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District 5790  
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2014 District Conference  
Fort Worth Stock Yards  
May 02, 2014 - May 04, 2014

Stories

A Great use for Retired iPads  
- A Project from Fort Worth South & District 5790  
Posted by Charles Kurtzman on Nov 15, 2013

*Tech geeks were dreaming of the annual nights of fall. I set my alarm for 1:50 a.m. so that I could be at my post as the season began at 2:01 a.m. (midnight plus one, Cupertino California time). My hunting gear was carefully prepared, Amex card to my left hand, reading glasses on my face, my trusty "old" iPad to the right side (just in case I could get in a few seconds earlier through the venerable beast). Fingers on the computer keyboard, I concentrated all my focus upon quarry.*

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4 Way Test Speech Contest Kick-Off  
Posted by Mike Pope on Nov 10, 2013

It's time for all Rotary clubs in District 5790 to begin efforts to make this Rotary year's **Four Way Test Speech Contest** the best ever. But that can only happen when dedicated Rotarians take the ball and run with it. Some of you are "seasoned veterans," having made the contest a successful event in your clubs year after year. Still others are "rookies," with either you, your clubs, or both, entering the contest for the first time this year. Either way, we'll give you all the tools and all the info you need to have a winning season, culminating in the Super Bowl of contests, the Finals at the District Conference next May.  
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District 5790 Announces 2014-2015 Ambassadorial Scholarships - Deadlines Extended  
Posted by Conrad Heede on Oct 16, 2013

Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Year

From: DG Jim Giffin &  
The Squeaky Wheel

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Polio News  
By: District Chair - David Boyll  
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END POLIO NOW

The fight isn't over. Polio is a crippling, potentially fatal infectious disease, and if we don't finish the job of eradication as many as 200,000 children could be crippled annually from the disease. For less than \$1, a child can be vaccinated for life.

Rotary helped put polio eradication on center stage on the day best known for rallying support to finish the job - World Polio Day, 24 October. A special Livestream presentation - World Polio Day: Making History - showcased the progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Co-hosted by Rotary and the Northwestern University Center for Global Health, the 60-minute program took place before a live audience at the John Hughes Auditorium on Northwestern's Chicago campus and streamed online to viewers worldwide.

Before the event, RI President Ron Burton, Rotary Foundation Trustee Vice Chair Michael McGovern, RI General Secretary John Hewko, and other Rotary senior leaders welcomed representatives from corporations, foundations, educational institutions and government agencies to a special reception. The representatives - from the AbbVie Foundation, Bank of America, Grant Thornton, J.P. Morgan, Lufthansa, the MacArthur Foundation, Marriott International, Northwestern University, Consulate of Lithuania, Chicago Department of Public Health, and the City of Evanston, among others - also heard an inspiring message on the GPEI's progress from Dr. Bruce Aylward, assistant director-general for Polio, Emergencies, and Country Collaboration at the World Health Organization. A global leader in the GPEI, Rotary is playing a major role in advocating government, nongovernment, corporate, and public support for polio eradication.

Rotary: government of Alberta, Canada; Gates Foundation boost funding

The government of Alberta, Canada, has pledged C\$350,000 to Rotary's PolioPlus Program. "PolioPlus is a truly inspiring example of international partnership and dedication," said Alberta's Minister of Culture Heather Klimchuk in announcing the contribution in October.

Rotary members in Alberta will match the government's contribution for a subtotal of C\$700,000. Through the End Polio Now: Make History Today fundraising campaign, that amount will be matched 2 for 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, for a total of \$2.1 million for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Biking 'Miles to End Polio'

RI General Secretary John Hewko will again be joining Rotary members in the Tucson, Arizona, area on 23 November to raise money for Rotary's PolioPlus Program by riding 111 miles in El Tour de Tucson, which attracts more than 9,000 cyclists a year. RI World Headquarters staff in Evanston, Illinois, are joining Hewko in a parallel effort - Miles to End Polio - to raise support through biking, walking, or other wellness activities to meet their own mileage goals.

