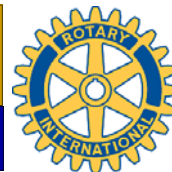


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Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Rotarians, you have heard me quote Albert Schweitzer who said, "All those who are truly happy are the ones who have sought and found out how to serve others." Remember in life we are worth only what we are willing to share. This year you the members of the clubs in District 5790 continued our long tradition of "service above self." You raised funds to end polio, supplied filtration of water throughout our world, promoted education with scholarships, fed the poor, and promoted peace through service in your communities and the world. You sponsored youth and welcomed young adults seeking to know about their career and the way America works.

I saw the Rotary Spirit at work in you at your meetings, community involvement, grants, and Rotary functions in the district. You are what Rotary is all about by making a difference in the world. I know that the world is better because our involvement.

My year as District Governor is coming to an end, but the opportunities for service continue to grow. You may remember me as the governor who handed out M&M's at your club meetings. The M&Ms were just a reminder that we need to be inviting more men and women to join us at Rotary and then engage them as members. District 5790 is a dynamic and growing district. It has been a meaningful and proud experience. Thank you for the privilege and honor of serving as your District Governor.

Yours in Rotary.

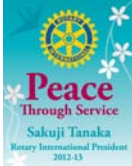
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WANT TO GROW YOUR CLUB???



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As advance notice, right now set aside **Saturday, August 17**...Your **District Membership and Foundation Assembly!** This year it will be held in Weatherford, beginning at 8:45....More details to follow...right now just set the date and confirm attendance. Lunch will be served for some good fellowship!

What's New???

An innovative Three-Year Membership Plan: Not just strategic planning, but tactical "how-to implement" ideas that have been proven to attract new members and help retain existing members. A systems approach that engages membership teams...no longer putting the burden for club growth solely on the Club Membership Chair. **This plan particularly targets the small and medium size clubs wanting to increase their membership, as well as large clubs who do not have a three-year plan or need new ideas in growing their club.**

Who Should Attend?

Of course your club **Foundation Chair** and **Membership Chair** should attend. In addition, at PET's, it was recommended that the **President-Elect** be a key player in the process of developing new members (after all, this will be your club next year)! Also important to the success of each club are you **AG's** who will be involved in the training and communication process. For sure each club should have at least two membership committee members present as well as the Foundation Chair.

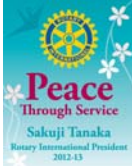
Plan Ahead!

Don't wait until August to get the word out, especially to those listed above. Food planning is critical so the sooner you Club Presidents get confirmation from those in your club who can make it, the better.

Have Fun!

The Foundation agenda will illustrate many of the Humanitarian Programs that give us all a certain amount of pride just being a Rotarian. The Membership Theme will be "Fishing for New Members" so feel free to wear any fishing gear...and be ready to catch your limit!

Please note the venue and cost will be published in the next few weeks.. Editor



ROTARY FOUNDATION—WHAT A YEAR!



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This is my fourth year as our District 5790 Rotary Foundation Chair. It seems the year came and went so quickly. It seems that we were just in the planning stage of the Rotary year, and now I look up and we are ready to begin a new chapter. We are not looking to the Future for a different Vision. But before we do that, let's examine what we have done and then examine how we have prepared ourselves.

This year we had 19 clubs participate in our District Simplified Grants program addressing literacy, health, and hunger. The dollar cost of the projects exceeded \$48,000, and that does not consider the volunteer hours our Rotarians contributed to the projects. Then we have our International Matching Grants projects. These projects requested the assistance of our District Designated Funds of \$41,146.00. We had 8 of the projects and the total dollar impact is \$246,402.00. What an international impact addressing mobility, health, hunger, and disease prevention. We are in Asia, South America, Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean.

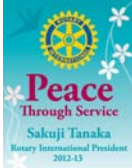
We had a mutual Group Study Exchange with Brazil, District 4770. While I was not privileged to be introduced to our outbound team, I was given the opportunity to assist with the inbound team. They traveled our district and ended their experience in Arlington and Fort Worth. Marcelo, Andrea, Leticias, Thais, Leo, and Bruno made a great impression on our Rotarians. It was an exercise in building goodwill and better friendships.

And what about Ending Polio? The district is currently has funded this effort in the amount of \$174,943. We had End Polio at the Ballpark where our district contributed approximately \$30,000. Then we had the record breaking Polio Banquet in Abilene. Approximately \$80,000 was raised in one evening. It wasn't just about raising money, it was about building clubs. We really need to see more of their "You are the Face of Rotary" video. Then on their own, our area clubs contributed an additional \$64,943. Thank you District 5790 Rotarians. You know that every child deserves to walk and run Polio free.

