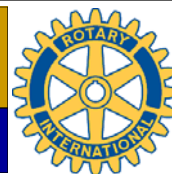




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2010-2011 DG  
Paul Lucas

In conversation with members of three clubs last week, we noticed that all three (Stamford, Cisco and Eastland) were formed in 1921 and will celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. It caused us to think about what has made their tenure possible.

We all agree that our core values of Service, Integrity, Fellowship, Leadership and Diversity are essential. But to continue to be successful as the world becomes more complex, it is important that we follow management principles laid out by Rotary for training, planning, goal setting and assessing needs and results.

As we work to successfully complete our goals and objectives for this Rotary year it is important to focus on our remaining schedule. March 31<sup>st</sup> is the cutoff date for several key items including:

- ◆ The Presidential Citation
- ◆ Avenue of Service and Foundation Award forms
- ◆ Matching Grant Applications

March is also an important time to review club Foundation and Membership targets. This includes making sure that committed contributions are being forwarded to the Rotary Foundation (TRF) and that action items related to membership recruiting and retention are continuing to be implemented.

Rotarians are motivated to do “good in the world” and make a positive difference.

However for many years there has been resistance to personal or club recognition. Club leaders should consider that:

- ◆ Individual recognition is not the reason for our good works but it is a very effective way to help focus our efforts.
- ◆ Recognition is also a good way to increase public awareness and encourage more folks to get involved and expand our capability to serve.
- ◆ Documenting your club’s achievements in the Presidential Citation and Avenue of Service Award forms is a very effective project management technique for having an annual checkpoint and providing continuity in setting future plans. Clubs who follow the discipline for a checkpoint like this tend to accomplish much.

Our **District Conference (May 6-8, 2011)** is an important way that Rotarians pause each year to reflect and affirm what we stand for and what is being accomplished. Through sharing ideas with other clubs and key note speakers, we improve our effectiveness going forward.

- ◆ Registration for the District Conference is now available in the “Events” section of our Website [www.rotary5790.org](http://www.rotary5790.org)
- ◆ [Register Now for discounted rates.](#)

Thank you for all you are doing in Rotary Service,

*Paul*



## DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



Sharron Miles is DGE for District 5790. She will take office on July 1, 2011 as District Governor.

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# LET'S GET FIRED UP

## APRIL 16, 2011

Food, fellowship, and Rotary...

The best combination for success!



Rotary District 5790

District Assembly

Tarrant County College- Trinity River Branch

8:30 am- 2:00 pm



The Assembly is to be held at the Tarrant County College –Trinity River Branch in the heart of downtown Fort Worth. It is a state of the art facility that generates an exciting atmosphere for learning.

We will have a large variety of sessions to provide the most current information for your club officers and chairmen to get them "charged up" for the new Rotary year!



Remember, the District Assembly is training for the 2011-12 club officers and chairmen, **but** all club members are invited to attend. **In fact, it is encouraged!** It provides an opportunity for those who are thinking about serving in a leadership position in their club as well as in the district.

# FOR ROTARY !



## DISTRICT CONFERENCE "May 6 , 7 and 8, 2011"



**Designed for :**

- ♦ Service
- ♦ Enlightenment
- ♦ Recognition
- ♦ Vision
- ♦ Interaction
- ♦ Celebration
- ♦ Entertainment

For registration questions, contact: District Secretary Richard Sherman at

[rsher-man5790@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsher-man5790@sbcglobal.net)



**Make Plans and [Register Now](#) for our exciting District Conference at the beautiful Hurst Conference Center.**

**Join us to "Honor Those Who Serve"**

**Clubs are encouraged to sponsor a "first responder" from their club or community at the Governor's Banquet on Saturday Evening .**

**Package discounts and many options available for early registration. Many clubs in the area will use the Friday Kick Off Luncheon in place of their weekly meetings.**



**Enjoy great accommodations and excellent rates if you register early at the Hyatt Place Hurst , 1601 Hurst Center Dr., Hurst, TX**

Register early and use Group Code # G-R011

<http://hyattplaceftworthhurst.com/>

**Memorial Service and Mothers Day Brunch - planned May 8th at Texas Star Conference Center - 9:30am**

Please email information and picture of any Rotarians deceased in the last year to: Richard Sherman [rsher-man5790@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsher-man5790@sbcglobal.net) They will be honored during this special memorial service at 9:30am. A Special Mothers Day Brunch will follow at 10:30am.



**Optional Golf Event - May 5th 7:30am**

**At the famous Texas Star Golf Course**



## "I NEED YOUR HELP!"

(Would I put this in bold letters and all caps if I didn't?)



Janelle Kavanaugh is Awards Chair, District 5790.

