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Hello Rotarians of District 5790,



2009-2010 DG
 John and his wife
 Claire

During the month of September I continued to have great club visits as district governor, beginning with Breckenridge, Eastland, Abilene, Dublin, Brownwood, and Cisco. Then I met in an All Wichita County Club Meeting with Iowa Park, Burkburnett and the three Wichita Falls Clubs. This was followed the next week by an All Arlington Club Meeting with the seven Rotary Clubs of Arlington. And the month ended with a super early morning meeting with Denton South.

Wasn't the Evening at the Ballpark great? I want to thank everyone who participated in the Polio Plus Night with the Texas Rangers. It was a time of fun and fellowship for all the clubs who participated and, thanks to the City of Arlington, we were able to accommodate Polio Survivors in their City of Arlington Suite behind Home Base. A very special thanks to Lisann Peters and Sarah Maben who worked with the Texas Rangers and put this evening together. Through their efforts we were able to collect a little over \$3,000 for Polio Plus.

World Polio Day is coming up on Saturday, October 24, 2009, throughout the world. On that day we are asking each Rotary Club to do a special project for Polio Plus with the goal of educating the people in the communities about Polio and making them aware of the fact that Polio has not been eradicated yet from the face of the earth and it can come back. The secondary goal is to collect donations for our Polio Plus Campaign.

Also coming up are two District Foundation Dinners with exciting speakers. The first will be on October 22nd at Abilene Christian University in Abilene where the speaker will be RI President Elect Ray Klinginsmith. The second will be on November 6th in the Fort Worth Club in downtown Fort Worth where the speaker will be RI Foundation Trustee Ron Burton. Both dinners have the goal of earning donations for Polio Plus. All Rotarians are invited to both dinners but reservations are required. More details are included in this newsletter and on the district website—www.Rotary5790.org.

I'll see you all at the Foundation Dinners.

John



VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Rotarians, as business leaders, share skills and expertise through their vocations and inspire others in the process. Each October, Vocational Service is spotlighted in Rotary club projects related to this avenue, offering an opportunity for clubs and districts to use their professional skills in service projects.

Vocational Service focuses on:

Adherence to and promotion of the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.

The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just those that are pursued by Rotarians.

The contribution of your vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community.

During October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service.

Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities.

Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.

In the following pages, you'll find articles on The Four Way Test Speech contest, Rotary Peace Fellows, Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Inter Teacher Exchange.

More information can be viewed at the Rotary International website at:

[Vocational Service](#) and clicking the link: "Learn more"

If your club has information to share on this important avenue of service, submit them to the district newsletter editor, Chuck Chambers at chuck@signsnowarlington.com



4 WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

The simple and straightforward Four Way Test was written by Chicago Rotarian **Herbert J Taylor** in 1932. It was adopted by Rotary 13 years later.

The test was primarily written for his bankrupt Club Aluminum Company in 1932. Herb actually gave up his job in 'packaged groceries; house to house sales' (his classification in #1 club) in order to join 250 other employees onboard the so-called "sinking ship".

To win their way out of this situation, he realized that the company must be morally and ethically strong. He felt that if we could his employees to think right they would do right. They needed some sort of ethical yardstick that everybody in the company could memorize and apply to what we thought, said, and did in our relations to others. So one morning he wrote the 4 way test—24 words that helped change the company around.

When a company advertisement was placed before Herb, declaring his aluminum product as "the greatest cooking ware in the world", Herb simply stated "We can't prove that". The advertisement was rewritten simply stating the facts.

The most significant and practical example of the test in action concerned an incident involving a Printing contract. One local printer won an order from Herb's company beating all other tenders. The printer, however, soon realized that he had underestimated his quote by \$500. Legally, Club Aluminum could ignore the printer's appeals and compel him to fulfill his side of the contract. Club Aluminum was deeply in debt and had acted in good faith but Herb asked his board to reconsider and pay the printer the extra \$500. Remember the second line of the test, he told his fellow directors, - "is it fair to all concerned?"

Club Aluminum's future grew brighter and brighter and in five years had pulled itself out of the red. Perhaps, the test had real, practical benefits.

So today, the Four Way Test is even more important given the challenges facing companies today in our economy. We can best invest in our future with the youth of today, and getting them involved in the 4 Way Test Speech Contest.

