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## Rotary District 5790 Newsletter

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Hello Rotarians of District 5790,



2009-2010 DG  
John and his wife  
Claire

During the month of November I continued to have great club visits as district governor. All of our clubs are doing simply fantastic projects in their local communities. I must commend you all: Almost every club is participating in our district's literacy "Dictionary Project" and providing dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders throughout the district. One club is going one step further and providing Thesaurus to sixth graders. On behalf of the kids in our district's communities, a big Thanks!

As you are aware, through the superb efforts of our Public Relations Chairman Sarah Maben, we were awarded a \$9,000 grant, which we need to match a third giving us a \$12,000 project of letting our communities know who we are. Sarah designed a simply beautiful project and has been looking for five "Faces of Rotary" to print on buses, bill boards and publish in periodicals. Thanks to everyone who submitted great faces. Sarah had over 30 submissions, most quite good, and the selection process was very difficult. Congratulations to the five Rotarians selected: Harris Brooks of Mineral Wells Club, Christine Singh of Southlake Club, Jeff Bearden of Vernon Club, Tonya Veasey of Fort Worth Club and Mary Jean Moloney of the Rotary Club of Arlington. You will be seeing their faces in January.

The main reason that I am a dedicated Rotarian is that I believe it is only through the efforts of business and professional people like us Rotarians will we ever achieve a measure of peace in this tumultuous world in which we live. That is why I wear a peace pin!

May the New Year of 2009 find us with our military people no longer in harm's way! Claire and I wish you peace in the coming year!

Happy Holidays,

*John & Claire*



## DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS

There is one very effective way to demonstrate the impact of your contributions to the Rotary International Foundation —District Simplified Grants! District Simplified Grants are a tool for Rotary districts to support short-term humanitarian projects that benefit the community.

One District Simplified Grant is awarded for each club during the current Rotary Year. Clubs who were awarded funds during the 2009-2010 year can apply again, but cannot duplicate the prior year project. The grant must satisfy a real humanitarian need or be a community enhancement project.

Another primary focus of these grants is that it should promote active and personal participation by **all Rotarians** involved and develop a strong Rotary network through project implementation.

This year we had quite a variety of grants awarded. There were six clubs who chose to use matching funds to promote literacy. Arlington South and Kennedale gave dictionaries to students in their communities. Stephenville and Cleburne gave dictionaries to schools in their county, and Fort Worth Southwest gave a thesaurus to students. Arlington North provided funds to continue a literacy program that reduces infant mortality.



Dictionary project with Rotary club of Cleburne

Some clubs provided funding for adult programs. The Arlington Club collaborated with the Community Learning Center and Tarrant County United Way to provide a free program for Adult Literacy. The Rotary Club of Grapevine collaborated with the City of Grapevine Community Center to fund materials to teach illiterate and low literate adults to read English.



Reading Incentive program with Great Southwest

Other clubs provided support to children. The Mid-Cities Pacesetters provided backpacks for children at the Samaritan House. Fort Worth East provided funds for field trips for low income students at a private high school. Great Southwest supported project with elementary school librarians to provide recognition to students engaged in reading with an emphasis on history. The Hurst Euless Bedford Club provided craft supplies for Club House for special needs children.

Community enhancement projects were the focus of other clubs. Vernon collaborated with the Red River Valley Museum to preserve and display a photo history of marking the Great Western Trail. The Rotary Club of Mineral Wells provided funds to construct a bulletin board at the entrance of the Vietnam Veteran Museum Memorial Garden. Arlington Sunrise Club supported building and grounds improvements to the Thornton Elementary School. The Lewisville Noon club sponsored event to join with Lance Armstrong to support the National Registry of Bone Marrow. Providing striping, decals, and lighting for the Colleyville Police Department Portable Emergency Management Command Post trailer was the project chosen by the Colleyville Club.

Finally, one of the district clubs chose to support an international project. The Mansfield Sunrise Club partnered with the San Sebastain Club in Puerto Rico to support a public ad campaign to promote the prevention of "Dengue" virus in Puerto Rico.

As you can see, the possibilities are endless. Your club can make a difference in your local communities through using District Simplified Grants.



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## MATCHING GRANTS

Who would have believed it? In one form or another, 75% of the clubs in District 5790 are helping put the "international" in **Rotary International** through active participation in international humanitarian Matching Grants. All these clubs deserve a rousing salute!