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I am writing this to solicit your help creating a poster. My goal is for it to attract attention and create enough interest that people will become involved. After observing other flyers that I think are good, I believe it is good to use a variety of colors, fonts, font sizes, etc., so let's get started.

Please vote on these on a scale of 1 to 5, five being the best to tell me what you think of them.

#1:            1            2            3            4            5

*It is time to start gathering your Club's information to send in to the Awards Committee.*

#2:            1            2            3            4            5

**The Rotary Clubs in District 5790  
are so great they should all get awards!**

#3:            1            2            3            4            5

*Clubs must have their information in to the Awards Committee by March 31.*

#4:            1            2            3            4            5

*If you think you don't qualify, think again! Just read over the Awards Criteria,  
and you will discover you have already done many of those things.*

#5:            1            2            3            4            5

*You lost the information about the Awards??? Here's the website: [www.rotary5790.org](http://www.rotary5790.org)*

#6:            1            2            3            4            5

**What the heck! Just forget about the ratings and start preparing your  
Awards information so you can step up to the plate and be recognized.**

**We'll be looking for you!!!**





## "WHADDA YA KNOW.. WE DID ALL THOSE THINGS!"



Janelle Kavanaugh is District Chair—Awards for 2010-2011.

She is past District Secretary for 5790, and past President of the Fort Worth East Rotary Club.

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Do you think your Club might have...

- ◆ Gained one new member (net) between July 2010 and January 2011?
- ◆ Great fellowship and stimulating programs regularly at your Club meetings?
- ◆ Regularly sent your Club newsletter to all Club members?
- ◆ Provided financial assistance to the Club president-elect for attendance at PETS?
- ◆ Maintained a Website with programs, projects, and achievements?

**Then your Club has completed the first part for a Presidential Citation. What next?** Has your Club:

- ◆ Sponsored a Four-Way Test Speech competition?
- ◆ Devoted four or more of your Club meetings to Vocational Service topics?
- ◆ Developed and initiated a new Vocational Service project?
- ◆ Routinely provided a copy of the Four-Way Test and the Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions to all new Club members?
- ◆ Classification talks by Club members for at least three Club meeting programs?

**Now your Club has completed the second part, is there more?** Has your Club...

- ◆ Provided a community service project to benefit young people during the past 12 months?
- ◆ Currently sponsored a Rotaract or Interact Club?
- ◆ Sponsored a student participant in a RYLA camp within the past 12 months?
- ◆ Conducted a successful fund-raising event in the past 12 months?
- ◆ Spent more time and money this year on Rotary service projects in the community rather than using its resources to fund requests from other organizations?

**Almost there! Just one more to go to Qualify!** Has your Club:

- ◆ Hosted or sponsored a Youth Exchange Candidate?
- ◆ Hosted Group Study Exchange team or sponsoring a candidate?
- ◆ Participated in an international project with a Rotary Foundation Grant?
- ◆ Supported a World Community Service Project?
- ◆ A member who belongs to a Rotary Fellowship or a Rotarian Action Group?

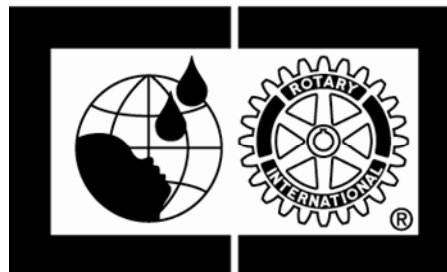
**WOW! You did it? You have met the requirements for a Presidential Citation!**

*But take a look at the Presidential Citation application form found on the Rotary International website, [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/900en10.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/900en10.pdf). The above are not the only items that would help you qualify for the **PRESIDENTIAL CITATION**; there are other things you might do. If you earn as many as 35 points in each category, you are eligible for a **PRESIDENTIAL CITATION WITH DISTINCTION**! Send your entry to District Governor Paul before March 31, 2011.*



## "POLIO PLUS UPDATE" "80% OF THE WAY THERE!"

### PolioPlus



### Rotary International

**\$163 Mil**

**Now Raised  
to Meet the  
\$200Mil  
Challenge**

***PolioPlus: Rotary's obligation to the children of the world***

*We Won't Stop, Until the Last Child Is Immunized!*

## ***Polio Eradication Update***

*For The Week Ending 03/05/11*

Total paralysis cases	Year-to-date 2011	Thru this date in 2010	Total in 2010
Globally	23	33	974
- in endemic countries:	10	28	232
- in non-endemic countries:	13	5	742

**New Polio cases reported in the last week:**

**Pakistan 4, Afghanistan 0, India 0, Nigeria 0, Chad 5-1 from 2010-4 from 2011, Congo 1-from 2010, DRC 10- 4 from 2010-6 from 2011**

