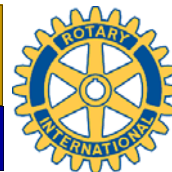


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Dear Rotarians,

A new year for Rotary has started with new club presidents, new district governors, and a new Rotary International President. Our 2012-2013 Rotary theme is "Peace Through Service" and we are asking each Rotarian to focus on service in the community and in the world. We as Rotarians make a difference in the world by our service. A belief in the power of service lies at the very heart of Rotary. By making service our priority, we put the needs of others above our own. When we understand that other needs are the same as our own, we begin to understand how important our work is.



2012-2013
DG Hollis Lackey

I am excited and look forward to moving into a new Rotary year. Everything we appreciate in Rotary remains constant but the people and roles change. This year we have three goals for our district which will parallel with Rotary International.

First goal is to complete the eradication of polio. Remember "we are this close" to eradicating polio and only three endemic countries are left and we need to keep our promise to the children of the world by giving to the "End Polio Now" program.

Our second goal is membership and we need to grow Rotarians in our clubs by bringing in new members. When I make the District Governor's visit to your club, I look forward to inducting a new member. Also we want to add new clubs in our district; so be on the lookout for new club opportunities. Remember the first thing you must do is ask someone to come with you to your club.

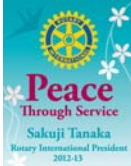
The third goal is making our Foundation grow Every Rotarian Every Year (everyone giving and the club having an average of hundred dollar per member annual) Many clubs are Sustaining Member Clubs with each club member giving a minimum of a hundred dollar contribution annually. The Rotary Foundation and the world depend on our support.

Together as Rotarians we can accomplish these goals.

In Rotary,

Hollis

District Governor 2012-2013



LITERACY MONTH



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As literacy chair for District 5790 for 2012-2013, I would like to congratulate all the new officers for the year and invite them to jump right into the new calendar by celebrating July as Literacy Month! Literacy and basic education have been designated as one of the focus areas for Future Vision, I invite your club to begin or expand literacy projects.

As our society becomes more and more technologically directed, a segment of populations of the both the United States and the world are being left behind. The ability to read and understand the written word has become more and more of a challenge for an increasing number of human beings because of computers, both in society and in the workplace. The way we communicate has changed since Johannes Guttenberg invented the printing press in 1440. People throughout the world transitioned from *listening* to learn to *reading* to learn. Skill in reading then became one of the primary ways that society partitioned itself into the educated and the uneducated; it remains that way today.

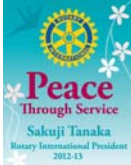
As I have visited with clubs around the district talking about literacy, some of the more shocking statistics that have created discussion among clubs have included the fact that illiteracy in Texas costs the state (each of us) approximately \$9.6 billion dollars every year because of non-productivity and the lack of a trained workforce. In the entire country, that figure jumps to \$225 Billion dollars.

The primary area of focus should continue with children. Helping teachers help students to become good readers is an easy way for Rotarians to become involved in tackling the illiteracy problem. Two-thirds of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of the fourth grade will end up in jail or on welfare. Become a volunteer to read stories to children in an elementary school in your community. Provide books or money for books for the library or the scholastic book programs so that youngsters know the pleasure of reading. Your club can sponsor summer reading programs for youngsters so that they spend less time in front of the television or computer and more time reading.

Adults in our communities also are unable to read. Adults are more often a more difficult group to help with reading issues because they are embarrassed to admit to the world that they cannot read well and because of the lack of materials available for their age group. But, when adults are willing to make that admission, Rotarians need to be there to help libraries and schools with adult literacy programs. Volunteer to read with adults so that they can practice reading, writing, and using language to better themselves. Rotarians can provide materials to help adults become more proficient readers in their specific job areas.

Plato said in *The Republic*, "The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future." Rotarians can play a significant role in the development of our future world by helping people tackle the problems of illiteracy and introducing them to the exciting world of imagination through reading.

Make a difference in the lives of people in your community during this Rotary year. Begin or increase your literacy efforts throughout the year. Make every month literacy month in 2012-2013.



