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Hello Rotarians of District 5790,



2009-2010 DG John and his wife Claire

In spite of all the snow we had, March was a great month with many other things happening. First, thanks to Kim Crawford of the Rotary Club of Arlington the District 5790 Foundation, Inc., is now formally approved as a 501C3 “public charity” and the Foundation has received from Rotarians and their friends \$30,000 toward disaster relief. WE are proud that The Foundation now has its own mailing address at: P.O. Box 92605, Southlake, TX 76092. Any mail to the former address will be forwarded to this new post office box address.

On March 10, 2010, Rotary International chartered The Rotary Club of Burleson Area Midway with 29 members as the 65th Rotary Club in Rotary District 5790. What an exciting evening Extension Chairman Al Hethcock and your District Governor had when we joined with this new club at their charter banquet celebration, installed all the new members and formally presented them with their charter.

And, to say the least, the Rotary Club of Denton has been working hard to make our District Conference 2010 an exciting event on April 9-11, 2010. The theme is “Fun & Fellowship”. To me that is what Rotary is all about. On Friday evening we are having a fun event in the never before attempted “Golf Ball Drop”. You do not have to play golf or even know what a golf ball looks like. Just buy one or two golf balls and watch your district governor go up in a helicopter and drop them on a green somewhere, hopefully on the golf course. For each golf ball you buy for \$20.00 each you are buying a chance to be a winner. I assure you that there will be a winning golf ball, but the real winner will be Polio Plus.

Saturday is a day to Celebrate Youth, both Rotary Foundation Programs and all other youth programs that Rotary and our district offers. At the noontime Rotary Alumni Luncheon we will have a super speaker in Greg Podd from Arizona. Our GSE Team that went to India in December-January will be there, as well as the GSE Team from District 3000 in India will be with us. Youth Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, RITE Teachers, Interactors, Rotaractors, RYLarians will all be there. Come out and get revigorized by the energy of our young people.

We hope to see you there,

In Rotary,

John & Claire



DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Larry Aaron is Chair for the District Conference to be held in April 2010.

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The District 5790 Conference will meet on April 8-11, 2010 at the beautiful Marriott Dallas/Fort Worth Hotel and Golf Club at Champions Circle located north of Fort Worth and just south of the Texas Motor Speedway. The Rotary Club of Denton will serve as your host for the meeting. District Governor John Miller is determined to have one of the best District Conferences ever and our club is just as determined to make it happen. The hotel has been magnificently redecorated and refurbished. The hotel is just 20 minutes from the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and just minutes from both Denton and Fort Worth. The hotel has 22,000 square feet of versatile state-of-the-art meeting space. A big plus is that all overnight guests have access to the Texas Motor Speedway's state-of-the-art health club and day spa. Spouses of Rotarians will have an opportunity to tour the Texas Motor Speedway, which is a great experience.

The conference will be fast paced and interesting. There will be something for everyone including hearing about the many wonderful projects our District 5790 has done in the 2009-2010 Rotary year. There will be motivational speeches as well as presentations on the many projects our clubs have accomplished. We have been planning for the conference since March, 2009. The committees have met numerous times so that everything will run smoothly for your enjoyment. We hope that we have "left no stone unturned" in pursuit of your comfort and pleasure.

We would like for the surrounding Rotary clubs to schedule their meeting that week for Friday, April 9, 2010 when we plan a giant combined all-district meeting for all the clubs. It would be a great motivator for your new members as well as your veterans to see a large crowd at the opening meeting on Friday. It might help give your new Rotary year a jump-start that will carry on throughout 2010-2011!

If your club has accomplished something in the 2009-2010 Rotary year that you would like to share with others, please let us know about it. You may write or e-mail the District Secretary about your project, and plans to present it to the District Conference. April 8, 2010 will be here before you know it! Please mark your calendars now for the date.

If you have an Interact club that your club sponsors, we would love to have them come on Saturday, April 10, 2010 for a huge day of games and fun on the beautiful lawn of the Marriott Dallas/Fort Worth Hotel overlooking the golf club.

We will provide a picnic lunch for the participants as well as a meaningful experience that they will remember. Please come and join us for the District Conference April 8-11, 2010.



DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



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Incoming Club Officers and Committees for 2010-2011

Mark your Calendars!

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY – May 15, 2010

(Training Seminar for Incoming Club Officers and Committees)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – FORT WORTH

The DISTRICT ASSEMBLY prepares incoming club officers and committees for opportunities and responsibilities in the new 2010-2011 Rotary Year. There are also sessions planned for club officers and orientation for new members.

Our District has approximately 50 committees specializing in a full range of Rotary service opportunities. Breakout sessions will focus on how best to access resources and support in your interest areas. You will get to know your district representatives for each service program and you will be able to sign up for ongoing contact and support.

Register now for the May 15th DISTRICT ASSEMBLY so you won't miss the training you need for an effective 2010-2011 Rotary Year. Don't wait until the new Rotary year starts to find out you have not prepared.

To register online, please go to the District Assembly Calendar entry on May 15th at on the District website at: www.rotary5790.org.

I look forward to seeing you on May 15th!