**2011 Polio Case Breakdown by Country (Green Numbers are 2010 Totals)**

**Endemic Countries – 1 India (2010-42), 0 Nigeria (2010-21)  
8 Pakistan (2010-144), 1 Afghanistan (2010-25)**

**+ Importation Countries – 1 Angola (2010-33), 5-Chad (2010-26), 0-Congo (2010-65),  
7 DRC (2010-100), 0 Kazakhstan (2010-1), 0 Liberia(2010-2), 0 Mali(2010-4),  
0 Mauritania (2010-5), 0 Nepal (2010-6), 0 Niger (2010-2), 0 Russian Federation (2010-14),  
0-Senegal (2010-18), 0 Sierra Leone (2010-1), 0 Tajikistan (2010-458),  
0 Turkmenistan (2010-3), 0 Uganda (2010-4)**

### **Do You Know?**

The historically polio-endemic states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh in India have not seen a case in more than six months. The most recent case was a wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case with date of onset 01 September 2010 in Champaran East district, Bihar. Halting transmission in these areas means winning a key battle in the war against polio as they have traditionally been large exporters of the virus. The dramatic reduction in cases in this region is largely the result of the introduction of bivalent oral polio vaccine (bOPV) and of the consistent support and commitment from all levels of political and health leadership.

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## "BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE"

Abilene Rotary Club		Not reported
Abilene SW Rotary Club		Not reported
Arlington Rotary Club		52
Arlington Sunrise Rotary Club		23
Cleburne Rotary Club		20
Denton Rotary Club		151
Flow er Mound Rotary Club		38
Fort Worth Rotary Club		50
Fort Worth South Rotary Club		26
Gainsville Rotary Club		Not reported
Graham Rotary Club		24
Granbury Rotary Club		93
Grapevine Rotary Club		69
Hurst-Euless-Bedford Rotary Club		16
Lew isville Rotary Club		2
Weatherford Rotary Club		36
Western Fort Worth Rotary Club		7
Wichita Falls Rotary Club		Not reported

If your club has not reported your blood results, please do so by sending those to Walter Ott, Blood Drive Chair.

If you don't report; we don't know how well you've done!

E-mail your results each month to Walter Ott at [Wott@carterbloodcare.org](mailto:Wott@carterbloodcare.org)





## **"AREA 12 CLUBS"** ***"Focused on Increasing Membership"***



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The Area 12 clubs (Lewisville Noon, Lewisville Morning, Flower Mound and Highland Village) have all been focused on increasing their membership and the hard work seems to be paying off. Like a lot of clubs, Area 12 suffered a drop in numbers over the last two years, but all 4 clubs have seen a resurgence in membership and each seems to have the desire to share Rotary with our community.

As the area Assistant Governor, I was fortunate to be a part of an event during the holidays that brought all 4 of the clubs closer together through hard work, food, and Christmas Spirit. The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Fest was held in Lewisville and was styled after a European traditional Christmas festival with Carolers, a live Nativity Scene, vendor booths, Church and School Choirs and performances, and of course Santa was there each night to take pictures also. Christmas Fest was one of the best community awareness and media events that the area Rotary clubs have held in a long time and it's brought about a greater camaraderie among the 4 clubs.

The Highland Village club spearheaded the event and has added it to their annual calendar. They also just completed their Formal but Tacky Ball, and have their upcoming Paws for a Cause dog walk coming up. Being a fairly new club hasn't slowed them down a bit. They've jumped in with both feet and have come up with some of the most creative fundraisers and outside the box ideas on how to share Rotary.

Lewisville Noon has a fantastic event coming up on April 2<sup>nd</sup> called The Grand Ball which honors special needs students at Lewisville High School and gives them an opportunity to experience a prom like event. It's a great party and it ties in with their Exceptional Student of the Month program showing that each child is special and deserving of recognition for working hard and making a difference.

For the Flower Mound club, the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Vine & Dine wine tasting and dinner event was another outstanding success. And to add to the huge amount of money they raise each year, the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Cross Timbers Classic bike rally will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup> at TX Motor Speedway. The club is steadfast in their belief that you can have fun while making a difference!

And last but not least, the Lewisville Morning club has made a major change! There is now a "Lewisville" Rotary club that actually meets in Lewisville. Both Lewisville clubs actually met in Highland Village until this February when the Lewisville Morning club officially moved to the brand new Lewisville Arts Center.

And now I'd like to ask you each a question, what are you doing to share Rotary? This is something that each Rotarian should ask them self frequently. If you're like most Rotarians you're involved in Rotary because you like serving others, giving back to your community, aiding people in other countries that you will probably never meet, but most of all you enjoy the fellowship you have with other Rotary members. So, why are you not inviting others to share in your experience? Call a friend and ask them to join you at your next meeting. Don't let them miss out on the Rotary experience!



