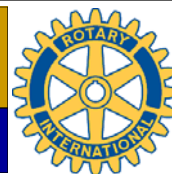




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2010-2011
DG Paul Lucas

It has been a joy this year to see and hear about the amazing humanitarian and educational programs you are doing that strengthen and benefit our communities and promote high ethical standards in vocational and private lives. This spirit of Rotary service has also expanded beyond local communities and Rotarians are seeing the world as their community.

The Rotary theme for February is "World Understanding." Members and clubs of our district are very active in living up to this ideal with a wide variety of activities and experiences.

Involvement of Rotary teams in 2010-11 include: National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria, Ambassadorial scholars to Chile and Mexico, youth exchanges on multiple continents, disaster relief, humanitarian grants, friendship exchanges, Rotary Fellowships and much more.

Recently I traveled with a Wichita Falls team to Haiti where we witnessed firsthand the earthquake devastation. While we were there we met with local Rotarians to discuss the potential for improving living conditions in many practical ways. Soon teams led by the Denton and Metroport clubs will be on the way to Nicaragua to continue their ongoing passion for relieving suffering and improving living conditions in that area. A team lead by Arlington will be making another visit to Honduras this spring to help improve water and sanitation for the people of Mosquitia where our efforts have been saving thousands of young children. In March and April our district will exchange Group Study Teams with New Zealand and you will be able to get to know them through club visits and at our District Conference.

Whether through the programs of the Rotary Foundation or individual World Community Service initiatives, Rotarians are continually finding ways to reach out and make a difference. This year has seen tremendous growth in number and size of INTERACT clubs in our district and much of it seems to be tied to the "International Baccalaureate Curriculum" in high schools. They have recognized that our Rotary goal of "World Understanding" is consistent with their mission of "promoting intercultural understanding and respect, not as an alternative to a sense of cultural and national identity, but as an essential part of life in the 21st century."

District and International events throughout the year are designed to help increase "World Understanding." So, we hope that our district Rotarians will plan to take advantage of the these opportunities, which include the District Conference (May 6 & 7) celebrating the annual accomplishments of our clubs and the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans on May 21, which will also add a unique opportunity for an amazing international perspective.

Thank you for all you are doing in Rotary Service,

—Paul



DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



Sharron Miles is DGE for District 5790. She will take office on July 1, 2011 as District Governor.

She can be reached by e-mail at:

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LET'S GET FIRED UP

APRIL 16, 2011

Food, fellowship, and Rotary...

The best combination for success!



Rotary District 5790

District Assembly

Tarrant County College- Trinity River Branch

8:30 am- 2:00 pm



The Assembly is to be held at the Tarrant County College –Trinity River Branch in the heart of downtown Fort Worth. It is a state of the art facility that generates an exciting atmosphere for learning.

We will have a large variety of sessions to provide the most current information for your club officers and chairmen to get them "charged up" for the new Rotary year!

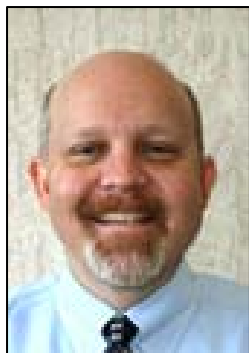


Remember, the District Assembly is training for the 2011-12 club officers and chairmen, **but** all club members are invited to attend. **In fact, it is encouraged!** It provides an opportunity for those who are thinking about serving in a leadership position in their club as well as in the district.

FOR ROTARY !



DISTRICT CONFERENCE "May 5 & 6, 2011"



Dale Harwell is chair of the 2011 District Conference.

He can be reached by e-mail at:

dhawell@ci.hurst.tx.us



Hyatt Place Fort Worth/Hurst welcomes the **2011 Rotary District Conference**.

They have set aside a block of rooms honoring the rate of **\$75.00**.

Please make your reservations by **April 7, 2011**. Any reservations not received on or before this cutoff date are subject to hotel availability basis at the best available prevailing rate.