One of the highlights in the spring is the Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest. The 4-Way Test Speech Contest is a great way for local Rotary clubs to be involved with schools in their community. Information about the 4-Way Test Speech Contest can be found on the Rotary District 5790 website at www.rotary5790.org. On the website you will find all of the forms and contact information that you need to run a successful 4-Way Speech Contest.

The subject of the 4-Way Test Speech Contest each year is "What the 4-Way Test Means to Me," and it is truly amazing to hear high school students deliver speeches that describe the Rotary 4-Way Test. The contest consists of three levels: the club level, two region contests (to be held in late March), and the final contest at the District 5790 conference in April. Last spring nearly twenty-five Rotary clubs from District 5790 participated in the 4-Way Speech Contest. If your club wants to be involved in the 4-Way Speech Contest this year, please email District 5790 4-Way Speech Contest coordinator Jeff Provence at jeffprovence@att.net.



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ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS UPDATE

District 5790 Nominates Two for 2010 Rotary World Peace Fellowships

The 2009-2010 District 5790 Rotary World Peace Fellowships Committee nominated two young men to the Rotary Foundation for 2010 Peace Fellowships. The two nominees are Cody S. Griggers from the Rotary Club of Dublin, TX who was nominated by Rotarian Karen Wright. Andy Keith Richardson from the Rotary Club of Denton who was nominated by Eva Poole. The Committee is pleased with both nominations!

2008-2010 Rotary World Peace Fellow Jay R. Gilliam

Jay Gilliam, the Peace Fellow from District 5790, completed his first year at International Christian University (ICU) in Tokyo, Japan. Jay's five Winter 2008 courses were: Human Rights, Anthropology of Violence, Peace Studies I, Globalization and Migration, and International Politics. His four spring 2009 courses were: International Relations, Comparative Politics and Government, Peace Studies II, and Inter-cultural Decision Making.

Outside of the classroom, his class kept busy organizing peace forums and trainings for the ICU campus. In spring 2009, they hosted five peace forums.

Between the winter and spring term, Jay's class headed south to visit Hiroshima and the Peace Memorial Museum. They toured the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and had the opportunity to visit two peace research institutes (Hiroshima Peace Institute and Hiroshima Peace Builders Center) as well as listen to an atomic bomb survivor from Hiroshima who was a 16 year old student at the time.

After visiting Hiroshima, Jay explored opportunities for his summer 2009 Applied Field Experience (AFE) and ultimately decided to go to Peace Boat, a Japanese non-profit organization at the forefront at organizing Japanese and global citizens around not altering the Japanese pacifist constitution and promoting it as a standard for other countries.

Lastly, Jay was able to further develop his relationship with Rotary both in Japan and back home. In Japan, he attended Tokyo Setagaya South Rotary Club meetings. Back home he traveled to Austin to participate in District 5790's ASETS meeting where he spoke to Ambassadorial Scholars about his initial year as a World Peace Fellow. The Rotary Club of Arlington who nominated Jay and District 5790 are proud of his passion for peace!

See the page [5 and 6](#) for an article on Jay Gilliam's experience so far in Japan.

District 5790 RWPF Committee Looks to 2011

In the spring of 2010, your District Committee will begin the process of seeking 2011 Rotary World Peace Fellowship candidates. For questions and possible candidates, please contact members of the District 5790 RWPF Committee: DG John Miller, IPDG Jerry Parr, DGE Paul Lucas, PDG/District Foundation Chair Dan Morales, PDG Paul Geisel, PP Lisann Peters, and Jim C Quick, Chair.

—Submitted by Jim Quick, Rotary 5790 Peace Fellows Chair



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JAY GILLIAM— ROTARY PEACE FELLOW



Jay Gilliam is the first Peace Scholar from District 5790 and is in Class VII of the Rotary Peace Fellows program.

Jay has a blog that is updated on a regular basis. It can be read at the following:

<http://jrginjapan.blogspot.com/>

Jay Gilliam is one of 9 Peace Scholars from the US for 2008-2010 and one of 60 worldwide. His two year scholarship is funded through the Rotary Foundation. He is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Arlington. He is currently studying in Japan at the International Christian University. He has completed his first year and this summer, participated in his Applied Field Experience (AFE) with Peace Boat in Japan. (Jim Quick, Peace Fellows Chair, talked about Jay's classes on the previous page).