We had Rotary Has Heart Foundation Banquet in February with Rotary International President-elect Ron Burton. It was a night of fellowship, inspiration and heart. We collected \$17,000 for the Annual Fund and \$170,000 for the Endowment. Again it was not just about the funds, it was about building Rotarians and club. Thank you again.

Now we are at the end of the Rotary year. It is not over. To date, we are at \$181,285 in contributions to the Annual Programs fund. This is where we will access assistance for our Global Grants, our Global Scholars, our Global Vocational Training Teams, and yes our new District Grants. With out all of you, we cannot fund our local and international projects; teaching people to read, treating disease, providing food, providing medical equipment, educating future leaders, teaching people to manage their own societies, and developing ways to address peace and conflict. Of all the effort around the world, Rotary has the ability to address these areas. But most importantly Rotary has you.

Participating in all these areas, District 5790 Rotarians have shown that they are ready to address what is next. We are ready for Future Vision.



COMMUNITY SERVICE *"At Work In Our Communities"*



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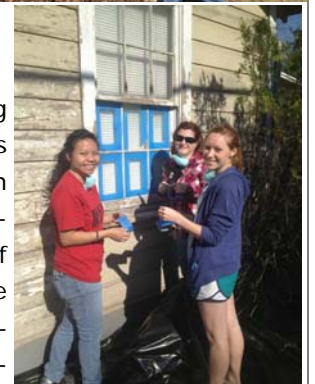
A wise Rotarian once said "A day in a Rotary Club is like a day on the farm. Every meal is a banquet; every dollar put to good use is a fortune". Clubs in our district certainly live by those words everyday to impact and improve the lives of others in their communities. We have several clubs that I would like to showcase for this article.

The first project I would like to highlight comes to us from Jane Foster of the Flower Mound club. They recently challenged the Lewisville Morning, Lewisville Noon and Highland Village Clubs to a blood drive challenge. Their efforts produced over 200 units of blood being donated during the challenge! This was all done with total membership of 190 Rotarians from those clubs which makes their efforts amazing. Please join me in congratulating these clubs with helping to replenish our blood supply!

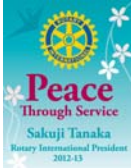
The second project I would like to mention is from my own club, the Rotary Club of Arlington. Tim Britt, a member of the club, chaired this new project called the "Great Day of Service". The objective of the project was to serve a local homeowner by providing home improvements to help elevate their standard of living. After contacting the city for possible candidates and a detailed interview process, a local homeowner just down the street from where the club meets was selected.



The project entailed replacing wood siding, sealing and painting the entire house, and general yard clean-up. About 20 volunteers worked an average of 6 hours shifts. Even the homeowner put on their work gloves and helped with the clean-up and improvements. Keith Aholt with the Arlington Sunrise Club and owner of Nuts and Bolts Hardware store donated supplies, and Tom Ware with the Rotary Club of Arlington and owner of Mr. Handyman provided the technical expertise. The project was successfully completed in one day.



I want to thank those clubs for their dedication to service and helping to impact and improve the lives of others in their communities.



PUBLIC RELATIONS *"Great Progress Made"*



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After three years as District PR chair, it is to the credit of the District's Leadership during this time that we have in place:

- A crisis plan
- A social media policy, thanks to Dr. Susan Maben
- A photo permission form for adults and children, improved this year by Mike Pope
- Implementation of Rotary International's style sheet to give consistency to communications
- Newsletter format and content easier to navigate and read with more consistency in article size, readability, correct grammar and spelling due to the diligence and outstanding work of Chuck Chambers
- More clubs with public relations chairs to originate and circulate information about their activities internally and externally
- News releases about district events created and distributed.

My mantra during this time has been that publicity and promotions are not public relations. Promotions and publicity are "output" that may call attention to the organization, but not result in more understanding of what Rotary is and does.

Access to information about Rotary is the key. That is why access to Rotary communication sites is critical. Although to protect the privacy of our members some elements should be restricted, there is much to share. Because membership in Rotary is by invitation only, if invited potential members want to know more about a club they need to be able to find it electronically.

News media count on being able to go a website to find information about people, possible story ideas and contacts who can help them with information or access to events.

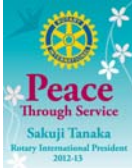
Internal relationships are critical too. How do members know what their club and other clubs in the district are doing?

Members have to know so they can tell non-Rotarians what Rotary is and what it is doing, locally and worldwide.

As a "test" ask some club members about content in the current Rotarian magazine, an outstanding publication, and see what you get. Do the same about the district newsletter, also an outstanding source of information. Some members are only aware of their own club's activities, and while that is good, it may not give a total picture of Rotary. Members, though, are the most credible source for information about Rotary.