## "AREA 11 CLUBS" *"It's Been A Good Year"*



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It has been a good year for the four Area 11 Clubs - Keller, Southlake, Metroport and Grapevine. It has been a pleasure working with these dynamic clubs. Here are some of the things they are involved in now:

### **Metroport Rotary Club**

Metroport is actively preparing to host five Group Studies Exchange team members from New Zealand in April. We are arranging for the team to have a wonderful experience while in our care by having a welcome party and an opportunity to observe others in their career. Metroport is heavily involved in Youth Exchange this year as we are host club for two inbound students: Miguel Clemente of Spain, and Catalina Brinkmann of Argentina, and sponsoring club for Drew Marshall of Trophy Club who is spending a year in Chile.

We also purchased and packed three winter meals for clients of Metroport Meals on Wheels, which were delivered just before the first snow storm. We are working on Wine Discovery which will be April 30, at the CoreLogic Building, One CoreLogic Drive, Westlake, TX. This a huge wine tasting with great food and wine. Last year we had over 300 attend.

### **Keller Rotary Club**

**Mt. Gilead Cemetery Project:** In 2007, Keller Rotary Club joined local volunteers and committed to help preserve and maintain the Historic Mt. Gilead Cemetery in North Keller. Located at 1351 Bancroft Road, the cemetery dates back as far as 1854. Many of Keller's pioneer families are buried there as well as war veterans of that era from the Mexico Revolution and Civil War to more recent conflicts such as the Korean War. The cemetery has been maintained by numerous volunteers throughout the years but recently fell into disrepair. Keller Rotary and the Mt. Gilead Cemetery Association are committed to enhancing the cemetery's beauty and preserving its history for Keller's future generations.

Future projects include fencing and landscaping the entrance to the cemetery, rebuilding the walking bridge, and repairing and preventing damage to existing markers from vandalism.

\* Rotary Youth Exchange – We have approved 2 applicants and are preparing to send them outbound in August.

\* Unique fact: Keller has inducted 2 PDG (Jerry Parr and Bill Edwards) into membership in the last 60 days. Membership growth has been steady for our club lately.

### **Grapevine Rotary Club**



## AREA 11 CLUBS, *Con't*

Grapevine Rotary Club is a large club and has been involved in many activities such as wheelchairs, scholarships, and a golf tournament.

The Grapevine Rotary Club has been very busy this year beginning with the refurbishment of the Rotary Pavilion in Parr Park. Built nearly twenty-five years ago, the Rotary Pavilion has become a favorite venue in the Grapevine community for picnics, family and corporate gatherings. Using a District Simplified Grant, our club partnered with the City of Grapevine to update and refurbish the structure so that it will continue to be a vital part of our community for the next twenty-five years. Our Club is also in the midst of a major technology initiative from our social media campaign to our pending YouTube initiative. From an administrative side, we are working diligently to compile and digitize our clubs records for more efficient storage and utilization by our club. Most recently, our Club again hosted the Valentine's Party for the Grapevine Senior Center and the response was overwhelming. A favorite event of our local seniors, this year's event was packed and a wait list had to be created to help accommodate the demand.

They sponsor the Special Olympics and participate as huggers, timers, rakers, etc. A month after the event they will provide a luncheon for 200 athletes and their families at the Grapevine Convention Center where awards will be presented.

Grapevine Middle school is their "adopted" school. They support the school with money for things that the school taxes either don't cover or don't cover adequately. Also, some Rotarians act as mentors for kids in need.

### **Southlake Rotary Club**

The Southlake Rotary Club has recently presented \$3000 in scholarships to children of the Southlake Department of Public Safety (DPS) employees. Each year, the local Rotary Club raises money at our Annual DPS Appreciation Day. Local businesses and individuals sponsor this event, where children and adults can climb on fire trucks and sit in police cruisers. Children are entertained with face-painting, crafts and other activities. They have BBQ, entertainment, an address by the mayor, and also present the DPS "Employee of the Year" award. This is a wonderful opportunity for the public to interact with the police and firefighters and also show their appreciation. The money raised from generous sponsorship goes to DPS employees students currently enrolled or entering college based on a combination of need and merit.



## AREA 2 CLUBS

### Crowell Club

Crowell's big fundraiser is their annual Stock Show that is currently working on the 75th year for the event. This event features the young kids raising, showing and selling their livestock. All funds go back to the children.

The club is also involved with helping support the local Food Pantry, Blood Drives, the Rotary Dictionary Program. Internationally, they're supporting District 5790's Clean Water project.