Rotary at work in response to Syria outbreak

Health officials are rushing to vaccinate millions of children from Egypt to Turkey, fearing a polio outbreak in Syria could spread as tens of thousands of refugees flee the civil war. Syria's 90 percent vaccination rate plummeted to 68 percent during the civil war, leaving a half-million children without inoculations. Volunteer workers, also have fanned out across Lebanon - especially in the vulnerable slums - offering free vaccinations and hoping to reach the country's half-million children under age 5.

Activities roundup

\*Rotarians in District 5790 have been challenged to give at least \$20.00 per person or \$1,000 per club to be able to reach the District's Polio Plus Goal. Has your club sent your donations? You, personally, might be able to donate more than \$20.00 and I hope you will give as much as possible.

\*Rotary members in San Diego, California, USA, raised more than \$2,100 by auctioning off the opportunity to attend a concert by Grammy Award-winning reggae singer Ziggy Marley, a Rotary polio eradication ambassador.

2014-2015

Ambassadorial Scholars

Scholarship Application Announcement

You can help promising students become leaders and experts in fields focused on sustainable change through scholarships. Along the way you'll cultivate relationships in your community and mentor some outstanding scholars.

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Southlake Rotary Club  
Distributes dictionaries at GCISD  
Posted by Drew Greaves on Oct 11, 2013

This year, 10 District 5790 clubs are using their District Matching Grant funds to purchase dictionaries and distribute them to local area third graders. For those clubs that have not done a dictionary project it is hard to understand the fantastic connection that occurs between students and Rotarians when giving the dictionaries out.

This connection, not only promotes literacy, it promotes Rotary within the community, particularly when the schools post the event on their school websites and Facebook pages.

While District 5790 Governor Jim Giffin was away on district business recently, his club Southlake Rotary did its part for literacy and education in their community."

The event was captured on a U-Tube Video.

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News

District 5790 Represented at Rotary Council on Legislation  
Jan 05, 2014  
by Don Mebus

The Council is held every three years in Chicago to review proposed enactments and resolutions and it met April 21-26. Enactments make changes to the constitutional documents. The RI Constitution and bylaws and the club constitution which must be in agreement with the RI Constitution and when enactments are passed, they are binding. Resolutions are COL recommendations for RI Board consideration and they are not binding. A simple majority will pass everything except enactments to the RI Constitution. That requires a two-thirds majority.

This year, we had 532 eligible representatives; however four were unable to attend for various reasons. As a result, 528 were present and voting. A quorum was 266, so the quorum was easily made.

Click on headline above for entire summary of proceedings report by PDG Don Mebus.

\*Nominations for District Governor are Now Open\*  
Nov 16, 2013  
by Jim Giffin

\*The Interact Club of Jenkins County High School raised \$650 through a talent show and dinner organized by students and teachers.

\*On World Polio Day, Rotarians in India arranged for the India Gate and the Red Fort in Delhi, and landmarks in Bihar, Gujarat, Hyderabad, and Mumbai to be illuminated with the End Polio Now logo.

\*On World Polio Day, Rotarians and Rotaractors in Bulgaria handed out End Polio Now flyers in their communities to increase awareness of polio.

\*Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland has teamed up with Ade Adepitan, polio survivor, British broadcaster, and former Paralympian, to urge public support for Rotary's End Polio Now campaign.

What's Ahead

Join Rotary on Giving Tuesday, 3 December to make an impact in the fight to eradicate polio. Giving Tuesday is a special call to action that unites nonprofits, small businesses, and individuals worldwide to show the power of giving.

Engage supporters of polio eradication and let them know how they can triple their impact by donating to Rotary. Every US dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication through 2018 will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.[www.endpolionow.org](http://www.endpolionow.org).

