

# THE FUTURE OF ROTARY

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# Rotary District 5790 Newsletter

#### DG John–Monthly Update

Hello Rotarians of District 5790,



In July each year Rotary begins a new year with new leadership from RI to the clubs. DG Jerry Parr and his team along with your club presidents for 2008-2009 had a great year. Congratulations to all of them on their accomplishments. We hope that we can live up to their success in the new Rotary year.

I am looking forward to visiting with each of our 64 clubs at least once during the year as District Governor. Personally, I thoroughly enjoy visiting with the clubs. Each club is different and reflects the personalities of its members. The heart of Rotary is in the hands of the clubs and everything they all do. Our district team exists solely to provide support and guidance to those clubs.

John and his

wife Claire The first of July our district is sending seven teachers to Mexico, as part of our district's Rotary Inter-Country Teacher Exchange (RITE) program. We extend a very special thanks to the Rotary Clubs of Flower Mound, Cleburne, Lewisville Noon, Lewisville Morning, H-E-B, Arlington Sunrise, and

Colleyville for being a part of this international program and sponsoring these teachers.

Our annual <u>Membership/Foundation Seminar</u> is scheduled to be held in the Mineral Wells High School on Saturday, August 15, 2009, from 8:55 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We have two very special guests who will be coming in to conduct these two important seminars. Our Zone Director 2010-2012, Noel A. Bajat, will be traveling to us from Lafayette, Louisiana. You will find Noel to be an outstanding expert on The Rotary Foundation and, after sharing with us a couple of his noted Cajun jokes, an exciting and entertaining speaker. Diane Kassel Knight, who is actually from North Dallas, will be flying in to join us from her home in Loveland, Colorado, near Denver. A presenter with Greg Podd at the recent Phoenix Presidential Conference on Membership, Diane is a super discussion leader with exciting new ideas on membership and retention. Come one, come all! This seminar is for all Rotarians in our district! See page 8 for more details.

And keep September 18, 2009, open on your calendars for our <u>"End Polio Evening with</u> <u>the Texas Rangers"</u>. This is a joint project of the four Rotary districts within 100 miles of the Arlington Stadium. It will be a big evening of fellowship for the clubs, fun for the Rotary and neighborhood families, and an evening of fireworks. A portion of our ticket order sales will go toward our District's Polio Plus Campaign, but more important we hope to educate people about polio, what it is and that it can come back.

I am really looking forward to serving you this year!

John

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#### JULY is Literacy Month Dave Mason, District 5790 Literacy Chair

How you and your Rotary Club can help to increase Literacy in our community and the world



PDG Dave Mason is Literacy Chair. Pictured here with his wife, Vonda.

It is very appropriate to start out the new Rotary year with "Literacy" as our theme of the month. If the majority of the world were literate instead of not being able to read, we would be a lot better off. People even with a modest level of education are much more able to provide for themselves and their families. This is why Literacy is right up there with health and hunger as key issues of emphasis for Rotary.

Sometimes we don't act because the problem is so big that we can't figure out where to begin. You can begin right in your own community. Many clubs have participated in promoting programs on literacy. The following is a list of some of the projects that are being carried out. Maybe you are already doing one or more. Read through the list and consider "what else could we do".

#### **Dictionary Projects**

Providing a tool (dictionary) to promote reading for elementary school children. If you are already covering a school, why not more than one? Some clubs have presented a dictionary to every third grader in the county.

Providing dictionaries to Adult Education Classes. For those that are just learning to read or working on their GED. The same dictionary that we present to kids will work just fine.



*Dictionaries distributed to 3rd graders at an Abilene Elementary School.* 

Provide dictionaries to English as a Second Language classes. Many of our cities have refugees that are literate in their native language, but now need to improve their English skills.



An Adult Literacy Class in Abilene

(Continued on page 3)







#### JULY is Literacy Month, Con't Dave Mason, District 5790 Literacy Chair

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## Books to libraries or schools

These are presented in the name of your program speakers. Instead of a coffee mug, give a book.

