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Hello Rotarians of District 5790,



2009-2010 DG  
John and his wife  
Claire

Wow! What an exciting January! As discussed during my visit to your club, one of the strategic goals this year was to organize a Disaster Relief Committee to meet the needs of any future disasters, either locally or internationally, and to establish a 501c3 foundation to support that goal. During the last days of December we received permission to organize our own "District 5790 Foundation, Inc." Ten days later the Haiti Earthquake happened. To date we have received donations totaling \$17,600 into the foundation for Haiti Relief. Under the leadership of Chairman Clint Ishmael the Disaster Relief Committee decided that most of these monies are going to purchase medical supplies, the #1 item needed there. The people of Haiti thank you for your donation!

One of the things I have noticed as I travel around our district is that most Rotarians do not get out of their box and go out to meet other Rotarians, both in our district and to other districts. During the five months left in this Rotary Year, I challenge you to do at least one makeup with another club which you have never visited before. Hopefully you'll make new friends.

Mark your dates now! Coming up on April 9-11, 2010, is our District Conference 2010 at the DFW Marriott at Champions Circle in north Fort Worth, across from the Texas Motor Speedway. We are working hard to make sure that everyone will be provided with a fun experience. I highly urge you to be there and to meet and get to know the other Rotarians from all over the district. We will also have with us some very special young people, whom we call Rotary Alumni who had benefited from Rotary's many programs. See our District 5790 Website and register by March 8, 2010, for only \$185.

In Rotary,

*John & Claire*



*This article was adapted from the sample press release available through Rotary International's Public Relations Department. It shows some of the ways Rotary is helping the people of Haiti.*



## DISASTER RELIEF IN HAITI

The Earthquake in Haiti has Rotarians all over the world finding ways to respond and help the country.

From raising funds to collecting relief supplies to distributing life-saving shelters in Port-au-Prince, Rotary clubs worldwide continue to ramp up efforts to help save lives.

And that includes members of the 17 Rotary clubs operating in Haiti, where pediatrician Claude Surena, a Rotary member in Port-au-Prince, has been tapped by President Rene Preval to coordinate the national government's emergency response. The chair of Rotary's Haiti Disaster Preparedness Committee, Dr. Surena and fellow Haitian Rotary members are helping to make sure incoming relief supplies are used effectively. He and his family also have been caring for injured quake victims on the grounds of their home since the disaster occurred.

Among the first international relief workers to reach Haiti were volunteers from ShelterBox ([www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org)) a U.K.-based disaster response organization supported by Rotary clubs worldwide. Each ShelterBox kit contains a 10-person tent, a water purification system and other survival necessities. About 2,000 ShelterBoxes -- enough to assist 20,000 people -- are in Haiti, and another 3,000 are due within a week, coordinated by logistics teams set up in Miami, Fla., and Santo Domingo, D.R. The ShelterBox team is first targeting pregnant women and families with newborns.

Nearly 1,500 of the walking wounded have been treated by 23 physicians volunteering with Comprehensive Disaster Response Services, assisted by six volunteers from two New York City Rotary clubs. Another 600 patients were admitted to the team's emergency hospital. The team worries that as time passes, the risk of disease will increase.

Clubs throughout the regional Rotary district that includes Haiti quickly mobilized to send more than 55 planes carrying 50,000 pounds of medical equipment and supplies into the cities of Pignon and Port-de-Paix, bypassing the myriad of logistical problems in Port-au-Prince. Rotary clubs throughout the Caribbean have raised more than \$1 million for immediate relief and long-term rebuilding.

"Rotary had an incredible infrastructure established before the quake, which has made our relief efforts very effective," says Dick McCombe, a member of the Rotary Club of South-East Nassau, Bahamas, noting that Rotary was in good position to help in Haiti, with 33 projects already underway to provide water, sanitation, medical care, and education even before the earthquake.

The Rotary Foundation has set up a Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund to streamline the flow of contributions, primarily for U.S. club members. Fund managers will work with local Rotary clubs and relief agencies to meet the most pressing needs of communities in the affected area. Funds will be used in the relief effort, and for projects providing longer-term support and development.

Other examples of Rotary's worldwide response to the disaster in Haiti:

Rotary clubs in South Korea quickly raised \$100,000 to support a medical team sent to Haiti by the Korean Foundation for International Healthcare.

In Honduras, The Rotary Club of Tocoa collected more than 70,000 pounds of food and medicine and arranged for three cargo flights into Port-au-Prince, with more on the way. "We remember how the world helped us after Hurricane Mitch," said Rotary member Juan Gomez.



## CELEBRATING ROTARY'S ANNIVERSARY

Rotary's Public Image Resource Group is encouraging Rotary clubs and districts to select a day and highlight Rotary's involvement in the local – and global – community.