J. Paul Lucas, District Governor Elect

PS: To sign up for District Committees Communication please visit: <http://jplucas5790.wufoo.com/forms/rotary-district-5790-committees-information/>



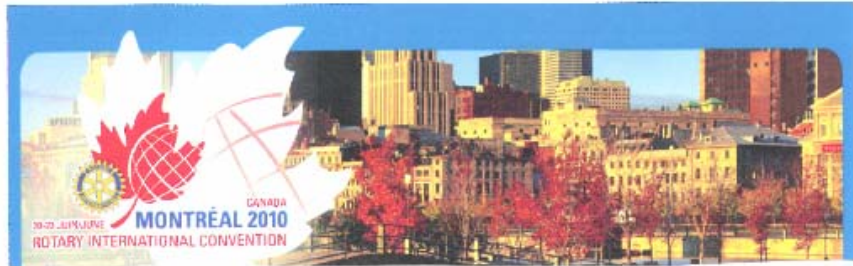
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



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As Chair of the Host Organizing Committee, this is my invitation to all of you to join us for the celebration of the Internationality of Rotary in Montreal, June 20 - 23, 2010. We will be celebrating 100 years of Rotary being an international organization as a result of the first Rotary club meeting outside the USA in November, 1910, in Winnipeg, Canada. You will live 'An International Experience' everywhere you go within the city.



This is your celebration of 100 years of diverse cultures, multiple languages, and numerous races and religions all working together in harmony to make a better world in Rotary. You will also experience this diversity in the city of Montreal. Montreal is officially a bilingual city where French and English is spoken everywhere, but there are 80 different languages spoken throughout the neighborhoods representing the many countries our citizens have come from.

You will experience the multi-ethnicity of Rotary in the streets, and the friendliness of the locals in the shops, in the restaurants, in the museums, or traveling on the Metro (subway), or perhaps while just relaxing, enjoying refreshment in an outdoor cafe or sitting on a bench in the shade of a tree in one of many Montreal's parks.

This will also be reflected in the entertainment and host hospitality that the local Rotarians have planned, which will not only make you feel welcome, but to experience a multicultural Canada in the truest sense of the word.

Come to Montreal to celebrate, to learn, to make new friends, rekindle old friendships and celebrate 100 years of the Internationality of Rotary in 'An International Experience'.

Start the trip out right with a train trip to Montreal.

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For details!



Dolly Parton will speak at the morning plenary session on 23 June to promote reading among preschool children.

Photo courtesy of The Dollywood Foundation



AREA 9 — ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUBS



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I have one of the best jobs in Rotary! Meeting monthly with the presidents of each of the seven clubs in Arlington is a great opportunity to find what outstanding things Rotarians are doing in the community and around the world. The following is a synopsis of the clubs:

The Rotary Club of Arlington is best known for three major programs; one is the Honduras pure water project that has reduced water-borne illness and death by the installation of water filters in living quarters. This program uses matching grants and assistance from other Rotary clubs. The second program is the Webb School Scholarship program where every student that graduates from Webb is promised a chance at a college education if they just stay in school. 22 students have now graduated from college as a result of these scholarships. Hundreds more have attended college. The third program is a literacy program called "Read with Rotary." It is aimed at every adult in Arlington that can't read or write. This is a new program with collaboration with United Way, First United Methodist Church and Sunset Rotary.

Arlington Great Southwest Rotary Club has found success in raising money through eating! In early March, Fish City Grill donated 15% of the day's sales to the club to be spent on their local literacy projects. I went to dinner there and saw many club members and Rotarians from other clubs. Fish City allows you to distribute information about your club. On March 23rd, Buck N Loons donated 20% of the day's sales toward the Harold Key Scholarship. On April 25th, you are invited to buy dinner at Olenjack's Grill in Lincoln Square. Proceeds will fund RYLA Scholarship and other youth activities. A Pancake Breakfast was held at Applebee's in the fall to raise money for Polio Plus.

Arlington North Rotary is known as the "Friendliest Club in Town." Arlington North and Arlington Sunrise are the two clubs that raise funds by putting out flags on six national holidays. North puts out flags at over 800 homes and businesses. It is a good way to let people know what Rotary is and how patriotic Rotarians can be. Arlington North started the Dictionary Project and distributes dictionaries to all third graders in the elementary schools that feed into Lamar HS. They do Meals and Wheels and have an active Wheel Chair program. They also have a literacy project.

As I write this, I am looking forward to the 26th Annual Student Recognition Banquet, hosted by the **Arlington South Rotary Club**. This dinner recognizes 10 students from each high school with their principals describing their activities. It is a very nice evening. South has hosted a Christmas Party for children who attend Boys and Girls Club for over ten years. The party includes games and activities. Each child has the opportunity to visit with Santa and receive a stocking filled with goodies. They have a Wine Social and fundraiser in Grapevine in April to help pay for all these activities.

Arlington Sunrise Club sponsored its first long term Youth Exchange student. They continued their work at Thornton Elementary where they helped build an exterior covered walk way and finished phase one of a soccer field with goal posts in cooperation with Sunset. Members held a food drive for Mission Arlington, distributed hot meals to the disadvantaged at Christmas and provided clothing and toys to the needy through the "Holiday Families" program. They participated in a blood drive and information campaign to promote World Polio Plus Day.