“BLOOD NEEDS ARE CRITICAL DURING SUMMER”

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Your local blood center needs the community to help them through the difficult summer months. The routine lag in summer blood donors is understandable: donors take vacations, spend more time with family and high schools which are strong supporters of the community blood program, are not in session. In addition, hospitals' blood usage increases this time of year because of accidents and planned surgeries.

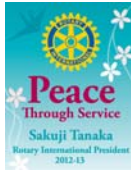
“It is unfortunate, but true,” said Dr. Merlyn Sayers, Chief Executive Officer of Carter BloodCare, “that blood cannot be stockpiled. The shelf life does not let us increase our inventory to meet patients' needs when donations are down. It is also true that patients needing a transfusion cannot wait. During times like these, we cannot exaggerate the importance of regular donations.”

Sayers emphasizes that to continue meeting the summer needs, and especially the need for group O Rh negative (O-), now is the time to give blood.

One in 7 hospital patients needs blood which translates to 38,000 patients a day. 37% of people are eligible to donate (down from 60%), because of regulations on who can give. Yet only 8% donate blood.

This past Rotary year—(2011-2012), District 5790 contributed 2300 units, up from 1500 last year.

Potential blood donors must be at least 17 years old or 16 with a parent's consent, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. Photo ID is required. There is no upper age limit for donors and most medications do not interfere with donor eligibility. For more information or to make an appointment to give blood, **call 1-800-DONATE-4 (800-366-2834).**



PUBLIC RELATIONS *"Is Your Club Prepared?"*



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Please forward the name of your clubs PR Chair to Doug if you haven't already done so.

You will be making club changes July 1, and as 5790's Public Relations Committee Chair I want to remind you to appoint a PR chair.

Let me tell you how important that can be. When RI chose our District's nominee for Rotary Day at the White House, Sharron Miles let me know and attached RI's news release with the name of Jim Fulgham, Rotary Club of Arlington. Sally Hopper, the club's PR chair, and I talked about the best way to get to the local media. Sally took it from there. It really helped that she knew Jim well. With quotes from club president, Walter Virden, the story made the front page of the second section of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, all editions, and Channel 5 news. In case you missed the story, this is from the RI news release: "Fulgham has been a driving force behind the Rotary Scholarship Program at Webb Elementary School. Focused on helping children from disadvantaged families, the program provides a scholarship to every sixth-grader who goes on to finish high school and enroll in college. So far, 150 students have gone on to college."

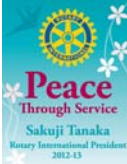
That's the way the system is supposed to work! Your club's PR person is the best person to contact media when your club is involved. News goes in your social media too—the first place someone is likely to go to find out about your club is either your website or Facebook page.

Publicity is not all PR people do, though. Publicity is just one tool in the PR box. Your club's PR person needs to know that our District has:

- ◆ a Social Media Policy. Use social media to contact potential members.
- ◆ a Crisis Plan. Yes, you may have a crisis.
- ◆ Permission forms to include photos of non-Rotarians, essential, especially for children. Legally necessary.
- ◆ Stylebook, from RI, for submitting material to the website and the newsletter.

My job in helping you is to:

1. Assist in developing a club PR plan, using social media for networking to promote Rotary activities/events locally and regionally, and achieving PR goals, which should be measurable, challenging, achievable, and time specific .
2. Create and maintain a district public relations network of PR contacts within the district.
3. Be available as a speaker for club meetings.
4. Consult with our district governor and other district leaders on key message statements for consistency.
5. Make clubs and other committee chairs aware of RI resources to call attention to activities.



"SPEAKERS BUREAU" *"Making the Most of your Programs"*

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As the new Rotary year starts this month, clubs are setting their speakers for the next few months and the year. Rotary International recommends that at least one of your programs each month be related to the theme of the month; and that could be a speaker from the Rotary District.