The Public Image Resource Group recommends Rotary's "birthday" on February 23 as an ideal date for several reasons. First, as Rotary's anniversary, February 23 allows clubs and districts a natural day to recognize Rotary's past, present and future. Second, the more clubs and districts around the world that celebrate Rotary Day on the same day, the greater the positive impact on Rotary's public image.

Yet, while publicizing Rotary on its February 23 birthday is ideal, any day can be identified as "Rotary Day" in your community. What is key is to plan a high visibility community service project or event for Rotary Day that helps to communicate what Rotary is and does with your community.

To help Rotary clubs and districts organize a celebration, here are four resources that are available for you and your District and Club Public Relations Committees:

[105 Ways to celebrate Rotary Day](#) (PDF). Let your imaginations run wild! You may select one or many options and tailor your celebration to your community – or come up with your own creative Rotary Day activities. Remember, the idea is to share the Rotary story with the general community, so your celebration efforts should be directed to the community, the media and the general public.

[Rotary Day Proclamation](#) (.doc). A proclamation is an official recognition of a particular event or day. Often "proclaimed" by a government authority, the day is recorded in the public record and may be announced in such forums as a city council, provincial government or national parliament. This formal recognition also provides a good "news hook" for potential media attention. This proclamation sample can be tailored and sent to your local community, regional or national government decision-makers asking that a specific date – February 23 or another day – be named Rotary Day and declared an official day in your community.

[Rotary day poster: 18 x 24 inches](#) (PDF). [Rotary day poster: 11 x 17 inches](#) (PDF). To help promote the event in your community, two Rotary Day poster designs are available for districts and clubs to use. A graphic designer can modify the blank section or insert local photos. You can also print the poster out as is and write in local event information. The poster is designed so that it can stand alone, if needed.

[Rotary Day News Release Template](#) (Word). A news release that is meant to be localized and contains general information about the Rotary International organization.

The Rotary International Board of Directors adopted "enhance the internal and external recognition and public image of Rotary" as the No. 2 goal in its Strategic Plan. Think of the impact of everyone celebrating Rotary Day together! Best wishes as we Share Rotary to Make Dreams Real . .



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## A GREAT YEAR IN LA MOSKITIA, HONDURAS

District 5790 has been doing great work in Honduras for almost five years now. Last year was our most productive yet. We successfully completed two Matching Grants that totaled \$95,000!

The first grant, MG65791, was sponsored by the Mansfield RC led by Bob Brown and consisted of the purchase and deployment of 400 Biosand filters. The problem of clean water has been confirmed in La Moskitia by Rotarians, Health Workers, and parents of small children who suffer the most from the affects of drinking surface water contaminated by fecal runoff.



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an Auca family with their filter in their home

Like our previous matching grant for 165 filters, the location to deploy these filters was recommended by the local Health Department and confirmed in person by Rotarians. All 400 filters were deployed in and around the village of Auca. There were a total of seven villages. On our recent trip to the La Mosquitia in Aug, 09, we heard directly from village representatives how effective the filters were and how grateful the villagers were to Rotarians for improving their lives. We personally visited eight homes to see the filters in use, to ensure that the villagers were comfortable maintaining them, and to verify that they

had reduced or eliminated the problem of dysentery/diarrhea. In all cases, the results were positive. We also heard the same feedback in a group meeting with the villagers.

The second grant, MG65791, was sponsored by the Wichita Falls North RC led by PDG Dr. Tom Sheriff and consisted of another 190 Biosand filters and the first semi-modern prototype farming activity in the history of La Moskitia. The Mosquito Indians still farm as they did hundreds of years ago. A field is burned, a stick is used to make a hole in the ground, and a seed is dropped in.



rows of crops in Rondin

By partnering with a Honduran NGO (nongovernmental organization), RELATA, who has extensive experience training central Americans on farming technology, we were able to bring the village of Rondin forward several centuries in terms of agricultural technology. As usual, Rotarians in 2008 verified that the village was willing to take on the project and soil samples taken by RELATA confirmed the poor quality of the soil (high acidity and low level of organics).

RELATA placed an employee from La Moskitia who spoke the language in the





## A GREAT YEAR IN LA MOSKITIA, HONDURAS (Con't)

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village for more than six months to train the villagers, make yokes for the animals, train the animals and prepare the soil. In Aug, 09, Rotarians saw the first plowed rows of corn and rice ever in La Mosquitia. Despite an encouraging start, excessive rains in the fall destroyed the corn and beans and reduced the yield of rice. There are two other plots being tended currently with fruits and vegetables and we are hopeful for a better outcome. Regardless of our initial results, the technology has been transferred. The plows, fences, training will continue in the village and should eventually help the villagers to grow and store additional crops for themselves or even to sell for income.



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children in the village of Mistruk with parasitic worms

The 190 filters have been deployed in three other villages near Auca and also in the village of Mistruk. We visited Mistruk prior to filter deployment and saw children with distended stomachs, a sure sign of parasitic worm infestation.



demonstration by Rondin villagers of their trained horse pulling a plow

All in all a very productive year in La Moskitia. Our filters now total 755 and our next grant which is approved and begins soon will take us over 1,000 and total of 8,000 people helped!