Arlington Sunset Club has a new location! They now meet at Gilligan's in downtown Arlington. They have an Interact Club at Bowie High School. Sunset is collaborating with United Way, First United Methodist and the Arlington Rotary Club to carry out an adult literacy program called "Read with Rotary". SafeHaven is fortunate to have been

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adopted by Sunset. Members provide Thanksgiving baskets, fulfill needs of families at Christmas and provide supplies for Camp Heart. They wrote a grant for soccer goals at Thornton Elementary. Books were given to Sherrod Elementary's library. They are a small club with a BIG HEART.

Arlington West Rotary was pleased to reach its goals for the year. They added two new members and had no loss of members. All members are 100% RI donors and 1 Paul Harris award was given this year. Their golf tournament was a success even with the rain postponement. They awarded 4 \$1000 Scholarships to Martin HS students and 4 \$750 Scholarships to Venture School students. They sent Morton Elementary students to Camp Grady Spruce. President Richard Boone said " It has been a good year and has solidified my belief in the Rotary motto."

Area 5—ROTARY CLUBS DOWN US 377

There are four clubs on US 377 south of Fort Worth. These are the Rotary clubs of Granbury, Stephenville, Dublin, and Brownwood. As the Assistant Governor for these clubs I enjoy the friendship and fellowship they give me when I visit. They are filled with great people and they are great Rotarians.

I will start with the furthest south, which is Brownwood. This club is celebrating their 90th year this spring. President Mary Irving and her club planned a special event for the celebration and invited back some past members to talk about their days in the club. This club was sponsored by the Fort Worth club in 1920 only 15 years after Rotary was founded. I am going to this special event and will present them a certificate of congratulations from DG John Miller.

This club has done loads this year and the most important thing is their membership is in the plus column. This is important because the club has had declining membership for a number of years.

The major program of the year is their Arts and Crafts Fair that they hold in the city's convention center. It is completely full of people selling their handmade items. The show's participants cannot sell anything made by a manufacturer or company as it must be made by them. The club raised over \$6,000 for their scholarship program.

The club also reworked the flag program to provide for its growth and better management. Under Mary's leadership this flag program has been strengthened and will contribute to the scholarship program.

The next club up US 377 is the club at Dublin. The town of Dublin is the home of real Dr. Pepper still made with real sugar and home of the only Rotary club in our district that owns a building. Michael Haley is the president of this club and is in his second year as the club president. Mike is a great president as most of the time he cooks the meal for this club of just over twenty members. I know of no the president who cooks for his club's regular meeting. The last time I was there he made a wonderful five bean soup.

The club is also special in other ways. This year they are hosting the GSE team from

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India and its planning for that has been extensive. They are also sending a student to RYLA this year and they recently had a great blood drive. They are also restarting the Four Way Test Speech contest with their high school

I think one of the best things they do is work with the Stephenville club on a Habitat for Humanity home. The Stephenville Rotary club is the next club up US 377 but it is only ten minutes from Dublin so this is an easy project for the two clubs to share. The Dublin club is sponsoring the desert for the dedication of next Habitat home they have built.

The Stephenville Rotary club is very active in a number of ways in addition to the program they do with Dublin. This year President Rosemary Nagle has her club distributing dictionaries to every school in Erath County except Dublin. They also are the organizer of the Salvation Army bell ringers for Stephenville and this year they set a record because they raised over \$8,000. For the Polio Plus program the club had a booth on the town square during the Stephenville Fall Festival passing out information and collecting donations.

The club also has a flag program and one of the fun things president Rosemary does is make the Rotarians breakfast. What a motivator she is because I hear those breakfasts are very special. Another president on US 377 who knows Rotarians like great eats.

I think of all the things they do their signature event is their "Leaders of Tomorrow" banquet. This year it is being held on the night of May 7th at the Legends Country Club. This program is focused on the outstanding high school students of Stephenville. The club gives out its college scholarships at this event. I am so pleased to be one of the invited guests for this event.

The last club up US 377 is my own club at Granbury. The Granbury Rotary club is under the leadership of president Elizabeth Bezeredi and it is having a great year. The Granbury club also hosted the GSE team from India. My job will be to give them a tour of lake Granbury on my boat.

The club has had a successful fall fundraiser for the purchase of equipment for the Granbury Senior Center, Children's Advocacy Center, and Ruth's Place. Ruth's Place is where local doctors give free medical care to the poor children in Granbury. The club has been busy planning to send four students to RYLA, distributing dictionaries, conducting regular blood drives, and it will give away college scholarships in May.

This year's signature program is what has been named "Rotary for Pets." This was President Elizabeth's idea and it was in planning before she became president. Her original idea was to coordinate with the local Meals on Wheels program to provide pet food to the people using that program. It came to her attention that many of these seniors gave part of their food from Meals on Wheels to their pets because they couldn't afford pet food.

Well, the program has been a smash. Over 1,000 pounds of pet food has been donated to the club and the people of Granbury sent in donations after reading about "Rotary for Pets" in the Hood County News. Elizabeth has a team of Rotarians who deliver the pet food and chat with the recipients, who are so glad to get food for their pets.





AREA 8— FORT WORTH ROTARY CLUBS



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It has been a tremendous honor to serve three terms as Assistant District Governor for Region 8 which comprises seven Fort Worth Rotary Clubs. Watching each of these seven clubs provide endless "Service Above Self" with all their efforts and contributions to Rotary has been humbling. Their generosity of their time, talents and treasures makes me grateful to be a Rotarian. Getting to know these Rotarians over the past three years has broadened my appreciation for each and every one of them. I am always welcomed with open arms when I visit my clubs. Even though I am handing this position over to Sid Johnston (the current President of the Fort Worth Rotary Club) beginning July 1, I will continue to visit all of you!! Thank you for allowing me to serve you; it has been a great privilege.