### Vernon Club

Vernon's major project for the last several years has been the Western Trail. With the involvement of several key people and support from the City and District 5790, this project has stretched into many states. The current RI President has even been interested.

Locally, the club has started an annual Community Chili Feed in December. They served over 500lbs of chili with proceeds going to the club's College Scholarships that run between \$10,000 - \$20,000. Their goal is to double this within the next 7 years.



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## YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE

### *"Exchange Students Placements for Next Year"*



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Life of the youth student exchange program in our district is GREAT TODAY!!!!!!

Now, we need your club to consider hosting a student starting in August and we need you to TAKE ACTION NOW!!!!!!

We are getting a great group of student applications and we must urgently start the placement process immediately due to new requirements placed upon us by the U.S. State Department.

We have students coming from Switzerland, France, Spain, Italy, Slovakia, Germany, Finland, Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Taiwan. We may have others as well.

Our two girls for Taiwan have had 13 and 14 years of English. I would like to have them placed in a school in Arlington and or Fort Worth that teaches Chinese. Our student from Switzerland is absolutely fantastic!!! And he could be placed anywhere. You should see his application! One Rotary Club has already spoken for the boy from Chile and another one is planning to place the student from Slovakia. I have other applications that have just arrived and others are on the way.

Please consider this for your club as part of your Fifth Avenue of Service, New Generations.

We will have our first youth exchange training meeting for Club Rotarians on Saturday, March 5 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Boys Scout Training Building at La Solana. It is located at Center for Professional Development, Boy Scouts of America, One Village Circle Westlake, TX 76262. The Center is located just off Highway 114 in Westlake, Texas. It is about half way between DFW airport and I-35 W on Highway 114.

You can contact me for more details.





## BRECKENRIDGE ROTARY CLUB

### *"A Small But Busy Club"*



John Clarke is  
President,  
Breckenridge Rotary  
Club for 2010-2011.

He can be reached by  
e-mail at:

The Breckenridge Rotary Club is a small but busy club in the western portion of District 5790. Our town has approximately 6000 citizens located between Possum Kingdom and Hubbard Creek lakes. Breckenridge is famous for the oil boom in the 1920s where our population grew to more than 30,000 people and our powerhouse football teams of the 1950s.

In 2009 the Breckenridge Rotary club celebrated our 80th anniversary. To recognize this milestone, PDG Becky Downing led an effort in making our club a 100% Paul Harris club. By the fall of that year we succeeded in this goal making us one of four clubs in our district with this recognition.

Currently we support many non-profit groups in Breckenridge including being a major sponsor for Relay for Life, Boy Scout Troop 63, Angel Tree and our local blood drive.

We also support the youth of our community. We offer four scholarships a year send two students to RYLA and have annually held a Four Way Speech contest. Additionally we deliver dictionaries to our local third graders.



## HIGHLAND VILLAGE ROTARY CLUB *"Two Fun Filled Years of Bras & Paws"*



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The Highland Village Rotary Club recently celebrated 2 years of bras, paws and service to the community. The accomplishments for this young Rotary Club is phenomenal in just two short years. Thanks to the success of our two main fundraisers, Formal but Tacky Ball and the Paws for a Cause Dog Walk, we have generated funds to help support many charitable organizations.

Our Annual Fall event is the Formal but Tacky Ball. Guests enjoy dinner, dancing, a dessert raffle, a VIP cigar lounge, and a live and silent auction. Special to the Ball is the Bras for a Cause auction that features bras decorated by local artists to increase breast cancer awareness.

One of the highlights of the evening is the crowning of the Tacky King and Queen. Participants show off their dance moves and formal wear for the chance to be crowned the tackiest.



The Paws for a Cause Dog Walk is held each Spring to raise awareness and helps animal welfare organizations continue to save abused and neglected animals in our community. Families and their four-legged friends enjoy food, fun, entertainment, dog contests and an opportunity to participate in a short walk. Over 50 dogs (and 1 cat) have been adopted as a result of the two events and our next one is scheduled for May 21, 2011. For more information visit [www.RotaryPaws4aCause.com](http://www.RotaryPaws4aCause.com)

Over the course of two years we've donated 800 dictionaries to local elementary schools, sponsored three RYLA students and two Youth Exchange Students, hosted a RITE teacher and GSE team, and we stay busy sponsoring the Marcus High School Interact Club. We participated in a Matching Grant, contributed to LEF (Lewisville Education Foundation) scholarship fund, and donated to numerous charitable organizations. We are very proud to partner with the Highland Village Senior All-Star's Reading Program where members read to Heritage Elementary School students each week.