**Grapevine** is providing vocational guidance to women in India. In Botswana they are providing water, electric fencing and shade netting for a vegetable garden. In Nepal, they are providing computer labs in schools. The club also has two pending projects that will provide a wheelchair equipped vehicle in Istanbul, and they are helping with a clean water project in Ghana.

**Mansfield** has partnered with **Arlington North, Arlington Sunrise, H-E-B, and Mansfield Sunrise** to distribute 400 filters in La Mosquitia, Honduras. This project has just been completed.

**H-E-B** has provided a vehicle for a health facility in Chile, and has joined a project led by **Great Southwest Arlington** to provide wheelchairs in Celaya, Mexico. The other clubs engaged in this project are **Burleson, Cleburne, Fort Worth East., Wichita Falls North, and Mineral Wells.**

**Wichita Falls North** is leading a farming demonstration project in Honduras, and is providing a neonatal unit in Santiago, Dominican Republic.

**Arlington Sunrise** has teamed with **Arlington North** to provide an ambulance in Chile, and also was a key partner in the pure water filter project in Honduras. They have also teamed with our newest club, **Kennedale**, to provide an ambulance in India.

**Denton South** and **Mineral Wells** Rotary have partnered to provide a vehicle for Kairos House in Guatemala City, a facility that functions similarly to a Ronald McDonald House.

**Abilene Southwest** has a pending project to help equip a breast milk bank facility in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

**Arlington North** has teamed with **Arlington Sunset** in a project to provide pure water in Peru using a ceramic filter process.

**Cleburne** has joined the pure water project in Dominican Republic highlighted in the Rotarian Magazine last spring. This is one of the last big 3-H projects and is awaiting TRF approval.

Clearly, the towering leader in partnering is the new project sponsored by PDG Jerry Parr to extend the humanitarian impact of pure water in La Mosquitia, Honduras. **Forty-seven of the 64 clubs** in District 5790 joined this project, and also involved other Districts. This project will bring to 1000 the number of filters provided, which serves 7000 people in the region.

**Arlington Rotary** is the grandfather of the past and on-going Honduras initiatives which have now provided \$269,000 in humanitarian service to the region. Club member, Scott Hendricks, serves as project leader of the multiple projects now active in Honduras.



"Modern" Farm Technique

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*Clubs should already be at work preparing projects they would like to do in club year 2010-2011.*

*The new timetable is going to require applications to be ready to submit by July 1.*



## WHEEL CHAIRS

In these tough economic times, people are always looking for a bargain. They look for something that is reasonably priced and delivers something of value for every dollar they invest. There are many bargains in Rotary service but one of the best is wheelchairs. For a mere \$150 you accomplish an International project, you help someone by giving the gift of mobility and you also help the ten other people that person had to count on before they received the wheelchair. The wheelchair recipient will still have the support of their family but now they are independent. They can now go to school, go to church, support their family and most importantly have a life where they are able to accomplish many things those of us that are fortunate to have the full use of our limbs take for granted.

Rotarians in District 5790 are committed to the cause of wheelchairs. We have generously supported this program over the last several years with donations that have enabled containers of wheelchairs to be delivered to Peru, Mexico, Chile and Panama. They continue to support the program not only with their fortune but also their time and dedication. They spread the word to clubs in the District by presenting programs, they write grants with the goal of making those precious dollars go even farther and they liaise with other Rotary Districts around the world. Our leaders have placed the wheelchair program into the long term strategic plans for the District.

The exciting news about wheelchairs recently is our collaboration with Rotarians from other Districts. The main collaboration has been with our Rotary colleagues in Canada. Clubs from Alberta, Canada have partnered with District 5790 to deliver wheelchairs to Leon, Mexico as well as Panama City, Panama. Our Rotary partners in Leon and Panama City have not only contributed financially but as the clubs receiving the wheelchairs they have handled the logistics of shepherding the wheelchairs through customs, getting the chairs to the distribution point, compiling lists of recipients and welcoming Rotarians from our District and Canada to participate in the distribution. The most recent trip in August 2009 was to Leon, Mexico with perhaps a trip to Panama in January.