For example, when speakers come to your clubs to give presentation, they often bring information about their organization, but how often do we tell them what Rotary is and does?

Many club members seldom, if ever, come to District events. Participation in District events exposes members to other clubs' activities through club displays and Rotary projects exhibits such as safe water, available blood supplies, disaster shelters, etc. Outreach and accessibility are critical in building relationships. That's public relations.



POLIO PLUS RECAP

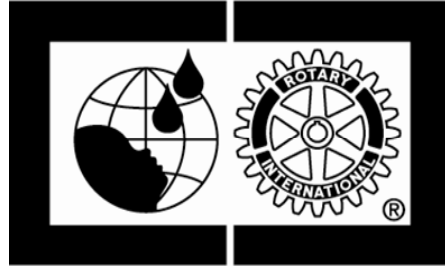


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PolioPlus



Rotary International

Recent Polio cases reported in Somalia & Kenya emphasize the importance of Global Polio Eradication!



Polio Plus: Rotary's obligation to the children of the world

Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!

8,000,000 Children Saved from Polio Paralysis Since 1985

Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 06/08/13

Table with 5 columns: Total paralysis cases, Year-to-date 2013, Y to D 2012, Total 2012, Total 2011. Rows include Globally, in endemic countries, and in non-endemic countries.

New Polio cases reported this week: Pakistan 1, Afghanistan 0, Nigeria 0, Somalia 3, Kenya 0

2013 Polio Case Breakdown by Country (Green Numbers are 2012 Totals)

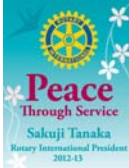
Endemic Countries - 10 Pakistan (2012-58), 2 Afghanistan (2012-37), 24 Nigeria (2012-122)

Importation Countries (2012 & 2013) - 0 Chad (2012-5), 0 Niger (2012-1), 7 Somalia (2012-0), 2 Kenya (2012 - 0)

Israel - Although no Polio cases have been recorded in recent years in Israel, Polio Virus has recently been discovered in sewage there - emphasizing the need for worldwide Polio immunization. See story here:

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/06/04/health/polio-virus-discovered-in-sewage-from-israel.html

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ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE "WRAPPING UP GREAT YEARS"



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This year our Rotary Youth Exchange Students have come from around the world representing countries as diverse as Japan and France, Brazil and The Czech Republic. Still, others are here from Italy, Austria, Chile and Switzerland. Two of our American students have returned from their year abroad in Brazil and Italy. Three others will return from Germany, Japan and Argentina soon.

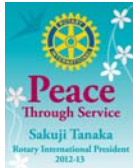
Our host families have been extraordinary. They have provided the students with diverse opportunities. Some have experienced life on Texas ranches with all that suggests. A student went to San Francisco with his host family. Right now, one student is spending four days at the Grand Canyon with his American host father! All have traveled to many places in Texas. Others have gone out of state to be with their new extended family.

Our schools have been unbelievable in welcoming our students. One of our boys was liked so much by the entire senior class that he was voted to be King of the Prom. I asked what that meant. His host Father said the big deal is he gets to dance with the Queen! Some of our students have played all sports even though they never played some of them at home. One girl learned not only how to ride horses but also started to do barrel racing. We have had a golfer who loved being on the team. They all toured our Texas State Capitol in Austin and saw where our legislature hangs out some times. They received a good Texas history lesson from the pictures in both Chambers. In January all our students went to the multi-district youth exchange meeting in Tulsa which included 200 exchanges students living in 16 states.

Some of our Clubs embraced our students and included them in many activities and some members provided tickets to numerous sporting events all over the metroplex. They helped add a real variety of opportunities for the students to participate in Rotary and Texas life! Some clubs helped with scholarships for our American students who went abroad. Not only that, but some clubs and districts in other countries provided scholarships and various other opportunities for our American students so they could do extraordinary things.

Jane Foster, the President of the Flower Mound Rotary Club, will soon visit her son and his Rotary host family in Germany. He has been one of our great American exchanges students this year. She will also travel to the Czech Republic to personally meet the family and girl who her club will host this coming fall. Also they will visit the German short term student who was in their home two summers ago. The parents of our student in Argentina visited her and her host family this spring. I know of three exchange students whose families have traveled here this year. As you can see, youth exchange can be an entire family affair!

During my three and a half years as the YEO, we always say that the purpose of youth exchange is to create WORLD PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING. It is a fundamental core program of Rotary International. More money is spent on working each year with 8,000 Rotary Youth Exchange Students than any other program in Rotary except for the Foundation Programs. Rotary International, student's families, Districts, Clubs, host families, schools



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and Rotarians spend large amounts to make this work. Some Rotarians wonder how we can make such a sweeping statement as to believe that high school exchange students can change the world.