If you work with your local library, they can extend your contribution dollars if they buy the books. (They can get a much better rate than our clubs can). Most libraries will agree to put in the dedication/Rotary and club sticker or let you have the books so that the speakers can autograph them.

#### **Rotary Reads**

Rotarians volunteering to listen to children read. Second and third grade teachers are very receptive to having other responsible adults show an interest in students reading. This only takes about 30 minutes a week. Little time-high reward.

You can also volunteer to listen/ help read in the adult programs.

#### Read To Me

Program that promotes reading to infants. Reading materials are provided to new moms before they leave the hospital. It encourages them to start reading to their child right away. It does not teach them to read, but prepares them to learn how to read.

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#### **Books for the World**

Collecting English language books, mostly "out of adoption" books from public schools for shipment overseas. Details are being finalized on how to ship them to the port in Houston where Rotarians there prepare them for final shipment.

Sue Matkin (Fort Worth Club) from our Literacy committee has a great presentation on Adult Literacy and what it means for the future of our businesses and communities. If you have not had her as a speaker and you are interested contact me, <u>Dave Ma-</u> son, Literacy Chair.

To find out how you and your club can help with basic issues such as literacy, contact PDG Dave Mason. <u>dmason5790@sbcglobal.net</u>.

PDG Dave is a Rotarian with the Abilene Southwest Club

How you and your Rotary Club can help to increase Literacy in our community and the world







#### HOW BLOOD SAVED THE SAME LIFE TWICE

### A Mission That Hits Close to Home.

One out of every three people will need a blood transfusion in his or her lifetime, which means there's a good chance someone you know and love will need to depend on the generosity of blood donors for survival. Blood donation doesn't just affect other people; its impact hits close to home. Just ask the Wade family.

Kay and Jim Wade's teenage daughter Kaitlyn has encountered two life-threatening events in her short lifetime. During both events, blood made the difference. At the age of three, Kaitlyn was diagnosed with leukemia, but with the support of family, friends, a great medical team and available blood and platelets, Kaitlyn survived what most people would describe as a parent's worst nightmare.

Seven years later, tragedy struck again when the car Kaitlyn was in was hit by a drunk driver. She was careflighted to Cook Children's Medical Center where doctors gave a grim prognosis. Katilyn had suffered a severe brain injury and multiple fractures. The first 24 hours alone she required 12 blood transfusions. Once again, Kaitlyn survived, and although the road to recovery has been long, the Wades are continuously grateful to the many blood donors who played such a significant role in their daughter's life.

#### **Rotary Makes a Difference**

Since 1996, Rotarians have contributed to the lifesaving mission of blood donation through its *Governors' Challenge* blood drives. District 5790 has participated in this state-wide effort since its inception, and as of this year, has collected a total of 60,000 units of lifesaving blood for North Texas communities.

Considering that every unit of blood saves up to three lives, it's accurate to say that Rotarians have impacted at least 180,000 lives. For each of these lives, the impact is huge. Just ask the Wade family. Please help Rotary continue making a difference.

Give blood. Often.

Article submitted by Geoff Graham.

To find out how you and your club can help impact lives by donating blood, contact <u>Geoff Graham</u> by e-mail or phone—817-412-5630 at the Carter Blood Bank. Geoff is a Rotarian with the Mid Cities Pacesetters Club.

1 out of 3 of us will need blood in their lifetime



Kay and Jim Wade, and daughter Kaitlyn



1100 Blood Donors Needed Daily.



GSE TEAM

**APPLICATIONS** 

DUE MID JULY!







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#### GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE—TO INDIA

District 5790's Outbound Team will be going to Rotary District 3000 in Southern India the last week in December 2009 and returning approximately 4 weeks later in January 2010.

Applications for Team Leader and Team Members due mid July, with Interviews to take place end of July.