Jay recently came back to the US for 2 weeks in September and spoke to his sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Arlington on September 17th. Below is an excerpt from his talk.



This past summer, for his applied field experience, or AFE, was spent at Peace Boat Japan. He is also developing his thesis research on peace constitutions. His summer AFE has had a great impact on the development of his research topic.

Peace Boat, is one of a very few Japanese non-governmental organizations in Japan. It combines the ideas of taking a vacation and going to learn about and practice peace work by interacting with and helping people in underdeveloped parts of the world. According to Peace Boat, "The ship, as a neutral space beyond borders, becomes a floating peace village, encouraging a sense of community. Programs explore the main aspects of Peace Boat activity – peace, human rights, sustainability and respect for the environment – and aim to develop travel as a tool for peace and sustainability."

Since the first voyage over 25 years ago, Peace Boat has sponsored 67 voyages that travel the world for peace. Its Global Voyages travel for about 3 months and visit 15 -20 countries. While on the ship, passengers have the chance to listen to lectures and participate in discussions about peace, non-violent conflict resolution, and development issues that are led by leading peace activists. It is no easy task.

Peace Boat participates in more than just its voyages around the world. One of those activities is what drew Jay to this NGO. In addition to the voyages, Peace Boat sponsors activities like its Hibakusha Project, where it gathers atomic bomb victims to tell their stories of living through the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings in 1945 and gives them a space to advocate for a future nuclear-free world.

Earlier this year he had the opportunity to listen to 3 hibakusha that had just returned from a voyage and shared their experiences in Tokyo. Peace Boat is also a leading participant in the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, which is a "world-wide civil society-led network aiming to [prevent] violent conflict and work on strengthening civil society networks for peace and security by linking local, national, regional, and global levels of action and effective engagement with governments, the UN system and regional organizations."

Jay has focused on the Global Article 9 Campaign to Abolish War of Peace Boat. This campaign was originally launched in 2005 with Japan's Lawyers' International Solidarity Association in response to rising conservative voices in Japan to amend Article 9 of its peace constitution to remove its war renouncing language and to make Japan a "normal" state, or one in which a military is a necessary part of the state. The

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JAY GILLIAM ROTARY PEACE FELLOW, Con't

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campaign “strives not only to protect Article 9 locally, but also to build an international movement supporting Article 9 as the shared property of the world, calling for a global peace that does not rely on force.” In the spring of 2008, just before he arrived to Tokyo, the campaign hosted its first conference that acted as a “forum for dialogue and discussions on the role that citizens of the world can play to realize the principles of Article 9, through promoting disarmament, demilitarization, and a culture of peace.” Since that first conference, the campaign has continued work “to carry on the international campaign... that can ‘act as an international peace mechanism’ and [has] called on governments to adopt similar peace clauses in their constitutions.”

This is what drew him to Peace Boat—its Article 9 Campaign. As an early student of Japan and its history, culture and politics, Jay has been interested in Japan’s post-war defense and diplomatic issues, especially arguments for and against revising Article 9 and how those changes could affect East Asian and Japan’s military ties to the United States. In Japan, where government officials rather than civil society drive politics and policies more, he has learned how Peace Boat engages with Japanese people about this important issue.

By aiding the Global Article 9 Campaign in its work and research and interacting with people in- and outside the organization, I have had first-hand experience working on this issue with Japanese civil society and other international NGOs and peace activists. During my first week at Peace Boat, the campaign held a follow-up peace conference in Costa Rica, which looked at the global implications of Japan and Costa Rica’s pacifist constitutions and their roles in bringing peace to East Asia and Latin America, respectively. Although I was not able to attend that conference, I was able to read the reports and listen to speeches from it. I also helped to write and edit the English reports that were posted on the Peace Boat website and included in the campaign’s monthly newsletter.

As he wrote on his blog, one of the great things about this project is how it is pushing to educate the world about the uniqueness of Japan’s pacifist constitution and urging other countries to adopt a similar one.