Our next targeted area is near the village of Tikiraya in the Kruta River Valley. We were by the mayor of the area and the Asst Director of the Health Department that small children were dying in this area due to contaminated water and the distance from medical care.



.- Meeting in Puerto Lempira with grateful representatives from the villages around Auca



## 4 WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

Each Club is encouraged to sponsor the 4 Way Test Speech Contest at their local High School through mid March. The "winner" of your local 4 Way Test Speech Contest will move on to the regional contests held at locations throughout the district. From there, the Final winners will move on to the District Contest, to be held at the District Conference on Saturday, April 10th.

Details can be found on the District website at [www.rotary5790.org](http://www.rotary5790.org)

For more information, contact Jeff Provence, 4 Way Test Speech Contest chair. See contact info to the left.

More details will be sent to the Club Presidents in the next few weeks.



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4 Way Test Speech  
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## FOUNDATION SUPPORT

As Rotarians—we can make the best impact by showing our financial support of the Rotary Foundation.

You, as a member of your club, are encouraged to contribute at least \$100 per year to become a sustaining member. At \$1,000 you become a Paul Harris Fellow. More and more clubs are being recognized for all of their members contributing to the foundation as 100% clubs.

Your contributions are invested for three years, and then half of those monies come back to the district as District Designated Funds to be used for Matching Grants, District Simplified Grants and Ambassadorial Scholarships. The other half goes to the Rotary World Fund to be used to support projects such as Group Study Exchange, Humanitarian Grants and the other half of Matching Grants.

The cutoff for recognition each year is June 30th. DG John Miller asks that your donations be submitted to the Rotary Foundation by March 15th. That way your contribution can be reported, so the district can recognize the STAR clubs, which average more than \$100 per member as well as the 100% Sustaining Member clubs that at the district conference.



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## PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR

*Incoming Presidents for 2010-2011*

*Mark your Calendars!*

*LONE STAR PETS (Presidents-elect Training Seminar)*

*DFW Hyatt Regency Hotel*

*March 19-21, 2010*

*Lone Star PETS is a multi-district event designed to prepare you for your year as club president. With over 800 participants, this conference has the power to draw excellent instructors and world class speakers who share their knowledge on how to be successful in leading your Rotary club. The fellowship and exchange of ideas will greatly enrich your capabilities as a president.*

*For more information and to register visit [www.lonestarrotarypets.org](http://www.lonestarrotarypets.org)*

*You may use your VISA or Master Card to register on-line and don't forget to make your hotel reservations at the special PETS rate of \$99 per night. (be sure to receive a confirmation number).*

*Rotary views PETS training as an essential obligation and requisite step to being an effective leader and club president.*

*The Multi-district Lone Star PETs is a first class event that you will enjoy and your spouse is also encouraged to attend.*

*I look forward to seeing you there on March 19th.*

*J. Paul Lucas, District Governor Elect*



J. Paul Lucas is District Governor Elect for 2010-2011. He will take office on July 1, 2010.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Hurst-Euless-Bedford.

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## DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



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Incoming Club Officers and Committees for 2010-2011

Mark your Calendars!

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY – May 15, 2010

(Training Seminar for Incoming Club Officers and Committees)

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – FORT WORTH

The DISTRICT ASSEMBLY prepares incoming club officers and committees for opportunities and responsibilities in the new 2010-2011 Rotary Year. There are also sessions planned for club officers and orientation for new members.

Our District has approximately 50 committees specializing in a full range of Rotary service opportunities. Breakout sessions will focus on how best to access resources and support in your interest areas. You will get to know your district representatives for each service program and you will be able to sign up for ongoing contact and support.

Register now for the May 15<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT ASSEMBLY so you won't miss the training you need for an effective 2010-2011 Rotary Year. Don't wait until the new Rotary year starts to find out you have not prepared.

To register online, please go to the District Assembly Calendar entry on May 15<sup>th</sup> at on the District website at: [www.rotary5790.org](http://www.rotary5790.org).

I look forward to seeing you on May 15th!

J. Paul Lucas, District Governor Elect

PS: To sign up for District Committees Communication please visit: <http://jplucas5790.wufoo.com/forms/rotary-district-5790-committees-information/>





## ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS



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[www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships)

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who join together to

- Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.)
- Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession
- Make new friends around the world
- Explore new opportunities for service
- Have fun and enhance their experience in Rotary

#### Examples of Rotary Fellowships



Marathon Running



Scuba Diving



Flying



Canoeing

#### How Rotary Fellowships Operate

- Each fellowship is operated independently of Rotary International, with its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- Membership in fellowships is open to Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors.
- Fellowships must be international in nature with active members in at least three countries.
- Each fellowship elects at least three officers to oversee the group's administration.
- Fellowships are expected to facilitate communication among their members and maintain regular communication with RI.