Fort Worth North – John Gobeck, President, 25 members

This club has added (5) new members as of March 1. John Goodbeck, the President, had a goal to add (12) new members for his year and they are well on their way.

For a small club of 25 members, this club is one I am VERY proud of. They are a EREY club – Fort Worth North has donated at least \$100 per club member to Rotary International. These are just a few projects in which they are involved;

Meals on Wheels (15 years), donating a book to the library at Sam Rosen Elementary for every speaker, (about 48 per year), Dictionaries to the 3rd graders. Coats to J.P. Elder Middle School, and more dictionaries to HOPE Farm to 3rd graders. The Fort Worth North Rotary club is responsible for getting them established several years ago. They help mentor young boys of single mothers beginning as young a 5 years old up to high school age. They young boys/men stay on the right path for their young lives. On February 5th, the club went to Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth and fed the families that were staying there. They feed approx. 75 people. Four Way Test Speech contest was held Feb. 24th. The winner received a scholarship in the amount of \$4,000. All contestants received a Thesaurus to assist them in their education. On April 28th the club will be having a Golf Tournament at the Resort @ Eagle Mountain Lake. It will be their major fund raiser for the year.

Fort Worth South – Alberto Zeilovich – President, 77 members

The Rotary Club of Fort Worth South is proud to be the host club of Ambassadorial Scholar Young Sun Lee. Lee is studying at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The club has been busy with flags, dictionaries, backpacks, blood, books and wheelchairs, etc. Club members delivered dictionaries to third graders at Wilson Elementary and received a wonderful thank you note addressed to Mr. Rotary. Each year, the club asks officials at Wilson Elementary to submit a wish list. This year, students needed warm clothing. Through club contacts we were able to deliver coats, hooded sweatshirts and backpacks within a week.

Fort Worth South's flag display project will enter year three and raised about \$8,000. The 250 flags are projected to grow to about 500 this year. Four high school students participated in the Four-Way Test Speech contest and Sarah Reckling, a Fort Worth student who is home-schooled, represented the club at the regional contest. Locally, we've supported students with scholarships and acknowledged our firefighters and police officers with an annual award.

Our newest members were given the opportunity to select an organization to sup-

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port. They chose the Lady Hogan project. Pregnant women who have AIDS receive counseling and treatment, which in most all instances, allows the infant to be born HIV negative.

Each month members host a 15-minute presentation for prospective members following the regular lunch meeting that answers the questions, What is Rotary? And is this the club for me?

During the holidays, club members have the option to give wheelchairs as gifts. The monies helped to purchase 10 wheelchairs. Club members help with the Salvation Army Angel Tree during the holidays, too.

Club members responded to the Haiti earthquake disaster with three Shelter Boxes and a \$2,000 donation to the district's foundation. A handful of blood drives have been conducted as part of the Governors' Blood Challenge and books are still being collected for the Books to the World project.

Each May, you can find the Rotarians from Fort Worth South on the Colonial Country Club golf course during the Crowne Plaza Invitational Golf Tournament. During the PGA tourney, they man a concession stand in the Horrible Horseshoe (holes 3, 4, 5 – named this for their difficulty and shape). For four days they sling hamburgers and beers to raise funds to benefit the community through club projects.

Western Fort Worth – Lucy Brants, President – 73 members

This club is celebrating 58 years as a Rotary Club!! This is my home club and they are involved in a number of wonderful projects.

The club has provided Rotarians and Interactors to man the Salvation Army Tree at Ridgmar Mall on weekends to help people adopt angels for 15 years.

Kid's Club at Ridgmar Mall – Western Fort Worth Rotary sponsors this event the first Thursday of each month. Kids come and paint canvasses and they are displayed by the large banner "Rotary in Motion" outside Macy's Department store to provide public awareness of Rotary. If you are at the Mall, be sure to stop by and see this!!

Spaghetti Supper – This is a new project this year to raise additional funds for club projects. The event will feature a live and silent auction and is scheduled April 20th at Ridglea Country Club 6:30pm to 8:30pm, cost is \$15, plus a cash bar – **EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!** Proceeds will go toward scholarships, Polio Plus Campaign and other club projects.

Internationally, the club will host a GSE team from India for 3 days in April. Additionally, they helped build a water well in Kenya through a District Grant and provided needed supplies for a hospital in Budapest, and several times a year, the club donates many needed items to our troops in Iraq/Afghanistan.

This club heavily participates in the third grade dictionary project providing dictionaries to 10 elementary schools. And the club participates in the Four Way Test Speech Contest with students from Arlington Heights and All Saints.

Fort Worth East – Janelle Kavanaugh, President – 35 members

I was privileged to attend one of this clubs most significant projects this Rotary year which was a "Reunion Meeting", inviting all previous members for whom they could find addresses. Many had moved away or retired, but they came. With no program they had the opportunity to visit and renew former friendships and made for a great meeting. Another is The Fort Worth East Rotary Club's response to an Ambassadorial Scholar, Graham Sowa. Graham's request for funds to continue his efforts help the Haitian people with whom he has worked for several summers. His request was met with a resounding "YES", resulting in this Club's do-

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nation of \$500 to assist Graham's efforts, quite significant for a Club of only 35 members!