To make your reservations please do the following:

Call Hyatt toll free at 1-888-492-8847

Dates available: **May 5, 6, 7, 2011**

Group Name: **2011 Rotary District Conference**

Or via our website at: <http://hyattplaceftworthhurst.com/>

Type in Arrival Date

Group/Corporate ID# **G-RO11**

Guest Rooms include:

- ◆ The Hyatt Grand Bed
- ◆ A living area called the Cozy Corner with Sectional offering queen size pull out bed
- ◆ 42" Flat Screen HD Television
- ◆ Wet Bar area with granite countertops, sink and mini refrigerator
- ◆ Pay per View movies
- ◆ Work desk with adjustable leather office chair and cordless speaker phone



Hyatt Place King Guest Room



Hyatt Place Lobby / Gallery



"WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE" ***"Friends of Nicaragua"***

Since 2006, the Friends of Nicaragua (consisting of Metroport, Denton South, and Denton clubs) have traveled together to Chinandega, Nicaragua to partner with the Chinandega RC to build schools, feeding centers and medical clinics. Southlake and Colleyville clubs partner financially. The work these clubs do collectively is represented by the work specifically done for the El Limonal community

The Nicaragua pine needle basket project was created in 2009 to benefit simultaneously two different communities. The baskets are made by impoverished women who live in the rural northern mountains of Nicaragua out of a local sustainable resource; pine needles. The women are paid a Fair Trade wage for the baskets. The proceeds from the sale of the baskets have allowed many of the children of this community to attend school, also they now have shoes, clothing and school supplies. The Friends of Nicaragua (FON) group resells these baskets in the United States to raise funds for the El Limonal community project. The El Limonal community is located in and around the Chinandega City dump.



It began as a relocation camp in 1998 after the flooding from Hurricane Mitch forced people from their lands. It has since become a permanent settlement. Most families earn a living by climbing through hazardous chemicals, smoke and sharp objects at the local dump to glean recyclable plastic and scrap metal. Among them often are children performing this dangerous work in bare feet. Families typically live in homes that are little more than tents, constructed from dump findings of scrap wood, cardboard and plastic. There are a few working latrines in poor condition. Water is likely to come from polluted, hand-dug wells. The children suffer severe respiratory problems, parasitic infections and diarrhea due to the lack of basic hygiene and food contamination. Many are extremely malnourished from lack of basic nutrients.

In 2009 – FON fed the children, and the community asked for help in building a new feeding center. When FON returned in 2010, it was to feed the children and build a new Feeding Center at El Limonal, the community then asked for help in building a kindergarten for the 1st grade through 3rd graders. Currently classes are conducted on a cement slab with no walls. Children must drag their desks from home to school and back each day. School supplies are made from trash found in the dump.



In 2011 – FON will return in March to begin a two-year project of building the El Limonal Kindergarten, a collaborative effort of the El Limonal community, the local government, the Chinandega Rotary, the Friends of Nicaragua and the basket makers who live in northern Nicaragua. It is a joy for the Friends of Nicaragua to be able to be a catalyst to making these communities' dreams come true.

Is your club looking for an International project? Please contact Kathy Hunt at 817.258.5080 or by email at: kathunt8@gmail.com

Kathy is a member of the Metroport Rotary Club.



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE *EXCHANGE STUDENTS GOING TO NEW ORLEASNS!!!*



Jim Aneff is Youth Exchange Officer for District 5790.

He has been active in Youth Exchange for over a decade, and has a passion for helping youth experience other countries.

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Jimaneff@aol.com

Or by telephone at:

325-692-3700

R.I. President Ray Klinginsmith invited all our exchange students in our South Central Rotary Youth Exchange Program, SCRYE, to be part of his convention by participating in the flag ceremony and perform several musical numbers during the two opening ceremonies. Talented students will also perform in the House of Friendship. Also they will be with the Sergeant at arms (greeters) during part of the Convention. They will all wear Red cowboy western shirts with the Multidistrict Rotary Logo on them. Exchange students have never done this before!

We need the financial support of our District Rotary Clubs soon! Can you help? The District expense to send our 9 exchange students to the convention is going to cost \$3,375. This is \$375 per student if we get the funds in before by the end of March. Otherwise, the cost will be \$425 per student. We have 9 Rotary Clubs who are sponsoring exchange students all this year. They are each providing their student \$125 per month allowance plus additional expenses for the students during the year. **Can your club help defray this additional cost to help us raise the additional \$3,375 our district must have in order for our students to go?** You can use this contribution for your club to count as being a special club sponsor for your Presidential Citation or Presidential Citation with Distinction.