Highland Village Rotary is a new club excited about helping our community. Club "Happy Hour" meetings are held every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at Casa G's restaurant in Lewisville. To find out more about Highland Village Rotary Club check out our website at [www.HVRotary.org](http://www.HVRotary.org) or Like Us at [www.facebook.com/hvrotary](http://www.facebook.com/hvrotary).



## ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON "\$100 CHALLENGE"



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I think someone once said "A day in a Rotary Club is like a day on the farm. Every meal's a banquet! Every dollar donated is a fortune!" I'm not sure who said that, but it certainly fits with a recent project our club participated in this year called the "\$100 Challenge".

The challenge was the brainchild of one of our members who wanted to find a unique way to not only give back to Rotary and the community, but do it in a way that gave the greatest impact and involvement of the entire club. The big unveil to our club was on January 13<sup>th</sup>, and the weeks leading up to the meeting had me contemplating all the possibilities that we were about to unfold.

I did everything I could to encourage members to attend. I sent out announcements, I teased it as a big surprise, and hyped it to our membership. You see, this big announcement about the project required active participation and we needed as many members to be there to take part. So, on January 13, I unveiled the \$100 Challenge. Each member that showed up that day was given a \$100 bill and challenged to put the money in the community as they saw fit. What happened exceeded my expectations and I want to summarize some of the programs, projects and people this special program helped.

The following organizations benefitted from the \$100 gift they received:

- ◆ Theatre Arlington's ACT UP program
- ◆ The Salvation Army
- ◆ Children's Miracle Network
- ◆ FEAT - Families Early Autism Treatment of North Texas
- ◆ Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- ◆ The Humane Society
- ◆ Boys & Girls Club
- ◆ The World Vision program
- ◆ Advocates for Special People
- ◆ The Arlington Public Library visually impaired program
- ◆ And several members gave money directly to individuals and families in need
- ◆ The Wheelchair project
- ◆ Special Olympics
- ◆ Mission Arlington
- ◆ Webb Scholarship Fund
- ◆ Shelter box
- ◆ Honduras Water Filter Project
- ◆ The Rotary Foundation & Polio Plus
- ◆ And Dental Health Arlington



## ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON \$100 CHALLENGE, Con't

Eight (8) members matched their \$100 donation with their own funds to make a greater impact, and two (2) members that missed the meeting when the money was handed out still wanted to participate in this project and decided to donate using their own funds.

### Special Stories

One of the conditions attached to the \$100 gift was to report back who and how the money benefitted Rotary and our community. Here are some of the stories:

*"A physically challenged individual who was receiving daily care from the Christian Women's Job Corp was out of money and desperately needed dental care for decaying tooth. Through a connection from a member of our club, they were able to make an emergency appointment at Dental Health Arlington to fix the tooth and arrange for other dental services. As a result, the \$100 gift was donated to Dental Health Arlington."*

*"A member donated their \$100 gift to a family that was completely out of money and wasn't due to receive their next check for at least another week. A member of this family was even enrolled at a technical college and couldn't even attend class because they didn't have money to put gas in their car. The money helped them stay on track and hopefully toward some new success in life."*

*"One member and his wife went to dinner and met a young man that had two hip replacements and had trouble moving around. It turns out he not only had his hips replaced, but he broke his neck too from a military accident in Afghanistan. It ended his military career and he's now back in Dallas trying to make ends meet taking care of his two sons. This young man also happened to be their waiter for the evening, a job that requires you to be on your feet for hours on end. They gave their \$100 gift to this young man."*

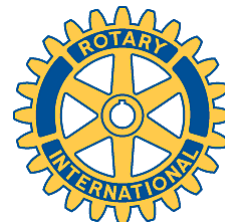
*"There's one story of a member, after hearing about a coworker losing her husband unexpectedly over the holidays, and she decided to donate the \$100 gift to help with financial and legal issues."*

*"One member learned of a need from his church about a young boy that required a feeding tube to be inserted in to his stomach. Insurance didn't cover the cost of the PediaSure that was needed in order to feed the boy through the feeding tube. On a typical day, the young boy would go through 5 small bottles which added up over time. The member not only donated their \$100 gift, but matched it with another \$100. That \$200 donation paid for 133 bottles of PediaSure for the young boy."*

The stories go on and on. There were stories of members helping complete strangers right off the street! There was one member that while deciding what to do with the \$100, went on a quest to track down a spiritual mentor he had from childhood only to find out he and his wife were doing missionary work in Africa to feed the poor. He knew instantly where he was going to send his \$100.

This was not funded by our club, but from a special Rotarian by the name of Jim Fulgham. With this gift from Jim, we set out to impact and improve the lives of others.

Now it's your turn.