Team member selection will be finalized in August - One Rotarian Team Leader and four non-Rotarian team members. Team (non Rotarian) members must be young professionals between the ages of 25 and 40.

Team to report at the District Conference in April.

Application will be posted on the District 5790 website <u>www.Rotary5790.org</u> or go to <u>www.rotary.org</u>.

Paul Geisel is GSE Chair. His e-mail is pngeisel@aol.com

#### DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS APPLICATIONS DUE!

Does your club have service activities or humanitarian projects that need funding? District 5790 has \$23,225 available for the 2009-2010 year.

Each club can apply for up to \$1500.00 that the club must match. Each club can apply for ONE grant request per year, and can't duplicate a prior year project funded through a DSG.

Committee reviews grants for District Rotary Clubs that are contributing to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Program Fund

To see what types of projects are allowed, go to www.Rotary5790.org and search for District Simplified Grants.

Forms are also available on the District 5790 website.

Submission Window: July 1st, 2009 through August 3rd, 2009

Application Deadline: August 3, 2009

Applications should be submitted to Sharron Miles, DSG Chair at:

smilesrotary@charter.net

DISTRICT SIMPLIED GRANTS FOR 2009-2010 ARE FUNDED BY THE RETURN OF 1/2 OF FUNDS CONTRIBUTED IN DISTRICT 5790 TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND DURING 2006-2007. FOR MORE INFORMA-TION ON THE ROTARY FOUNDATION VISIT WWW.Rotary5790.org



HAVE A HUMANI-TARIAN OR SER-VICE PROJECT THAT NEEDS FUNDING?

APPLY FOR A DISTRICT SIM-PLIFIED GRANT.



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THE NEW PR INITIATIVE

Public relations, or PR, is simply spreading our message to our many audiences. And PR is not just the job of our clubs' public relations chairs. It's everyone's job to spread Rotary's message. What follows is an update of the public relations committee's recent actions to prepare for this Rotary year.

#### DISTRICT GRANT APPLIED FOR

The District 5790 Public Relations committee is working to secure a **\$10,000 grant** to promote Rotary. The grant money will be spent on advertising space to showcase Rotary's effort to eradicate polio.

**Your face could be the district's face of Rotary**. If awarded the Rotary International grant, our district will ask all clubs to nominate a member to be the district's face of Rotary. Stay tuned for details.

#### CONNECTING OUR PUBLIC RE-LATION CHAIRS

A special network has been created for the public relations chairs in our clubs, for the people who are good at spreading information.

Our goal is to connect the public relations chairs to share our successes and lessons learned on spreading Rotary's message in our communities. Ideas about possible stories to pitch to your media outlets will also be shared and questions will be answered. To post a message or question on the listserv e-mail:

Rotary5790PR@yahoogroups.com.

To subscribe to the network, e-mail a message with "subscribe" in the subject line to the following:

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Rotary5790PR-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

#### WANT MORE STORIES IN YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER OR BLOG-SPHERE?

The public relations committee has created a few instructional Power-Point's about public relations. They cover things like how news outlets determine news, creating a media list and writing news releases. You can request a copy of these

PowerPoint's by e-mailing Sarah Maben at <u>mabens@charter.net</u> or check out the new district Web site at www.rotary5790.org

Another resource worth checking out is Rotary International's Effective Public Relations booklet. It's only a few dollars and is available on www.rotary.org

AS DG John Miller said in his letter this month: One event you'll want to save the date for is our District's End Polio Night at the Texas Rangers.

Mark Friday, September 18th on your club's calendar now; the Texas Rangers will take on the LA Angels at the Ballpark in Arlington. This is an opportunity to spread our message about Rotary's effort to eradicate polio. It will be a great evening of Rotary fellowship (with Rotarians from our district and surrounding districts) and will also raise funds for the End Polio Now campaign. Details will be posted on the district Web site and sent to clubs.