R.I President Ray has backed up this invitation with a \$75,000 budget from Rotary International to help get the students there. Each of our 35 Rotary Districts is asked to provide the rest of the needed funds. He hopes that this will be the start for Rotary International to include exchange students each year at the International Convention. In Tulsa on Jan 28-30, the students started to practice their three songs they will sing with Michael Murphy Brown during the opening Ceremony. Their participation and what is being planned for them to do will be nothing less that spectacular!

Clubs can send checks made out to Rotary District 5790 to: James Aneff, Youth Exchange Chairman, 3210 Curry Lane, Abilene, TX 79605. I will get the funds credited properly with our District and SCRYE. Annotate on the check that the money is for Youth Exchange trip to the RI Convention. Individual Rotarians who want to contribute can use this as a tax deduction since SCRYE is designated as a 501-(c)(3) organization. Checks from individuals can be made out to SCRYE, Inc. and sent to me. Again indicate on the check that the money is for Youth Exchange student's trip to the R.I. Convention. Please contact me for more information.



SOUTH CENTRAL ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE (SCRYE)

Several people attended the SCRYE (South Central Rotary Youth Exchange) Winter Conference in Tulsa last week end. It was attended by 200+ inbound students from 30+ countries along with 150+ Rotarians and spouses. All of the nine students in bound Youth Exchange students from District 5790 were in attendance. Through the Rotary youth exchange program a student will have **The Opportunity of a Lifetime**.

Rotary International is looking for a few fine young people that have the right stuff to be International Youth Ambassadors.

Rotary International has the best administered and lowest cost International Youth Exchange program in the world. Students have the opportunity for more experiences throughout the world, with the Rotarians in the Rotary Club hosts.



Pictured:

One of our exchange student attends dinner with L-R) LeAnna Lutz, Sharron Miles, Peggy McConnell, and Youth Exchange Officer, Jim Aneff.



PEACE FELLOWS UPDATE *"Jay Gilliam"*



Jay Gilliam was the first Peace Fellow from District 5790. He can be reached by e-mail at:

jayrgilliam@aol.com

Dear Rotary friends,

Happy new year. I hope that 2011 brings you many enjoyable moments with friends, family, and loved ones and success in all parts of your life.

As you know, since I returned from Rotary's World Peace Fellowship at International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan and moved to DC last year, I have been searching for organizations to work out that are doing their part in contributing to a global culture of peace. I learned much from my classmates and professors in Tokyo as well as Rotarians from across the world and want to continue to share that knowledge and practice of peace.

This Wednesday I began work at the Aga Khan Foundation USA as their Communications Assistant. The Aga Khan Foundation is a private, non-denominational, non-profit international development organization and part of a global network of organizations committed to alleviating poverty, hunger, disease and illiteracy, primarily in Africa and Asia. You can read about the group at akdn.org [<http://akdn.org/>](http://akdn.org/). My work will mainly be helping the organization produce multimedia & print publications and coordinate media volunteers for events across the country through their sister group PartnershipsInAction to support the foundation's international development programs. I will also help to expand their traditional and new social media campaigns to make the foundation better known here in the US.

I am excited about this new career opportunity and glad that it will do its part in contributing to global peace & development. I appreciate your support and guidance not only in my career search but also in helping me become a better peacemaker. I hope that the new year will continue to bring much success for all of my Rotary friends & family and the work we are all doing for peace & development. And please call me if you ever find yourself in or around Washington, DC this year!

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Phone: 202-674-3258

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FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST UPDATE



Eva Poole is Chair,
District Four-Way Test
Speech Contest.

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Eva.Poole@cityofdenton.com

I am pleased to announce that over 20 Rotary Clubs in District 5790 have submitted their Four-Way Test Speech Contest Club Participation Forms so far this month!

The next date to remember is **March 26, 2010**. This is the day the District will hold its two **Regional Four-Way Test Speech Contests!**

Thanks in advance to the Rotary Club of **Weatherford** for hosting one of the regional contests and to both the Rotary Club of **Mid-Cities Pacesetters** and Rotary Club of **HEB** for co-hosting the second regional contest!

Participating clubs will be assigned by Area to either Weatherford or Hurst.