How did this get started? It all started with a contact at a RI Convention several years ago. The contact, a Canadian Rotarian named Peter, accompanied Texas Rotarians to Leon, MX and experienced a wheelchair distribution. The experience had the same effect on Peter as it does on every Rotarian that I have seen lift a child into a wheelchair. The first reaction is that tears develop in your eyes and then a smile spreads across your face as you see the joy the wheelchair gives the recipient. The next reaction, again predictable, is they let wheelchairs become one of their Rotary passions. They immediately start planning how their club and their District can do more for wheelchairs. I saw these reactions occur in Peter and several years later District 5790 and the Canadians have formed a partnership that is bringing the gift of mobility.



The gift of a wheelchair changes lives forever. They change the lives of the recipients and their families but it also changes the lives of the Rotarians who see the impact of these gifts. The District Wheelchair Project is also a great example of the Power of Rotary. This power brings Rotarians together from different countries as well as a power that Rotarians have when they join together to make a project succeed. However, the Wheelchair Project really is just an example of Rotarians doing what Rotarians do; help people. The Rotary theme for 2009-2010 is the "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands". The power to change the lives of the child, son, daughter, father, mother, grandmother and grandfather that needs the gift of mobility is also in your hands.



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## DISTRICT CONFERENCE



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The District 5790 Conference will meet on April 8-11, 2010 at the beautiful Marriott Dallas/Fort Worth Hotel and Golf Club at Champions Circle located north of Fort Worth and just south of the Texas Motor Speedway. The Rotary Club of Denton will serve as your host for the meeting. District Governor John Miller is determined to have one of the best District Conferences ever and our club is just as determined to make it happen. The hotel has been magnificently redecorated and refurbished. The hotel is just 20 minutes from the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and just minutes from both Denton and Fort Worth. The hotel has 22,000 square feet of versatile state-of-the-art meeting space. A big plus is that all overnight guests have access to the Texas Motor Speedway's state-of-the-art health club and day spa. Spouses of Rotarians will have an opportunity to tour the Texas Motor Speedway, which is a great experience.

The conference will be fast paced and interesting. There will be something for everyone including hearing about the many wonderful projects our District 5790 has done in the 2009-2010 Rotary year. There will be motivational speeches as well as presentations on the many projects our clubs have accomplished. We have been planning for the conference since March, 2009. The committees have met numerous times so that everything will run smoothly for your enjoyment. We hope that we have "left no stone unturned" in pursuit of your comfort and pleasure.

We would like for the surrounding Rotary clubs to schedule their meeting that week for Friday, April 9, 2010 when we plan a giant combined all-district meeting for all the clubs. It would be a great motivator for your new members as well as your veterans to see a large crowd at the opening meeting on Friday. It might help give your new Rotary year a jump-start that will carry on throughout 2010-2011!

If your club has accomplished something in the 2009-2010 Rotary year that you would like to share with others, please let us know about it. You may write or e-mail the District Secretary about your project, and plans to present it to the District Conference. April 8, 2010 will be here before you know it! Please mark your calendars now for the date.

If you have an Interact club that your club sponsors, we would love to have them come on Saturday, April 10, 2010 for a huge day of games and fun on the beautiful lawn of the Marriott Dallas/Fort Worth Hotel overlooking the golf club.

We will provide a picnic lunch for the participants as well as a meaningful experience that they will remember. Please come and join us for the District Conference April 8-11, 2010.



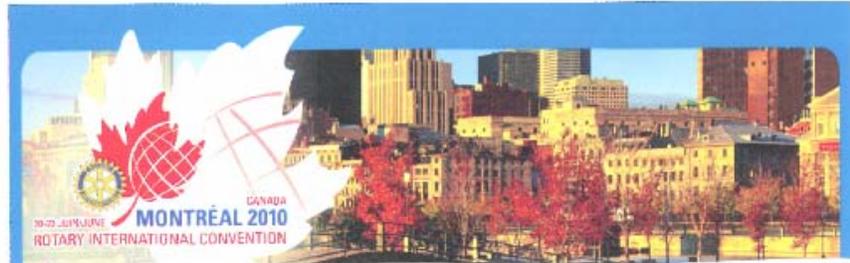
## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



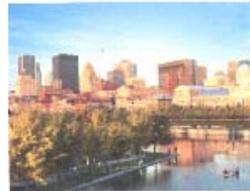
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As Chair of the Host Organizing Committee, this is my invitation to all of you to join us for the celebration of the Internationality of Rotary in Montreal, June 20 - 23, 2010. We will be celebrating 100 years of Rotary being an international organization as a result of the first Rotary club meeting outside the USA in November, 1910, in Winnipeg, Canada. You will live 'An International Experience' everywhere you go within the city.