#### Some Benefits of Rotary Fellowships

- Fellowships provide opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside of their own club, district, or country.
- Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace.
- Fellowships serve as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining existing ones.



Conrad Heede is Chair, Rotary Fellowships for District 5790.

He is a member of the Grapevine Rotary Club and is a PDG for 1991-1992 of our district.

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Conrad is also in charge of the Rotarian's Wine Appreciation Fellowship. Contact him for more information.



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### Join a Fellowship

Interested in a particular Rotary Fellowship? Click on the topic to visit the group's Web site, or use the e-mail address provided to contact the group's designated contact officer.

Amateur Radio  
Antique Automobiles  
Bird Watching  
Bridge  
Canoeing  
Caravanning  
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Convention Goers  
Cricket  
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### Start a New Fellowship

If your recreational or vocational interest isn't represented by an existing fellowship, contact RI staff to learn how you can start a prospective Rotary Fellowship.

### Related RI publications

- [Global Networking Groups Directory](#)
- [Rotary Fellowships Handbook \(729\)](#)

### Contact RI staff:

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## ROTARY ALUMNI

### District to hold Alumni Reunion at Annual Conference

The district is currently organizing a Foundation Alumni reunion during this year's annual conference in Fort Worth and all alumni will be invited to attend the district conference luncheon on Saturday April 10 and then attend an alumni meeting immediately afterwards. During the meeting plans will be discussed on how our district can organize an Alumni Association and how we as a district can better serve or district's alumni and encourage them to get more involved in Rotary at the local club and district level.

From 1968, when our district sent the first GSE team to Samoa, to this year when our latest GSE team went to India, our district has sent over 250 men and women to all corners of the world to represent our district as ambassadors of Rotary. Although GSE is the largest group of alumni we also have several Ambassadorial Scholars who have been granted scholarships to study in some of the finest universities in the world. Also invited to the reunion will be all participants in the foreign student exchange program which has been a very active group since its beginning. Although student exchange is not part of the Foundation it is important to include all participants in all of our district's international exchanges.

The expectation is that once our district's Alumni Association is organized that there be annual reunions, gatherings, projects that they may be involved in and hopefully regain interest in Rotary at both the local and international level; perhaps even consider joining one of our local clubs as a member. Many of these individuals may live in your town and perhaps have been waiting for an invitation to come back and visit Rotary.

If you know any Foundation Alumni or former exchange students please feel free to let them know of the reunion and ask them to contact Josué Muñoz, District Alumni Chair, so that he may send them an invitation and other information regarding this year's reunion. You may contact Josué directly at [josue.munoz@tccd.edu](mailto:josue.munoz@tccd.edu)

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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.





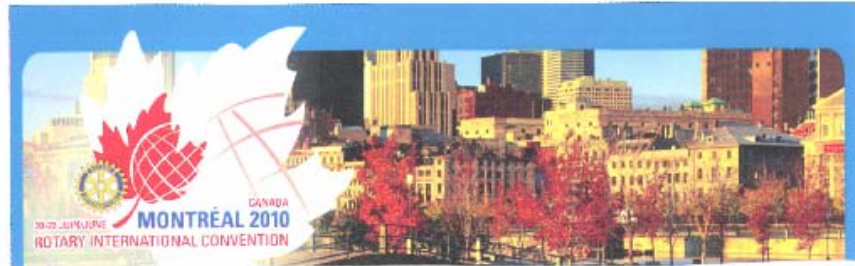
## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Troy Secord is Chair,  
International Confer-  
ence for District 5790.

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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 multi-cultural 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.*

*Contact Troy Secord*

*940-767-7478 or*

*[tsecord@secordlebow.com](mailto:tsecord@secordlebow.com)*

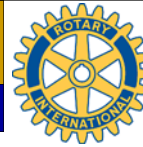
*Visit [www.rotary5790.org](http://www.rotary5790.org)*

*For details!*



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

*Photo courtesy of The Dollywood Foundation*



## EASTLAND ROTARY CLUB



Saul Pullman is President  
Eastland Rotary Club for  
2009-2010.

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The Eastland Rotary Club was founded in 1921 and has always been a vital link with the City of Eastland. Saul Pullman is our President and this is the seventh (7th) term he has lead us. This year his goal is to double the membership from 18 members when he took over to 36 members. At the present time we are 23 members strong and growing, who knows he might succeed by July.

Our club has a website and each week we do what is known as the Eastland Rotary Minute. A member is chosen at the end of each meeting and is asked some spontaneous questions. It is quite entertaining and each one is uploaded to YouTube and linked to our web page. On District Governor John Miller's visit to the Eastland Rotary Club, he was the victim for the Rotary Minute. You can go to [www.eastlandrotaryclub.com](http://www.eastlandrotaryclub.com) under Club Links click on Saul Pullman's list of YouTube video to see all the videos.