Sarah

*Learn how to make PR work for your club* 



Sarah Maben, PR Chair

Sarah is a member of the Fort Worth South Rotary Club







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STRICT * 5	Your District Youth Exchange staff have been busy getting	Caly Rangel to Sicily		
ROTARY	outbound students prepared to go to other countries and getting			
	inbound students set up to ar- rive in our district.	Scheduled for Inbound –Long		
		Term (12 months)		
	Scheduled for the Outbound—			
	Long Term (12 months)	The following students will be coming into our district from other parts of the world:		
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OLTH EXCHANT	Gabreiele Canavan to Germany	Thibault Gehin (Sponsor: Highland		
2009-2010	Wes Cutting to Germany	Village Club) from France (D1680)		
	Sponsored by Weatherford:	Alina Tokomamatova (Sponsor:		
T	Taylor Wilkowski to Germany	Abilene Club) from Kyrgyzstan (D2430)		
1251	Sponsored by Mid-Cities Pacesetters:	Sakunrak Thakoon (Sponsor: Flower Mound Club) from Thailand (D3360)		
	Staphania Lourido to Spain	(55500)		
	Sponsored by Keller:	Rosa Buigues (Sponsor: Stamford Club) from Spain (D2203)		
	Mallorie Holguin to Spain (Canary Islands)	Bai Keiler (Sponsor: Sanger Club) from Brazil (D4620)		
Kathy Bauer is	Outbound Short-Term (4 weeks)	Anna Hillscher (Sponsor: Gaines- ville Club) from Germany (D1940)		
Youth Exchange Of-	Sponsored by Flower Mound:	vine club) nom Germany (D1940)		
ficer for District 5790.	Spencer Dorr to Germany	Andrea Materia (Sponsor: Arling-		
Kathy is a member of Rotary Club of	Sunita Narayana to Germany	ton Sunrise) from Sicily (D2110)		
	Sarah Parker to Germany	Lucas Mansano da Costa		
Gainesville.	Rachel Robillard to Spain	(Sponsor: Abilene Club) from Bra- zil (D4510)		
She can be reached at:	Danny Briceno to Germany			
veodistrict5790@yahoo.com	Tyler Wigington to Spain	Submitted by Kathy Bauer		
<u>, contractive of an original contractions</u>	Tom Dick to Germany			
	Sponsored by Gainesville:			
	Sara Walterscheid to Austria			





#### DISTRICT 5790 MEMBERSHIP / FOUNDATION SEMINAR—AUGUST 15TH

Want to learn how to grow your club membership as well as retain your current members?

Do you understand the Rotary Foundation and how important it is to each Rotary Club?

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There will be two tracks and each club is strongly encouraged to send at least two people one to attend each track.

Each club is encouraged to bring as

many members especially newer members to learn more about Rotary.

Cost is \$15 per person and includes light breakfast and lunch.

Come one, come all!

This seminar is for all Rotarians in our district!

For more details, see the new district website at

#### www.rotary5790.org

Contact Dan Morales,

Foundation chair at workoutdan@aol.com

Or

Hollis Lackey, Membership chair at <u>h.lackey@sbcglobal.net</u>



"The only way a person can join a Rotary Club is to be sponsored by a member.

Learn what you need to do to help grow your club membership with good members and keep them involved"

"The Rotary Foundation is the main vehicle to accomplish all the great things that Rotary has to offer worldwide.

Your support allows Rotary to do many great things"







"Come join District 5790 and 3 other Rotary Districts help wipe out Polio for good—by going out to a Ballgame"

#### HELP END POLIO AT THE RANGER BALLPARK—SEPTEMBER 18TH

Come join other fellow Rotarians, significant others and guests as they watch the Texas Rangers play the Los Angeles Angels on Friday, September 18th at 7:05 pm.

While we will be together for friendship and support our local team, our other purpose is to spread the word about how Rotary is working to end Polio.

