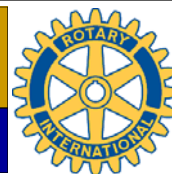




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2010-2011
DG Paul Lucas

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our theme for January is "Rotary Awareness" which serves as a reminder to review progress toward annual activities and goals. A good tool for this evaluation is the **Presidential Citation** program. For clubs to be eligible for this award, club presidents are required to complete Avenues of Service score sheets and submit them to the district governor prior to the March 31st deadline. (Scoring results are to be shared with all club members.) Annual evaluations are best practices and make it possible to have sustained progress.

Opportunities for increased awareness can also be found in over 18 monthly newsletters published online by Rotary International. These are available at www.rotary.org and will increase knowledge in key Rotary focus areas which meet your interests.

In addition to increasing Rotarian awareness, the continued viability of Rotary depends on how well we all promote effective public awareness of Rotary, its many local and international service programs, and the opportunity and invitation to become a member and play a part in Rotary service. Personal relationships have always played a central role in this communication, however evolving technology and social media are changing our paradigm and providing additional essential ways of communicating if we are to continue our leadership status. Be sure to check www.rotary.org for information on upcoming webinars on Using Social Media to Promote Your Club. Also be sure to take advantage of district resources for ways to use the Humanity in Motion materials available from Rotary International.

District and International events throughout the year are designed to increase Rotary awareness. The preparation cycle for the coming Rotary year is already starting with plans for President-Elect Training, followed by a District Assembly to train incoming club board members and committees. As the current year ends, Rotarians will also gain increased knowledge and understanding by participating in the District Conference (May 6 & 7) designed to recognize and celebrate the annual accomplishments of our clubs. The Rotary International Convention in New Orleans on May 21 will also add a unique opportunity for an amazing international perspective.

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

—Paul

PS: You can also promote Rotary awareness with a Rotary License Plate available at: www.rotary5790.org or a "Proud to be a Rotarian" bumper sticker available from www.ruh.com





LONE STAR PETS (President Elect Training Seminar)



Sharron Miles is DGE for District 5790. In order for all clubs to be prepared for the next year, Incoming Presidents (the President Elects) are required to attend PETS.

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All clubs are encouraged to send their President-Elects to our Multi-District President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) scheduled for March 18-21, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at DFW.

PETS is a **mandatory** and vital training program for all Presidents-Elect for Rotary Clubs to provide club presidents with the necessary skills, knowledge, and motivation to lead a club effectively. This training takes place in all 162 countries of the Rotary world, currently every year during March.

Lone Star Presidents-elect training (PETS) is an intensive program:

- ♦ to prepare in-coming Rotary club presidents for a confident leadership role
- ♦ to help build their club team
- ♦ to help provide insight into recognizing and meeting the needs of their community
- ♦ to bring information of the recognized programs of Rotary International
- ♦ to provide resources and materials that guide them through their year in office.

All sessions will be led by qualified and highly-rated discussion leaders with varied training experience and a broad knowledge of Rotary .

On Thursday, March 17, on-site registration and pre-registered packet pickup begins at 1:00 p.m. and continues till 8:30 p.m. Meet your Governor-Elect to go over plans for your year and enjoy fellowship with other Presidents Elect.

Training begins Friday morning with optional Bonus Sessions, which begin Friday morning, March 18, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. **District meetings follow from 9:00 a.m. through 11:30 a.m.**

RI-merchandise vendors will be ready for business Thursday, March 17 through Saturday March 19, in the Hall of Friendship. Come prepared to buy club supplies, pins, banners, gifts, and personal RI items.

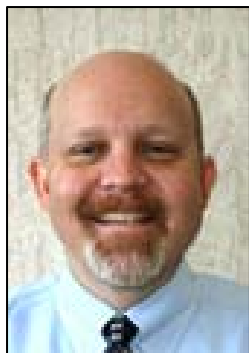
Spouses of presidents-elect are encouraged to attend for a specially prepared and informative spouses program beginning Friday afternoon and continuing through Saturday. The purpose of the spouse's program is to explain the important role that Rotary clubs play in their community and worldwide, and how important the job of Rotary club presidents is in today's world. Generous breaks will allow PEs and their spouses to meet, plan, and make new friends together. Outstanding speakers at meals and in the spouses' sessions will help them gain a greater appreciation of their Rotary Spouse's duties. All spouses must register to attend. Spouse's registration is \$250.00.

New this year is a special curriculum for President Nominees. (Presidents for 2011-2012).

Registration is open on line at www.lonestarpets.org on January 1, 2011.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE "May 5 & 6, 2011"



Dale Harwell is chair of the 2011 District Conference.

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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



"LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL" "RI Convention—May 21-25, 2011"



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The beautiful, historic City of New Orleans is ready to host the Rotary International Convention, May 21 - 25, 2011. Rotarians from around the world will have an opportunity to enjoy Southern hospitality, New Orleans is known for its genteel lifestyle. The abundance of seafood, music, history, archeological sites and cultural diversity makes a visit to New Orleans an experience of a lifetime.