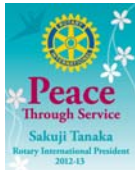
If you know them, then you understand why the answer is True. Let me give you a few examples. Two years ago Jane Foster and her family hosted a short term exchange student from Germany. One of his first statements was that he did not believe anyone would like him. Astonished, she asked WHY. He calmly said because he was German. Then he said because of WW II. I asked another YEO in a different state about this remarkable thinking of a 16 year old today from German. She then told me she had a great German exchange student in a very good school. He told her how the kids in that American school called him by very derogatory words that only adults and old people would have used in this country 60 years ago. Today, the German Government still provides scholarships for their students to participate on youth exchange programs to the US. Unless it has changed in the last several years, every member of the German Government "Congress" had been an exchange student to the US. The first Chancellor of West German, Konrad Adenauer, had a nephew who was a high school exchange student in South Richland Hills for TWO years! He is a doctor today in Germany. The Swiss government provides funds for Rotary in Switzerland and other exchange program to administer this program in their country.

In the last two years I have taken two Rotary youth exchange student to the United Nations in NYC and to visit their country's Mission. One of the boys lived in Nocona for a year where he played football. He plans to be a lawyer, businessman and politician. He was interested in economics and government. During my preparation for our trip I found out his Father is a consultant...to Kings, Presidents and Heads of State among other things. This boy speaks fluent, English, French, German, Russian, Italian and a lot of Spanish. Also one of our students last year plans to be in the European Parliament to represent his country and also be a businessman. His Grandparents witnessed the invasion of his country by the Soviets and lived under harsh communist rule. Later, his uncle was a student leader who helped organize the demonstrations that helped bring down the communist control of his country. His father is a successful businessman and is presently working with the government for the return of their family forests that the Communists confiscated. Past AG Sylvia Mahoney and I took him to Washington, D.C. when we were asked to be present for the presentation of the research that had been conducted to designate the Great Western Trail as a National Historic Trail. He was with us at this meeting as well as with Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. He returned home to finish his high school and plans to study economics in Denmark next year. One of our students this year has traveled all over the world with his family and has visited more places and dived in more oceans than probably most of us have ever experienced in our lifetime. He is a natural leader who we will hear from in the future. One Rotary youth exchange student will enter law school in the Netherlands this fall at age 17. He plans to be in the European Parliament or the United Nations.

Past YEO Peggy McConnell who has worked with youth exchange for over 20 years enjoys seeing former students from all over the world return to visit their families multiple times and touch base with her when they come to the US on business. When you know these students you understand the great future and potential they each have to help change the world.

With all this good news you have to wonder why we have so few clubs participating each year in hosting our exchange students? There are three reasons that we all have to consider.

1. Many Rotarians tell me youth exchange is not important at all. Why should we bother to be involved when any kid can go with their teacher on a short sightseeing trip to Paris or other places? The other comment I hear is



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why bother, there are lots of other programs that place exchange students. Let them do this.

2. The most frequent comment is that the Rotarians in my club are too old. They don't want kids. They are glad they are free from their own who just left home. There is some truth to this. In fact, I had lots of fun with PDG Sharron Miles. As a past superintendent of schools with years of experience working with teenagers, I would tell her from time to time that what she and her husband needed was a nice 15 or 16 year old exchange student to live with them! I must say that her comments to me were printable. However, I got the feeling that what she was really thinking was that she would like to run over me with a Mack truck. Who knows, she may have tried! In reality we all know families with children who would be great host families. There are a lot of them out there or else our schools would not be filled with exchanges students placed by other programs
3. School placement is a problem because so many organizations try to place too many students in their schools. We have to work with each school. The best success of school involvement with our program is our new AG, Dr. Jim Chadwell. He is not only a school superintendent and club President of our new Eagle Mountain RC but he also helped us find host families. His club established the youth exchange program this year and hosted two students. He asked to be the Club Rotary counselor for one of our students. We need more our or school administrators who are Rotarians to become proactive in this program.

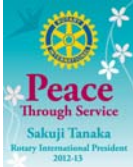
Most Rotarians do not realize that our District Committee this year has been involved in working with 36 student as well as host families, parents of outbound students, schools and Rotary Clubs. Only the Rotary Youth Exchange program spans part of the year for each of three District Governors.

Norman King is taking over my position July 1. He has been deeply involved for several years with our program and has served as the inbound coordinator this year. Phyllis Catton, Peggy McConnell, Jane Foster, Isaac Castro and RIPD Don Mebus have served as core people on our youth exchange committee. When people tell me they are too busy I just have to think of our RI Past Director Don Mebus. He came to ME asking to be a student Counselor. He was a great student counselor spending time with the student and taking him to a number of places. This spring he reminded me that he wants to be a counselor again.