Rotarians from District 5790 and 3 other districts within 100 miles of Arlington are participating to spread the word.

A portion of the ticket sales will be committed to support Rotary's efforts to end Polio. We are very close to succeeding. at www.Rotary5790.org and through your local club.

Details will be available



#### ROTARY INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP—OCTOBER 17 & 18th

Our District has embarked on an exciting new program - we look to you and your club to play a key role.

We call this program "Rotary International District 5790 Institute for Leadership", or simply I f L - designed to develop the skills that help individuals become great leaders in Rotary and our communities; it now is an official Rotary International emphasis. Some people are describing it as a RYLA program for Rotarians.

Two classes have been

held so far with great results. Each class is held twice a year.

The program is a highly interactive two day session about the dynamic process of leading. This is not material that can be learned through texts or by attending PETS nor does it duplicate any training previously offered in our district.

The next program will be held at the DFW Marriott (near Texas Motors Speedway), for leaders at all levels from all Rotary Clubs in District 5790 on Saturday and Sunday, October 17th and 18th.

We accept only 24 participants, so enroll now! The tuition fee per student is \$299.00 which includes everything: books, materials, food, hotel, etc.

Go to www.rotary5790.org and look for the link to Institute for Rotary Leadership"

Chuck Kurtzman and his team of trainers look forward to your involvement.

c.kurtzman@ourblooddrive.org



Being an Effective Leader is different than being in charge





#### ABILENE SOUTHWEST SPONSORS 2 MAJOR PROJECTS ANNUALLY

The Abilene Southwest Rotary Club started in 1956, after a former Dallas Rotarian applied for membership in the Abilene Rotary Club and was turned down. Membership has been as high as 83 and is currently at 63.

Two of the principal projects are the Top Fifty Plus Banquet and the Dyess AFB Recognition Program.

#### TOP FIFTY PLUS BANQUET

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. The banquet would feature a Named Speaker who would leave a lasting impression on the students and our community.

The program was expanded twice to include other High

Schools and today, encompasses 4 High Schools and in 2009 recognized 64 students.

#### DYESS AFB RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Since 1974, we have honored the Airman of the Month, Airman of the Quarter, NCO of the Quarter and other Outstanding Performers from Dyess AFB every three months.

There are many other projects that the club participates in to support the Abilene community, and the world. To list a few:

The Abilene Volunteer Weatherization project, the Abilene State School Halloween Carnival, the Elementary School Reading program, Contributions to the Abilene Adult Day Care Center, Meals on Wheels, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cisco College and Texas State Technical College Scholarship Programs.

Since 1985, the Club members have contributed funds almost annually to Rotary International's effort, in conjunction with the World Health Organization and UNICEF to stamp out Polio around the world. Plus, the club members have generously supported the Every Rotarian – Every Year Rotary Foundation project, exceeding the \$100.00 per member goal.

The club is known for its support of Literacy projects in the community and around the world, and the club members all believe in the Rotary Motto "Service Above Self."

Www.AbileneSouthwestRotary.org

Submitted by Will Speight, Abilene Southwest Rotary



2009 DYESS AIF FORCE BASE OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS

#### UFOS, DANCING STARS HELP GENERATE FUNDS FOR DUBLIN

Never would the Dublin Rotarians have believed that it would be UFOs and dancing stars that would put their historic downtown building in the spotlight and help fund its extensive renovation.

The club purchased the100year-old building four years ago from the Knights of Pythias. The Rotarians envisioned it as a badly-needed community meeting facility, as well as the site of their weekly lunch meetings.

With a bank loan, the club was able to purchase the building but members realized its renovation would require substantial cash and massive amounts of sweat equity on the part of the club members, their families and anybody who could be recruited to swing a hammer or a paintbrush. Much of the building had had promise but years of neglect created a challenge.

Gradually the transformation began, behind the scenes with little public awareness.