The Host Organization Committee has arranged several cultural excursions and host hospitality events for your pleasure.

Saturday, May 21 at 2:30 p.m., *Sounds of the South Concert*. Experience the music of the American South the musical forms for which this region is known at the Morial Convention Center. This two-hour concert will feature world-renowned clarinetist Dr. Michael White and the Original Liberty Jazz Band; the gospel harmonies of Topsy Chapman and Sweet Harmony; the soulful blues of guitarist and vocalist Les Getrex; and the Cajun sounds of southwest Louisiana, featuring Grammy winner Mike Doucet.

Saturday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m., an *Evening of Food, Fun, Fellowship & Fins*. Come join us at the Aquarium of the Americas, one of the world's premier aquarium venues. Rotarians from around the region will be your host at one of the world's premier aquariums located next to the Mississippi River. Stroll the River walk and sample extraordinary regional dishes prepared and served by Rotarians from New Orleans and surrounding districts.

Monday, May 23, 4:00 p.m., *Host Hospitality Night*. Local Rotarians have arranged a memorable evening of a variety of fun-filled activities including dinner and facility tours. You will be assigned to one of the many individual and group outings at various venues.

Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m., *French Quarter Dining Experience*. Several of New Orleans' most renowned restaurants will vie for your attendance at their tables. If you enjoy good Cajun and Creole food, this is the event for you!

Register and purchase tickets for the Host Events on line at www.rotary.org

House of Friendship will welcome Rotarians in an exciting atmosphere of festivity and fellowship. You will enjoy exhibits showcasing club projects around the world, shop at vendor booths for unique items, stroll the "avenues" with Rotarian friends and families. Experience the world-class music and food that made Louisiana famous. All this and more - Louisiana Lagniappe - awaits you in the House of Friendship!

So, Rotarians register today for the exciting 2011 Rotary International Convention, May 21-25, 2011.

Attention Clubs: To make group arrangements with District 5790, email: Kay Huse at kayhuse@sbcglobal.net or phone: 817-846-5866.



DISTRICT AWARDS "Are You Listening"



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DO YOU HAVE YOUR EARS ON?

(For you youngsters this term was used with citizen's band radios in the 1970s.)

ARE YOU REALLY PAYING ATTENTION?

If you are not listening, the opportunity will pass you by! We are almost into a new year, and that means our Rotary year is half over! For all you "newbies" and some of you "oldies", the Rotary District and International Awards will be presented at the District Conference on May 6 and 7, 2011, in Hurst. But the **deadline** for meeting your goals is **March 31, 2011**. With that said...



CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?



Take time NOW to look over the District Awards Criteria so you can plan your events to happen before March 31. There are so many ways you can qualify. DG Paul also wants to recognize any **innovative programs** that your Club has worked on this year. The rest of us can learn so much from you. All you have to do is go to the District Website, www.rotary5790.org, look under Club Service and click on Awards. VOILA!!! You will have everything you need right there. Just fill in the blanks... and, well, write a small paragraph about your most notable accomplishments in each Avenue of Service. **GOT IT???**

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

After you have done that – gone to the District website, found the Awards Program, and filled in the blanks, just send it right on to the District Awards Chair in whatever format you wish:

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Fort Worth, TX 76111
Email: janelle.rotary@att.net
Fax: 817-831-4816



CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

We have a great committee – Janelle Kavanaugh, Fort Worth East RC; Bryan Stewart, Mansfield RC; Peggy Sonnenberg, Graham RC; Lisann Peters, Arlington RC; and Rod Brennan, Wichita Falls North RC – who will be looking for your entries.





PUBLIC RELATIONS UPDATE

"An Important Part Of Communication"



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Social media increasingly dominate communication. Once organizations and companies became involved, email and websites lost their places in the hierarchy of preferred communication tools.

Our district now has guidelines for use of social media, thanks to Rotarians Kristin Lamb and Sarah Maben. These guidelines are for individuals and clubs in the district when using social media for Rotary messaging and responding to messages to the district about Rotary events, business and activities.

Guidelines for crisis avoidance, management and recovery also were recently developed with the guidance, advice and input of a district team that includes Paul Lucas, Sharron Miles, Don Mebus, Isaac Castro, Clint Ishmael, Dave Boyll, Jim Aneff and Don Davis. Additionally, Rotarians with public relations experience contributed to the document by offering advice and recommendations to my (Doug Newsom) drafts of a document.

Chuck Chambers has done a superb job with the newsletter. Contributors who have met their deadlines and have followed the guidelines for word count, content and format have made it much easier to get this information to you in a timely way.

Our webmaster, Don Proctor, has given the district a central site for basic information about the district and kept it updated. Additionally, the district webmaster had been responsible for social media as well.