This could be Mike Pope, District Chair of the Four Way Test Speech Contest, that comes to your club which is beginning the Four Way Test Speech Contest at your local high school. It could be Darhyl Ramsey, who is Literacy Chair, giving his talk, with statistics about the problems in our communities from people who aren't literate. It could be Conrad Heede, who can talk about Rotary Fellowships, which is a means for Rotarians sharing common vocational, recreational, health and medical-related interests—to further our goal of international fellowship and service. These are just a few of the resources your club has at your disposal.

The Speakers Bureau is designed to be a resource for the District to provide speakers to and by its membership. It is our objective to make the Bureau more valuable and accessible to each club. Each speaker listed on the District site has been recommended by a fellow Rotarian or club. Speakers may be people who have had life experiences that relate to that month's focus, Rotary, or your community. Or, they may be people who are particularly educated or knowledgeable about the subject you hope to bring to your members.

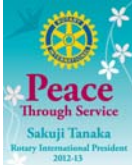
Why do we need a Speakers Bureau? There are a variety of reasons to use the Speakers Bureau. Since it's made up of volunteers through recommendations from you, it is a great resource to your club. They can be used for a variety of purposes, such as:

Increasing Rotary's visibility: Speakers that might bring visibility to Rotary are always encouraged. Fresh, new programs will help recruit members. We hope that certain topics would be of interest to others in the community and provide an opportunity to outreach and invite potential members.

Raising public awareness about local issues: Many issues that can be confusing, scary, or unclear to people can be explained best by those who have personal experience with them. Why not utilize someone who has a moving, personal story about an issue you and your club may be interested in? And, if you have heard someone tell their story, please recommend them, as well.

Providing positive role models: People who have experienced a particular problem or condition can serve as an inspiration to others who hear them speak. There are many role models and leaders in each of clubs. Recommend them to become a speaker on their area of expertise!

We want your feedback! The Speakers Bureau is a tool designed for You and the membership. We would like this to be something that each club takes advantage of, as well as help us grow our list of speakers to be shared. We encourage your feedback and recommendations. Just remember: *the Speakers Bureau can only be as good as we make it.* Please feel free to be in direct contact with Amy Jackson, Speakers Bureau Chair at 817.307.4881 or amy@mowjec.org.



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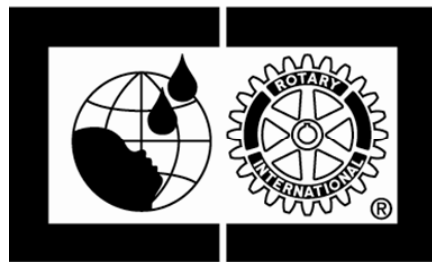


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PolioPlus



Rotary International

\$220,442,000

Raised since 12/01/07 to **exceed** the Polio Challenge!



Polio Plus: Rotary's obligation to the children of the world
Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!

7,000,000 Children Saved from Polio Paralysis since 1985!

Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 06/30/12

Total paralysis cases	Year-to-date 2012	Y to D 2011	Total 2011	Total 2010
Globally	84	241	650	1,352
- in endemic countries:	80	79	341	232
- in non-endemic countries:	4	162	309	1,120

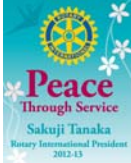
New Polio cases reported in the last week:
Pakistan 0, Afghanistan 2, Nigeria 3, Chad 1

2012 Polio Case Breakdown by Country (Green Numbers are 2011 Totals)

Endemic Countries – 22 Pakistan (2011-198), 10 Afghanistan (2011-80), 48 Nigeria (2011-62)

Importation Countries – Angola (2011-5), Cameroon (2011-1), CAR (2011-4), 4-Chad (2011-132), China (2011-21), Congo (2011-1), Cote d'Ivoire (2011-36), DRC (2011-93), Gabon (2011-1), Guinea (2011-3), India (2011-1), Kenya (2011-1), Mali (2011-7), Niger (2011-6)

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"END POLIO NOW NIGHT—TEXAS RANGERS"



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EndPolioNow Night

Texas Ranger Ballpark

August 25, 2012

3:05PM Game (\$10.00 tickets)

12:00PM Tailgate Party

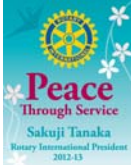
District 5790 and District 5810 are working together to raise money for PolioPlus.