District 5790 News

District Grants

By: PDG & District Chair Sharron Miles  
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35 Grants Awarded this Year

What a privilege to work with the clubs in District 5790 this year as the District Grant Chairman! Thirty-five grants were awarded to local Rotary clubs this year. The total funds contributed to district projects this year is \$ 164,576. This total is a combination of the district grant portion and what the local clubs contributed to the projects. Our district is offering quite a range of projects to improve the quality of life to local community residents as well as to some for international projects. The grants also included projects from most of our six areas of service. Just to name a few: Basic Education and Literacy included dictionary projects, adult literacy programs, tutoring, and special materials for science curriculum. Disease prevention and treatment included sending a Vocational Training Team to Bangladesh to train people to do physical therapy at a rehab center established by Rotarians from our District. Maternal and child health grants included a Coats for Kids program, a holiday feeding program for kids on free lunch, and purchasing kitchen equipment for a regional kitchen for Meals on Wheels. Economic and community development projects included the creation of a community garden, and hosting Adoption Awareness picnics.

Clubs are reminded to notify me when they are ready for their grant funds. Clubs who have already received their grant funds are reminded to upload their receipts, pictures, and final report on the Matchinggrants.org website. Anyone needing assistance with this, please feel free to contact Sharron Miles at [smilesrotary5790@gmail.com](mailto:smilesrotary5790@gmail.com).

Global Grants

By: PDG & District Chair Tom Sheriff  
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\$70,500.00 in District Designated Funds

The District 5790 Global Grants committee has approved the following grants during the 2013-14 Rotary Year:

\$10,000.00 in previously approved District Designated Funds (DDF) were applied towards the Clean Water Project in Honduras. This project is led by the Rotary Club of Arlington. It is part of an \$83,654.00 project.

\$5,000.00 in DDF was approved for a Food Garden in Cape Town, South Africa project. This is part of a \$45,908.00 project and it is led by the R.C. of Burleson.

\$3,500 in DDF was approved for a "200 Sewing Machines Can Save 1000 Lives" project in Kundara, India. This is part of a \$33,875.00 project that is led by the R.C. of Arlington Sunrise.

\$14,500.00 in DDF was approved for a D5790 Global Ambassadorial Scholarship for Justin Adkins to study Engineering for Sustainable Design (ESD) Program at the University of Cambridge. Justin was sponsored by the R.C. of Arlington South. The scholarship is in the amount of \$30,500.00.

\$14,500.00 in DDF was approved for a D5790 Global Ambassadorial Scholarship for Marcelo Ostrio to pursue a Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in Comparative Social Policy at the University of Oxford in the UK. Marcelo was sponsored by the R.C. of Grapevine. The scholarship is in the amount of \$30,500.00.

\$3,000.00 in DDF was approved for the project "Toilets for People Living in the Slums" that is located in Amritsar, India. This part of a \$37,500.00 project that is sponsored by the R.C. of Arlington Sunrise.

\$10,000.00 in DDF was approved for a "Street Children Rehabilitation" program in Meru, Kenya. This is part of a \$51,100.00 project that is sponsored by the R.C. of Grapevine.

\$10,000.00 in DDF was approved for a Water Sanitation project in Belpara, India. This is part of a \$55,000.00 project that is sponsored by the R.C. of HEB.

So far this year \$70,500.00 in DDF has been approved that will make a \$368,037.00 impact that help improve people lives.

District Conference

By: District Chair - Marci Junge  
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Save the Date!

Calling all Rotarians from District 5790

Come celebrate the year in the Fort Worth Stockyards.



The time has arrived for you to take part in the nomination process for our district Governor for 2016-2017. Included in the "Governor Jim Giffin Sitepage" is the nomination form along with general information on district Elections and updated contact info for our District and Club Support personnel at RI in Evanston. District 5790 uses the Nominating Committee process to name its governors. The committee consists of the 5 most recent Past District Governors and is chaired by the current District Governor. It will meet at the end of January to interview candidates submitted by the clubs of District 5790 and select our nominee for DG.

The process for clubs to nominate a District Governor's Nominee is shown on the "Governor Jim Giffin Sitepage" or by clicking [District Governor Nominee link](#).