This year R.I President Tanaka established what he called Rotary Global Peace Forums. They were held in Berlin, Honolulu and Hiroshima. The locations were not by accident. In Hawaii there were 600 young people coming from Mexico to Mongolia who participated in all sessions. In his speech he tells his story. He was 3 years old, a member of a rural Japanese family with many children when the Emperor surrendered. He grew up to become a successful businessman, a great Rotarian and then went on to lead our great organization this year. He ended his talk by saying Peace between countries is possible. I am in Honolulu today!

Wont' you consider this program...This year? We can use your help now. As always we need host families and have students to still place.

Thank you for all your support for the work so many of you have done during the last three and a half years to strengthen our program in this district's Youth Exchange Program. We have a great future.



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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



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A few years ago, a team of Rotarians from District 5790 went on a Humanitarian trip to Haiti after the devastating earthquake. While there, it was noticed by PDG Tom Sheriff, who happens to be an Optometrist, that no one was wearing eyeglasses. Statistically, this is not accurate. He decided to take the initiative and start what is now called "Vision Clinic" at the Mission of Hope compound in Haiti. With the help and support of his club and several other Rotarians in the District, eyeglasses have been (and still are) being donated, prescription strengths are being checked, categorized, organized, boxed and taken down to the clinic. On several different trips, a room at the mission was designated, cleaned and set up with equipment donated by various companies.

The clinic is open two days a week and Tom has trained three young ladies to check the eyes of everyone that comes in. If it's determined that glasses are needed, the girls communicate with Tom at his office in Wichita Falls, Texas and he'll let them know which pair of glasses is needed and where they are located. If the person is in need of more help because of more medical issues, they are referred to a doctor on staff.

Mission of Hope now has the following in mind:

Optical Care:

- Set up functioning optical care in Haiti - **DONE**

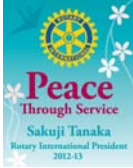
Medical Care:

- Upon securing eyeglasses and equipment, begin providing higher-level medical care for eye patients with regular operations in Haiti (via supplemental NA Dr's).

Surgical Care:

- Move to elective surgery operations on regular intervals.

We look forward to continuing the work down in Haiti.



DISTRICT 4 WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST



Mike Pope is District Chair, 4 Way Test Speech Contest for District 5790. The program has continued to grow and added 6 Rotary Clubs in 2012-2013.

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Our 2013 Four Way Test Speech Contest Finals were held at our District Conference on Saturday, May 18, 2013. The winners were announced and prize money was awarded. For the enthusiastic audience, our high school student participants, and our distinguished panel of judges, it was an exciting contest. It was also our largest group of Finalists ever.

In the Rotary year 2012-2013 we increased the number of participating clubs to 33 and increased the number of Regional Contests from 2 to 3, in order to reduce the burden on Regional host clubs and to offer a greater opportunity for participation among clubs in the western-most areas of our District. The winners of all our individual Rotary club speech contests went on to the Regionals, where the top two from each Regional won a cash prize and advanced to the Finals. But, because of a tie at one of our Regionals, we advanced 3 from that contest for a total of 7 Finalists.



Pictured above are all 7 of the finalists, who gave their speech at the District Conference.

Hats off to the clubs who held speech contests at their clubs this year. Special thanks also go to the clubs who hosted our three Regionals: Haskell, HEB/Mid-Cities Pacesetters (combined Regional), and Weatherford. Without these clubs "stepping up" our district contest could not exist.

After judging and tabulating the scores for all the contestants, we had a tie for 1st place. Both will receive \$1,000 checks this week. Our winners are:

- Emajae Clements representing the Rotary Club of Arlington South
Damon King representing the Rotary Club of Metroport

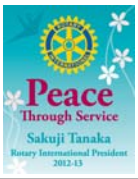
Our heartiest congratulations to our two winners, both of whom will now be invited to give their speeches next month at RYLA.



Damon King (left) with Chair Mike Pope (center) and Emajae Clements (right) winners of the District 5790 4 Way Test Speech Contest.

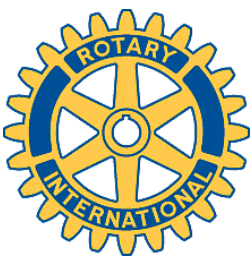
As our clubs end one Rotary year and begin another, this is an excellent time to make the decision to include the Four Way Test Speech Contest as part of your club's Vocational Service campaign in the coming year. Let's get all our clubs involved and introduce even more young people to the ethical values we Rotarians hold so dear.

For information about starting a Four Way Test Speech Contest in your club, please call or email me.