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"POLI OPLUS—AWARENESS DINNER"
"Morton's Steak House—August 24th"



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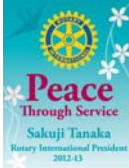
Now is your chance to dine in style and support PolioPlus, Rotary International's utmost fight, polio eradication.

Join us for a fine dining experience with limited seating at Morton's The Steakhouse Dallas, Texas on Saturday, August 24, 2012 at 6:30PM. The cost is \$300.00 per person with all proceeds going to Rotary International PolioPlus Campaign. Special guest speakers and an auction will be the highlight of the night.

Space is limited to the first 100 participants. Spots are filling quickly don't miss your opportunity to participate in this event.

Please mail your check payable to:
EndPolioNow
PO Box 181861
Arlington Texas 76096

Service Above Self



FLOWER MOUND ROTARY CLUB "Serving the Community"



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From the beginning of this past year, the Flower Mound Rotary Club placed a priority on community service and set a goal to get involved in "hands-on" projects to complement the grants we award to our community non-profit organizations.

The most recent project we worked on was done through an organization called "Hearts for Homes". They do home repairs for economically disadvantaged senior citizens whose homes are in disrepair and often present dangerous living conditions. Our club took on a big project involving a 78-year-old woman on a fixed income who is raising her small great grandchildren. Her home had holes in the ceilings, walls and exterior doors, damaged floors, a non-working bathroom, as well as many other issues, and she had no resources for home repair.



Mary Jacoby and Kathy Beahm, co chairs of the project.

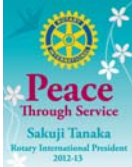
Our club arranged to install new doors, new floors, and repair sheetrock. In addition, club members completely painted the interior of her house, did additional floor repair, arranged to have the bathroom put back in, and as a bonus, brought in much-needed beds, bed linens and clothing for the family. This is one of the most rewarding experiences we have had as a club. Everyone truly came together and put their efforts into making life better for a stranger – who is now a friend.



Members of the local Interact club helped out with the project

In addition, the Flower Mound Rotary Club was busy with tons of other projects. We greeted troops at DFW Airport; spent a day working a "toy store" for needy families in the community; started a "Lunch with a Leader" program for economically disadvantaged at-risk students; partnered with one of our district's teacher exchange participants from Mexico to provide Christmas for children who live in poverty in the hills outside the villages; sent members to Nicaragua and to Haiti; partnered with our Interact club to provide Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in the community; conducted two blood drives; and gave \$40,000 in grant money to 10 area non-profits, one of which was \$10,000!

The money for grants is from funds raised at our annual fundraiser, Vine and Dine, which set a record this year by raising a record \$73,000 after expenses! In fact, mark your calendars for January 25, 2013 and come join the fun!



ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON "Entering Our 90th Year"



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How can we help keep lower income students in school?

Pre-GED classes for adults in Tarrant County are few – Almost non-existent!

Impoverished Miskito Coast of Honduras has 10000 homes with unsafe drinking water.

Can Rotary make a difference in any of these super-challenges? How can we help?

The strong answer from members and club officers of Arlington Rotary to these challenges, and others, has been a solid "yes." And, as the club heads for its 90th birthday next June, all indications are that it will continue full speed ahead. "Yes, we can" is more than just a political slogan.

In the year just past, the historic club received one of the highest awards ever bestowed on a Rotary Club when it was chosen by Rotary International as one of only ten clubs in the United States to receive the prestigious **Champions of Change** recognition at the White House. Link: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/story/StoryDetail.aspx?accountid=3872&sid=260111&stid=>

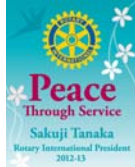
The award resulted from 17 years of commitment to Webb Elementary School, and especially the post-secondary scholarship promise which has seen over 140 students take advantage of higher education opportunity, and almost 30 students graduate from post-secondary schools. As Past President Walter Virden, President Sam Scott, and Incoming President Derrick Kinney, work on the vision for 2012-13, and the near future, it is clear that taking on big challenges will continue to be the path followed. One such challenge is the impending change in the national GED test which will affect all GED programs, including the one that was created by Arlington Rotary.