But that all changed with UFO sightings in the Dublin area. When MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, needed a building large enough to conduct hundreds of interviews and provide space for the national media which was drawn to the story, they contacted the Rotary Club to use its building.

Their use of the building was heard about by ABC-TV in Los Angeles. The TV producers of "Dancing with the Stars" were searching for a building in which rodeo cowboy Ty Murray of nearby Stephenville could rehearse prior to kickoff of the televised competition. They booked it for one day on a trial basis and local Rotarians scrambled to get it ready in three days. Ty and his producers were very happy with the building and promptly booked if for another 24 days, eight hours a day on an hourly rental basis.

Their rental fees financed the next stage of renovation -replacement of old florescent lights with beautiful bronze light/fan fixtures and remodeling of the kitchen.

Next on the renovation schedule is the second floor which features a stage and huge high-ceiling room suitable for dinner theatre or dances. Boarded-up windows and lights will be replaced and ceiling and floors restored.

Submitted by Karen Wright, Dublin Rotary Club



PDG CHUCK KURTZMAN WAS THE SPEAKER AT THE 2009 -2010 CHANGEOVER BANQUET.

This month, the Dublin Rotarians hosted the Stephenville club for the annual joint installation banquet, a china -and-crystal and candlelight event which publicly presented for the first time what the building had become.





#### Rotary Club of Arlington— Working Internationally

The Rotary Club of Arlington, Texas reports that Matching Grant 60086 has been completed and closed by TRF.

The project was made possible by contributions from two Rotary clubs in New Hampshire, West Calaveras Rotary in California, and the Rotary Club of Arlington, Texas.

At total of 165 biosand filters were deployed in five villages in La Moskitia, Honduras. The villages were recommended by the Health Dept of Gracias a Dios, the state/ department in which La Moskitia is located. Rotarians personally confirmed a major problem with diarrhea from drinking contaminated river water in each of the five villages. Rotarians also personally confirmed that in each village after filters were implemented, the incidence of illness either was dramatically reduced or

eliminated. Based on the technology and our verification that the villagers are able to properly maintain the filters, their impact should be indefinite.

In addition, 8 shallow water wells were drilled in two villages. We also verified they are working and these initial wells paved the way for another 64 wells that were later drilled on a separate Matching Grant, while almost all wells are operational now, there is a long term issue of maintenance.

This Matching Grant has been an outstanding success and has changed the lives and health of over 1000 Moskito Indians who now associate Rotarians with help and caring.

This project is a testament to what Rotarians across the nation and across the globe can accomplish together.

#### www.ArlingtonRotary.com

Submitted by Jim Fulgham, President 2009-2010





Honduras Family with a Water Filter on May 19, 2009.

Picture Source: Rotary Club of Arlington website

#### BEST PRACTICES—E-MAIL COMMUNICATION

Today, one of the most common ways to communicate is through e-mail. Each of us gets lots of worthwhile e-mails as well as more "spam" e-mail than we care to count.

Consider this when you email: Put the word "ROTARY" as the first word in any email you originate to others in your club or the district. The word ROTARY (all caps) should be followed by a colon and then the subject matter (i.e. July Board Meeting, Upcoming seminar, etc.) to help the reader identify the subject matter.

This will help the recipient to recognize the importance of the e-mail. They can then respond back as appropriate.

If you are sending an email back regarding another subject, and utilize an e-mail you received to start it off (which may have the recipients you need listed already) change the subject line to the new subject (and erase the other content that is not relevant).

Have an idea for the "Best Practices" section?

*Please submit this to the District Newsletter Editor for review and inclusion in the next newsletter. E-mail your suggestion to <u>chuck@signsnowarlington.com</u>* 

<sup>&</sup>quot;Start off any e-mail communication within your club and other district members with the word Rotary: (followed by the subject line"







#### "WHY I JOINED ROTARY" by Jimmy Gary, Arlington North Rotary

In October 2007 I was invited to attend a Rotary Club meeting to see what it was about.