Historically, no prize money is given at the regional contests. HOWEVER, this year is an exception! Governor Paul Lucas has generously offered to provide **cash offers** to the two finalists at each of the regional contests as follows:

Regional Contests:

Each regional will have two finalists:

Regional 1:

Finalist 1 = \$100

Finalist 2 = \$100

Regional 2:

Finalist 1 = \$100

Finalist 2 = \$100

The finalists will also receive a framed certificate as well.

If your club still has still not decided to hold a Four-Way Test Speech Contest, I hope that you will reconsider! Just fill out the Club Participation Form located on the Rotary District 5790 website and send it to me before February 4, 2011.



Leeann Barron is President, Cisco Rotary Club for 2010-2011.

She can be reached by e-mail at:
llab88@cebridge.net



LV Coffee is President, Eastland Rotary Club for 2010-2011.

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lcoffee@ffin.com

CISCO ROTARY CLUB *"Active With A Renewed Spirit of Rotary"*

Greetings from the Cisco Rotary Club! Our club has started 2011 with a renewed spirit to spread the ideals of Rotary throughout our community. Our Rotarians are always on the look out for people who would make great new members and invite them to lunch at Rotary. Cisco Rotary is participating in the Polio Eradication program and we know that the change we drop in the cups each week is helping meet the goal of eradicating polio. Another program that Cisco Rotary is very proud of is our delivery of dictionaries to each third grader at Cisco Elementary. Each year we make sure that all third graders, and any new fourth and fifth grade students, have a dictionary of their very own. It gives us a great feeling to see the faces of the kids when they receive the dictionaries with their name inside. Rotarian Eris Ritchie is busy making the arrangements for our annual Citizenship Awards luncheon. Each year Cisco Rotary presents a citizenship award to a deserving Cisco High School senior boy and senior girl. The community is invited to the awards luncheon in honor of the recipients and last year's guest speaker was Dr. Charles Breithaupt, executive director of the University Interscholastic League. Cisco Rotary would like to extend an invitation to any Rotarian in the area to come have lunch with us at noon Thursdays at the Myrtle Wilks Community Center in Cisco, Texas!

EASTLAND ROTARY CLUB *"Annual Senior Olympics"*

There was a strong turnout of members and participants for the 3rd Annual Senior Olympics held at the First Baptist Church multipurpose center. Approximately 40 participants from Eastland, Stephens, Comanche and Brown counties traveled to be a part of this fun event. The events this year included bowling, a spelling contest, golf,



wheelchair races (motorized and manual), walker races, and bean bag toss. Bryan Jackson, a 10 year Rotarian was master of ceremonies for the event. Following the medal ceremonies all participants were served a lunch cooked by acting president L.V. Coffee. Deserts were prepared by several Rotarians and were varied from cakes to brownies. In the following weeks Eastland Rotary Club has created a DVD of the event to give to all of the seniors that participated. You can see a video of highlights at our website www.eastlandrotaryclub.com. The 3rd Annual Senior Olympics was a tremendous success and our rotary club is looking forward to making it bigger and better for our seniors next year.



MANSFIELD SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB *"Involved with Youth in the Community"*



Robert Putnam is President, Mansfield Sunrise Rotary Club for 2010-2011.

He can be reached by e-mail at:

Robert@putnamlawfirm.com

Mansfield Sunrise Rotary Club and Mansfield Rotary Club, recently hosted another successful Mansfield Rotary Invitational Basketball Tournament. Our event is widely regarded as the best girls' high school basketball tournament in the State of Texas. In the last week of December, we hosted teams from the 4 Mansfield high schools and 28 visiting schools from around the state and beyond. Profit from the tournament is our club's primary source of funding each year, part of which is our annual contribution to the Mansfield ISD Education Foundation. That contribution will help fund grants to pay for projects and resources needed to provide enhanced learning opportunities for our special needs students in the Mansfield ISD.

Through our Read To Me program, we provide a children's book to every baby born at Methodist Mansfield Medical Center. In addition to our gift to more than 1,800 babies per year, we also provide a dictionary to every 3rd grade student in the Mansfield ISD. Our dictionary project is another successful joint activity with the Mansfield Rotary Club. MMMC and the Mansfield ISD are both strong community partners.

In the spring, we will participate in the building of another Habitat for Humanity house in Mansfield. In May, we will host our annual Mansfield ISD Teacher of the Year breakfast celebration to honor outstanding teachers at 6 of our secondary schools. Throughout the year, our club attends several Eggs & Issues breakfasts hosted by the Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce. These forums are excellent opportunities for us to discuss important political and social issues with our local community leaders.