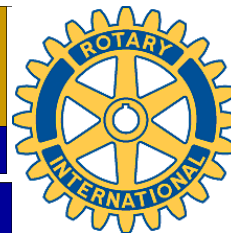


## JANUARY 2011 CLUB ATTENDANCE

Rotary Club	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	1/1/2011			1/31/2011	
Abilene - F	101	63.21%	4	101	-
Abilene Southw est - T	61	81.15%	4	61	-
Abilene Wednesday					-
Arlington - TH	118	62.82%	4	117	(1)
Arlington GSW - W	39	74.00%	4	38	(1)
Arlington North - M	40	69.08%	4	40	-
Arlington South - F	20	52.45%	4	20	-
Arlington Sunrise - F	63	85.32%	4	64	1
Arlington Sunset - T	8	71.88%	4	8	-
Arlington West - T	34	61.00%	4	34	-
Azle - TH	40	52.00%	4	40	-
Bowie - W	24	57.01%	4	24	-
Breckenridge - T	21	70.00%	4	22	1
Brownwood - W	21	89.00%	4	21	-
Burkburnett - T	42	53.00%	4	43	1
Burleson - F					-
Burleson Area Mid Day - M					-
Cisco - TH					-
Cleburne - TH	83	64.06%	4	83	-
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	13	69.00%	4	13	-
Crowell - W	11	85.00%	4	12	1
Decatur - TH	22	61.00%	4	22	-
Denton - TH	80	64.21%	4	81	1
Denton South - T					-
Dublin - T	24	68.00%	4	24	-
Eastland - TH	18	56.94%	4	18	-
Flower Mound - TH	73	93.00%	4	74	1
Fort Worth East - M	34	69.00%	3	34	-
Fort Worth International - W	16	60.00%	2	15	(1)
Fort Worth North - W					-
Fort Worth - F	483	55.00%	4	476	(7)

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RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	1/1/2011			1/31/2011	
Fort Worth South - T	66	77.67%	4	66	-
Fort Worth Southw est - TH	25	84.00%	4	24	(1)
Gainesville - W					-
Graham - F					-
Granbury - TH					-
Grapevine - W	93	74.98%	4	95	2
Hamlin - W					-
Haskell - TH					-
HEB - T	66	80.00%	4	66	-
Highland Village	31	68.00%	4	30	(1)
low a Park - W					
Keller - T	49	72.96%	4	49	
Kennedale	29	65.50%	2	28	(1)
Lake Ray Roberts - T	17	68.75%	4	17	-
Lew isville Morning - TH	25	96.00%	4	25	-
Lew isville Noon - W	56	97.48%	3	54	(2)
Mansfield - T	38	78.10%	4	35	(3)
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	19	87.01%	4	20	1
Metroport - F	28	85.59%	4	28	-
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	51	71.40%	4	50	(1)
Mineral Wells - W	46	77.27%	4	46	-
Nocona - T					-
Sanger - T	10	37.50%	4	10	-
Southlake - T					-
Stamford - T	34	62.00%	4	34	-
Stephenville - TH	25	71.24%	4	23	(2)
The Colony - T					-
Vernon - T	41	60.97%	4	41	-
Weatherford - T	115	68.56%	4	116	1
Western Fort Worth - T	69	84.19%	4	69	-
Wichita Falls North - F					-
Wichita Falls - TH	86	67.00%	4	86	-
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	25	89.22%	4	26	1

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

### ARLINGTON GREAT SOUTHWEST ROTARY CLUB "2011 Mardi Gras Gala"



## 2011 Mardi Gras Unmasked Gala

*An exciting evening with . . .  
Great Cajun Gourmet Cuisine  
Dancing with Live Music\* in true Mardi Gras Style  
Raffle • Live & Silent Auctions • Open Bar*



\* Music presented by the George McCullum Jazz Band.  
George is the great grandson of New Orleans Jazz Legend  
George McCullum, Sr. and a 5th generation jazz musician.

**Saturday, March 5, 2011**

**6:30 PM to Midnight**

**Rolling Hills Country Club  
401 East Lamar • Arlington 76011**

**Dressy Casual Attire  
Mardi Gras Masks & Beads Optional**

**\$60 per person (on or before Feb. 18th)  
\$75 per person after Feb. 18th**

**Make Check Payable to: Arlington Great Southwest Rotary  
Mail to: P.O. Box 1541, Arlington, TX 76004-1541.**

**For Ticket/Reservation Information,  
email: [gswmardigras@aol.com](mailto:gswmardigras@aol.com)**

**For Sponsorship Information, contact Matt Barrier, 214-448-6382**



*Proceeds from this gala benefit the charities and civic service projects of the Arlington Great Southwest Rotary and Rotary International. A major project is the Harold Key Scholarship Endowment Fund for students at Sam Houston High School. To date, more than \$98,000 has been awarded in new and renewed scholarships to 121 graduates of SHHS.*

