy. Since July 1st, my wife Claire and I have been visiting some of the finest clubs in our district and meeting some of the neatest people. Let us share a little of our fun with you:

On July 1st we traveled to Brownwood and installed Mary Irving and her new Board at their noon meeting. What a hoot of a time we had with candy for all.

Then we visited Mary Irving's new/old Brownwood Railroad Museum, where there are lots of toy trains inside as well as a couple real ones outside. We were having too much fun to leave, but we finally had to go!

We visited Crowell where the average age of their 12 members is 40 years old. There we also met Clinton "Bud" McLain who joined Rotary in 1948, 61 years ago. (**Wow**) Upon shaking his hand you will quickly note that he is a spry 90 years old and still very active in his club.

In Vernon we toured the Western Trail Heritage Museum. They are currently in a fund drive to renovate the museum into a hi-tech interactive learning museum. We cannot wait to go back to see it after it is completed.

In Decatur we met Ruben Pinkerton who has proudly maintained perfect attendance for the last 54 years. He will tell you he has visited Rotary Clubs all over the world. Make sure you ask the Rotarians of Decatur about their beautiful new doll house.

And if you visit the Stamford Rotary Club, you'll meet a new Rotary Builder named Fareed Hassen. While celebrating his 50 years of perfect attendance while we were there, the club members told us that he brought most of them in as members.

At Hurst-Eules-Bedford Club we had the honor of recognizing Ardis Bells for 49 years of perfect attendance.

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In Denton we met Dick Stewart who was a squadron commander in the Second World War when this year's district governor was born.

In Southlake we met Rodney Hall who had just returned from the Boy Scout Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico where he hiked 82 miles uphill in ten days.

And in Grapevine we recognized Duff O'Dell as Rotary Builder, whom the club called a "Chipmunk on Speed". We were exhausted just reading her biography of everything she does for her club. And what a fantastic honor we were given in being asked to recognize Alex Beloff and Connie Sharp as the newest members of the Rotary Foundation's Bequest Society.

There is no way that we will forget the really super members of the dynamic Weatherford Club, the neat members of Stephenville Club and the generous members of the Graham Club. Everyone has been so gracious and friendly to us wherever we have been. Thank you... Now Claire has to go back to work as a high school teacher. I'll miss her being at my side during most of the rest of the club visits.

Important for your club! Don't forget the Membership/Foundation Seminar at the Mineral Wells High School on August 15, 2009. During my year as your district governor it has been my goal to conduct as many of our training activities as possible close to the geographical center of our district, thereby making it easy for everyone to come. So please come one! Come All!

And don't forget our two "End Polio Now" activities coming up. First is the "End Polio Night" at the Texas Rangers MLB Game on September 18th and then, second, our clubs are getting together or singly doing "End Polio Now Projects" on Saturday, October 24, 2009, "World End Polio Day." During both activities our primary goal is to educate people about polio, what it is, and that it can come back; and our secondary goal is to collect monies to help us in our fight to wipe polio off the face of the earth.

I'll see y'all in Mineral Wells,

John



2009-2010 DG John and
his wife Claire



AUGUST is Membership Month

Hollis Lackey, District 5790 Membership Chair



Hollis Lackey is District 5790 Membership and Retention Chair for 2009-2010.

He is a member of Arlington Sunrise Rotary Club.

In District 5790, we will grow our membership by having each club start with a "Membership Moment", one of 3 minutes District Governor John Miller is asking each club to have at each meeting this year.

Each club can focus to improve retention of new members of each club by using the Red Badge Program and implementing the revised Mentoring Program. We need to strengthen our club meetings, increase community programs, and achieve total club involvement. Retention is the program we will focus on in District 5790 this year.

We will establish a new mentoring program to engage each new member in our club. This program would also promote education and understanding of Rotary International and club responsibilities. We divided the program into two parts. Number one is the expectations of the prospective member and two, the responsibilities of the mentor.

In our District, we found it useful to help the new member to grow in their knowledge of Rotary by using a seasoned Rotarian working side by side with the newcomer. If we want to sustain membership, we must start with knowing Rotary from a club experience and then learning the World of Rotary.

Our attendance percentage, club involvement, and communications will improve by using both programs.

What is the number one question to be asked of your meeting and your club? *Are we having fun?*

And be sure to attend the Membership and Foundation Seminar this month in Mineral Wells.

Submitted by Hollis Lackey, Membership Chair, District 5790. Hollis can be reached by e-mail at: h.lackey@sbcglobal.net

WANT MORE INFORMATION ON MEMBERSHIP?

Rotary celebrates a different theme each month. This month, as we kick off our second month of the Rotary year, we ask our clubs to focus on membership and retention to help insure that our clubs keep members and grow.