The use of social media by clubs, and the district, will increase as a means of getting publicity for individuals such as recipients of Rotary scholarships and fellowships as well as friendship and youth exchanges. Legacy media are less likely to be receptive to this type of information or even to cover community awards and events. Even legacy news media are more likely to pick up news from social media than from websites. Monitoring social media and placing content there may mean rethinking and redirecting the time and talent of Rotary volunteers.

New avenues for information includes getting video clips of events, including programs, to share with a broader audience. Doing so, of course, means greater use of permission forms to protect the privacy of participants.

The communication challenge is to think creatively of how to get Rotary noticed not only by other Rotarians, but also by broader audiences.



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS DISTRICT 5790?

Matching Grant Funds Remain For More Projects



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Through years of International Service, District 5790 has made its mark on (almost) every continent. This year is no exception. The clubs of District 5790 are at work currently, or are preparing for projects, in India, Nepal, Botswana, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Peru, Mexico, Paraguay, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Ghana.

Even with this aggressive series of projects that demonstrate Rotarian dedication to humanitarian and education service, there is still room for more.

The Matching Grant program was affected this year by months of communication that funds would be in very tight supply and that it was going to be necessary for club boards to prepare their international projects for application early in their 2010-11 terms, even as early as last July. This obviously slowed the process, if not the interest, in finding international service projects.

This prediction turned out to be false. As the year began, we received information modifying the dire outlook, and informing the District that The Rotary Foundation had appropriated a record amount of matching funds to enable international projects.

To date this year, District clubs have developed the following projects using matching grants. **Arlington North** and **Sunset** have partnered to prepare a grant for ceramic water filters in Peru. **Mineral Wells** has joined with **Weatherford** and **Arlington South** to equip an artificial limb facility in a hospital in Bangladesh. **Grapevine** is working in Botswana with a farm project, in Nepal providing computers for schools, in Paraguay on School Computers, and is preparing a project in Ghana. **Cleburne** has joined one of the largest multi-district grants ever done to provide pure-water bio-sand filters in Dominican Republic. **Arlington Rotary** is leading a large multi-club project to continue the pure water filter program in Honduras through a cooperative effort with the Houston District.

Still, with all the work being done and planned, there remains over \$30,000 in District Designated funds available for other projects if clubs can get the projects defined and the applications prepared. District funds are used to match a club's contribution, and, they, in turn are further matched by available funds from The Rotary Foundation. For clubs considering a project, there is a Matching Grant Calculator on the District Website at www.Rotary5790.org

Clubs that still have an interest in an international service project this year, either as the sponsor, or as a partner with another club, are encouraged to contact the District Grant Subcommittee Chair, Bob Griffin, at bobgriffin.arlrotary@tx.rr.com. One of the best ways for a club to become involved is to become a contributing and planning partner in one of these humanitarian programs still in the development phase. For information, contact Bob for referral to these club representatives.



ABILENE SOUTHWEST ROTARY CLUB Projects/Activities 2010/2011



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Abilene Southwest has started and continued many projects. Two of the principle ones are the Top Fifty Plus Banquet and The Dyess AFB Recognition Program, plus others:



The Top Fifty Banquet was begun in 1960. The purpose was to Honor those Fifty Outstanding High School Graduating Students, who had excelled in Academics and achieved the highest grades at Abilene High School. A well known speaker is chosen to make the event a memorable experience. In 1962, Cooper High was included, and in 1981, Wylie High and Abilene Christian High were included, so the name was changed to The **Top Fifty Plus Banquet**. The event is usually held on the third Thursday of May. Last year 64 students were honored.



The Dyess AFB Recognition project was started in 1974, to honor the Dyess AFB Outstanding Performers. Since that time, we have honored the; Airman of the Month, Airman of the Quarter, NCO of the Quarter and other Outstanding Performers, including civilians, from Dyess AFB every three months. The Honorees are individually introduced and a brief of their achievements are provided by their Commander.



Dictionary Project: For the past four years, the club has purchased and donated dictionaries to the Third Graders at Johnston Elementary. The dictionary is labeled with; the Four Way Test, who donated it, and the student's name. Club members visit the classrooms and personally hand each student their own dictionary. Many of the students send Thank You letters back to our club.



Weatherization Project: For the past 10 years the Club Weatherization Committee has participated in the Abilene Volunteer Weatherization Program. The committee is assigned a particular house in need of winterizing, and the materials are provided by local vendors. The committee usually spends about six

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hours on each house. The home owners are very grateful and thank the committee many times.

The Club participates in many other activities during the Rotary year. Here are a few, which we are extremely proud to present; Rotary Youth Exchange, The Four Way Speech Contest, The District RYLA Program, Vocational Service and Community Service Awards to deserving community organizations, Halloween Carnival at Abilene State Supported Living Center, Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army, Buying Trees for the New Abilene Dog Park, and Fund Raising Projects like our Spring Golf Tournament to assist our favorite charities.