**DEADLINE** for all submissions is Saturday, January 18, 2014

Global Network for Blood Donation - A Rotary Action Group - Publishes December Newsletter Dec 09, 2013 by Charles Kurtzman

Rotary District 5790 has long regarded Donating Blood as a service project that all clubs should participate and sponsor. While there is always a need here in Texas, that need is even greater in the world at large. The Global Network for Blood Donation - A Rotary Action Group is committed to assisting other parts of the world to assure a safe and adequate blood supply. Click on [Global Network for Blood Donation](#) for the latest world wide news on blood donation.

ROTARY CLUBS TAKE ACTION FOR TYPHOON-RAVAGED PHILIPPINES Nov 16, 2013 by John Pokorny

Rotary clubs around the world are pledging emergency aid to communities in central Philippines after last week's massive typhoon flattened entire coastal towns and villages, killed thousands of people, and displaced nearly 600,000 more.

The situation remains dire as widespread destruction has made food, water, and medicine scarce in remote areas affected by Typhoon Haiyan, the strongest storm to make landfall on record.

Rotary President Ron Burton is urging our 34,000 clubs worldwide to continue to assist storm victims.

Rotary Youth Exchange Recruiting Area Students Oct 01, 2013 by Norman R. King

Each year the opportunity door opens for young people from our district to go out and discover the world. One of Rotary's longest and most successful programs, **The Youth Exchange Program**, starts each year with the endless possibilities presented to students ages 15 to 18 to reach out and discover the world around them. This is not merely a go see the sights program, this is not a superficial penning of a faraway land, this is a dive into the deep end program that allows students in both the [Short Term Program](#) and the [Long Term Program](#) to fully immerse themselves into the life of a family, a community and a culture. This is relationship building at its best. This is helping our future generations view world peace as a true



• Save the Date!

Calling all Rotarians from District 5790

Come celebrate the year in the Fort Worth Stockyards.

The plans are nearly complete and all we need now is YOU!

May 2-4, 2014

I am looking for a few eager individuals to work on the planning committee. Please call me or email me if you want to help.

More details to follow.

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District Conference Chair

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Wheelchairs in the Dominican Republic  
By PDG Dan Morales



Imagine a group of people coming to your door. Imagine a sense of trepidation and unknowing. Imagine a surprise that will change your life. Imagine the ability to have a chance to remove yourself from the ground where the ground is all that you have known. Imagine a chance to experience happiness.



This is what PDG Paul Geisler and PDG Joe Burton and I experienced in our exploratory wheelchair venture in February 2013. This venture is a project between District 5370 (Edmonton Alberta, Canada), District 4060 (Dominican Republic), and District 5790. Over 200 wheelchairs were delivered at time. This was all done by Rotarian Peter Denocoy of the Edmonton Strathcona club. Peter has been an ardent supporter of the wheelchair project. His invitation to join the two other districts has led the Arlington Great Southwest club to write a matching grant this last year.

This grant has been made possible due to the support from the Rotary clubs of Arlington/Great Southwest, Arlington North, Azle, Fort Worth East, Burleson, Hurst-Euless Bedford, Mineral Wells, Wichita Falls North, Colleyville, and Santo Domingo Oriental. A total project size of \$45,475, we will be addressing mobility. The grant will provide 212 wheelchairs, 12 pediatric wheelchairs, 62 walkers, 50 portable commodes, and 61 canes to various individuals. This mobility project will allow children to attend school, adults to work, people to engage in community events, and yes to enjoy their own homes without feeling the confines of just one room.

And while we see appreciation from the recipients, we also see a change with every Rotarian who helps. We see a sense that we are making a difference, but more importantly, we see a change within ourselves. We see that when we come home, we can do more within Rotary. We see that we have the drive to do more not only in our community, but also in our world. We have the chance to be more mobile.

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possibility that can happen through their experiences as a Youth Exchange Student.