Scholarship Chairman Bill Hinds, Webb Scholarship Students, Derek Bassey, (just graduated), Heather Boggs, (Senior at UTA) and Past President Walter Virden.

GED/LITERACY PROGRAMS DISTRICT-WIDE FACE MAJOR CHALLENGES IN 2013-14 .. *And Rotarians Can Help*

Picture yourself as an adult who, for any number of reasons, does not have a high school diploma. It affects your ability to find employment, or to enter a vocational training program, or to continue your education at the next level. Or, perhaps, it is just a human need to remove a blemish on your own sense of self-worth. You have



ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON "Entering Our 90th Year, Con't"

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been attending a GED learning program, and have even passed one, or more, of the five required tests (math, social studies, science, language-reading, and language-writing.) But, you haven't been able to master all five tests.

Warning! Notice To All GED Students! If you do not complete all five GED tests within the next 18 months, your test grades will be thrown out, and you must start the testing all over with a brand-new, more difficult test, which must, beginning in 2014, be taken on a computer.



GED Students at Study



Student Advancement Day Remarks - Rotarian Bob Griffin Club Literacy Coordinator

This change will impact every Literacy program that is offering GED instruction, including the unique program founded by Arlington Rotary in 2009, and now being operated as the Adult Literacy program by Arlington Library (Arlington Reads.)

One of the community service initiatives planned for this club year is to provide Arlington Reads with a newly designed test preparation student workbook set targeted at pushing the student who is "almost there" over the top, so that all five of the tests will be completed in the next year. This is a low cost action, but has a high payoff for the students, and the literacy programs.



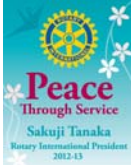
Arlington Literacy House GED Classroom

Another Big Problem! For the future, every literacy program that is providing GED education and testing will have to do much of its teaching, and all of its official testing, with computers. This is a national edict which will take both private volunteer and public resources to equip these non-profit literacy programs with the required new teaching materials, and computers. They will need to be in place by the end of 2013.

As the new Rotary year begins, Read With Rotary, the full-service adult literacy program that was launched by Arlington Rotary and Sunset Rotary in 2009, has seen 10 adults receive their GED in the last eight months. At this time Arlington Reads is serving 79 adults enrolled in Pre-GED and GED level instruction (learning levels 5 - 10), 19 enrolled in Intermediate literacy (learning level 2 - 4), and 20 at the beginning level where the students are not able to read or write above level 1. Almost beyond comprehension, the students in these programs are fluent English speakers.

This outcome has been a product of vision and determination by club leaders and members, along with essential support from members of other clubs, District, United Way, Tarrant Literacy Coalition, Arlington Tomorrow Fund, First United Methodist Church, Literacy Instruction for Texans (LIFT), and others.

Partnering to solve big challenges is one of special strengths of our Rotary world, and Arlington Rotarians are proud to continue playing our part as we energetically move toward our centennial a decade away.



DUBLIN ROTARY CLUB *"Filling Community Need With A Historic Building"*



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The Dublin Rotary Club has expanded the concept of community service through an unusual opportunity.

The club is one of very few which owns its own building. The 5,000 sf historic 1909 two-story building in downtown Dublin was purchased by the club several years ago when its owner, The Knights of Pythias, closed its local chapter.

At first the club rented the entire building out to a barbecue restaurant, retaining the right to use a small corner of the facility for its own lunch meeting each Tuesday. But when the restaurant closed, the club was faced with a huge building and no way to make monthly bank payments on the loan.

So the answer was to handle rentals themselves and try to make it profitable.

It started out small: an occasional bridal or baby shower or family reunion. Then word spread that the facility was one of the largest in town and it became popular for weddings, receptions and events which attracted as many as 100 people. It also became a popular spot for banquets for the Chamber of Commerce, the Historical Society and even the joint annual banquet of the Stephenville-Dublin Rotary Clubs.