Abilene Southwest Rotary achieved the status of being a **100 percent Paul Harris Club** on June 30, 2010. Every member participated in the Every Rotarian - Every Year project in support of the Rotary Foundation. In addition, the club co-hosted a World Polio Day Dinner and raised over \$52,320.00 last year, and the same dinner was held again on October 5, 2010, raising over \$59,000.00, in support of the District POLIO Goal of \$130,000.00 for the End Polio Now Campaign.

GRAHAM ROTARY CLUB "A Night For the Outdoorsman"



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Nestled in the north Texas hills along the lush Brazos River, Graham is a popular destination for regional travelers who want to take a step back in time and experience life outside of the hustle and bustle of the Metroplex. Downtown Graham looks like a Norman Rockwell painting and has the personality to match, purporting to have the "largest town square in America."

The Rotary Club of Graham's annual Wild Game Dinner is a natural fit for the area given its proximity to DFW and its reputation for its fishing and game hunting. Hunters come to Young County in droves every year for prime game hunting including dove, quail, deer and wild hog. The picturesque terrain and vegetation provided excellent food sources and shelter for wild game to flourish. The Wild Game Dinner is a celebration of that heritage.



Rotary Club of Graham (or "RCG") has steadily grown the event, which feeds more than 1,200 people and raises over \$40,000 a year for the program of the club during

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the first few weeks of hunting season in December. Locally harvested game meats are used in menu items including venison chili, jalapeño-wrapped dove poppers, sausage, wild hog, and pork jambalaya. For those who aren't quite as risky, the menu also features non-game items, such as smoked brisket and beans, all of which are handmade by members of RCG in the week leading up to the event.



The proceeds fund many of RCG's projects, including the RCG scholarship at Graham High School and is the largest locally-sponsored scholarship awarded in GISD. The club is in the process of finalizing its own Interact program at the high school, which will be the sole source of future scholarship recipients. Other programs funded by the event include Habitat for Humanity, Dolly Parton Imagination Library as well as community donations, such as to the Young County Sheriff K9 Unit and the Young County Arena. The club emphasizes the importance of keeping the funds at home by supporting local initiatives that benefit the community. The club's theme, "Brighten the Corner Where You Live" is a testament to that effort.

Wild Game Dinner wouldn't be possible without the dedication and commitment from the club's nearly 120 active members. Many hands make light work and over the years the organization and production of the event has become a well-oiled machine, with everyone performing their duties to fine precision. Committees divide up the tasks, and every member of the club is on a specific committee. Each committee is responsible for every aspect of the event.

The event also engages the Graham High School students by providing the sophomore and junior classes with a community service project and class fundraiser. The classes help with the set up, serving and tear down. Local live music bookends the meal and a silent auction for hunting and outdoor-related items such as deer feeders and stands, rifles, and outdoor cookers, all donated from local businesses in Graham. The highlight of the night is the live auction where thousands of dollars are paid for prizes such as a full suite at Lone Star Park, American Airlines Center, or The Ballpark in Arlington. The main prize for the last two years was an international fishing trip, donated by Ron Speed Adventures (www.ronspeedadventures.com). This year's trip included three days of fishing in Mexico followed by a day of trophy marlin fishing.

The club recently celebrated its 85th anniversary on Oct. 22, 2010. To honor the club's long-standing members, donations were made to the Rotary Foundation in the names of its 40- and 50-year members. RCG, well-known for its famous Scandal Sheet, now carries that tradition on with an email form of the infamous newsletter.



ARLINGTON GREAT SOUTHWEST ROTARY *"Supporting the Arlington Community"*



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The Arlington Great Southwest Rotary Club (AGSWRC) has been very busy over the first half of this Rotary year. Club President Joan Hanak has focused our club on many events and tasks. Furthermore, we continue to team up with our local UTA Rotaract and Sam Houston High School Interact clubs on various service projects throughout the year. We are now also up on Facebook - [Arlington Great Southwest Rotary Club on Facebook](#). Please stop by and become a fan so that you can keep updated on our local service projects and events.



In the recent months, our club, through a District Simplified Grant, joined up with the UTA Rotaract Club and helped restore beauty back to a local Arlington dorm room at the Arlington Life Shelter in early November.

Also, on Veterans Day we hosted the 2nd Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park in Arlington, Texas. The eight columns pictured below are new and were set-up just in time for our ceremony. We had an inspiring program and our club provided wonderful BBQ food to over 300 attendees and veterans with a very special thank you to David's BBQ in Arlington who donated the BBQ.



In early December we distributed dictionaries to third grade students at the Atherton Elementary School in Arlington.

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Next, in mid-December, our club raised funds to acquire poinsettias and host its annual Birthday/Christmas Party celebration at the Oakwood Nursing Home in Arlington.



What lies ahead for our club in the upcoming months are: the AGSWRC's annual reading contest for local elementary schools where we provide bicycles and helmets for the top readers in each grade of a local elementary school. Furthermore, throughout the next year, our club will be hosting several restaurant fund raisers including all day, Sunday, April 10th at Olenjack's Grille located in Arlington, Texas. Other projects include our monthly Oakwood Nursing Home service project and our Wheelchairs for Mexico matching grant project.