More information on membership can be found at the Rotary International website by clicking the following link:

[Rotary Membership](#)



SAVE THE DATE—AUGUST 15TH!

Rotary District 5790 Membership / Rotary Foundation Seminar **2009-2010**

Two informative Guest Speakers and
Two interactive - Motivational Tracks

Purpose: Invigorate and energize your members with the latest ideas about increasing your membership. Also come and learn about the exciting changes in our Rotary Foundation for the 2009-10 Rotary year.

When: August 15, 2009

Where: Mineral Wells High School - 3801 Ram Blvd., Mineral Wells, 76067

Time: 8:55 AM – 2:00 PM

Cost: \$15.00 ~ A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

We have two very special guest speakers who will be coming to share ideas with us. Diane Kessel Knight, who is actually from North Dallas, will be flying in to join us from her home in Loveland, Colorado. A presenter with Greg Podd at the recent Phoenix Presidential Conference on Membership, Diane is a super discussion leader with exciting new ideas on membership and retention.

Our Zone Director 2010-2012, Noel Bajat, will be traveling to us from Lafayette, Louisiana. Noel is an expert on The Rotary Foundation, and will give us an entertaining and engaging speech.

Please encourage all members to attend. This seminar will give a boost to the start of this Rotary year!

You can register online at our website - www.rotary5790.org. You can also pay online.

"The only way a person can join a Rotary Club is to be sponsored by a member.

Learn what you need to do to help grow your club membership with good members and keep them involved"

"The Rotary Foundation is the main vehicle to accomplish all the great things that Rotary has to offer worldwide.

Your support allows Rotary to do many great things"

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END POLIO—TEXAS RANGERS GAME

You can fight polio and cheer on the Texas Rangers in one fun-filled night. Join Rotarians from all over North Texas on **Friday, Sept. 18**, for this special event.

Bill Gates has pledged **\$355 million** to date in challenge grants to help Rotary International eradicate polio. You and more than 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide work in your own ways to eradicate polio. We've raised \$70 million so far. End Polio Now Night with the Texas Rangers is an opportunity for Rotary fellowship and fundraising for our polio eradication efforts. It is also a great chance to spread our messages about polio education and Rotary service.

Fellowship and Family--As the attached flyer notes, there are seating options for Rotarians. You can order a block of tickets as a club or ask your club members to purchase individual tickets based on their preferences. Tickets can be ordered online using the address on the flyer. Friday nights at the Ballpark are fireworks nights.

Fundraising--For every ticket sold as part of End Polio Now Night, the Texas Rangers will make a donation to Rotary's End Polio campaign. You can post the flyer and link on your club website to promote the event.

Make It Your Own--Rotarians could wear club shirts/hats and Rotary pins, or make special End Polio Now t-shirts. You could have a contest to see who can sell the most tickets. You could make signs to hold up during the game. Make it a family event and have the kids help. You could decorate your cars to provide a free polio billboard in the parking lot. Your club could make extra contributions for every homerun hit. (Note: Solicitations at the Ballpark are prohibited.) Your creativity can help make this evening a fun night that spreads Rotary's message about fighting polio.

Questions?

- For questions about ticket sales, please contact Rhianna Jacobs at the Texas Rangers at 817-273-5864. Call Rhianna if you can't order online.
- If you have questions about policies at the Ballpark, like what you are permitted to bring, please visit the Rangers' website at:

http://mlb.com/tex/ballpark/tex_ballpark_guide.jsp

AG Lisann Peters will field other questions about End Polio Now Night at lrpeters@tx.rr.com.

Whether you buy tickets as a club or as individual Rotarians, we hope to see you there. Until polio is eradicated, it is a world threat; it could return to areas that haven't seen polio in a long time. Vaccination is the only protection. The future is in your hands--grab your friends and family and join us for a Rotary evening.



THINGS YOU CAN DO— TO HELP ALLIEVIATE HEALTH AND HUNGER ISSUES



Chuck Kurtzman is Assistant General Coordinator, Health and Hunger Resource Group, Rotary International

Vice -President and Co-Founder, Global Network for Blood Donation, A Rotarian Action Group.

He is Past District Governor of our District—2003-2004 and a member of Fort Worth South Rotary Club.

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[Things You Can Do](#) is a publication developed by the RI Health and Hunger Resource Group.

It provides practical suggestions to help Rotarians improve health and combat hunger around the world, information on working with Rotarian Action Groups, and a list of online project resources.