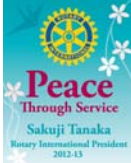
But it was the rental by the popular Dancing with the Stars TV show which made it possible for the club to have the funds to start doing major improvements. Since that rental, the bathrooms have been renovated, the floors have been refinished, a wall of mirrors has been erected and wainscoting added to the walls. Brass light fixtures were also a benefit of the income derives from the Dancing with the Stars rental.

Now the building is frequently rented as many as five times a week, for events which include a country-western dance on Monday nights, local square dancers on Tuesday night and frequent weekend parties.

Rotary Club president Pat Leatherwood commented that the building is filling the need for a lot of events in the Dublin area and the rental income makes it possible for the local Rotary Club to reinvest in the building to continually upgrade the facility.

Next on the planning table is to upgrade the kitchen and then to begin upgrades upstairs which has a stage which Rotarians believe would be perfect for community theatre.

The dreams are big but no doubt do-able, because the building is paying for itself as it fills a community need.



ABILENE SOUTHWEST ROTARY CLUB "An Interesting History"



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The Abilene Southwest Rotary Club had an unusual beginning. A banker named Briggs Todd, who was a Past District Governor in the Dallas, Texas area, moved to Abilene to head up a new bank. Having been a Rotarian for many years, Briggs was proposed to the Abilene Rotary Club for membership. However, the banking classification was already filled, so his proposal was disapproved.

Briggs had made a good friend of Rotarian John C. Mayfield, and they, along with some others, decided that Abilene needed a new Rotary Club.

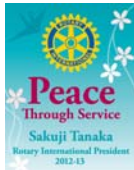
On March 12, 1956 the club received its charter from Rotary International. Briggs Todd was elected as the first President. Since that time, the club has grown in membership to a high of 83 members, during the 1988 year, and today the membership is 62.

The club has started and continued many projects. Two of the principal ones are the Top Fifty Plus Banquet and the Dyess AFB Recognition Program.

The first Top Fifty Banquet was held on March 3, 1960, at the Windsor Hotel. Then President W.P. (Bill) Wright Jr. presented the idea to the club as a continuing program to be held annually. 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 first speaker for the event was: Chester H. "Chet" Lauck. Mr. Lauck was a Vice president with the Continental Oil Company. He had also been part of the nationally known radio team of "Lum and Abner" which entertained radio fans for a period of twenty-five years. Since that time there have been speakers like; Paul Harvey, Werner von Braun, Bob Richards, Jules Bergman, Abby Van Buren, and Calvin Hill. In 1962, the club split up the 50 students between Abilene High and the new Cooper High Schools. Then in 1981, the Wylie District was included in the City of Abilene, so the club decided to include the Wylie High and Abilene Christian High Schools. Thus, the name: Top Fifty Plus. This year, 2012, the club added a second Private School, Premier High School and 66 students were honored.

The other principal program our club is so proud of is the Dyess AFB Recognition Program. We began this program to honor the Dyess AFB Outstanding Performers in July 1974. Richard Buzard, the incoming president, attended a District Conference held in Wichita Falls, TX. At a regular Rotary Club meeting, during the conference, was a lone Airman of the Month from Sheppard Air Force Base. Richard felt that this type of recognition for our Dyess AFB military personnel would be appropriate for our club too. Since that time, we have honored the; Airman of the Month, Airman of the Quarter, NCO of the Quarter and other Outstanding Performers from

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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 Assisted Living Center's Halloween Carnival, the Elementary School Reading program, and Contributions to the Noah Project, 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 eradicate Polio around the world. And, most recently, our club helped co-host two World Polio Day Dinner Fund Raisers in support of Rotary's Bill & Melinda Gates challenge grant, by sending in over \$115,000 to help End Polio Now. Plus, the club members have generously supported the Every Rotarian – Every Year Rotary Foundation project, exceeding the \$100.00 per member goal.

Almost 100% of the club members have become Paul Harris Fellows in support of the Rotary Foundation.

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."