Finally, we will have a new and exciting fund raiser event on the evening of March 5, 2011 where we will be hosting a big Mardi Gras Party in Arlington on the Saturday before Fat Tuesday. The event is open to the public and is expected to include a raffle, a live and silent auction, a live band, a Mardi Gras Cajun-style meal, open bar, and dancing at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Arlington. All funds raised will support some of our local Arlington service projects and scholarships for local area high school students who wouldn't be able to attend college without our assistance.

The Arlington Great Southwest Rotary Club President Joan Hanak and all our members welcome you to visit our weekly, Wednesday noon meetings at Humpertink's in Arlington or any of our other fun events. Visit our website at [Arlington Great Southwest Rotary Club](http://ArlingtonGreatSouthwestRotaryClub) to learn more about the Arlington Great Southwest Rotary Club.



FORT WORTH SOUTHWEST ROTARY CLUB "A Busy Year!"



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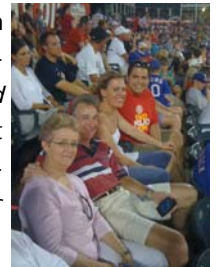
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Rotary Club Fort Worth Southwest kicked off the year with the *La Blanc Park Restoration Project*. Rotarians gathered on a Saturday morning and refilled sandboxes, picked up trash, oiled and painted park equipment, and fixed broken / rotten boards.



This past fall, we awarded Bonnell's restaurant and Rick Bonnell for outstanding humanitarian efforts in the wake of the earthquake in Haiti. The Bonnell family provided supplies, doctors, a make-shift hospital and much-needed emergency medical care to the Haitian people.

We were blessed to enjoy Rotarian camaraderie all through the year. Members and their families gathered for an evening of fun for a cause at the Rangers game for *End Polio Now*. Then, we launched the *New Member Night Out*, a night dedicated to welcoming new members and giving them an opportunity to mix, meet and mingle with their fellow Rotarians and their families. We celebrated together at Bonnell's restaurant.



Our club has increased its membership over 30%, from 19 to 25 and still climbing, and, with 100% *Every Rotarian Every Year*, I believe we have much to brag about!!!!

Speaking of bragging, in the month of December, the Rotarians of Fort Worth Southwest pitched in, dug deep, and brought over 20 complete sets of sheets for CASA and Halo House. These two organizations aid children rescued from abusive or neglectful homes. Many of these children are removed from their home by the state, and too frequently have parents with severe drug addictions. These children normally do not have sheets, because they are frequently placed with distant relatives who are ill-prepared for their arrival. But, at least 20 children, thanks to the efforts of Rotary, will be able to sleep on their own new sheets.

In the spirit of holiday giving, Rotarians gave generously of their time. We had over 10 volunteers for Angel Tree at the Hulen Mall. Our club provided mosquito nets for villagers in South Africa, and donated \$500 for the water project. We teamed up with Fort Worth South Rotary to purchase Rotary Care Boxes. On the local front, our club provided over 6 elementary schools with dictionaries for each student attending 4th grade. Our club even gave back to my old school's library West Creek. We donated \$500 to West Creek Elementary Library and \$500 to Harmony Charter School Library, to promote literacy and a love for reading.



GRANBURY ROTARY CLUB "Crossland School Mentoring Program"



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As a society, we tend to gravitate toward bad news - murder, drugs, robbery, etc... In Granbury, we have a decision to make. We can look at the local paper and see people that we know continue to be victims or suspects, or we can try to alter the cycle. We have chosen to get involved.

Granbury Rotary Club is in the process of putting together a mentoring program with the local ninth grade center. The purpose is to give these young people some positive, healthy role models in the community. We didn't want to reinvent the wheel, so we contacted Mission Granbury, our community outreach organization, for guidance in formulating a plan of action.

We then contacted the principal and school counselors to brainstorm on how to proceed. The principal, counselors, and teachers have been extremely receptive and excited about the program.

After attending a training course, mentors will come onto campus on a regular basis to get to know the young people and purposely reach out to those in need. The school has been gracious enough to allow us to choose between their 8:00 am coffee club, Tuesday afternoon tutoring class (4-6pm), Thursday Night Live (evening activity), or ISS lunch period. These choices allow our mentors to work with the students at convenient times.

The mentors will get to know the students and become a sounding board. We are not there to become surrogate parents or best friends. The goal is simply to allow them another avenue to share what is going on in their lives.

We have been working on refining the program since August. There have been a few meetings with school officials, trainers, and, of course, a background check. The program starts in February and will last through the school year. Next year, we plan on operating through the entire school year.

Our goal is consistent, regular, positive contact with these young people in order to make a difference in their lives. More than likely, we will get as much out of it as they will.