The publication as recently updated, and is now available for download by clicking the link [Things You Can Do](#)

The Rotary International Health and Hunger Resource Group Web page is available by clicking on this link: www.rotary.org/healthandhunger

ROTARY GROUP	WEBSITE
Rotary's Action Group Web site	www.rotary.org/actiongroups
Global Network for Blood Donation	www.ourblooddrive.org
Population Growth and Sustainable Development	www.rifpd.org
Rotarians for Fighting Aids	www.rffa.org
Alleviation of Hunger & Malnutrition	www.alleviatehunger.org
Rotarians Eliminating Malaria	www.remarag.org
Polio Survivors and Associates	www.rotarypoliosurvivors.com
Dental Volunteers	www.ragdv.org
Diabetes	www.ragdiabetes.org
Disaster Relief	www.drrag.org
Rotarians for Mine Action	www.rfma.org
World Health Fairs	www.worldhealthfairs.org
Hearing Regeneration	www.hearingregeneration.org
Microcredits	www.ragm.org
Blindness Prevention	www.rag4bp.org
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness	www.rotary-rfmsa.org
Water and Sanitation	www.wasrag.org

"Health and hunger is the tent within which so much of our Rotary service dwells. We must all remember that when we work in this area, we are also working toward the greater goal of peace ——— for how can there be peace in the world when so many will try to sleep tonight without having eaten today? "

John Kenny
2009-10 RI President
International Assembly 2009



RYLA is an annual event held each June at Texas Women's University over a 3 day weekend for District 5790.

Participants are selected and sponsored by their local Rotary Club in District 5790.

Bridgett Williams is chair of RYLA for 2010. She is a member of Metroport Rotary Club.

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ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS—2009



Rotary Youth Leadership Award for district 5790 took place at Texas Woman's University in Denton on June 11th through the 14th. 108 students from around our district participated - a record number for district 5790.

Of all our youth programs, RYLA has the greatest impact on a young individual in the shortest amount of time. During RYLA, students are introduced to a variety of concepts addressing leadership, team building, communication, and experiential learning.

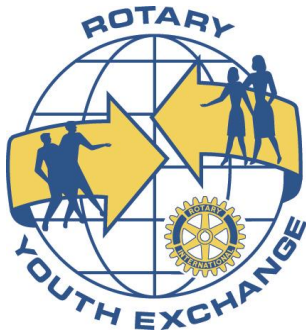
In addition, the curriculum is designed to foster confidence and understanding of oneself. Finally, RYLA demonstrates that learning can be fun. What Rotarians can do now is to maintain

relationships with their sponsored RYLarians to assist in developing these concepts.

Invite them to events, projects, and club meetings. Involve them in other Rotary programs such as Interact, Rotaract, and Youth Exchange. Show them the possibilities of Rotary.



*Submitted by Dan Morales—
Dan is a member of Arlington Great Southwest Rotary, PDG of District 5790
and has been involved with RYLA for many years.*



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YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE

Yulya Chernova, the Rotary Youth Exchange student sponsored by the Abilene and Abilene Southwest Rotary Clubs returned home July 9.

On July 14 her parents sent the following thank you letter. Yulya was a wonderful exchange student and had a great year in Abilene High School. Below is her parent's letter.

—PDG Jim Aneff

Dear Abilene Rotary

"Thank you very much for our daughter Yulia. She said it was the greatest year in her life and she said that she got a lot of great friends in your club.

She really misses America but more she misses you, she cries every time when we talk about this year and your Rotary Club. We are very happy that she got to see the United States of America and she got to know your culture, she really loves it! We think it's a great opportunity and a great experience for her.

We can see that she is really changed from the last year. Now she is more responsible and she knows what she wants in the future. We are very impressed how series she became only for a year.

First time, we were scared, "How is she going to live in the country that she doesn't speak the language very well?" And now we were in Moscow 2 days ago and she was talking to some English people!

It is very interesting, our son went to the USA two years ago for the summer exchange program and he really loved it, he wants to come back to there in the future... now it's our daughter!

Yulia explained to us how Rotary works and she and her brother, Oleg, are very interested to open a Rotary Club in our town, Mozhga, and we will do everything to make it happen. Also, you all are welcome to Russia, Mozhga, we will be very happy to see you here in our family. We are VERY thankful for everything you have done for Yulia; our family appreciates every one of you! Yulya calls you as her second family. We hope we will meet each other someday; it would be so much fun"

Thanks a lot,

Chernov Vladimir and Erika

YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE (CORRECTION)

Kathy Bauer updated the list of exchange students for District 5790.

Caly Rangel was in-advertently left off last months list. She is a short term outbound student, sponsored by the Bowie Rotary Club and is exchanging with Sicily.