In February, our club will celebrate our 6th Anniversary!



NOCONA ROTARY CLUB

"A Small Club With International Efforts"



Tom Horn is President, Nocona Rotary Club for 2010-2011.

He can be reached by e-mail at:

tom@hornrealestate.com

For the third consecutive year, the Nocona Rotary Club is hosting an international exchange student. Alessandro from Cromona, Italy, has adapted to small town Texas quite well. He's even perfected the use of "ya'll" and has been heard saying he was "fixin to" go to basketball practice. For someone who has only played basketball a couple of years, he has really taken to the game by not only making the team, but by becoming a real contributor to Nocona's varsity. January will be a busy month for Alessandro with visits to the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo and, of course, the SCRYE trip to Tulsa. Alessandro is also excited about the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans as well as planned trips to Austin and Houston. He will also be going to New York and Florida with his parents in March.

Nocona celebrated its second annual Fiesta 'd Italia. This fundraiser fattened our treasury (as well as a few of our local citizens) by serving pasta and soft drinks. We also served food and soft drinks at a recent automobile road rally as well as at our annual Bullfest Rodeo.

We are still in the process of distributing dictionaries to several elementary schools in the area, and are currently evaluating several of our high school seniors with an eye toward assisting a couple of them financially through our local Rotary scholarship program.

Our 2010 ended on a very positive note with our Rotary Christmas party—a steak dinner and beautiful music performed by our own Dave Woodbury. This year, President-elect Paige Williams plans to attend PETS and we expect her youthful enthusiasm to energize our club.



WESTERN FORT WORTH ROTARY CLUB *"Supporting Our Community"*



F. Walter Owen is President, Western Fort Worth Rotary Club for 2010-2011.

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Walter.owen@sbcglobal.net

Our club is in its 59th year of service to the community of Fort Worth, Texas.

An example is the Bernie Anderson Treescape Plan to plant trees in a two-block area in the entrance to our weekly meeting place at Ridglea Country Club. Local merchants, as well as the City of Fort Worth, helped with this \$63,000-plus project.

Then, working with the R.I. theme of "Humanity in Motion" signs on the sides of public transportation buses in our city, we expanded our outreach to children. Dena Newell, one of our club members and marketing director at Ridgmar Mall in west Fort Worth placed the bus signs on the wall at the main court area of the Kid's Club. This is an exciting program of fun events and activities for kids 12 and under. Our club sponsors an activity where



we work with the kids as they paint canvas squares that are then placed on the wall under the "Humanity in Motion" sign to continue to raise the awareness of Rotary. This occurs the first Thursday of each month. Some months there are other local organizations touting their activities next to our own Kid's Club, such as the Fort Worth Zoo or Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. To date, over 800 canvases have been painted and appear on the "Rotary" wall.

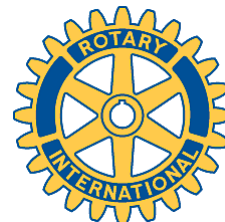
Our club provides dictionaries to third graders in about nine schools here in Fort Worth. We also will begin our sixth year of providing American flags to residences and businesses on the west side of Fort Worth on five holidays during the summer and fall.

The RC of Western Fort Worth has been helping with the Salvation Army Angel Tree six weekends in November and December every Christmas for about 15 years, and our club is the only one allowed to staff the tree without a Salvation Army employee.

November visitors Huw and Carolyn Thomas from England planned to complete a "round the world trip on bicycle" before returning home. Their purpose was to raise awareness of and funds for the Shelter Box, which originated in Cornwall, England. Their trip will total some 10,000 miles before they return to the United Kingdom.

After their Rotary meeting with us, club members donated \$3,000 for three shelter boxes.

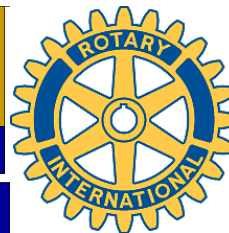
In other international projects, we have helped establish a water well in Kenya, and provided funds for a hospital in Budapest.