Pictured are existing mentors:

Back row: Tony Mobly, Danny Fletcher, Scott Yater, Bruce Wadley, Brianne Langdon

Front row: Bill Clark, Judge Andy Rash, Tom Kemp, Jerry Tidwell



ARLINGTON SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB *"Doing Great Things in the Community"*



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Arlington Sunrise Rotary set lofty goals and objectives for the 2010-2011 Rotary Year. The club began the year with hosting its very first R.I.T.E participant from Mexico. The Club members also sponsored a student to Baylor University in Waco.

The members of the Club started working diligently for a couple of big upcoming projects that the Club was to hold in the first half of the year.

The club held its 3rd annual Arlington Sunrise Rotary Invitational Golf Tournament at Walnut Creek Country Club where it raised a record \$13,000 dollars for the Club projects and programs.



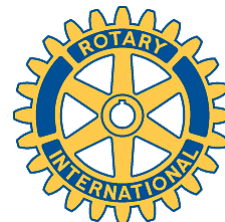
The Club also started its Thornton Elementary Attendance Program this year whereby each student at the school that has 100% attendance for each six weeks is placed in a drawing where they can win a new bike. Each six weeks during the school year the Club gives away one girls bike and one boy's bike. Attendance at the school rose from 250 of 800 students the previous year to 550 of 800 students with perfect attendance. The club has also helped clean the flower beds

The Club began planning its first Adoption Awareness Picnic that was held at Walnut Creek Country Club this year. The project is in conjunction with the Texas Department of Health and Human Services Child Protective Services Division of North Texas. The goal of the picnic is to provide a safe, fun and secured environment for the approved adoptive parents and children eligible for adoption to meet and interact. The picnic hosted 43 children and about 60 parents.



The participation of the Club members this year has been bolstered by the number of opportunities for Service Above Self. Below are but a few of the things that the Club has done during the first half of this Rotary year:

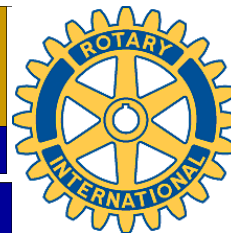
- We've also Co-sponsored directly or indirectly, two Youth Exchange Students—one from Brazil and the other from Chile. Our club has been active at the district level, with two lecturers at the District 5790 Membership & Foundation Seminar. We also participated in the Rotary Family Picnic in Arlington in October. We've also installed memorial plaques at Dunlop Park Pavilions, Hosted the United States Army 35th Battalion 55th Year Reunion in Dallas, Held meetings with the Parks & Recreation Department on Crystal Canyon Project, among other projects.



NOVEMBER 2010 CLUB ATTENDANCE

Rotary Club	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	11/1/2010			11/30/2010	
Abilene - F					-
Abilene Southw est - T	60	81.13%	5	60	-
Abilene Wednesday	22	53.00%	3	22	-
Arlington - TH	119	67.68%	3	119	-
Arlington GSW - W	39	75.00%	4	39	-
Arlington North - M	40	73.45%	5	42	2
Arlington South - F	23	42.03%	3	23	-
Arlington Sunrise - F	64	89.36%	3	63	(1)
Arlington Sunset - T	8	75.00%	4	8	-
Arlington West - T	34	58.00%	5	34	-
Azle - TH	40	60.00%	3	40	-
Bowie - W	21	67.89%	3	21	-
Breckenridge - T	21	66.50%	5	21	-
Brownwood - W	20	76.00%	4	21	1
Burkburnett - T	42	56.00%	5	40	(2)
Burleson - F	49	88.28%	3	50	1
Burleson Area Mid Day - M	29	84.00%	3	29	-
Cisco - TH	11	65.00%	3	11	-
Cleburne - TH	87	61.07%	3	84	(3)
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	14	69.00%	4	13	(1)
Crowell - W	11	82.00%	3	11	-
Decatur - TH	23	53.00%	3	22	(1)
Denton - TH	84	60.36%	3	81	(3)
Denton South - T	32	76.00%	5	32	-
Dublin - T	24	61.00%	5	24	-
Eastland - TH	18	40.28%	4	18	-
Flower Mound - TH	71	88.00%	3	74	3
Fort Worth East - M	35	65.00%	4	35	-
Fort Worth International - W	16	70.00%	1	16	-
Fort Worth North - W	20	62.00%	3	20	-
Fort Worth - F	479	55.00%	3	484	5
Fort Worth South - T	70	74.15%	4	68	(2)