GSE TEAM TO MEXICO — 2009

Paul Geisel, PDG of District 5790 lead a team to Leon Mexico.

Despite having to make the trip twice it was a fantastic experience.

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PDG Paul Geisel led this years GSE Team to Mexico— twice. The first time the team of 5 went down in late April to Leon Mexico.

The team did get to visited a major bus company, factories for shoes, cultural centers, a university, and the historic capital of Guanajuato. The host families were wonderful. On the third day they learned that the district conference had been cancelled and they were being sent back to the

United States due to the Flu epidemic.

The team was allowed back in on May 31st, however only 3 of the 5 team members were able to reschedule their trip. The team had to squeeze 4 weeks into 3. They made 15 presentations to Rotary Clubs—One key difference between meetings in Mexico versus the United States is they traditionally last 3-4 hours. They attended the rescheduled District 4160 Conference the first week of June. The conference was a combination of serious presentations and fun. Clubs in the district presented Talent night programs for everyone's enjoyment. The 5790 GSE team taught the Rotarians in District 4610 how to do the Cotton Eyed Joe.

Life in Mexico means having lunch about 3 pm and dinner from 10 pm to 2 am! Meals are a special celebration significance and celebration of sorts. Host families were wonderful and the team got to see and participate in all aspects of daily life.

District 4610 has a large Youth Exchange program with over 70 inbound students and 68 outbound students..



The absolute highlight was the morning that Paul went with a small group to climb a mountain called La Montana Christo del Rey. It was a nine mile hike straight up. The morning sun was just rising. About halfway up the path the sounds of guitars and children singing could be heard from the cathedral at the top— an unforgettable experience.



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ROTARY INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP—OCTOBER 17 & 18th

Our District has embarked on an exciting new program - we look to you and your club to play a key role.

We call this program "Rotary International District 5790 Institute For Leadership", or simply IFL - designed to develop the skills that help individuals become great leaders in Rotary and our communities; it now is an official Rotary International emphasis. Some people are describing it as a RYLA program for Rotarians.

Two classes have been held so far with great results. Each class is held twice a year.

The program is a highly interactive two day session about the dynamic process of leading. This is not material that can be learned through texts or by attending PETS nor does it duplicate any training previously

offered in our district.

The next program will be held at the DFW Marriott (near Texas Motors Speedway), for leaders at all levels from all Rotary Clubs in District 5790 on Saturday and Sunday, October 17th and 18th.

We accept only 24 participants, so enroll now! The tuition fee per student is \$299.00 which includes everything: books, materials, food, hotel, etc.

To register, go to www.rotary5790.org and look for the link to "Inst for Leadership"

Chuck Kurtzman and his team of trainers look forward to your involvement.

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***Being an Effective
Leader is different
than being in
charge***

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE NEW DISTRICT 5790 WEBSITE? HAD TROUBLE ACCESSING IT?

The new District 5790 website went "live" in late June. If you haven't looked at it, please feel free to do so.

The website name didn't change—it is still www.Rotary5790.org. So if you had the website www.rotary5790.org in your "favorites" and it doesn't load properly, then delete it as a favorite.

Then, using your browser, go to the new website and re-add it back in as a "favorite". Some members reported problems accessing it. *(The reason for that is that internet addresses on the web is made of actual numerical addresses— and our old website had a different host than our current host. Some browsers may not have recognized that as fast as the change occurred).*



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ARLINGTON SOUTH— MEMBERSHIP IS QUITE A CHALLENGE, THIS CLUB PRESIDENT PUT HIS LOOK ON THE LINE....

Second term President Greg Lozier of Arlington South Rotary is a brave man.

He threw down a membership challenge for his club for 2009-2010 that can't miss. The challenge: net 5 new members for the year. The dare: Pres. Greg will wear a kilt and full Scottish regalia to his office as CFO of Spring Creek Barbeque during the Scottish Highland Games June 2010. Arlington South has had the fundraising pleasure of serving libations at the Games for the past 20 years benefiting their high school scholarship fund. (Anything for the kids!) "We are a small club, but need new members to provide more projects" said Lozier.

Since Pres. Lozier isn't Scottish or Irish, a committee has already formed to assure he will be outfitted with the proper tartan, sporran, &

dress shirt. Perhaps, the Texas tartan...Bluebonnet colors!

Most recently, Arlington South used a District Simplified Grant to provide food for 150 kids for the summer.

The recipients were residents of Artisan at Rush Creek Apartment Complex, which is a tax credit complex.

In an effort to provide nutritious snacks and meals, the Rotary Club of Arlington South provided a sack of food for each child. The goal of the project was to ensure these children would have food available for them to prepare while parents were at work, without having to use a stove in the preparation process. Some of the items were instant oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, cereal, pretzels, and juice boxes to name a

few. The response from the children was overwhelming, one child asked, "Is it a holiday"; while others were, giddy to have a variety of items they may not have available to them.