*Other beneficiaries are . . .  
Arlington Life Shelter, local elementary school literacy programs, international wheelchair and water purification projects and Arlington Veterans Park Memorial.*



## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

### BOWIE ROTARY CLUB *"Annual Raffle"*

Each year the Rotary Club of Bowie holds a raffle with all proceeds going towards the scholarship fund. At the Bowie Rotary Club's Wednesday meeting, on February 16<sup>th</sup>, President Brandon Earp presented a check for \$5,725.00 to North Central Texas College-Bowie Branch Dean Emily Klement for the 2010-11 scholarships for Montague County residents attending NCTC.

Every year the Bowie Rotary Club gives \$8,000 in scholarships to graduating Bowie High School Seniors, plus, for the last several years, around \$5,000 for county residents attending NCTC. The amount for NCTC varies according to the number of the 300 raffle tickets sold, less \$8,000 in BHS scholarships and the cost of the pick-up truck and other prizes awarded at the fund raising raffle.

The theme for the 2011 scholarship drive is Wrestle-mania.

At the same meeting, Hulk Hogan, aka Randy West, kicked off this year's fund raising drive with a Wrestle-mania Theme. Each of the ticket sales teams is headed by a well known wrestling star. As always, a maximum of 300 tickets will be sold to raise the annual scholarship funds. Each ticket costs \$100, with all of the money going for scholarships after paying for the award of a Ford Ranger pick-up truck (provided by Larry Slack Ford dealership) and several smaller prizes. NCTC Dean Emily Klement bought the first ticket sold this year. Expect to see Rotarians selling tickets between now and March 30, when the raffle will occur. If you would like to purchase a Bowie Rotary club scholarship raffle ticket please contact Brandon Earp at 940-872-8500 or at [b.earp@earplaw.com](mailto:b.earp@earplaw.com)

### WINE DISCOVERY *"Metroport and Southlake Rotary Clubs"*

**Wine Discovery** is an annual charity event sponsored by the Metroport Rotary Club and the Southlake Rotary Club. All net proceeds will be used to fund annual scholarship awards to deserving students from Northeast Tarrant County and for other Rotary charity causes.

Buying wines is a challenge and we tend to stay with familiar labels and known products. But there are so many affordable, wonderful wines that we never get to experience.

**Wine Discovery** will provide an opportunity to sample a variety of marvelous wines generally with a retail value of \$15 to \$35. Lesser known domestic and international wineries will be featured, selected by our experts to be exceptional values. You'll have the opportunity to rate 20 or more excellent wines in a program booklet. We bet that your favorite selections will not necessarily be the most expensive ones. Wine experts will be available to elaborate.



The event is Saturday, April 30th and tickets are \$65 each. More details will be available in March.





## PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

### STAMFORD ROTARY— AWARDS BANQUET

The event was the annual Stamford Rotary Club Awards Banquet where the following four Paul Harris Fellows were named:

President Rochie Underwood, her husband Chico, Clif Cobb and Roger Clark. (Roger was not available for the picture).

Stamford has a wonderful Rotary tradition and will be celebrating its 90 birthdays anniversary on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Also it is interesting to note that Paul Harris Fellow recipient Clif Cobb will also be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.



### ARLINGTON SUNRISE ROTARY



PDG Bill Harnagel of the Arlington Sunrise Club presents a PHF+4 pin to Gay Gibbs and a PHF+1 pin to Rob Asplet during the club drive to increase member PHF level.



In the continued support of the Thornton Elementary School, Arlington Sunrise members recently distributed dictionaries to students.



Arlington Sunrise is working with Tarrant Community College (TCC) to establish a Rotaract Club. Shown is the Sunrise Club booth at a recent fair at the TCC Southeast Campus.



## PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

### *District Governor Nominee 2013-2014*

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*Comments and suggestions welcome.*



DG Paul Lucas (right) introduces Hollis Lackey (left) of the Arlington Sunrise Club to fellow club members as the nominee to be District Governor of District 5790 for the year 2013-2014.

## HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE???

Does your club have an upcoming event that you want to share with other Rotarians? Did you just complete a project or fundraiser? Let others in the district know!

Please send us a write up and pictures to include in the newsletter.

See the contact information to the left.

## COMING IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER...

April continues our wrap up of the Rotary Year. You'll find articles promoting the District Conference and the Assistant Governors will begin to recap their results of their clubs. April is also Magazine month so you will see an article about the Rotary Magazine; and we will continue to promote the District Conference for May.

Abilene, Arlington North, Coleman, Keller, Stamford and Weatherford will let us know what is going on with their clubs.

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