I am also helping to organize the campaign’s next peace constitution conference, which will be held in Ecuador in early November and co-hosted by Ecuadorian NGOs and the government of the Republic of Ecuador, which last year passed its own peace constitution. This conference’s aim is very close to my own research interest. I am now helping to research about and send letters of invitation to potential guest speakers and other NGOs.

With his research, he is hoping to better understand what peace constitutions are since there are very few studies about them—in fact, a quick Google search of “peace constitutions” only results in Japan and its constitution. Indeed, there is no entry on “peace constitutions” on Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia. His hope is to change this in the future after some more research! Yet, there are other countries that have constitutionally renounced waging war or having a standing military. With my research I intend to give voice to these other countries and the great work towards peace that is already happening amongst us.



ROTARY INTER-COUNTRY TEACHER EXCHANGE



Gordon Roe is a member of Lewisville Morning Rotary Club.

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2009 RITE Delegates with past delegates gathered at RITE Chair Gordon Roe's home for orientation.

Seven Rotary Inter-country Teacher Exchange delegates from the metro-plex served as English teachers in the Yucatan area of Mexico during the month of July.

RITE serves Rotary's purpose of "building good will and better friendships" across national borders by providing English instruction.

It also gives the delegates a cross-cultural immersion experience by having them walk in someone else's shoes for several weeks.

When I retired from classroom teaching several years ago I was interested in a cross-cultural teaching experience and sought out the Rotary Club. I represented Lewisville Morning in Mexico in 2004 and have been active in the program since then. The sponsoring clubs in our district pay for the airline tickets and related expenses. The host clubs in Mexico provide arrangements for the classes and furnish accommodations and hospitality for the delegates.

2009 delegates, destinations, and sponsoring clubs are as follows.



Anita Thurmond, Richardson, went to Cancun and was sponsored by Lewisville Morning. She was joined by Jill DeWitt, Lewisville, sponsored by Lewisville Noon.

Tina Waldrop of Cleburne was sponsored by her local club and taught in Cozumel.

HEB club sponsored Pat Fluker, Bedford, who went to Puerto Escondido.

Izamal hosted James Moore of Lewisville who was sponsored by Flower Mound.

Ana Roquemore of Lewisville returned to Escarcega for a second year with sponsorship provided by Arlington Sunrise.

Molly Maddux of Euless made her fourth RITE trip. Her sponsor was Colleyville and she taught in Salina Cruz.

Potential delegates or sponsoring clubs are invited to get more information by contacting gordonroe@verizon.net.



AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR LAUREN WILLIAMSON



Pictured is Helen Cox (left), host counselor from Ealing, London and Lauren Williamson (right).

Lauren Williamson, one of District 5790's Ambassadorial Scholars assigned to the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies arrived Sept. 9. This is a brief report from her. She is sponsored by the Gainesville RC.

"Students of all ages, 18-40 and beyond, are busy moving into my residence hall. The elevators are constantly jammed with luggage and suitcases. Dozens of people are trying to fit through the narrow hallways and push past the two doors in each hallway—one is an extra fire door, common in all buildings in London. If you pause a moment to listen, you'll hear people chattering in a host of different languages, punctuated by the busy traffic on Pentonville Road and the noisy beeping to let pedestrians know it's safe to walk at the intersection just outside.

My room, modeled like a flat, is very tiny, but I do have my own shower and toilet. It is functional and perfect. Although to sit on the toilet, part of your left leg mashes against the pipes, which are external. The water here is scalding hot, the cold water is freezing cold. It's great to get a drink from the tap and the water is already chilled!

Next door to me is a Japanese student who just moved in. Just down the hall an Iranian woman studying Japanese art. The girl who lived in my dorm before me has H1N1 flu and stopped by my dorm to say hello and offer me her kettle—which will come in handy for teas, coffees, soups. I'm very fortunate to have a wonderful host counselor who helped me get settled and has given me many items I need. Other students in the hall who are moving out, are giving and selling things to the new students, like me, just moving in. I plan to share these things with the other students who, like me, are probably a little lost and bewildered in this new environment and the chaotic excitement.

But it is thrilling to be a part of it. It is a joy just to know that the next year will be spent enjoying this beautiful adventure. I'm already learning other cultures, talking to other students about politics, events, soaking in the historical sites, and walking, walking, walking everywhere! Classes start in two weeks. Already in my hall there is a sense of a community about to be born.