We have also started planning our annual Boys & Girls Club Christmas party which seems to grow each year. We need more hands! Last year we had 125 kids at the party along with Santa and his elves. The kids got to sit in Santa's lap and he had a gift for each one of them. During the party, the kids moved through six different stations where Rotarians served pizza, help decorate cookies, play games and help with a craft project they can take home to their family.

**Submitted by Cindy Cox
and Lynn Frankenfield**



*Pictures from our
Snack Distribution
at Artisan at Rush
Creek Apartments.*

IOWA PARK—SMALL CLUB—HUGE IMPACT

As a traveler drives Hwy 287 nearing Iowa Park, TX, one can't help but notice the majestic "Old Glory" waving over scenic Gordon Lake. The Rotary Club of Iowa Park is doing its part to increase the visibility of, and pride in, their city. In addition to the 20 by 30 foot American flag, in the past year, the club has provided funding for the exercise stations, which dot the walking track around the lake. Other projects include the picnic pavilion for the enjoyment and health of the public. For the annual fund raiser, 600 flags are displayed during six federal holidays.

The Rotary Club of Iowa Park, which encourages service to youth, also sponsors the Interact Club at the Iowa Park High School. Two high school students are honored, each month, as "Rotary Students of

the Month". As guests of the club, the students share their accomplishments and goals for their future, with the membership each month. Their accomplishments are featured, along with their pictures, in the "Iowa Park Leader" newspaper.

Three youths have been sent to Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program each year. Three thousand dollars was given to two graduating seniors and the scholarship foundation at Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District. The club also honors a "Teacher of the Year" with a plaque and cash contribution for class room supplies. For the younger students, the club provides "4 Way Test" coloring books and dictionaries.

The club received a Matching

Grant to assist with the Meals on Wheels program, which is provided by The Friendly Door, the local senior citizens center. The club also helps, year round, with volunteers who deliver the meals to area senior citizens.

The new year began with the club presenting seven new Paul Harris Fellows to club members making this the second time the Rotary Club of Iowa Park has attained the coveted "100% Paul Harris Fellows" mark. The first time was in July 1999 when the club received the Paul Harris Fellow banner. The Rotary Club of Iowa Park is a club that is proud of its history and is off to an excellent start to its thirty-fifth year.

**Submitted by Paula Pet-
rash, President—2009-
2010**



*Club achieves 100%
Paul Harris Fellows
for 2nd Year in a
Row....*



GRAPEVINE ROTARY THE 4 YEAR EVOLUTION OF THE CLUB'S FUND RAISER

The Grapevine Rotary Club has a long and successful history of fund-raiser projects to fund our Scholarship Program benefiting local high school seniors.

For many years, the club hosted an annual golf tournament. However, other groups were having golf tournaments and it became increasingly difficult to get corporate sponsors to help underwrite the costs. The same local merchants are constantly called upon for donations for auction items and door prizes. So we decided to think outside the box.

In 2007 as fund raising committee chair, I recommended we change our project to a raffle.

We decided to raffle a brand new Corvette. Potentially, we could make more money than we had on our golf tournaments and, get more club members to participate in.

We needed to find venues with large numbers of people where we could sell tickets. Working with the local Convention and Visitors Bureau we were able to partner with the City and the local Heritage Foundation Board as well as GRACE (Grapevine Relief and Community Exchange) as beneficiaries of the proceeds.

The CVB sponsors and hosts two annual city-wide festivals each year and we chose the "Main Street Days" as our focal point for displaying the Corvette and sell tickets to thousands of people in a 3-day period. We also held the actual drawing on the large sound stage on the last day of the festival saving us the planning and coordination as well as major expense of an event to have our raffle drawing.

Tickets were \$100 each or 6 for \$500. As an incentive for each 15 tickets sold by a member, they received a "free" ticket in the drawing. This proved to be a great sales technique.

A "sales letter" about the raffle and all the great projects we were supporting was sent to colleagues, family and friends. All club members has to do was insert their own name and forward it to their own distribution lists. This was a very easy and successful way to sell tickets. We set up an account to accept credit cards which signifi-

cantly increased our sales.

We had to sell enough tickets to pay for the Corvette (\$40,000). Any revenue above that was pure profit. The Club would receive 70% of all net proceeds and the Grapevine Heritage Foundation and GRACE would receive 15% each. The first year we netted over \$40,000 after paying for the car! Approximately \$28,000 went to our scholarship fund and \$6,000 each to GRACE and the Grapevine Heritage Foundation.