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DISTRICT AWARDS –2012-2013

The clubs below received awards at the District Conference last month in the 5 avenues of service. Awards are given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners in 3 club sizes—25 members and under, 25-50 members and 51 members and higher.

Rotary District 5790							
Club Awards - District Conference 2013							
	Club Service	Community Service	International Service	New Generations	Vocational Service	The Rotary Foundation	
Small Clubs							
1st	Arlington Sunset	Arlington Sunset	Arlington Sunset	Fort Worth North	Arlington Sunset	Abilene Wednesday	
2nd	Colleyville	Fort Worth North	Iowa Park	Arlington Sunset	Colleyville	Arlington Sunset	
3rd	Abilene Wednesday	Colleyville	Colleyville	Iowa Park	Iowa Park	Colleyville	
Medium Clubs							
1st	Wichita Falls North	Mansfield Noon	Metroport	Arlington GSW	Lewisville Morning	Mansfield Noon	
2nd	Lewisville Morning	Lewisville Morning	Wichita Falls North	Wichita Falls North	Wichita Falls North	Wichita Falls North	
3rd	Granbury	Mid-Cities Pacesetter	Lewisville Morning	Arlington West	Arlington West	Lewisville Morning	
Large Clubs							
1st	Grapevine	1st - Grapevine	Grapevine	Grapevine	Denton	Grapevine	
2nd	Keller	1st - Lewisville Noon	Cleburne	Flower Mound	Grapevine	Arlington Downtown	
3rd	Denton	1st - Arlington Sunrise	Arlington Sunrise	Denton	Cleburne	HEB	



Congratulations to the Grapevine Rotary Club for becoming Rotary Club of the Year in District 5790.

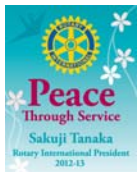


PDG Dan Morales received the Prestigious Rotary International "Service Above Self" award from the RI Board of Directors for his work over the years.



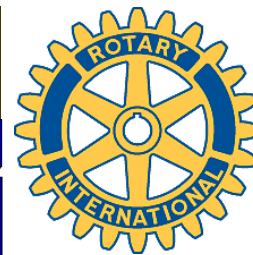
Both Chuck Chambers and Dan Morales received special recognition from DG Hollis Lackey for service to the district this year. Chris Wade (left with wife Sherri, received recognition for his service as District Treasurer.





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GOVERNORS BLOOD DRIVE

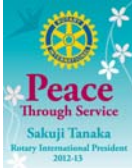


The District Vampires, display their capes at the District Conference in May. District 5790 and District 5810 have had a blood challenge for nearly 10 years.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM—BRAZIL



The GSE Team from Brazil, wrapped up their 4 week trip to our district with presentations at the District Conference. This also included a video wrapping up their trip as well as singing to the district attendees at the conference.



DECATUR ROTARY CLUB *"It's About Serving the Community"*



Brian Knox is President, Rotary Club of Decatur for 2012-2013. He can be reached by e-mail at:

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Earlier this year, one of the organizers of Decatur's summer feeding program came by my office to see me. As president of the Decatur Rotary Club, I was asked if our club could help him out with purchasing Crock Pots to be given away to families in need this summer. Our club was the first service organization he went to.

That's what I love about our club. When there is a need in the community, we reach out to help address it. And our community realizes that as well. Our club did, indeed, agree to help by providing funds for 10 Crock Pots.

Community service has always been at the heart of the Decatur Rotary Club. Each year, our club sponsors a free fishing derby at Black Creek Lake in the LBJ National Grasslands for area children and their families. We give away prizes in various age groups and categories including most fish caught, biggest fish, smallest fish and the winners of our casting contest. We also serve a hot dog lunch to the participants.

In addition to working with the U.S. Forest Service on the fishing derby, we completed a project last year to replace the picnic tables at the lake. It was such a success that we decided to work on "Phase 2" this year, which included helping secure a contractor to build a sidewalk and ramp to the restrooms at the lake. That project was completed in late May, just in time for our next fishing derby in June.

At Christmas, our club always participates in the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign organized by one of our members. All money collected is used to help local families in need. Our club also held a Christmas party this year, but instead of buying gifts for each other, one of our club members suggested making donations to the Wise County Rainbow Room, an emergency resource center available to Child Protective Services caseworkers to help them meet the critical needs of abused and neglected children. Our club came through once again, donating diapers, blankets, toiletries, clothes, toys and more than \$250 in cash.

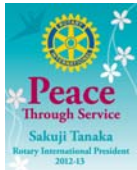


DONATION FOR THE KIDS — The Decatur Rotary Club donated supplies for children to the local CPS office at Christmas. CPS caseworker Erin Kulas (second from left) accepted the donation from Rotarians, from left, Lannie Noble, John Lanier, Frances Richardson and Brian Knox.