We are currently having a Haiti drive which will extend until February 1, 2010. The newspaper and local media have assisted us and we hope to make a large donation to the District 5790 Foundation "Haiti Fund".

As far as projects, we give the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders dictionary, Senior Olympics, Radio day, and "Apple Day" to recognize the teachers in the Eastland Public School System. Currently on our website you can see a short video of one of our members doing the Eastland Rotary Minute, a video on our Senior Olympic project, and a short video on how we do the Dictionary Hand Out to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

Each member is encouraged to do a classification talk, which will be one of the monthly club programs. This way we get to know each other a lot better than just sitting next to each other at a meeting.



Eastland's newest  
Paul Harris Fellow

Recently we attended the reception for Incoming Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith in Abilene, Texas. This was some of our members first exposure to what Rotary really is. This has greatly created additional fire in our membership so that they are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio all under the Rotary motto "Service Above Self".



Scout Executive giving the program on Scouting.

We are on goal to be a 100% Paul Harris Club. Each member contributes monthly into our Paul Harris Fund and when we reach \$1,000 a member who has not been previously drawn is drawn and this adds another Paul Harris member to our Club.



Representative Jim Kef-  
fer addressing the club.



## CISCO ROTARY CLUB

The Cisco Rotary Club was chartered on February 1, 1921. Although much has changed in the club over the past 89 years, service above self has remained our constant focus, and we continually look for ways to make a difference in our community.

This year for the first time, the club has set aside funds to sponsor a RYLA student, has collected books for Books for the World and is working with Cisco High School to sponsor a 4-Way Test Speech Contest. Three years ago the club began participating in the dictionary project. Each fall members distribute dictionaries to approximately 75 third grade students in Cisco Elementary and ensure that fourth and fifth grade students who are new to the district also receive dictionaries. This year when members passed out the dictionaries, we encouraged them to look up polio and told them about the work that Rotary International has done to eradicate the disease worldwide.

"We use the dictionaries in our classrooms and incorporate them into our lesson plans to help the students learn how to use them," said one of the teachers. "Some of these children do not have dictionaries at home, so the Rotary Club makes a tremendous impact."



Picture shows students from this years dictionary 3rd grade dictionary distribution.

Of course when something works, we like to continue it and build upon that success. Throughout its history the club has provided support to other initiatives in our community through local grants and continues to do so today. Over the past year, the club assisted the Junior Chamber of Commerce with their park cleanup project, the Cisco Youth Baseball Association, Keep Cisco Beautiful and several other community organizations as well as continues to provide educational scholarships to students.

One project that has endured for 44 years has been the Citizenship Awards. Begun in 1966 by past club president, Eris Ritchie, the program honors a male and female graduating Cisco High School senior who has exhibited good citizenship throughout his and her high school career.

Several well-known speakers have been featured at the annual luncheon, including two congressmen, a lieutenant governor, the Texas Attorney General, state and county judges, several university presidents and various media persons. The 2009 speaker was USAF Col. Robert F. Gass. The 2010 speaker will be Dr. Charles Breithaupt, the new executive director of the University Interscholastic League.

Much has changed in 89 years, but the future of the Cisco Rotary Club looks bright indeed.

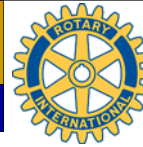


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## WESTERN FORT WORTH ROTARY



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The Rotary Club of Western Fort Worth will soon be celebrating 58 years of service to our community on the west side of town. We have been involved in international service, helping to build a water well in Kenya, and helping provide for a hospital in Budapest. This spring we will be hosting the Group Study Exchange Team from India for three days in April. A past president of our club, Dale Ousley, is chairing that project, with help from a new member of our club, Vicki Owen.



Our Rotary club has been involved in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project for about 15 years. We man the booth at Ridgmar Mall each weekend for about six weeks. This past December found us adopting 2,297, some 455 more than in 2008. The monetary value of the 12,003 gifts received amounted to \$162,107. There



were 791.5 man hours involved this year.

*(Left photo: The 2009 Angel Tree with Vicki Owen and Dale Ousley. Right photo: Members of Western Fort Worth Rotary sign-in adopted angels)*



Another project our club has been involved with the past few years has been Kid's Club. We thank our member, Dena Newell, marketing director at Ridgmar Mall, for making this project come to reality. The first Thursday of each month at the Mall we sponsor Kid's Club. Children come and paint canvasses (often making a donation to our club). These canvasses are then pasted on the wall outside Macy's Department Store. Over 500 such canvasses are displayed there. It is a sight to behold!

*(The Kid's Club Wall at Ridgmar Mall in Fort Worth showing "Rotary. Humanity in Motion".)*

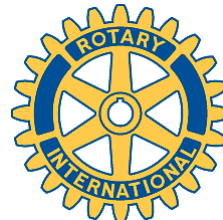
We are planning a fundraiser for April 20 which will be a Spaghetti Supper with all the trimmings. A silent and a live auction will take place. All proceeds will be divided one-half each to PolioPlus and to our local high school, Arlington Heights.