In 2008 we raffled off the winner's choice of a new Corvette or a new Hummer. But, we decided not to have incentive sales opportunities for club members and this proved to hurt our overall sales. This coupled with the economy made the second raffle more difficult. Our profits decreased significantly.

In 2009 we again thought outside the box and decided to raffle a choice of "dream trips". We worked with "WinSpire" a company that provides trips to non-profit groups at a greatly reduced price helped arrange 3 different trips. We could appeal to a wide audience.

The first was a "Choose your Championship" trip to almost any major sporting event in the US (including First Class airfare for 2 and hotel accommodations).

The second trip was "Historic Washington, DC", for 4 people with coach airfare and hotel accommodations and a unique guided tour of Washington with a noted Historian.

The third trip was "Harrod's London", for 2 with coach airfare and hotel accommodations with a \$1000 gift card to Harrod's department store.

Tickets were \$50 each or 3 for \$100. We reinstated the sales incentives to our club. Additionally, the Rotarian who sold the most tickets won a free cruise for 2 (donated by Holland America). The Rotarian who sold the winning ticket in each raffle was given a \$100 gift card to a local restaurant.

The club was divided into teams. At our weekly luncheons the teams had to give a sales report. This was a great way to get club participation and a fun way to create

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**Sometimes
you have to
think outside
the box when
doing a fund-
raiser.**

"The potential to raise a great deal of money is there depending on the item or items selected to raffle off.

The club can keep all the funds raised or share the profits if the club decides to partner with a good local charity that will help increase sales by the recognition of and association with that particular charity."

— Duff O'Dell

If you want more information on how to start a raffle, you can contact Duff by e-mail:

dodell@premierbank.com



GRAPEVINE ROTARY EVOLUTION OF A FUNDRAISER, (Con't)

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some sales competition and boosted our ticket sales. We sold 1170 tickets and raised \$40,200. We netted \$20,500, and \$14,300 went to the our Scholarship Fund, and \$3100 each was donated to GRACE and to the Heritage Foundation Board.

A raffle is a great way for all club members

to participate – even if they eventually buy their own tickets or sell them to family members. But we weren't "capped" on revenue like a golf tournament with a certain number of players and sponsors, and this was more fun for our club members, as Tom Sherriff talks about in the [Best Practices](#) section on page 13.

Submitted by: Duff O'Dell, Club Director

CLEBURNE ROTARY—JOINING FORCES WITH LIONS!

For the first time, the Cleburne Lions Club and Cleburne Rotary Club met for a joint meeting on July 3.

"It was not only a joint meeting," said Tony Torres, Rotary president. "But it is a joint project that we are going to be working on."

The clubs have joined forces to conduct a food drive for Operation Blessing, a non-profit organization in Cleburne that supplies food, clothing and household items to the needy in Johnson County.

"We've been blessed by both clubs," said Gloria Jones, director of Operation Blessing. "Our nation is in trouble. We'll be all right if we do just this — stay together and work together."

Club members will bring canned goods, dry goods and other food items to their meetings once a month to be given to the organization.

"As Lions, our community service is a high priority," said Diane Reynolds, Lions president. "We applaud the Rotary Club for their desire to support community programs."

Torres approached Reynolds with the idea of the joint project, she said, and she immediately thought of Operation Blessing.

"Operation Blessing is an organization that we have always served, and that's

why we wanted to help them more," she said. "It's easy to cut a check but the actual labor of giving is a rewarding thing."

The organization broke a record on Wednesday, serving 80 families in one day.

"If we keep going at the rate we're going, we could easily feed 30,000 people this year," Jones said. "It takes a community to make this work."

The organization had served 13,551 individuals as of about April.

"I think it's the Rotary and Lions spirit to serve the community," Torres said. "There is strength in unity."

"We're two humanitarian organizations. When we combine our forces we're an even more powerful humanitarian organization, and we're taking care of local needs."

Operation Blessing distributes food from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Other services the nonprofit provides include pharmaceuticals, clothing and furniture.

For information about Operation Blessing, call 817-645-8511 or visit:

www.ob-jc.com.

While each service organization has different goals and objectives, most have one goal in mind—to make their community better.

Here's an example of how a Rotary Club can work with the Lions Club to help out their local community.



"WHY I JOINED ROTARY" by Joi Burton, Arlington South Rotary

When I was asked to join Rotary, I thought it would be an organization that I would enjoy. Little did I know it would become my passion.

Once I started attending weekly Rotary meeting, I met others I would never have met in another situation. I enjoyed getting to know about them through their professions. I also enjoyed working, although it doesn't seem like work, with them on community projects.