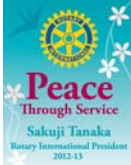


Abilene Southwest Rotary Club, honoring the Dyess AFB outstanding performers—since 1974 on a quarterly basis. The base commanders always say that this program enhances the Community and Dyess AFB relations.

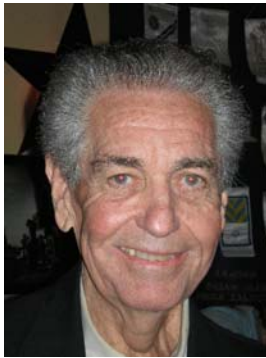
Words and Wisdom of Paul Harris

Can a club of fifty or a hundred members influence the character of a small city? It has been clearly proven that Rotary clubs do influence the characters of the cities in which they are established. The influence naturally is most noticeable in the smaller communities. Many a dejected, spiritless town of the Main Street varied has been revived and invigorated. Existence can become drab indeed in small towns where there is no public spirit and where home folds are given to bickering and gossip. If the spirit is what it should be, life should be at its best in the smaller communities.

— The Rotarian Age



STEP FORWARD, GOOD ROTARIAN *"How delegating a task develops club member"*



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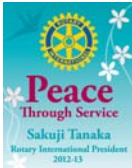
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Back in the summer of 1997 our club had just finished installing a few hundred flags. I was in a hurry to finish, and make a mad dash for the Airport to accompany a large group of clients to Europe. You see, in my "real" job, I owned a rather impressive Tour and Travel company. I was the incoming President of the Arlington North Rotary Club, and since the birth of the Flag program, supervising the Flag routes was just one more "little" detail that the incoming President had to handle. All this, before racing off to DFW.

As I was leaving, I was approached by one of our Rotary members and advised that the job wasn't finished, and that he understood the responsibility of the Flag supervisor included staying until the last flag was in and all "buttoned" down. I thought very quickly of all the work I had put into the Flag Program since its inception! Buying and cutting steel in 10 foot poles, placing the flags on the poles, cutting more steel sleeves to fit into client's curbsides, painting the Rotary logo on the curb, and all the little details to make the program work. Then and there, I made an Executive decision. I told this "upstart" Rotarian that I was placing him under complete control of the Flag program until my return from Europe, and that the first order of business will be to secure all the flags and close down the operation for that day!

Upon my return from Europe, this Rotarian called me on the telephone and said he would like me to come to his house and review the "changes" he had made in the Flag program. What I viewed at his garage was unbelievable. A complete assembly line of metal poles, electric drills and cutters, boxes of new flags! Wow, at that moment I realized where we were headed with the Flag program, just what the Doctor ordered. It made me understand for the first time the importance of Rotary and the wonderful people all over the world working to make a great organization.

This "upstart" Rotarian gave us a big lift that day, and that lives on now, Mr. Dick McCree was his name; later he was named one of our Arlington North Presidents and has served well over his career, making numerous contributions to Rotary; both local, national, and world-wide, including leading the GSE Team to Sweden in 2001. He and I have traveled many times abroad since then. So step forward today....good Rotarian!



"DISTRICT GOVERNOR INSTALLATION BANQUET— JUNE 25, 2012"



Passing of the Home Club Banner from Cleburne to Arlington Sunrise Rotary Club.



Incoming District Governor Hollis Lackey with Outgoing District Governor Sharron Miles.



DG Elect Jim Giffin, his wife, Pam, and DG Hollis Lackey (right) with wife Virginia (his left).



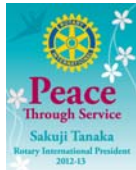
DG Hollis Lackey and wife Virginia by the Rotary Ice Sculpture.



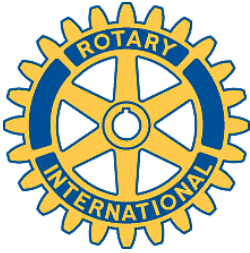
Rotarians in attendance at the District Governor Installation Banquet at Mansfield Country Club.



Rotary Ice Sculpture at District Governor Change-over Banquet.