This is your celebration of 100 years of diverse cultures, multiple languages, and numerous races and religions all working together in harmony to make a better world in Rotary. You will also experience this diversity in the city of Montreal. Montreal is officially a bilingual city where French and English is spoken everywhere, but there are 80 different languages spoken throughout the neighbourhoods representing the many countries our citizens have come from.

You will experience the multi-ethnicity of Rotary in the streets, and the friendliness of the locals in the shops, in the restaurants, in the museums, or traveling on the Metro (subway), or perhaps while just relaxing, enjoying refreshment in an outdoor cafe or sitting on a bench in the shade of a tree in one of many Montreal's parks.

This will also be reflected in the entertainment and host hospitality that the local Rotarians have planned, which will not only make you feel welcome, but to experience a multicultural Canada in the truest sense of the word.

Come to Montreal to celebrate, to learn, to make new friends, rekindle old friendships and celebrate 100 years of the Internationality of Rotary in 'An International Experience'.

*Start the trip out right with a train trip to Montreal.*

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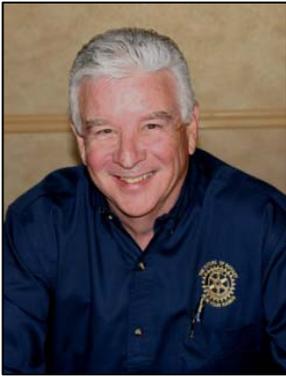
Dolly Parton will speak at the morning plenary session on 23 June to promote reading among preschool children.

*Photo courtesy of The Dollywood Foundation*



## DENTON SOUTH ROTARY CLUB

Known as the "movers and shakers" of Rotary in the Denton area, our 37 members took an active role in what seems like an ever-growing number of charitable and service programs during the entire year.



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Left to right Denton EMT, DS Member Brian Glenn, DS Member Larry Tubbs and two additional Denton EMT.

On Oct 27th we sponsored (and served) a spaghetti dinner at a local church and raised \$1,400 for the Denton Food Bank and Rotary International's worldwide Polio Plus program. We plan other ventures in 2010 which may include a spring 5K or 10K marathon to supplement our funds given to the Polio Plus effort.

We are still receiving comments based on a three column, color photograph which appeared a year ago on the front page of the Denton Record Chronicle depicting seven third graders from a local elementary school reading their new student dictionaries donated by Denton South Rotary members. The large headline read: "Words of Happiness" and a subhead stated "Rotary Club Donates Dictionaries to Ponder Third Graders."

This year our club financed and delivered approximately 1,900 student dictionaries to third graders in Denton ISD schools. This was an increase of more than 100 dictionaries given to students and teachers. All of our members participate in this activity.



Member Dr. Ed Velayos hands out dictionaries to 3rd graders at Ryan Elementary.

Some of our other activities include: organizing the yearly Four-Way Speech Contest for high school students; participating in a downtown Denton Christmas toy drive; being Christmas bell ringers for the Salvation Army; participating in the Denton Food and Jazz Festival, Rotary's wheelchair distribution program; sponsoring and hosting visitors in Rotary Foundation's GSE program; conducting ongoing blood drives.



Left to Right: Rotarians Ike Stevens, Eric Burns and Bob Pettit repair torn flags.

Our primary money raising project was delivering more than 900 American flags in 2009 to area residents and businesses on five U.S. holidays. On July 4th, the Denton Record Chronicle published a front page story and color photo of our members doing the flag program.



DS Rotarian Ralph Wiley on the right with visiting Rotarian from Brazil selling soft drinks at the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival.



Argyle High School Fish Fry with help from Argyle Interact Club, and 2 Rotarians.



## SANGER ROTARY CLUB

Basically we are a small club with a total of 10 members right now . Our club almost went extinct last year however with a couple of us and the great help of Danny Sullivan the Wal-Mart manager with the Distribution Center in Sanger, we have been able to fight back and try to keep things a float.