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Gainesville - W					-
Graham - F					-
Granbury - TH	53	54.04%	3	55	2
Grapevine - W	93	69.03%	3	93	-
Hamlin - W	24	75.00%	4	24	-
Haskell - TH	21	72.62%	4	21	-
HEB - T	67	85.00%	4	66	(1)
Highland Village					-
low a Park - W					
Keller - T	46	56.96%	5	46	
Kennedale	29	67.60%	5	29	-
Lake Ray Roberts - T	18	78.13%	4	18	-
Lew isville Morning - TH	25	93.00%	3	25	-
Lew isville Noon - W	55	83.65%	3	55	-
Mansfield - T					-
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	20	77.19%	3	20	-
Metroport - F	31	92.31%	3	31	-
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	50	72.67%	3	50	-
Mineral Wells - W	44	80.50%	3	44	-
Nocona - T					-
Sanger - T	10	50.00%	5	10	-
Southlake - T	16	71.00%	3	16	-
Stamford - T					-
Stephenville - TH	25	72.00%	3	25	-
The Colony - T					-
Vernon - T	41	58.04%	5	41	-
Weatherford - T	118	61.91%	5	119	1
Western Fort Worth - T	71	81.89%	5	71	-
Wichita Falls North - F	32	90.00%	4	32	-
Wichita Falls - TH	85	58.00%	3	86	1
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	25	89.60%	5	25	-

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AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR UPDATE

Vanessa Bilanceri



Vanessa Bilanceri is one of two Ambassadorial Scholars for District 5790.

She is currently in Mexico.

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Dear Friends in Rotary,

I hope this note finds you well. I wish you the very best of health and happiness in the New Year!

At the close of 2010 and the close of the first half of my year as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, I want to share my gratitude to each of you, my District 5790, now under the leadership of Paul Lucas, and the Rotary Foundation for this amazing and uniquely memorable opportunity.

I am enjoying participating in various District events and club meetings and have received a very warm welcome from District 4170, led by José Luis Martínez Larios.

I recently had the pleasure of participating in a Mexican Christmas Tradition, called a Posada, which involves candles, singing and sharing a meal with friends — along with smashing a huge, beautiful star-shaped piñata and then eating the nuts, fruit and candy that filled it.

I am pleased to share that I am working closely with the Jardines de Pedregal Club, led by Maricarmen Porras Navarro, on matching grant proposal for a micro-enterprise project involving the making and selling of jeans by women in the Cuauhtepc community.

My first quarter in the MBA program at ITAM was a success and I learned a great deal about coordinating statistics and mathematical models when making marketing and general business decisions. I started a new quarter on Monday, which includes classes in Business Economics, Financial Accounting, Decision Analysis and Organizational Behavior. I am greatly enjoying reading, writing, discussing and comprehending new concepts and ideas in another language.

Attached is a photo collage from 2010 I would like to share with you. As always, please stay in touch, and you can easily follow what I am doing by visiting my blog, texmexvanessa.blogspot.com.





AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR UPDATE

"Marcelo Ostría"



Marcelo Ostría is an Ambassadorial Scholar, currently studying in Chile.

He can be reached by e-mail at:

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I am a graduate of the University of North Texas with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Studies.

My love of the game of sports buoyed my pursuits as a student at the University of North Texas (UNT), where I founded and captained the Swimming Club, nurturing an esprit de corps that continued involving the team in competitions. However, it was only by joining the UNT Triathlon Club that I found my true combination of sports. After winning second place in a triathlon series, I decided to take on the challenge to train for the rigorous 70.3 Ironman competition in Pucon, Chile.

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Shortly after graduating Magna Cum Laude and as an Honors Scholar, I began my journey as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Santiago, Chile.

In my capacity as a 2010-2011 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, I continue to participate in Rotary service projects as I conduct research at Chile's Universidad Alberto Hurtado for the manuscript I plan to publish on the connections between poverty and child labor exploitation in Bolivia and Chile. A fortuitous contact also enabled me to begin lending my assistance to regional trilateral discussions, organized by former Bolivian President Eduardo Rodriguez as well as Chilean and Peruvian dignitaries to restore Chilean land and, with it, sea access to Bolivia. I find this latter venture a most meaningful extension of my efforts to advance children's welfare since, as Sachs demonstrates in "Poverty," Bolivia's landlocked terrain stymies job growth, keeping families in trans-generational poverty and their students out of schools, working in exploitative environs.

I am currently seeking matching grants from any interested Rotary Clubs in the 5790 District. Moreover, a fortuitous contact also enabled me to begin lending my assistance to regional trilateral discussions, organized by former Bolivian President Eduardo Rodriguez as well as Chilean and Peruvian dignitaries to restore Chilean land and, with it, sea access to Bolivia.

I regularly update my experiences through my website: www.marceloostria.com and I can be reached at marcelo.ostría@gmail.com



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE *On Three Continents!!!*



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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Drew Marshall, is sponsored by the Metroport RC and is in Chile.

"Hey everyone! Chile is awesome. I'm so happy that I came here, the people are incredibly nice and I love the country. No email can do justice to the magnificence of Patagonia and Torres del Paine. It was by far the most beautiful thing I have seen in my life. I was also the most cold I

have ever been, but if I could I would live in that utopia." (PS He is now on the beach for 3 weeks with his host family in Northern Chile during his summer vacation)



Dakota Karlsson sponsored by the Bowie RC and is in Sweden.