Last month, our club once again formed a team to participate in the Wise County Relay for Life, an all-night walk to raise money for and awareness of cancer research. Our team raised more than \$1,600 for the American Cancer Society.

Supporting our local youth has also always been a high priority for our club. In May, we

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presented our annual \$1,000 Decatur Rotary Club scholarship to a well-deserving graduating Decatur High School senior who exemplified Rotary’s motto of “Service Above Self” through many volunteer activities. Last summer, we sent two DHS students to RYLA and are planning on sending another student this year. Last year’s participants came back and wanted to start an Interact Club at the high school, so we’ve been working on starting an Interact Club at the school and hope to have that in place this fall. Also, last summer our club also participated in a Short-Term Youth Exchange where we helped send a local youth to Finland for a month, and a Finland youth came to our community for a month and gave a presentation to our club.

Last fall, our club served a hamburger meal to college recruiters at the annual College Night at Weatherford College Wise County. The recruiters, some of whom drive several hours to the event, are always very appreciative of the free meal.

For the first time this year, our club participated in the Wise County Health Fair. The event provided an opportunity for our club to highlight the many local blood drives we sponsor throughout the year as well as to bring attention to Rotary’s End Polio Now campaign.

Two new members have been welcomed into our club this year, and we recently held a brainstorming meeting and dinner to come up names of potential members in our community. We’re in the process of coming up with a recruitment plan to help increase membership.

In addition to adding new members, retaining members is also a priority. Last fall, Rotary members and their families participated in a family outing to the Black Creek Pumpkin Patch where we enjoyed a picnic dinner, hay rides, bounce houses, a petting zoo and other fun activities.

In order to keep members informed about upcoming projects and speakers, as well as reports on past club activities, a member of our club began a weekly club bulletin that is distributed at our meetings.

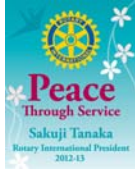
We meet at noon each Thursday at the Decatur Civic Center on U.S. 380, so if you are in town, please stop by and be our guest.



HEALTH FAIR PARTICIPANTS — For the first time this year, the Decatur Rotary Club participated in the Wise County Health Fair in order to highlight the club’s regular blood drives and to bring attention to the End Polio Now campaign. Rotarian Curtis Creswell is shown man-

FLOWER MOUND RECOGNITION FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS

[The Rotary Club of Flower Mound, Texas, USA](#), was recognized in the [local media](#) for investing time, energy, and resources to start a Rotaract club at a nearby community college. “Students are now involved in community projects and presently working on growing the organization and building a better community,” said Flower Mound Campus Director Jessica DeRoche. With this media coverage, the [Rotary sponsored program](#) is promoted as a way young people ages 18-30 can serve their community.



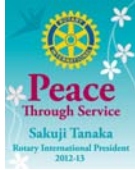
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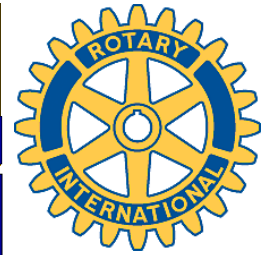
RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	4/1/2013			4/30/2013	
Abilene - F	84	60.88%	4	85	1
Abilene Southw est - T	53	59.61%	5	52	(1)
Abilene Wednesday	28	56.75%	4	28	-
Arlington - TH	115	67.36%	4	115	-
Arlington GSW - W	29	40.91%	4	28	(1)
Arlington North - M	35	62.58%	5	35	-
Arlington South - F					-
Arlington Sunrise - F					-
Arlington Sunset - T	19	63.64%	5	20	1
Arlington West - T	41	57.00%	5	42	1
Azle - TH	31	52.00%	4	31	-
Bow ie - W	27	76.11%	4	27	-
Breckenridge - T	24	57.75%	5	26	2
Brow nw ood - W	22	75.82%	4	23	1
Burkburnett - T	39	57.95%	5	39	-
Burleson - F	44	86.36%	4	44	-
Burleson Area Mid Day - M	29	69.00%	5	29	-
Cisco - TH					-
Cleburne - TH	68	60.90%	4	68	-
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	15	69.30%	5	14	(1)
Crow ell - W					-
Decatur - TH	17	78.00%	4	17	-
Denton - TH	90	67.53%	4	89	(1)
Denton South - T	38	82.45%	5	36	(2)
Dublin - T	28	67.00%	5	29	1
Eagle Mountain Saginaw	31	62.00%	4	31	-
Eastland - TH					-
Flow er Mound - TH	64	85.77%	4	65	1
Fort Worth East - M	33	76.00%	4	33	-
Fort Worth International - W	11	60.00%	1	11	-