Interact/AHHS continues to grow and be very community-oriented. They are under the direction of faculty advisor, Charles Ford at Arlington Heights.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Bobby Bragan on January 21, a dear friend and fellow Honorary Rotarian in our club. He will be missed by all.

Submitted by AZ Rowland, Rotary Club of Western Fort Worth





## DECEMBER 2009 CLUB ATTENDANCE

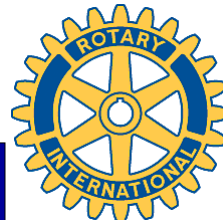
Rotary Club	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	12/1/2009			12/31/2009	
Abilene - F	101	58.01%	3	101	-
Abilene Southw est - T	59	81.48%	4	59	-
Abilene Wednesday					-
Arlington - TH	113	53.95%	3	113	-
Arlington North - M	44	89.29%	2	44	-
Arlington South - F	24	43.48%	4	24	-
Arlington Sunrise - F	65	94.00%	3	63	(2)
Arlington Sunset - T					-
Arlington West - T	33	53.00%	5	33	-
Azle - TH	42	64.00%	3	42	-
Bow ie - W	21	65.00%	3	21	-
Breckenridge - T					-
Brow nw ood - W	21	79.76%	4	21	-
Burkburnett - T					-
Burleson - F	60	85..14%	3	59	(1)
Cisco - TH	15	51.00%	3	15	-
Cleburne - TH	93	59.00%	3	91	(2)
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	10	70.00%	3	10	-
Crow ell - W					-
Decatur - TH	24	60.00%	3	23	(1)
Denton - TH	90	67.59%	3	88	(2)
Denton South - T	35	79.00%	3	35	-
Dublin - T	24	64.00%	5	23	(1)
Eastland - TH	19	58.73%	3	21	2
Flow er Mound - TH	73	79.00%	5	74	1
Fort Worth East - M	36	62.00%	2	36	-
Fort Worth International - W	13	70.00%	2	13	-
Fort Worth North - W	21	70.00%	3	21	-
Fort Worth - F	520	60.00%	3	519	(1)
Fort Worth South - T	77	58.18%	4	76	(1)
Fort Worth Southw est - TH	21	83.00%	3	21	-

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## DECEMBER 2009 CLUB ATTENDANCE, Con't

RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	12/1/2009			12/31/2009	
Gainesville - W	63	41.00%	2	65	2
Graham - F					-
Granbury - TH	54	43.00%	3	54	-
Grapevine - W	89	66.56%	4	90	1
Great SW Arlington - W	42	66.00%	4	42	-
Hamlin - W					-
Haskell - TH	25	29.60%	5	25	-
HEB - T	65	80.00%	2	65	-
Highland Village	30	81.00%	3	30	-
low a Park - W	17	82.00%	3	17	-
Keller - T	45	67.22%	4	45	-
Kennedale	29	61.00%	3	31	2
Lake Ray Roberts - T	15	73.00%	4	15	-
Lewisville Morning - TH	28	88.92%	4	27	(1)
Lewisville Noon - W	59	71.43%	4	57	(2)
Mansfield - T					-
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	19	86.11%	2	18	(1)
Metroport - F	31	81.00%	3	31	-
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	51	66.00%	3	51	-
Mineral Wells - W	44	63.25%	4	45	1
Nocona - T					-
Sanger - T	11	40.00%	3	10	(1)
Southlake - T	15	97.00%	3	16	1
Stamford - T					-
Stephenville - TH	26	66.67%	3	26	-
The Colony - T					-
Vernon - T	42	63.49%	3	42	-
Weatherford - T	116	61.28%	5	115	(1)
Western Fort Worth - T	73	90.06%	4	73	-
Wichita Falls North - F	36	89.00%	3	37	1
Wichita Falls - TH	89	68.00%	4	84	(5)
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	25	75.00%	3	25	-

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Graham Sowa was an Ambassadorial Scholar for District 5790 in 2008-2009



## AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR FOLLOWUP—GRAHAM SOWA

*Graham Sowa left for Botswana in early December to help with an African speech contest for students from 15 countries. This is a unique opportunity and demonstrates great leadership and success he had last year as an Ambassadorial scholar. His trip is being paid for by the SOROS Foundation in NY. You may have heard of George Soros. Jim Aneff worked with the SOROS foundation, Open Society to help place high school exchange students from all the NIS countries in the 90ties and early 2000s. have been in his office in NYC. It is remarkable that Graham is being sponsored financially by the Soros Foundation. - submitted by Jim Aneff*

Graham provided the following recap:

After spending a year in Botswana as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from May 2008 to May 2009 I am heading back there this December to help run the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Pan-African Universities Debate Championships.