Looking for University of North Texas Students  
Aug 15, 2013  
by Ernie McGee

Looking for UNT Students to Join Rotaract

Know a young person going to the University of North Texas? Encourage them to join Rotaract at UNT. Need information about Rotaract? Click on Rotaract Page

For more information about the UNT Rotaract Contact

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Rotary helps Pakistan Battle Polio & Mistrust  
Jul 22, 2013  
by John Pokorny

New York Times writer Donald G. Nigle informs the world about the ongoing battle against polio, rumors & mistrust about polio vaccination in Pakistan. In his story he shares how the country has turned the corner thanks to the persistence of Rotary International, WHO & the Gates Foundation. See entire article at Pakistan Battles Polio and It's Peoples Trust

2013 Granbury/Cleburne Area Disaster Relief  
May 18, 2013  
by John Lucas

2013 Granbury/Cleburne Area Disaster Relief



Recent Disasters in Other Rotary Districts: Moore, Oklahoma; West, Texas; etc  
May 25, 2013  
by John Lucas

District Leadership Approves 2013-2017 Strategic Plan  
May 21, 2013  
by Charles Kurtzman

During the District Conference Business Meeting, District leadership approved the 2013-2014 Strategic Plan. The plan sets priorities & goals including the support & strengthening of clubs, focus & increase humanitarian service, enhance public image and awareness and continue the strategic planning process through ongoing review and updating as needed.

Each of these goals has a series of specific steps that district leadership will be implementing to assure each goal is addressed and priorities are established that promote these goals within the district.

Club leadership is encouraged to review these goals and priorities and use them as a template to establishing their own clubs strategic plan for the next 5

District 5790 - Club Attendance

District Secretary - Darhyl Ramsey  
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October 2013 Report

Congratulations to Lewisville Noon. They were Ranked No. 1 with an October attendance percentage of 98.5%. Year-to-Date Rankings still has Wichita Falls North ranked at No. 1 with a YTD average attendance of 93.0% for the first four months of the year.

Please click on October 2013 Monthly Club Attendance Report for Full Attendance report.

16 clubs did not report their attendance during the month of October. If your club is one of those 16, please contact your club secretary. If they are having problems reporting please contact Darhyl Ramsey at e-mail address shown above.

Club News

EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT

Remember to send me (impokorny@verizon.net) any upcoming event your club will having.  
The whole District wants to support your efforts. E-mail the information to me by the 30th of the month. The Squeaky Wheel comes out the 1st week of each month.

In the Spirit of Rotary,  
Marilyn Pokorny

Arlington Sunrise

By: Jacob Hardin - President  
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Meets Friday at 6:45am Division St. Diner 1800 W. Division

Arlington Sunrise Rotary has had a busy first half of the year.

- 9 new members
- Jim Hill
  - Steve Bumpass
  - John Blackstone
  - Laurie Robinson
  - Peggy Tennesen
  - Stan Ehresman
  - Matthew Antkowiak
  - Melisa Thum
  - Sylvia Guerrero-Dean

years. Click on [District 5790 Strategic Plan 2013-2017](#)

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Arlington Dunlop Park - Playground



Blood Drive 10/11/13 Club Meeting at Parks Mall in Arlington





500 Dictionaries to AISD





Phase in Arlington Sunrise DSG



**Bowie Rotary**

**Pat Polk - President**

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**Wednesday at Noon Dos Chiles Grandes Cafe 1001 West Wise**

**Location of Dos Chiles Grandes Cafe**



**Bowie**  
**1001 W Wise St**  
**Bowie, TX 76230**

On July 22, 1881, Bowie was incorporated as a city in Montague County, Texas. It is named for the 19th century adventurer and defender of the Alamo, James Bowie. (There is also a Bowie County, which includes Texarkana in northeastern Texas.) The city began to expand with the arrival of the Fort Worth and Denver Railway in 1882. In 1884, four men robbed the First National Bank of Bowie and allegedly left with over \$10,000.00.

As of the 2010 United States Census, there were 5,218 people and 2,489 housing units in the city. The population density was 945.6 people per square mile. There were 2,090 households in the city. The average household size was 2.32 persons and the average family size was 2.99. The racial makeup of the city was 91.9% White, 0.2% African