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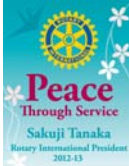
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RotaryClub	Members 4/1/2013	%	Mtgs	Members 4/30/2013	Add/Loss
Fort Worth North - W					-
Fort Worth - F	435	58.15%	4	438	3
Fort Worth South - T	55	65.91%	5	56	1
Fort Worth Southw est - TH					-
Gainesville - W					-
Graham - F	105	33.30%	4	105	-
Granbury - TH	43	75.57%	4	44	1
Grapevine - W	94	76.88%	4	95	1
Hamlin - W					-
Haskell - TH					-
HEB - T	67	75.00%	5	67	-
Highland Village	22	80.00%	4	21	(1)
low a Park - W	13	76.92%	4	13	-
Keller - T	69	61.62%	4	68	(1)
Kennedale	26	36.00%	5	26	-
Lake Ray Roberts - T					-
Lew isville Morning - TH	30	84.48%	4	30	-
Lew isville Noon - W	65	93.25%	4	65	-
Mansfield - T	41	68.50%	5	41	-
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	17	73.21%	4	13	(4)
Metroport - F	33	85.48%	4	33	-
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F					-
Mineral Wells - W	45	76.14%	4	45	-
Nocona - T					-
Southlake - T					-
Stamford - T					-
Stephenville - TH	34	61.00%	4	36	2
Vernon - T	35	61.00%	5	34	(1)
Weatherford - T	84	55.31%	5	80	(4)
Western Fort Worth - T	60	88.90%	5	61	1
Wichita Falls North - F	31	85.00%	4	31	-
Wichita Falls - TH	80	67.43%	4	80	-
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	30	80.67%	5	30	-

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TIME TO PASS ON THE BATON FOR THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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In January 2009, incoming District Governor John Miller, came to my office and asked me to take over the District 5790 Newsletter starting in his year of 2009-2010. The problem when an incoming governor personally comes to your office, is that you darn well better have a good reason if you are going to say "no". I agreed for 2 reasons: First, I didn't have a darn good reason. I'd done my clubs newsletter for several years. Secondly, his chair was in front of the exit out of my office. So I couldn't escape! And I'm too old to climb out the window there. So I had to say yes. I'm glad I did.

What I didn't realize about doing the newsletter is how much we have going on in our district, and how great a district we have. We've been fortunate to have great leadership and very dedicated people at both the club and district level, to the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self" that have done great things that allowed for great articles.

When I was at a district function, people would see me coming up to them and realize "oh you need an article from me, right? I'd say yes, and they would provide it.

Through the newsletter, at the club level, you've shared your successes and challenges, and what has been going on with your clubs. You've given other clubs ideas that have helped them grow.

At the district level, the leadership has shared their passions about their areas of service. We have some very passionate Rotarians in our district! Had I not put in their article(s), I probably would have been put out in a field, tied up and left to be eaten by cattle in Abilene.

In October, 2011, I told DG Nominee Jim Giffin, it was time for me to pass on the baton. Doing a newsletter takes time and passion, and while I have both for Rotary, it was time for me to take on another position. He offered, and I accepted the Vocational Service Chair for 2013-2014. We have a great team so far. (And you will see great articles from the Vocational Service Team this next year!)

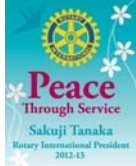


Marilyn Pokorny will be the new District Newsletter Editor starting in July. When I heard that she was taking over the newsletter, I couldn't think of a better person to take over the editor position. We sat down a few weeks ago and I've shared how I've gone about gathering articles for the newsletter.

Marilyn and her husband John (who is now District Webmaster) are great Rotarians and very active up in the Lewisville Morning Club and at the district level.

You will be in great hands with her, sharing your successes, challenges and what is going on through our great district.

Thank you for the opportunity to share what has gone on in our district for the past 4 years.



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NOTE AS OF JULY, MARILYN POKORNY IS THE NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

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Terry Ip, a member of the Arlington North Rotary Club went on a mission trip to India. As a professional photographer, he captured the above image and submitted it into RI and was recognized as a runner up in the annual photo competition. It is in the June 2013 Rotarian Magazine



Andrea Lopes, one of the GSE Brazilian Team Members, and her father became a member of their local Rotary Club this month.

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 note that Marilyn Pokorny is the new newsletter editor as of July.

COMING IN THE JULY NEWSLETTER

The Abilene Southwest, Arlington, Dublin, Flower Mound and Vernon Rotary Clubs will let us know what is going on this past year.

At the district level, you will see articles on Public Relations and District Blood and Organ Drives.