Much thanks to the Wal-Mart employees as well who have been assisting us with our flag program, We have managed to get 257 more flag subscriptions and the Wal-Mart staff have been gracious enough to help us each time placing the flags out and picking them up.



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We have two new members, Jason Bellar and Larry Hunter. District Governor John Miller helped to sign in Larry during his visit with us on October 31st. Both are new members since the beginning of this rotary year (see photos).



We have purchased \$500 worth of groceries for the Sanger Crisis Center in conjunction with a can food drive with the Wal-Mart Distribution Center employees here In Sanger. On top of that we also contributed \$500 towards the SISD Back Pack program which then turns around and buys breakfast for students here in Sanger schools that are less fortunate.

Our Foreign Exchange student from Brazil. "BIA" short for Beatriz is doing very well and has adapted nicely with no problems she really is very pleasant to be around the Picture is with Tammy Whitfield on her left (Counselor) and Lisa-Marie Thompson on her right who is a resident of Sanger but member of the Flower Mound Club. Bia is living with Lisa-Marie for her first stay.



The Sanger Community Interact Club is still going strong and assisted us with the dictionary project the photo is the new elected officers and staff for networking for 2009-2010 school year, they will be getting involved with UNT Rotoract club to assist with community projects with them as well.

The Sanger Rotary Club has taken on a new project this year in delivering brand new dictionaries to all the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and teachers in the Sanger ISD. The students were very excited about receiving their very own dictionary. As part of the presentation, Jason Bellar had the students look up several words and showed them some of the many facts contained in their dictionaries, along with the help of some students from the Pal Program, Interact students and other Rotary members. It was such a joy to see the smiles and excitement on their faces and the enthusiasm they showed in looking up words and discovering just how much they could learn from a dictionary.



Our future plans will be to offer \$3,000 worth of scholarships to some of the SHS graduating class of 2010. Plus, we will send two more students to RYLA. This has been a great success up here in Sanger; all four students that have returned have given 5 stars to the program; that is high score here in Sanger.



## ARLINGTON SUNRISE



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Visitors to our club often comment that it takes a different type of person to want to get up at “0 dark thirty” to attend a Rotary meeting. As the only morning club in Arlington, our membership has doubled in the past three years so that we now have 67 enthusiastic members who look forward to getting up early to experience our unique fellowship. We also pride ourselves on being a hands on club with a deep commitment to our community, while also supporting The Rotary Foundation and its international programs. We are proud to have been named the number one club in the district this past year in per capita annual giving of \$340.00 and knowing that our contributions will go to support Rotary efforts throughout the world.



Perhaps our most significant community service project evolved several years ago with a club decision to build the Arlington Sunrise Creative Playground in Dunlop Park in North Arlington. The club raised in excess of \$100,000 and the playground was constructed in four days with the help of some 2,500 volunteers. Since that time there have been significant upgrades made at the park culminating, most recently, with the construction of two metal pavilions done in conjunction with the Arlington Rotary Club.

Last year the club made the decision to “adopt” the Thornton Elementary School located in East Arlington. Thornton is a Texas recognized school that has a primarily minority student population. Supported by District Simplified Grants



both this year and last, we have improved the appearance of the outside of the school with the planting of flowers, shrubs and trees and, most recently, the construction of an entrance awning and a soccer field. What makes this project especially noteworthy is that we have done all of this work in cooperation with students and the PTA.

Our other community service projects include a Holiday family food drive which supports our own police officer Stephanie Gillespie’s mission of providing food for area needy families – Julie Harnagel’s “bags and hats” program to provided the homeless with a basic personal needs kit and warm hats – and a neighbor helping neighbor program through which our members provide needy homeowners with minor construction support, lawn services, etc. The list goes on and is typical for any of the great clubs we have in our district.

As a result of our community service program, we have been recognized by the Arlington Police with their annual award which recognizes one service club for their outstanding support to the community.

Our primary fund raiser continues to be our flag program which has steadily grown over to the years to the current number of some 930 subscribers. We have sup-



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plemented this with a fund raising golf tournament as well as our "adult beverage" booth at the annual Highland Games which we do with the Arlington South Club.

We actively participate in the Simplified and Matching Grant programs, sponsor an Exchange Student and send kids to RYLA. We are very proud to have assisted and sponsored the new Kennedale Club.