Fort Worth Southwest – Ray Gillespie, President – 23 members

This club's biggest accomplishment of the year so far has been membership growth. Last Summer they moved to Mira Vista Country Club and have added 5 new dynamic members- a 29% increase! They need 2 more to hit 25 which is their goal. So far this year they have given dictionaries to 3rd graders in 5 elementary schools and thesauruses to 6th graders in 3 schools. They are currently planning a blood drive in May and a joint project with the Southwest Lion's Club to spruce up LeBlanc Park in SW Fort Worth. This is the 25th anniversary of the park's opening and both clubs participated in the original funding for the handicapped access park.

Fort Worth International – Don Hicks, President – 13 members

Fort Worth International Rotary Club has been actively involved in the community this year. In November, members of the club volunteered at the Andrew Doc Sessions Center in Fort Worth Fort where they assisted children in after-school care with completing their homework and made a donation of school supplies.

In December, they volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House in FW and cooked dinner for the families staying in the facility while their children received hospital care. They look forward to doing this project again this year!

In January, Dictionaries were provided to all 3rd graders at I.M. Terrell Elementary and Briscoe Elementary schools in Fort Worth. As an international outreach, continue to work with The Immaculate Heart Hospital in Urulla, Nigeria to buy a new \$10,055 generator for that facility.

With the help of Jim Burger of Fort Worth East, Dan Morales of Arlington Great Southwest, Janelle Kavanaugh **AND** the members of Fort Worth East, some DSG monies and other personal donations, a donation was made to the Aids Outreach Center in Fort Worth (AOC), representing over \$2,000. We also appreciated Dave Davis & Sharon Miles making it all come together for the benefit of the AOC.

Fort Worth – Sid Johnston, President – 516 members

"For the first time in American history, the generation retiring is better educated than the generation that follows." When this sobering message flashed to the screen at the Rotary Club of Fort Worth's *Workplace Literacy Summit*, more than a few gasps were heard. The message, delivered by keynote speaker Dr. Ed Gordon, came during a data-rich presentation heard by nearly 100 attendees representing more than 30 Fort Worth businesses, community service organizations, and educational institutions.

The Summit was hosted by this Club and organized by a committee of Rotarians who dedicated more than a year of planning under the able direction of chair *Libby Watson*. The objective was to bring together a cross-section of community leaders for an exchange that would expand awareness about adult/workplace literacy issues and advance efforts to address them in a coordinated manner. The Summit succeeded on all counts. A common theme heard from all speakers was one of *concern* – concern for the challenge that low literacy poses to thousands of men and women, and to the businesses that need to employ them. Following President *Sid Johnston's* welcome and review of the day's agenda, Club Past President *Fernando Costa* reminded attendees of the commitment this Club made in 2008 to dedicate five years toward educating Fort Worth about this issue while serving as a catalyst to solutions. The February 24 Summit added another exciting chapter to the effort.

STARS – Service Through Active Rotarians and Students—In addition to providing information to parents about financial resources available for their children to attend college, the Education Committee sponsored a Math and Science Day at the University of Texas at Arlington and the downtown campus of the University of Texas at Arlington, Career Day at Riverside Middle School, recruited pen pals to write to students and has volunteers signed up to participate on the official STARS day in April.



WEATHERFORD ROTARY CLUB



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The Weatherford Rotary Club has enjoyed a busy, exciting year! One of our themes for the year was "more" – and that's exactly what we've done: conducted a Dictionary Project, worked to implement a Rotary Reads program, substantially expanded our weekly Club Bulletin, put up flags all around Courthouse Square on national holidays, implemented a Greeter program, conducted several blood drives, participated in a major health fair, and supported our Interact Club. In addition, more than half of our Club is participating in EREY. Another of our "more" goals was in regard to District activities. We will be sending students to RYLA, hosting a Youth Exchange student in the fall, and hosting the GSE Team from India.

We continue to offer financial assistance to a number of community service organizations, including Red Cross, Manna, Center of Hope, United Way, Relay for Life, Pythian Home, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

On February 23, 2010, the Club celebrated a 105th "birthday party" for Rotary, with a cake and other birthday activities. (PICTURE)

Our biggest event year is our Pancake Supper. (PICTURES) On March 2nd we had our 54th Supper, attended by over 1500 people. The event includes a raffle and a silent auction. Most of the funds from the Supper are used to provide college scholarship help to local students. From last year's Supper, we provided 8 \$1000 scholarships.



KELLER ROTARY CLUB



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Wow! - what a year it has been for the Keller Rotary Club! So much was accomplished in 08-09 that we just used that momentum as we began our new year. Early on we held a club assembly to set the direction for the year. The club decided to focus on membership, quality programs, community service and international service.

We began the year with 43 members and made a concerted effort to recruit outstanding new members. We are excited to announce that our club has increased by 7 for a total of 50. That's an increase of nearly 17%!