"Hello all you Rotarians back in Texas!

Look at that!! I'm pretty sure that is more snow than we had last year at Christmas, and

guess what? That is only a "little" snow here. I'm looking forward to the rest of this winter.



OH!! The temperature has been constantly hovering just above 0 degrees Fahrenheit as well...Everyone has been telling me it should be the coldest winter in Sweden in about 100 years, I picked a great year to come! So, thank you for allowing me to experience the coldest weather I have ever seen in my life, I truly appreciate it :-). On a serious note though, thank you. I really appreciate the effort ya'll went through to help me on my journey. In November I got to see many of the exchange's from August. I went to a small town near Lake Vannern. (The largest lake in Sweden and third largest in Europe.) We stayed for a weekend talking and catching up with each other, having massive snowball fights, and making Julbochs (Christmas Rams). "

Henrik Nyland from Finland is sponsored by the Abilene and Abilene Southwest RC.

At Christmas Henrik was in Colorado with his Host Family, Zack and Carly Jackson. Zack and Henrik were at the summit just under 12,000 feet near Breckenridge. Henrik experienced some of the most breathtaking views on this trip.





CLUB EVENT RECAPS

FORT WORTH EAST ROTARY *"The Incredible Generosity of Rotarians"*

It was truly amazing to see the wonderment in the eyes of the children as Ronnie McGlothlin told each child "Merry Christmas" and gently handed each one a gift card. It was equally rewarding to see Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Fort Worth East who attended this notable event. After all, this small Club raised from their own Club members more than \$1,800 for the gift cards. DG Paul Lucas was also on hand to say a few words to the children and their parents.



Shown above, l to r, are Rose Diaz, DG Paul Lucas, Rotarian Sergio Diaz, and Past President Ronnie McGlothlin.



McGlothlin, Past President of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth East, for many years has coordinated through his Rotary Club the purchase and distribution of gift cards for children in greatest need. This year the cards were given to members of a church in East Fort Worth, Pastored by Rotarian Sergio Diaz.

It is a humbling experience to know that we who have much can help others who have so little. ***It is truly a heart-warming experience to observe the incredible generosity of Rotarians.***

— Submitted by Janelle Kavanaugh



PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

ARLINGTON NORTH ROTARY

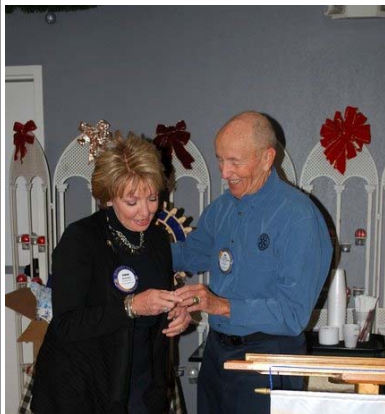


In December ANR invited Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington Youth of the Year Jamara Hogan to speak about what the Club means to her.

Jamara is a senior at Lamar High School and plans to attend the University of Texas Arlington and study biology, and later go onto medical school and specialize in oncology. Jamara was chosen as the Youth of the Year for her academic achievement, leadership at school and in the Club, and for completing over 900 hours of community service.

Because of her accomplishments, Jamara delivered the game ball to the pitcher mound in Game 3 of the World Series. She will compete in the North Texas Area Council Youth of the Year in February.

ARLINGTON SUNRISE ROTARY



PDG Bill Harnagel of the Arlington Sunrise Rotary Club presents Karen Hirst with her PHF+3 pin. Karen is also a member of the Paul Harris Society.



In continuation of a program to support Thornton Elementary School, members of the Arlington Sunrise Club presented a new bike to one girl and one boy selected by school officials from all students who had perfect attendance over the past six weeks. The bike presentation is conducted every six weeks throughout the school year. Prior to the actual presentation, Arlington Sunrise President took a quality check ride on the bikes to insure that they met club standards.

Arlington Sunrise member Bill Miller conducts the exclusive Sunrise Chorus in an animated version of the Twelve Days of Christmas at the club's Christmas meeting.





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Comments and suggestions welcome.



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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

FLOWER MOUNT ROTARY "VINE & DINE"

Event: Vine and Dine: A Toast to Flower Mound Rotary Charities

Host: Flower Mound Rotary Club

Place: Celebrations Ballroom, 2380 FM 407, Highland Village 75077

When: Friday, January 28, 2011 at 7 pm

Keynote Speaker: Mark Davis from WBAP

Please join us for an evening of exquisite dining, wine stroll, live music and live auction.

For more information go to www.FlowerMoundWineStroll.com or call Janet Ogle-tree at 214-334-5505 or Jackie Herr at 940-395-6465.



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.

COMING IN THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER...

February is World Understanding Month. You'll find articles on World Community Service, Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Alumni, and the District 5790 Assembly.

Cisco, Eastland, Mansfield Sunrise, Nocona and Western Fort Worth will let us know what is going on with their clubs.

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