As stated previously, we are Arlington's only morning club. The next time you need to make up, or if one day you decide to shake the cobwebs out of your early morning eyes, come visit us at the Division Street Diner, and experience a great Rotary meeting with a group of enthusiastic and dedicated Rotarians.

## BOWIE ROTARY CLUB

The Bowie Rotary Club traditionally has a long list of community service projects, but this year the club decided to try three new activities and an expansion of an older annual project. All four went exceptionally well and will be repeated next year.

Bowie Rotary has had literacy projects in the past, but had never participated in the Dictionaries for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Project, until this year. This year, Bowie Rotary and Nocona Rotary partnered with Atmos Energy to give dictionaries to all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in all Montague County Schools. Atmos supplied dictionaries for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and the Rotary Clubs supplied them for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Bowie Rotarians handed out almost 600 dictionaries in Bowie and Montague ISDs alone.



Bowie Rotary has never participated in the Rotary student exchange program. This summer the Club sponsored a short term exchange between Caly Rangel (a 17 year old Senior from Alvord High School) and Alessandria Minaldi ( a 16 year old student from Catania, Sicily). The club is also sponsoring an outbound long term exchange for Dakota Karlsson ( a 16 year old senior at Bowie High)

Other service clubs in Bowie have had food booths at Bowie's Chicken and Bread Days Festival, but Rotary never has, until this year. Chicken and Bread Days is a celebration remembering how Amon Carter got his start in Bowie, selling chicken and bread to passengers on the train between Wichita Falls and Ft. Worth, when it stopped in Bowie. This year the Bowie Rotary Club set up a booth to sell fried Snicker bars. While not a big fund raiser (we only cleared about \$150), it was a successful first try to make our presence felt and was a good fellowship activity.



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Annually, the Bowie Rotary Club has collected food and money donations for the Bowie Mission's Food Bank. In the past, this has been limited to the personal efforts of individual Rotarians. This year an attempt was made to get wider community participation by putting out Rotary food collection boxes at seven locations throughout town. Rotarians collected the donations several times between November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup>, when the drive ended. The box at Bowie Memorial Hospital alone produced over 1,000 pounds of food donations, with similar results at the other six locations. The local Wal-Mart also kicked in another five big cases packed with food.



Bowie Rotary continued its traditional projects, such as the annual scholarship raffle (over \$8,000 in scholarships for BHS graduates and another \$5,450 in scholarships for North Central Texas College at Bowie), the Happy Feet Program to buy more than \$1,000 worth of shoes for needy children through the Bowie Mission, over \$700 worth of Christmas gifts and a Christmas party for the adult special needs residents of TK Ranch, sponsorship and financial support for Boy Scout Troop 116, and several others. However, the consensus was that Bowie Rotary has found new repeat projects this year.





OCTOBER 2009 CLUB ATTENDANCE

Rotary Club	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	10/1/2009			10/31/2009	
Abilene - F	106	55.54%	4	106	-
Abilene Southw est - T	57	82.35%	4	59	2
Abilene Wednesday	23	43.75%	4	23	-
Arlington - TH	109	57.08%	5	112	3
Arlington North - M	45	92.77%	4	44	(1)
Arlington South - F	24	55.65%	5	24	-
Arlington Sunrise - F	65	99.00%	5	67	2
Arlington Sunset - T	8	55.00%	4	8	-
Arlington West - T	33	59.00%	4	33	-
Azle - TH	41	60.00%	5	42	1
Bow ie - W	22	71.59%	4	21	(1)
Breckenridge - T					
Brow nw ood - W	21	82.14%	4	21	-
Burkburnett - T	39	71.00%	4	41	2
Burleson - F	58	88.11%	5	59	1
Cisco - TH	15	72.00%	5	15	-
Cleburne - TH	96	74.00%	5	93	(3)
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	10	80.00%	4	11	1
Crow ell - W					-
Decatur - TH					-
Denton - TH	93	57.10%	5	94	1
Denton South - T	37	77.00%	4	36	(1)
Dublin - T	25	56.00%	4	24	(1)
Eastland - TH	21	69.47%	5	19	(2)
Flow er Mound - TH	72	73.98%	5	71	(1)
Fort Worth East - M	37	59.00%	4	35	(2)
Fort Worth International - W	13	70.00%	2	13	-
Fort Worth North - W	21	70.00%	4	21	-
Fort Worth - F	507	58.00%	5	516	9
Fort Worth South - T	78	57.27%	4	78	-
Fort Worth Southw est - TH	20	76.00%	4	21	1

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) or it can be done online through Club Runner.