I realized very quickly that it was about service, fellowship and goodwill. I was accepted with open arms and shown that there is a group of people in this world that promote understanding, the desire to serve and live by the four way test.

I was not judged on my religion, my politics or my age.

I came to realize that Rotary offers more depth and substance than any other organization that I have dealt with. The amount of giving and level of service above self blew me away and still does.

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RI has taken on Polio, which my dad is a two time victim. RI's programs touch lives of all the inhabitants of Earth.

Thank you Paul Harris! - Jimmy Gary





Jimmy Gary II has been a member of Arlington North Rotary since 2007. He has taken on multiple projects in the club and will serve as Membership Chair and Sergeant at Arms in 2009-2010.

The Difference

between being a

member of a Rotary

Club and being a

Rotarian is one word:

"Participation"

PDG Paul Geisel

FW East Rotary

## *Would you like to share why you joined Rotary or what Rotary means to you?*

In this new section, we will highlight comments from a Rotarian in District 5790 about why he or she joined Rotary or what it means to them once each month.

*If you want to be included, send that to the editor at chuck@signsnowarlington.com.* 

*Please keep your article to 200 or so words. Pictures are optional, but please include one of yourself if possible. Editor reserves the right to modify to fit space available.* 

# • Two Clubs have moved<br/>meeting locations:Decatur<br/>Noon) is now meeting<br/>at:Fort Worth Southwest -<br/>(Thursday - Noon) is<br/>now meeting at:Decatur Civic Center<br/>2010 W. US 380<br/>Decatur, TX 76234Mira Vista Country Club<br/>6600 Mira Vista Blvd.<br/>Forth Worth, TX 76132

# OTHER CLUB UPDATES



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#### RESOURCES FOR CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

Are you aware that Club and District Support (CDS) staff at Rotary International in Evanston, Illinois serve as our primary contacts?

Staff can answer any question about Rotary as well as provide advice on club elections, constitutional matters, club traditions and customs, club operations, and RI Board policy.

Below are some important web resources to assist in leading and supporting your club in the Year ahead.

Learn the names and contact information of your CDS team members by using this web link or the list to the left:

www.rotary.org/ClubDistrictReps

Review a list of resources for club presidents and secretaries:

www.rotary.org/pressecresources

Make changes to your club's membership records at RI, reference various Rotary Foundation reports, print your club's SAR, pay your club's dues, and report next year's club officers using Member Access. Full instructions, helpful suggestions and frequently asked questions (FAQ) are found at:

www.Rotary.org/ElearningCenter

Find helpful club publications, audiovisuals, forms and supplies:

www.Rotary.org/ShopClubPublications

Use the Club Presidents' Checklist, a monthly calendar for both presidents and presidents-elect, with reminders of club and district functions, as well as RI and Rotary Foundation deadlines:

www.rotary.org/clubpreschecklist

Consider adopting the Club Leadership Plan - a strategic planning tool based on the best practices of actual Rotary clubs:

www.Rotary.org/ClubLeaderPlan

Rotary staff looks forward to working with you and supporting your club's service efforts. Be sure to contact your CDS representative whenever you need assistance.





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#### MAY 2009 CLUB ATTENDANCE

RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	5/1/2009			5/31/2009	
Abilene Wednesday - W	21	72.00%	4	21	0
Abilene - F	107	54.20%	4	106	-1
Abilene Southwest - T	66	85.71%	4	63	-3
Arlington North - M	41	77.00%	4	41	0
Arlington - TH	119	50.50%	4	118	-1
Arlington South - F	22	51.00%	5	22	0
Arlington Sunrise - F	62	93.30%	5	63	1
Arlington Sunset - T					0
Arlington West - T	34	67.00%	3	33	-1
Azle - TH	41	58.00%	4	41	0
Bowie - W	22	65.96%	4	23	1
Breckenridge - T	21	71.00%	4	21	0
Brow nw ood - W	22	80.68%	4	22	0
Burkburnett - T	41	60.00%	5	41	0
Burleson - F	58	75.00%	4	58	0
Cisco - TH	14	63.00%	4	14	0
Cleburne - TH	103	66.00%	4	103	0
Coleman - M					0
Colleyville - T	10	70.00%	4	10	0
Crow ell - W					0
Decatur - TH	21	76.00%	4	21	0
Denton - TH	93	56.90%	4	93	0
Denton South - T					0
Dublin - T	25	71.00%	4	25	0
Eastland - TH					0
Flow er Mound - TH	71	754.71%	4	71	0
Fort Worth East - M	40	58.00%	3	39	-1
Fort Worth International -	11	91.00%	1	11	0
Fort Worth North - W	25	62.00%	4	25	0
Fort Worth - F	512	57.00%	4	517	5
Fort Worth South - T	75	53.99%	3	76	1
Fort Worth Southw est - T	18	73.00%	4	18	0

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RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	5/1/2009			5/31/2009	
Gainesville - W	65	42.00%	4	63	-2
Graham - F	115	54.00%	4	116	1
Granbury - TH	53	70.00%	4	53	0
Grapevine - W					0
Great SW Arlington - W	53	70.00%	4	52	-1
Hamlin - W					0
Haskell - TH					0
HEB - T	66	79.50%	4	66	0
low a Park - W					0
Keller - T	41	67.26%	4	42	1
Kennedale	28	66.00%	4	28	0
Lake Ray Roberts - T					0
Lew is ville Morning - TH		91.67%			0
Lew isville Noon - W	61	78.18%	3	62	1
Mansfield - T	42	70.63%	3	42	0
Mansfield Sunrise - TH					0
Metroport - F					0
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	49	68.00%	5	51	2
Mineral Wells - W	42	63.77%	5	43	1
Nocona - T					0
North Hills - F					0
Sanger - T	13	57.00%	4	11	-2
Southlake - T	18	62.00%	5	18	0
Stamford - T	31	75.00%	4	31	0
Stephenville - TH	30	68.33%	4	30	0
The Colony - T					0
Vernon - T	48	60.23%	4	44	-4
Weatherford - T	109	70.19%	4	112	3
Western Fort Worth - T	77	78.60%	3	78	1
Wichita Falls North - F	36	94.00%	5	36	0
Wichita Falls - TH	25	83.00%	3	25	0
Wichita Falls Southwest - M					0

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*Comments and suggestions welcome.* 



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#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO AZ ROWLAND — DISTRICT NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS

For the past 6 years, <u>AZ Rowland</u> of Western Fort Worth Club has been producing the District 5790 Newsletter.

From collecting stories—which can mean bugging Club Presidents and District Leaders (including 6 District Governors!) - sometimes multiple times, and then compiling them and editing them and putting it in a format that works—we want to say **THANK YOU** to AZ for all his hard work — He always came out with a great newsletter for the members of District 5790.

This is no easy task and I hope as the new editor for this year that I'll live up the standards AZ set and continue to present a newsletter that is informative and reflects what is going on in our great district. AZ's shoes will be tough to fill and again, join me in saying **Thank You** to him for his hard work these past 6 years.

Chuck Chambers

Newsletter Editor 2009-2010 District 5790

Help us come up with a name for the District Newsletter?

Let us know your ideas!

#### Help Name the New District Newsletter!

We hope you like what you read in our new District Newsletter.

DG John would like to find a "permanent" name for the newsletter, and we'd like your input.

Send your recommendations to us at <a href="mailto:com">chuck@signsnowarlington.com</a>

Be sure to include your name and club. The person that comes up with the chosen name will receive something of value from DG John.

We'll review the best ones and select one as the new name for the newsletter. We hope to have a permanent name for the newsletter for next month.