What a great feeling knowing you have made a difference in your community, and making life a little easier for someone else.

But my real passion came when I became involved in International projects. Then I truly saw the "might" of Rotary. How millions of lives are being changed every day by over a million Rotarians working together to care for the world. We are in every country making a difference, from provid-

ing clean water in Honduras, caring for AIDS orphans in Africa, providing training for adults to earn a living in Bangladesh, sending children to school in Turkey, giving children a chance to live a life without polio. I feel our greatest accomplishment

It's good to know that we belong to the largest "family" of givers in the world.

Submitted by PDG Joi Burton, Arlington South Rotary

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*Joi Burton is a
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ton South Club and
is Past District Gov-
ernor 2001-2002 for
District 5790.*

BEST PRACTICES—"REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN" by Tom Sheriff, Wichita Falls North

•I truly believe that the one of the most important aspects of Rotary is having fun! As Rotarians were part of the world's greatest service organization.

Our primary purpose is to provide service to others. A lot of times we physically have to work

hard to provide that service.

There is no reason that we can't have fun while we do our projects. Fellowship with other like minded Rotarians is a joy to me.

Making Rotary fun will help retain members and encourage more people to join our clubs.

This will make our Rotary Clubs even stronger, so that we can provide more service.

So, in short, please don't forget to have fun!"

Submitted by PDG Tom Sheriff, Wichita Falls North

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*Tom Sheriff is a
member of Wichita
Falls North and is
Past District Gover-
nor 2004-2005 for
District 5790. He
current serves as
District Trainer.*

Would you like to share why you joined Rotary or what Rotary means to you or have a "Best Practices Idea?"

In this new section, we will highlight comments from a Rotarian in District 5790 about each topic once each month. If you want to be included, send that to the editor at chuck@signsnowarlington.com.

Please keep your article to 200 or so words. Please send your article in either MS Word or an editable format. Pictures are optional, but please include one of yourself if possible. Editor reserves the right to modify to fit space available.



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JUNE 2009 CLUB ATTENDANCE

RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	6/1/2009			6/30/2009	
Abilene Wednesday - W	21	52.75%	4	23	2
Abilene - F	106	56.07%	4	106	-
Abilene Southw est - T	63	84.61%	5	62	(1)
Arlington North - M	41	85.00%	5	42	1
Arlington - TH	118	61.56%	4	113	(5)
Arlington South - F	22	42.00%	4	22	-
Arlington Sunrise - F	63	95.98%	4	64	1
Arlington Sunset - T					-
Arlington West - T	33	60.00%	5	33	-
Azle - TH	41	50.00%	4	41	-
Bow ie - W	23	54.36%	4	22	(1)
Breckenridge - T	21	56.00%	5	21	-
Brow nw ood - W	22	69.32%	4	22	-
Burkburnett - T	40	62.00%	5	40	-
Burleson - F	58	78.40%	4	58	-
Cisco - TH	14	67.00%	4	15	1
Cleburne - TH	103	65.00%	4	98	(5)
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T					-
Crow ell - W					-
Decatur - TH	21	75.00%	4	21	-
Denton - TH	92	52.00%	4	93	1
Denton South - T	38	77.00%	5	38	-
Dublin - T	25	64.00%	5	24	(1)
Eastland - TH	22	60.00%	4	21	(1)
Flow er Mound - TH	71	70.98%	4	70	(1)
Fort Worth East - M	39	62.00%	5	37	(2)
Fort Worth International - W	11	90.00%	1	11	-
Fort Worth North - W	25	62.00%	4	21	(4)
Fort Worth - F	517	58.46%	4	516	(1)
Fort Worth South - T	76	61.31%	5	79	3

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Fort Worth Southw est - TH	18	85.00%	4	18	-
Gainesville - W	63	40.00%	4	63	-
Graham - F					-
Granbury - TH	53	61.00%	4	52	(1)
Grapevine - W	89	74.85%	4	85	(4)
Great SW Arlington - W	52	81.00%	4	52	-
Hamlin - W	21	79.00%	4	19	(2)
Haskell - TH	27	52.78%	4	27	-
HEB - T	66	80.50%	5	65	(1)
Highland Village	37	85.00%	4	36	(1)
low a Park - W					-
Keller - T					-
Kennedale	28	62.00%	5	28	-
Lake Ray Roberts - T	14	83.00%	5	14	-
Lew isville Morning - TH	31	90.83%	4	28	(3)
Lew isville Noon - W	59	77.82%	3	59	-
Mansfield - T					-
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	18	78.00%	4	18	-
Metropoort - F	34	64.00%	4	34	-
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	51	69.00%	4	51	-
Mineral Wells - W					-
Nocona - T					-
Sanger - T	11	43.00%	4	9	(2)
Southlake - T	24	87.00%	3	16	(8)
Stamford - T					-
Stephenville - TH	30	65.18%	4	28	(2)
The Colony - T					-
Vernon - T	44	56.36%	5	44	-
Weatherford - T	112	70.00%	5	113	1
Western Fort Worth - T	78	80.00%	5	78	-
Wichita Falls North - F	36	88.00%	4	35	(1)
Wichita Falls - TH	95	66.00%	4	95	-
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	26	79.00%	4	25	(1)