**OCTOBER 2009 CLUB ATTENDANCE, Con't**

RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	10/1/2009			10/31/2009	
Gainesville - W					-
Graham - F					-
Granbury - TH	53	62.00%	4	53	-
Grapevine - W	89	63.66%	4	91	2
Great SW Arlington - W	44	68.00%	4	44	-
Hamlin - W	22	87.00%	4	22	-
Haskell - TH	25	48.00%	5	25	-
HEB - T	64	80.00%	4	64	-
Highland Village					-
low a Park - W	17	81.96%	4	17	-
Keller - T					-
Kennedale	30	67.00%	4	30	-
Lake Ray Roberts - T	14	66.00%	4	14	-
Lewisville Morning - TH	29	88.57%	5	28	(1)
Lewisville Noon - W	61	75.41%	3	59	(2)
Mansfield - T	36	84.72%	4	36	-
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	20	82.83%	5	19	(1)
Metroport - F	33	75.60%	5	33	-
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	51	67.00%	5	51	-
Mineral Wells - W	41	73.26%	4	43	2
Nocona - T					-
Sanger - T	11	38.00%	5	11	-
Southlake - T	15	69.00%	5	15	-
Stamford - T	36	70.00%	4	36	-
Stephenville - TH	27	66.15%	5	26	(1)
The Colony - T					-
Vernon - T	43	53.49%	4	43	-
Weatherford - T	114	67.82%	4	113	(1)
Western Fort Worth - T	73	82.89%	4	73	-
Wichita Falls North - F	36	92.00%	5	36	-
Wichita Falls - TH	90	63.00%	5	90	-
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	24	85.00%	4	24	-

**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) or it can be done online through Club Runner**



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CYCLING ROTARIANS VISIT DISTRICT 5790



Rotarians Ward and Jackie Budweg from Decorah, Iowa have been bicycling the world are spending a few days here in the home of HEB Rotarian Paul and Monica Lucas in Bedford.

Having ridden across the US a few years ago Paul has enjoyed spending time with his kindred spirits and doing some riding with them to Rotary meetings where they have shared their message and amazing experience.

During their bicycle ride around the world, Ward and Jackie's travels have so far included 6 continents and 46 countries. They plan to finish their three year odyssey next June. During their bicycle ride around the world, Ward and Jackie's travels have so far included 6 continents and 46 countries. They plan to finish their three year odyssey next June.



DECATUR - SEVEN NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS



On December 3, 2009, District Governor had the honor of presenting seven Paul Harris Fellows to a third of the members of the Decatur Rotary Club.

Left to right are Curtis Creswell, Andy Smith, Debbie Males, DG Miller, Melton Cude, Tana Fedric, John Lanier and Steve Males.



DISTRICT 5790 AWARDED PR GRANT



Has your club had recent press coverage? Let us know.

E-mail Sarah Maben at [mabens@charter.net](mailto:mabens@charter.net)

Our district has been awarded a \$9,000 public relations grant to spread the good word about Rotary.

Billboards, bus ads, Newspaper ads and website ads will be a part of our public awareness campaign. Clubs were asked to submit a **few good faces** by December 1, with a decision made on December 8th.

The Rotary International "Humanity in Motion" graphics will be the inspiration for this campaign. Instead of the stock faces, we are looking to use faces of Rotarians from our district. The monikers would change to match the face. For example, it might say CPA. Father. Polio Fighter.

Look for the "winners" to be announced soon.

COMING IN THE NEWSLETTER IN JANUARY

*The District 5790 Newsletter is edited monthly by Chuck Chambers, Arlington North Rotary.*

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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!*

January is Rotary Awareness Month—and you'll find articles about Public Relations from District Chair Sarah Maben, along with more information on the International Convention from Troy Secord. Janelle Kavanaugh will bring all the clubs up to speed on what they need to do for District Awards.

You'll also find articles from the following Rotary Clubs and what they are doing:

Burkburkett, Fort Worth Southwest, Graham, Granbury, Arlington Great Southwest and Kennedale.

As always, if you have something to share about your club—send it in!



*Have a Safe and  
Happy Holiday*