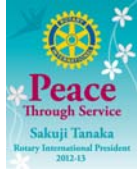
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May 2012 Attendance

RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	5/1/2012			5/31/2012	
Abilene - F	90	56.00%	4	89	(1)
Abilene Southw est - T	61	83.20%	4	61	-
Abilene Wednesday	20	53.00%	4	20	-
Arlington - TH	126	65.88%	5	126	-
Arlington GSW - W	33	60.29%	5	33	-
Arlington North - M	37	74.81%	4	35	(2)
Arlington South - F					-
Arlington Sunrise - F	61	93.03%	4	61	-
Arlington Sunset - T	14	76.32%	5	16	2
Arlington West - T	37	57.00%	4	37	-
Azle - TH	31	43.00%	5	31	-
Bow ie - W					-
Breckenridge - T	24	67.00%	5	24	-
Brow nw ood - W	23	82.61%	5	23	-
Burkburnett - T	43	72.56%	5	43	-
Burleson - F					-
Burleson Area Mid Day - M	27	79.00%	3	27	-
Cisco - TH					-
Cleburne - TH	70	69.21%	5	68	(2)
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	13	72.30%	5	13	-
Crow ell - W					-
Decatur - TH	17	75.00%	4	17	-
Denton - TH	90	67.60%	5	92	2
Denton South - T	33	84.24%	5	33	-
Dublin - T	22	64.00%	5	23	1
Eagle Mountain Saginaw	31	75.00%	3	31	-
Eastland - TH	18	46.67%	5	18	-
Flow er Mound - TH	71	88.55%	5	72	1
Fort Worth East - M	35	60.00%	3	35	-
Fort Worth International - W					-
Fort Worth North - W					-
Fort Worth - F	447	59.00%	3	451	4

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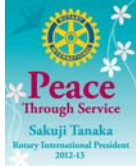
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May 2012 Attendance, Con't

RotaryClub	Members 5/1/2012	%	Mtgs	Members 5/31/2012	Add/Loss
Fort Worth South - T	55	61.54%	4	54	(1)
Fort Worth Southw est - TH	28	62.86%	5	28	-
Gainesville - W					-
Graham - F					-
Granbury - TH	52	70.98%	5	51	(1)
Grapevine - W	89	59.33%	5	89	-
Hamlin - W					-
Haskell - TH					-
HEB - T	70	80.00%	5	70	-
Highland Village					-
low a Park - W					-
Keller - T					-
Kennedale					-
Lake Ray Roberts - T	14	90.00%	5	14	-
Lew isville Morning - TH					-
Lew isville Noon - W	62	86.60%	5	64	2
Mansfield - T	31	72.15%	5	33	2
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	18	81.18%	5	18	-
Metroport - F	31	95.80%	4	32	1
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F					-
Mineral Wells - W	48	80.65%	5	49	1
Nocona - T					-
Southlake - T					-
Stamford - T					-
Stephenville - TH	32	72.50%	5	32	-
Vernon - T	38	60.00%	5	38	-
Weatherford - T	100	61.50%	5	104	4
Western Fort Worth - T	61	89.30%	4	60	(1)
Wichita Falls North - F	29	84.00%	4	29	-
Wichita Falls - TH	82	67.24%	5	82	-
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	30	80.46%	3	29	(1)

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Comments and suggestions welcome.



Outgoing President Gay McGough passing the gavel to incoming President David Hinds.



Outgoing President Gay McGough with Assistant Governor Chris McLucas with the Changemaker Award Arlington West received at the District conference in May.



President Gay McGough recognizing Rotarian of the Year, Jacob Cline.

Arlington West Rotary members at Romano's Macaroni Grill for the Changeover banquet.



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 AUGUST NEWSLETTER

August is Membership Month. You'll find articles from Don Ferrell, Membership Development/Retention Chair, PDG John Miller—Extension Chair, PDG Bill Harnagel on the District Conference and PDG Joi Burton on Group Study Exchange.

Arlington South, Cleburne, Grapevine, Iowa Park, and Metroport Rotary Clubs will let us know what is going on with their clubs.