The club also has made a concerted effort to provide quality programs. Some of this year's highlights include programs from our foreign exchange student, Senator Nelson, State Representative Truitt, General Carol Bailey of the Ukrainian Cossacks, District Governor John Miller, field trips to our new Keller Library and the BNSF network operations center. We also involved some of our local school district's finest students in a wonderful Christmas concert and our 4 way Speech Contest. In October we had a club assembly on membership and thought it would be a great idea to invite several guests / potential members and all of our past presidents. I am excited to say that 16 of our past 20 presidents attended and were able to share projects and ideas that worked well for them in years past.

Our commitment to community service continues to be a club focal point. Our biggest project this year has been the clean up and restoration of the Historical Mt. Gilead Cemetery. The site actually has markers dated as early as 1798! The club has had several workdays to remove brush, unwanted trees and extensive mowing and trimming. The cemetery front entry was not distinguished by any significant signage or fence so the club raised funds to erect a 6' wrought iron fence complete with stone columns across the entire front of the site. A total of \$8,000 was raised through our Flag project and golf tournament to support this cause. The club participates in two annual fundraising projects – The first is our Star Spangled Streets flag program. We put out over 700 American Flags on each of the 7 designated flag holidays – quite a site to see the whole town decorated in red, white and blue!!! Our second project is our annual Dwight Lee Memorial golf Tournament. This exciting event is held in memory of former Rotarian Dwight Lee – who was a true leader in the Keller community. He was instrumental in the development of the Veteran's Memorial Park. This year's tournament will be June 8 at Sky Creek Ranch Golf Course. The club also participated in the Toys for Tots program at Christ's Haven for Kids Children's home.

On the international side – we are very proud to be a 100% Every Rotarian Every Year Club (EREY)! Our club also sent 19 Interact students and 6 adult sponsors to Acuna Mexico to assist the local Rotary Club in repainting their school. Over \$5,000 was committed to the project. Speaking of Interact – The Keller Club is proud to have over 100 Interact members in two of our Keller schools! That's got to be a record.

Our club is thriving due to our outstanding members. The energy created by our newest members and coupled with our passionate veterans is quite the recipe for success! We hope you will be our guest at one of our upcoming meetings!



DISTRICT 5790 AND CLUBS ARE ON FACEBOOK!



Chuck Chambers is District Newsletter Editor and one of the contributors to the District Facebook Page. If you have something to share please e-mail it to:

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Social Media has become more important of a way to communicate between people, friends and companies.

District 5790 has launched a Facebook page as well as several of the clubs. A more in-depth article on Social Media will come out next month. But, in the meantime, if you are Facebook, look up the District Web Page and become a fan.

Look up "[Rotary Texas District 5790](#)" on Facebook. We'll update district events as well as club events available to the district. Be sure to become a Fan so you can get updates!

Here are some clubs with pages:

[Arlington North Rotary](#)

[Lewisville Morning Rotary](#)

[Cleburne Rotary](#)

Below are Rotary International Pages.

[Rotary International](#)

[Rotary International Convention 2010 in Montreal](#)

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR REACHING OUT FOR HELP TO RAISE MONEY



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Basically, I am working with another scholar and we are trying to get dozens of UK Scholars on board with the project. This is how we want to say "Thank you" to Rotary and to Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland for hosting our year abroad. We have 3 months to fundraise 5,000 GBP for Leonard Cheshire Disability (a UK-based charity with international projects and a solid history with Rotary). We have also coordinated a 5K walk in Greenwich Park in July.

Please visit the website that we created with Leonard Cheshire at www.justgiving.com/summerwalk There you can click on the donate link and contribute directly to the event via this safe and secure site. Feel free to pass along the information and invite others to attend the event and donate to the cause.

This is the first time I have been a top organizer for an event of this nature and would also welcome any ideas or suggestions from you on how to better reach out to the Rotary family and encourage participation in this event (it can be so difficult to get people motivated!!).



FEBRUARY 2010 CLUB ATTENDANCE

Rotary Club	Members 2/1/2010	%	Mtgs	Members 2/28/2010	Add/Loss
Abilene - F	102	64.17%	4	104	2
Abilene South west - T	59	79.81%	2	57	(2)
Abilene Wednesday	20	58.75%	4	20	-
Arlington - TH	110	56.25%	3	110	-
Arlington GSW - W	44	77.00%	4	44	-
Arlington North - M	41	85.98%	4	42	1
Arlington South - F	24	49.28%	3	24	-
Arlington Sunrise - F	63	95.00%	3	63	-
Arlington Sunset - T	8	60.00%	4	8	-
Arlington West - T	34	68.00%	4	35	1
Azle - TH	40	69.00%	3	39	(1)
Bowie - W	22	68.92%	4	22	-
Breckenridge - T	23	57.50%	4	23	-
Brownwood - W	21	86.90%	4	21	-
Burkburnett - T	40	67.00%	4	41	1
Burleson - F	59	81.50%	3	59	-
Cisco - TH	15	76.00%	4	15	-
Cleburne - TH					-
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	12	83.00%	4	10	(2)
Crowell - W					-
Decatur - TH					-
Denton - TH	84	54.11%	4	85	1
Denton South - T					-
Dublin - T	23	72.00%	4	24	1
Eastland - TH					-
Flower Mound - TH	71	74.00%	4	71	-
Fort Worth East - M	36	55.00%	4	36	-
Fort Worth International - W	13	80.00%	2	13	-
Fort Worth North - W					-
Fort Worth - F	514	58.00%	3	516	2
Fort Worth South - T	76	62.04%	4	77	1
Fort Worth Southwest - TH	20	80.00%	4	21	1