DECEMBER 2010 CLUB ATTENDANCE

RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	12/1/2010			12/31/2010	
Abilene - F	102	52.00%	4	102	-
Abilene Southw est - T	60	81.42%	3	61	1
Abilene Wednesday	22	54.00%	3	22	-
Arlington - TH	119	55.97%	3	118	(1)
Arlington GSW - W	40	70.00%	5	39	(1)
Arlington North - M	42	100.00%	3	40	(2)
Arlington South - F	23	50.72%	3	20	(3)
Arlington Sunrise - F	63	91.80%	3	63	-
Arlington Sunset - T	8	62.50%	3	8	-
Arlington West - T	34	61.00%	4	34	-
Azle - TH	40	50.00%	5	40	-
Bow ie - W					-
Breckenridge - T					-
Brow nw ood - W					-
Burkburnett - T	42	44.00%	3	42	-
Burleson - F	50	73.71%	4	50	-
Burleson Area Mid Day - M	29	82.00%	3	29	-
Cisco - TH					-
Cleburne - TH	84	62.87%	3	83	(1)
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	13	75.00%	3	12	(1)
Crow ell - W	11	82.00%	3	11	-
Decatur - TH	22	64.00%	4	22	-
Denton - TH	81	62.00%	3	80	(1)
Denton South - T					-
Dublin - T	24	65.00%	4	24	-
Eastland - TH	18	40.00%	5	18	-
Flow er Mound - TH	74	98.64%	3	73	(1)
Fort Worth East - M	35	65.00%	2	34	(1)
Fort Worth International - W	16	50.00%	1	16	-
Fort Worth North - W	20	70.00%	3	20	-
Fort Worth - F	484	57.00%	3	483	(1)

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RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	12/1/2010			12/31/2010	
Fort Worth South - T	68	82.24%	3	66	(2)
Fort Worth Southw est - TH	23	84.00%	3	25	2
Gainesville - W					-
Graham - F	106	32.00%	3	106	-
Granbury - TH	55	43.06%	4	55	-
Grapevine - W	93	65.33%	4	94	1
Hamlin - W	24	60.00%	3	24	-
Haskell - TH					-
HEB - T	66	80.00%	2	66	-
Highland Village	32	35.17%	3	29	(3)
low a Park - W					
Keller - T					
Kennedale	29	65.50%	2	29	-
Lake Ray Roberts - T	18	62.50%	3	17	(1)
Lew isville Morning - TH					-
Lew isville Noon - W	55	83.75%	3	56	1
Mansfield - T					-
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	20	80.26%	4	19	(1)
Metroport - F	31	92.59%	3	28	(3)
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	50	75.00%	3	50	-
Mineral Wells - W	44	74.66%	3	46	2
Nocona - T					-
Sanger - T	10	37.50%	4	10	-
Southlake - T					-
Stamford - T					-
Stephenville - TH	25	50.00%	4	25	-
The Colony - T					-
Vernon - T	41	55.28%	3	41	-
Weatherford - T	119	71.46%	4	115	(4)
Western Fort Worth - T	71	84.28%	4	71	-
Wichita Falls North - F					-
Wichita Falls - TH	86	65.00%	2	86	-
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	25	90.67%	3	25	-

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

55TH ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

"Weatherford Rotary Club"

The Weatherford Rotary Club will be flippin' over 5,000 pancakes and cooking over 500 pounds of bacon at the annual all-you-can-eat pancake supper. Last year over 1,500 attended the annual fundraiser.

WHEN: February 22, 5:00 to 7:30 pm

WHERE: Weatherford High School, 2121 Bethel Road, on February 22, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

COST: \$5 from any Rotarian or at the Chamber office; \$7 tickets will be available at the door. Along with the great meal, attendees will have the opportunity to bid on hundreds of silent auction items.

WHY: The annual fundraiser that provides scholarships for Weatherford High School and Weatherford College Students, as well as benefitting various Parker County Charities. Along with the great meal, attendees will have the opportunity to bid on hundreds of silent auction items.

For more information call event chair; Kay Huse: 817-846-5866 or email: kay-huse@sbcglobal.net



WINE DISCOVERY

"Metroport and Southlake Rotary Clubs"

Wine Discovery is an annual charity event sponsored by the Metroport Rotary Club and the Southlake Rotary Club. All net proceeds will be used to fund annual scholarship awards to deserving students from Northeast Tarrant County and for other Rotary charity causes.