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PHOTOS FROM AROUND DISTRICT 5790

*ARLINGTON SUNRISE CLUB—NEW MEMBERS, PAUL HARRIS FELLOW
AND QUICK RESPONSE TO A FOOD BANK NEED...*



Ron Asplet of Arlington Sunrise is introduced by PDG Bill Harnagel as the newest Paul Harris Fellow.

Arlington Sunrise has made a goal of having 100% Paul Harris Fellows this year.



Rotarian Dave Snyder of Arlington Sunrise pins his son, Darrin Snyder as the newest member of Arlington Sunrise Rotary.



The Arlington Sunrise Club recently responded to a plea from Mission Arlington for assistance in re-stocking their food bank. The result of a one week collection effort was a loaded van of food items for the Mission.

GRAHAM ROTARY CLUB— 4TH OF JULY PARADE



Attached are a couple of pictures from the 4th of July parade in Graham, Red, White and You! This is their second year to enter the parade utilizing a classic car owned by Rotarians Nancy and Kent Pettus.

This year the car was decorated by Rotarians Nancy Hays and Eileen Standridge, and driven by Kent's son. Along for the ride were three grandsons, two daughter-in-law's, and a huge assortment of wild animals!

Note the sign reminding the crowd of the Rotary Annual Wild Game Dinner, which will be held at the Young County Arena on December 5. Attendance usually tops a thousand and the food is great. Hope everyone will make plans to attend!



PHOTOS FROM AROUND DISTRICT 5790

BRECKENRIDGE CHANGEOVER BANQUET— June 30th



Breckenridge Rotary Club had their changeover meeting on June 30th, with DGE Paul Lucas doing the honors. The middle picture is with DGE Paul Lucas, PDG Becky Downing and Mr. Ed Sayre who is 93 years old, a multiple Paul Harris who joined Rotary at age 21 but took a 30 year leave to serve in the military. You can do the math to see how long he has been a Rotarian. He is still active and shows up every Tuesday.

Breckenridge Rotary celebrated their 80th birthday in May. Our club has had three district governors. The big item on the agenda was presentation of Paul Harris Fellows to the balance of the Club. Breckenridge Rotary joins other clubs in the district as having 100% Paul Harris Fellows.

LET US KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON WITH YOUR CLUB!

Send us articles, photos, anything that shows the great things your club is doing.

If you have a fundraiser that you feel other clubs would have interest in, please feel free to share them with us. We will do our best to include them into the newsletter on a timely basis.

Please send any article you write in an editable format—Microsoft word, etc. Feel free to send pictures—they do not have to be high resolution. PDF Files are acceptable, but the editor reserves the right to re-format to fit the newsletter.

E-mail these to chuck@signsnowarlington.com



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To submit articles please send them to the editor at the e-mail address above. Submissions are requested by the 20th of the month. Please send them in an editable format. Please include pictures!

Comments and suggestions welcome.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ROY PINEAU—DISTRICT WEBMASTER FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS



For the last 6 years, Roy Pineau has been the webmaster of District 5790.

Roy has worked with 6 district governors, and countless district committee chairs, and always had our website up to date with the current happenings of the district, as well as all of the critically important resource materials that our Rotarians needed.

As we move on to ClubRunner, I want to give a special thank you to Roy for his excellent years of service to our district.

Thank you Roy!! Of course we always welcome Roy's input.

John A. Miller, District Governor 2009-2010

COMING IN THE NEWSLETTER IN SEPTEMBER...

September is "New Generations" Month for Rotary.

Look for articles on Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, Youth Exchange and Friendship Exchange. We will have a recap on the Membership and Foundation Seminar from August 15th.

We'll also update you on the End Polio Night at the Rangers and Institute For Leadership seminar.

You'll also see articles on what is going on with Arlington Sunset, Brownwood, Fort Worth, Hamlin, Lewisville and Wichita Falls, and photos about what has gone on with other clubs.

Dan Morales will update us on the Wheel Chair Distribution in Leon Mexico, and Chris McLucas will update on the delivery of the 2 ambulances to Mexico.