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Rotary Club	Members 2/1/2010	%	Mtgs	Members 2/28/2010	Add/Loss
Gainesville - W					-
Graham - F	111	44.00%	4	111	-
Granbury - TH	54	56.00%	4	53	(1)
Grapevine - W	92	72.51%	4	94	2
Hamlin - W					-
Haskell - TH	24	60.42%	4	24	-
HEB - T	66	80.00%	4	67	1
Highland Village	29	81.00%	3	29	-
low a Park - W	17	79.10%	4	17	-
Keller - T	47	68.00%	4	50	3
Kennedale	30	68.00%	4	30	-
Lake Ray Roberts - T	16	83.00%	4	16	-
Lewisville Morning - TH	26	88.89%	4	26	-
Lewisville Noon - W	55	71.59%	4	54	(1)
Mansfield - T	38	77.70%	4	37	(1)
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	18	70.67%	4	19	1
Metroport - F	30	88.00%	3	30	-
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	50	65.00%	3	50	-
Mineral Wells - W	44	80.12%	4	44	-
Nocona - T					-
Sanger - T	10	37.50%	4	10	-
Southlake - T					-
Stamford - T	37	68.00%	4	37	-
Stephenville - TH	26	65.74%	4	27	1
The Colony - T					-
Vernon - T	42	64.28%	4	42	-
Weatherford - T	115	72.81%	4	115	-
Western Fort Worth - T	73	84.54%	4	73	-
Wichita Falls North - F	37	90.00%	4	36	(1)
Wichita Falls - TH	84	62.00%	4	84	-
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	25	90.00%	4	25	-

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READ WITH ROTARY



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Read With Rotary, the new Adult literacy program sponsored by Arlington Rotary Club and Arlington Sunset. After months of evaluation, planning, recruiting, training, etc., the new community service was launched last night with a greater response than any of the authorities in this field had felt was possible.

As a reminder, the program focuses on Adult Basic Education, specifically, teaching Adults who are English speakers, but functionally illiterate (reading and writing below a 4th grade level) to read, write and comprehend. We had researched and picked the most effective curriculum. We had recruited and trained Rotarians, Rotary spouses, and friends. We had been given the use of a small building on the property of First United Methodist Church in Arlington as a place to hold our classes. Our financial resources had come from the two Rotary clubs, the District Simplified Grant program, and from a United Way grant. Student recruiting was facilitated by the schools in the neighborhood, businesses, and social service agencies. The cost of training materials and licenses quickly broke our budget, and the Board of Arlington Rotary stepped in to enable the full potential of the resource to be assembled.

There was a lot of preparation. But, when enrollment time approached, the Rotary literacy team had no idea if anyone would overcome the stigma of admitting the inability to read, and step forward to enroll. We had been warned that the turnout in similar start-ups had been zero to one or two. We had no idea...until the phones started ringing yesterday, the day of registration.

The response was surprising, and heartwarming, and showed that the United Way was right. There are thousands and thousands out there-English speakers who can't read with their children, or properly fill out a job application, or read instructions on a package or on pharmacy items, or a myriad of other things that we take for granted.

We had 9 who were interviewed and screened, and who enrolled. We have 4 others who set appointments for enrollment in the next few days. We had referrals from Mission Arlington, Women's Center, Salvation Army and a probation officer (???). We had good response from well worded flyers in the neighborhood.

Our students will be attending class two nights a week, for two hours. They will be participating in a proven program prepared by Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, and based on the multi-sensory learning research that is recommended for Adults, and for any with dyslexia, or other reading weaknesses.

The program which has been launched will be carefully monitored and refined as it unfolds. We plan to limit enrollment for several months while we stabilize our program and our teachers gain experience with the lessons. But, then, we hope to be able to allow the expansion that now seems certain in our community. In addition, we will be striving to firm up the model so that the basic structure and materials can be made available to any other District Rotary club that would like to explore implementing a community based Adult (non-ESL) reading program.

We express appreciation to the District Simplified Grant team, who played an invaluable role in getting this worthwhile community service launched.



BROWNWOOD ROTARY—90th BIRTHDAY



Mary Irving is the President of the Brownwood Rotary Club.

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Brownwood Rotary Club celebrated their 90th Birthday at 12:00 on March 17th at the Brownwood Country Club. Current and Former Rotarians were invited to attend. Mayor Bert Massey presented a City of Brownwood Proclamation honoring the club, Mary Elizabeth Taylor will play the piano just as she has in past meetings, senior members presented information about “the good old days”, and the club members had 90 candles to blow out!

The Charter for the Brownwood Rotary Club was presented to its original 18 charter members on March 19, 1920. The charter members included Dr. Earl Bell, Charlie Carpenter, Dr. Joe Dildy, W. L. Ellis, Fred Greber, Professor J. H. Grove, Kent Hallum, Chester Harrison, G. N. Harrison, Harry Knox, W. E. Lambert, Joe Renfro, Bob Rogers, David Standley, French Thompson, Lee Watson, Jim White, and Rex Wilkes. The charter presentation dinner was held at the Graham Hotel at 201 North Fisk. The most exciting thing about this list of charter members is that Mr. Lee Watson was the grandfather to the Watson/Blagg family, which has had one or more members in the club for the entire 90 years (the current member being Mike Blagg of the Weakley Watson True Value Hardware store in Brownwood.