Buying wines is a challenge and we tend to stay with familiar labels and known products. But there are so many affordable, wonderful wines that we never get to experience.

Wine Discovery will provide an opportunity to sample a variety of marvelous wines generally with a retail value of \$15 to \$35. Lesser known domestic and international wineries will be featured, selected by our experts to be exceptional values. You'll have the opportunity to rate 20 or more excellent wines in a program booklet. We bet that your favorite selections will not necessarily be the most expensive ones. Wine experts will be available to elaborate.



The event is Saturday, April 30th and tickets are \$65 each. More details will be available in March.



DISTRICT EVENT RECAP

FLOWER MOUND ROTARY VINE AND DINE 2011—A HUGE SUCCESS

Hundreds of people attended and thousands of dollars were raised at a January 28th event hosted by the **Flower Mound Rotary Club**. Their annual Vine & Dine event has garnered the reputation of one of Southern Denton County's premier annual events and the best part is that all the money raised goes to support charity. It was the perfect excuse to enjoy a fabulous night of gourmet food prepared by Master Chef Morris Salerno of The Grotto and Mike Salerno of Salerno's Italian Restaurant along with a variety of fine wines because it was all about helping others.



Upon arrival guests were greeted by friendly valet staff, and then proceeded into the beautiful venue decorated in shimmering bronze, black and cheetah backdrops and linens. Tables were accented with fresh greenscape arrangements, candles and sprinkles of glimmer. Guests milled about relishing the "Wine Stroll," where wines were sampled from various local vintners, as well as, those from Italian and German regions all provided by Republic National Distributors Corporation. While enjoying the wine and abundance of appetizers attendees also had the chance to study the different packages that would be auctioned off later in the night. Several courses of exquisite dining were served, each specially paired with complementary wines. Add in live music, keynote speaker Mark Davis, and a good time was had by all.

Guests included elected officials, Rotarians from several different clubs, and friends and family from near and far. The crowd enjoyed a lively auction and bid competitively on packages including a "Spa", "Date Night", and "Golf" package among others.



Proceeds raised will benefit the charities and civic service projects of the Flower Mound Rotary and Rotary International, including Pedal Place, YMCA of Flower Mound, Children's Advocacy Center of Denton County, Lewisville ISD Education Foundation and many more.

"We are looking forward to putting this money to good use, both in Flower Mound, and around the world," said Flower Mound Rotary Club

President Paula Kratochvil.



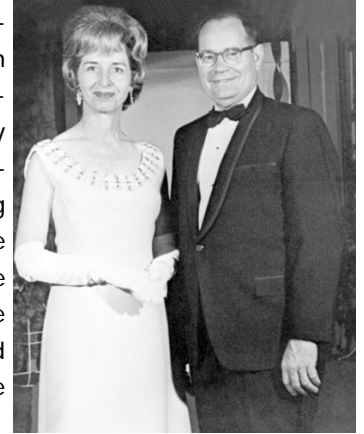


IN MEMORY

PDG W.O. (Bill) TROGDON

This month we celebrate the life of Past District Governor W.O. (Bill) Trogdon who passed away on January 8, 2011.

Stephenville Rotary President Rosemary Nagle remembers what a wonderful college president Dr. Trogdon was when she was a student at Tarleton State University in 1975. She was impressed that he greeted every student on campus by name. Rosemary later remembers "The first day I walked into a Rotary Club meeting he was already seated at a table and before I could be introduced, Dr. Trogdon stood up with a huge smile on his face and said, "Rosemary, it's great to see you". I graduated from Tarleton in 1975 and joined Rotary in 2002! What an impression he could make and after 27 years!"



We are thankful for the spirit of Rotary that is exemplified in leaders like Bill Trogdon. Bill served as Governor of District 5790 in 1974-75.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE???

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

Please send us a write up and pictures to include in the newsletter.

See the contact information to the left.

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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.

Comments and suggestions welcome.

COMING IN THE MARCH NEWSLETTER...

March begins our wrap up of the Rotary Year. You'll find articles promoting the District Conference and the Assistant Governors will begin to recap their results of their clubs.

Arlington West, Breckenridge, Burleson Area Mid-Day, Crowell, Fort Worth North and Highland Village will let us know what is going on with their clubs.

As always, let us know what is going on with your club!