Debate in Africa is modeled mostly after the British Parliament, thus style and presentation are just as important as content. But my involvement was not so much actually debating, but helping to organize debates. My friend Justice Motlhabani invited me to be registration director for the Inaugural Pan African Universities Debate Championship. I had some experience doing this in the U.S. and came on board. My experience from the U.S. transferred; however dealing with delegates from 15 African countries was completely new and challenging.

The Pan African Universities Debate Championship is sponsored by the International Debate Education Agency, a subsidiary of the Soros Foundation Open Society Institute. The idea of a "Pan African" debate tournament was conceived, lobbied for, and administered almost exclusively by university students in Botswana. It was downright exciting to see young people in Africa take this kind of initiative for a home-grown project.

This debate tournament promotes continent wide, face-to-face networking for the 300 participants from 15 countries. And with social media like Facebook and LinkedIn everyone keeps in touch even after the tournament is over. The potential for African unity and solidarity is definitely greater due to the existence of competitive, critical thinking debate.

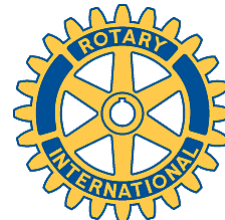
The opportunity that District 5790 and The Rotary Foundation gave me to go to Botswana put me in the middle of a very exciting time to be in developing Africa. And now I am going back again, proving that the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship is a true force for building bonds between people and places that would have otherwise never existed.

***Additional update: Graham is currently helping out in the relief efforts in Haiti.***



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### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & FUND RAISERS

#### GREAT SOUTHWEST ROTARY RESTAURANT FUND RAISERS— March 2 & March 23

**WHAT:** Fish City Grill Dinner Fundraiser  
Buck & Loon's Fundraiser

**WHO:** Individuals and Families

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 2 (All Day—Fish City Grill)  
Tuesday, March 23 (All Day—Buck & Loons)

**WHERE:** Fish City Grill, 3900 Arlington Highlands Blvd B  
Buck & Loons 3821 S. Cooper

**WHY:** A portion of all proceeds benefit the GSW programs.

**Contact:** Dan Cooper at 214-212-8829 for more details.

#### WICHITA FALLS SOUTHWEST SPORTING CLAY SHOOT March 6

**WHAT:** Sporting Clay Shoot

**WHO:** Individuals and Teams

**WHEN:** March 6, 2010

**WHERE:** Northwest Texas Field & Stream Association

**COSTS:** \$85 per player to March 4, \$95 Day of shoot.

**TIME:** Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Shoot Start at 1:00 p.m.

Sponsorships available.

Contact: Jerry Morgan • 940-631-4988 •  
[jerry@LRWFab.com](mailto:jerry@LRWFab.com)

#### WESTERN FORT WORTH SPAGHETTI SUPPER April 20th

**WHAT:** Spaghetti Supper

**WHO:** Individuals and Families

**WHEN:** April 20th, 2010

**WHERE:** Ridglea Country Club Ballroom

**COSTS:** \$15 per person

**TIME:** 6:30—8:30 pm

Includes Silent and Live Auction.

Proceeds benefit the Western Fort Worth Foundation in support of their scholarships at Arlington Heights HS, and also to Polio Plus.

Contacts: Ron Halder at 817-266-8080 or Marvin Walters at 817-731-3361

#### FORT WORTH NORTH GOLF TOURNAMENT April 28th

**WHAT:** Annual Rotary Golf Tournament

**WHO:** Individuals or Foursomes

**WHEN:** April 28th, 2010

**WHERE:** Resort at Eagle Mountain Lake

**COSTS:** \$100 Registration covers 1 player for golf, and 2 people for awards dinner.

**TIME:** 1 PM Shotgun Start

Sponsorships available.

Contact Brent Morton at 817-781-9936 (C) or 817-886-2735 (H). [Brentcmorton@gmail.com](mailto:Brentcmorton@gmail.com)  
[jgoobeck@locallyowned.org](mailto:jgoobeck@locallyowned.org)

#### H-E-B ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT June 11

**WHAT:** Brenda Whitley HEB Rotary Golf Tournament

**WHO:** Individuals or Foursomes

**WHEN:** June 11, 2010

**WHERE:** Texas Star Golf Course

**COSTS:** \$125 per player

**TIME:** Registration/contests begin at 11:30 a.m.

Sponsorships available.

Contact Dale Harwell at (817) 788-7030

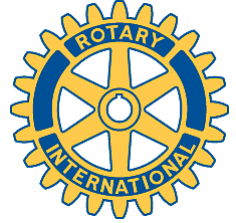
#### EVENT COMING UP? LET THE OTHER CLUBS KNOW!

If your club has a major event coming up, please let us know.