At the beginning of 1920, Rotary International had 530 Clubs, and at the end of 1920 it had grown to 758 clubs, so the number of the Brownwood Club is estimated at having been just over 530 when it was chartered as a Rotary International Club.

Rotarians have held many positions in civic organizations in Brownwood, including the Commercial Club, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees, and some have served as mayors of the city of Brownwood as well.

The motto of the Rotary International is “Service Above Self”, and Brownwood Rotarians have been involved in both local and international service projects. Many of the club’s international service contributions have been made through the Paul Harris Foundation. Thirty-nine members who have donated \$1000 are designated as Paul Harris Fellows. International donations range from such diverse projects as providing wheel chairs to poor to providing used school books to Africa to abolishing polio throughout the world. Through Rotary International, polio is now down to existing in just three countries: India, Pakistan and Somalia. Through its continued efforts, we hope to eradicate polio from the earth in our own lifetime.

Local projects that the Brownwood Rotary Club has work on include supporting boy scouts as early as 1923, In fact, in 1929, the Rotary Club raised \$6,500 for the formation of the present Comanche Trail Council. The club also began the “Pioneer Day” in 1935, which was held for many years. Through the years the club also has given thousands of dollars in scholarships to local students to use at the college of his or her choice.

For many years, Rotary had male members only. The wives had an annual “Ladies Night” as early as 1923, and in 1949 the “Rotary Ann Club” was organized. They met monthly to help the Rotary wives to become better acquainted. They still meet today as the “Friends of Rotary”, and donate annually to the scholarships given to local students by the Brownwood Rotary Club. When Rotary International voted to allow women to join, the first woman Rotarian in Brownwood was Mary E. Taylor, who joined on April 8, 1992. Today Rotary International is open to both men and women throughout the world.



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS & FUND RAISERS

HIGHLAND VILLAGE ROTARY
DOG WALK
April 24th

WHAT: "Paws for a Cause" Dog Walk
WHO: Families and their Dogs
WHEN: Saturday, April 24th
WHERE: Parking lot of PetCo on FM 407 in Highland Village
COSTS: \$15 per canine
TIME: 9 AM—1 PM.
For More Info: www.RotaryPaws4aCause.com
Contact Reyna Castillo at (214) 497-9585
Benefitting the Highland Village Animal Care Unit and the Community Dictionary Project.

FORT WORTH NORTH
GOLF TOURNAMENT
April 28th

WHAT: Annual Rotary Golf Tournament
WHO: Individuals or Foursomes
WHEN: April 28th, 2010
WHERE: Resort at Eagle Mountain Lake
COSTS: \$100 Registration covers 1 player for golf, and 2 people for awards dinner.
TIME: 1 PM Shotgun Start
Sponsorships available.
Contact Brent Morton at 817-781-9936 (C) or 817-886-2735 (H). Brentcmorton@gmail.com
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GRAPEVINE ROTARY
RAFFLE TICKET
DRAWING—MAY 6TH

WHAT: Three Nights at the Wynn in Las Vegas for Two (2); includes Roundtrip Airfare (excludes holidays or major sporting events)
COSTS: \$25 per ticket or 5 for \$100
WHEN: Drawing to be held May 6th
WHY: Proceeds fund college scholarships to high school seniors from area schools
CONTACT: Judy Sherman, jude@jsherm.com or 817-320-9317.

H-E-B ROTARY
GOLF TOURNAMENT
June 11

WHAT: Brenda Whitley HEB Rotary Golf Tournament
WHO: Individuals or Foursomes
WHEN: June 11, 2010
WHERE: Texas Star Golf Course
COSTS: \$125 per player
TIME: Registration/contests begin at 11:30 a.m.
Sponsorships available.
Contact Dale Harwell at (817) 788-7030



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To submit articles please send them to the editor at the e-mail address above.

Submissions are requested by the 20th of the month. Please send them in an editable format. Please include pictures!

Comments and suggestions welcome.

WESTERN FORT WORTH - SPAGHETTI DINNER—APRIL 20

WHEN: April 20th

WHERE: Ridglea Country Club

TIME: 6:30 pm

COST: \$15 per person; \$200 for table of 8.

Includes Silent and Live Auction. Cash Bar. Proceeds benefit Scholarships, Polio Plus and Club Projects.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Co-Chairman Ron Halder at 817-266-8080 or Chair of our Freshman Committee Marvin Walters at 817-731-3361

PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT



Don Ferrell makes an emphatic point to the club while discussing Polio Plus at Arlington Sunrise.



Arlington Sunrise - 4 Way speech contestants from Arlington Bowie High School are shown with Rotarian Bill Verkest

CLUB UPDATES

Highland Village Rotary Club has moved to a new location. They now meet at Casa G's Tex-Mex Restaurant, 1301 Justin Road (FM 407) in Lewisville at 5:00 pm on Thursdays.

COMING IN THE NEWSLETTER IN MAY

May continues the wrap up of the year. You'll find articles about the district conference from Larry Aaron. District Chairs will write about what has gone on in their area.

You'll also find articles from the following Rotary Clubs and what they are doing:

Burleson, Denton, Fort Worth South, Mansfield, Mineral Wells and Southlake will let us know what has been going on with their clubs.

As always, if you have something to share about your club—send it in!