It can be posted on the District website by e-mailing the info to Don Proctor, District Webmaster at [don@donproctor.com](mailto:don@donproctor.com)

And to Chuck Chambers, District Newsletter Editor at [chuck@signsnowarlington.com](mailto:chuck@signsnowarlington.com)





## PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

### ARLINGTON NORTH—COATS FOR KIDS



Arlington North Rotary in conjunction with Speer Elementary donates over 60 coats to young kids needing some help with staying warm. This has been an ongoing program for a number of years. Arlington North Rotary takes an especially humble heart being able to help. Pat Connor is the chair of this annual event. Pictured is Dick McCree, Dorothy McCree, Doreen Bruner and social service worker for Speer Pamela Johnson, LCSW.

### ARLINGTON SUNRISE— NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR

Club members helped move a lady to her new apartment as a part of the local Neighbor Helping Neighbor program.



Arlington Sunrise members Karen Hirst and Julie Harnagel arrange the kitchen during the move of a needy person to a new home as a part of the Arlington Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program.



Arlington Sunrise members Scott Gardner and David Berg move furniture as part of the Arlington Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program.



PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT, Con't

HURST—EULESS—BEDFORD—100% EREY



DG John Miller presented the H-E-B club with a banner for achieving 100% participation in the Every Rotarian Every Year. A club is recognized when all of their active members contribute at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation.

Pictured here are: District Governor John Miller (2nd from left) along with DG Elect J. Paul Lucas (far left) with Immediate Past President, Walter Ott (center), along with Ambassadorial Student Vanessa Bilanceri (2nd from right) and Dale Harwell, President.

Ambassadorial Scholar Vanessa Bilanceri with her family at the January 12th meeting. Also attending the meeting were her parents, Connie and Maurizio Bilanceri of Hurst, her brother, Richard Bilanceri of Playa del Carmen, MX and her husband, Jeremy Goldberg (originally from Cleveland, OH).

Vanessa was nominated for an Ambassadorial Scholarship from our club; she is a 1998 graduate from L.D. Bell High School and a 2002 graduate from the University of Texas at Austin. She has spent the last 8 years working as a marketing and communications consultant for non-profit organizations in Washington, DC. She and her husband, Jeremy, look forward to representing our club and our district in Mexico this year. She will return to our the H-E-B club again before and after her scholarship year to share more details and stories with the club.

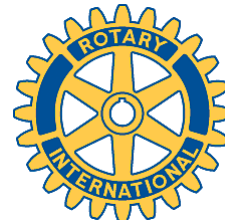


*Do you have something to share? Please let the other Rotarians of District 5790 know!*

Send your pictures and a short write-up to the District Newsletter editor, Chuck Chambers.

E-mail these to [chuck@signsnowarlington.com](mailto:chuck@signsnowarlington.com). Submit these by the 20th if at all possible for inclusion in the next months issue.





## DISTRICT 5790 "IN THE NEWS"

### PUBLICITY FOR THE DISTRICT IN JANUARY 2010

Vernon's club received mention in Wichita Falls' Times Record News. Read about their Great Western Trail project.

<http://www.timesrecordnews.com/news/2010/jan/31/no-headline---briefs/?print=1>

The Colleyville club was featured in the Colleyville Courier for its dancing fundraiser.

<http://www.star-telegram.com/colleyvillecourier/news/story/1923840.html>

### Faces of Rotary Billboards are posted

- If you're in Wichita Falls, check out the three billboards featuring Vernon Rotarian Jeff Bearden.
- In Abilene, look for the three billboards featuring Arlington Rotarian Mary Jean Moloney. Mary Jean will also appear in Abilene's newspaper the second week in February.
- Harris Brooks' 14 foot by 48 foot billboard west of Fort Worth on Interstate 30 (outside city loop) will post in mid-January. Harris is a Mineral Wells Rotarian.

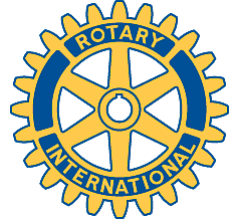
Also look for newspaper ads with Fort Worth Rotarian Tonya Veasey in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and its Spanish-language publication in mid-February.

Would you like to help spread Rotary's message through Facebook? Look for Sarah Maben on Facebook and she can send you the Faces of Rotary artwork you can share with your Facebook friends.



Rotary Buses are on the streets! The Fort Worth T donated 10 buses you'll see cruising around.

Check out Christine Singh's Faces of Rotary bus in the attached picture. She's a member of the Southlake club.



## JANUARY WRAP UP

### PHOTO'S FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

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!



Bill Harnagel, Arlington Sunrise, shows Annual Giving chart to club members.



DG John Miller, with PDG Walt Milner, DG Nominee Don Davis, and PDG Conrad Heede at the announcement that Don Davis is the DG Nominee for 2012-2013. Don is a member of the Grapevine Rotary Club.



New member induction at Grapevine Rotary on January 6, 2010.

### COMING IN THE NEWSLETTER IN MARCH

March begins our wrap up of the year. You'll find articles about the district conference from Larry Aaron. The Assistant Governors will begin to submit articles in March and April for their clubs.

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

Arlington West, Breckenridge, Crowell, Fort Worth North and Highland Village will let us know what has been going on with their clubs.

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