You can follow Lauren on her blog by clicking the link below:

<http://www.laurenatuniversityoflondon.blogspot.com/>

For more information on our Ambassadorial Scholar Program check the [RI website](#) and the [District 5790 website](#).

—Report submitted by Jim Aneff, Chair, Ambassadorial Scholars



WATER FILTER PROJECT—HONDURAS



Our district has been doing several projects in the La Mosquitia area, in the eastern-most portion of Honduras. Our latest project involves distribution and training on the use of water filters. On Thurs, Aug 13, 2009, six Rotarians (and a 15 year old future Rotarian) from Districts 5790, 5770, and 5890 flew to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to begin this year's trip with 3 objectives:

1. Evaluate progress for Matching Grant (MG) 65785 (400 filters to be distributed in the Auca

area).

2. Evaluate progress for Matching Grant 65791 (190 filters near Auca and the first semi-modern agricultural activity in the history of La Mosquitia).

3. Determine the location for the next set of filters from Matching Grant 69602 (400+ filters).

The first grant, MG65785 is completely distributed. Representatives from 7 villages made the long trip to tell us and thank us. All reports were positive on training and results, with only one or two villages reporting any level of illness. We personally visited at least 11 homes in Auca. All felt comfortable with the filters.

The second grant, MG65791 is in progress. All of the filters are in the field and should all be deployed in the next two months. Having the filters in this region will help agriculture crops such as corn, beans, and rice grow. Ninety percent of the villagers have been involved in the project. Crops should be harvested in the late fall and we can evaluate results then, but what we saw was encouraging.

MG69602 is planned for 450 filters at an average deployment cost of \$80/filter. The team has identified 3 villages where the Water Filters should be distributed.

We don't feel that one area we will get full commitment from the local authorities to make this project a success, but we feel we need to move forward and give it our best shot. The needs are great and children are dying as a result of the lack of clean water. It will be an additional cost, to reach these areas, but it's important go get clean water there. This is in the Moccarron area, as well as Mistruk and Tipiraya.



Secondly, we need to be sure that the villagers are properly trained to maintain the filters. Two years after deployment in Rondin, all the villagers at our meeting reported they were properly maintaining their filters. The filters in and around Auca have not been deployed long enough need cleaning in most cases. We asked Andino of Aqua para el Pueblo to return in the future and review training with the villages.. He reported that they already planned to return for more training.

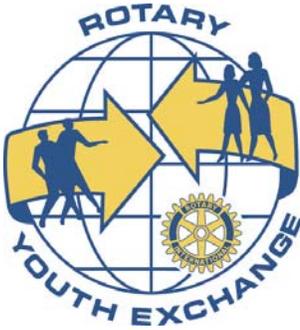
Overall, a successful trip. We met our goals, had fun, demonstrated service above self, and, once again, verified the tremendous difference Rotarians are making among the Mosquito Indians of Gracia a Dios.

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2009-2010



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YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE

Sometimes the life changing year of an Exchange Student begins with difficulties... Rotary International exchanges about 8,000 students a year and each of them are now experiencing the first weeks and months of homesickness, family adjustments, new schools, new friends, and language difficulties.

Even though students have often studied language before departing from their home country making the transition and immersion is a cause of apprehension. One student in Spain shares her experience with other students on a list serve and writes: *"...I'm having the exact same problem [with language] the switch in my brain hasn't turned on yet. I try and try, at this point I don't really know what to do except wait. Maybe it just takes more time? Anyone who has had a breakthrough with their language please give me some pointers, I need them."*

While students are experiencing these difficulties we often see less of them as they tend to withdraw and strive to deal with all of the newness. They often wonder if it will be worth it to "stick it out" for the year. As host clubs, club counselors, Rotary volunteers, and Rotary clubs hosting these students it is important to understand and support them in their efforts.

The year is worth it; most exchange students end up staying the entire year and indeed it is always a life changing event for the student and those who are fortunate enough to share in the experience with them. If you are interested in hearing more about Youth Exchange, hosting an exchange student or if you know a young person interested in making an exchange please let me know, I will either help you or direct you to a committee member that will.

District 5790 is hosting nine students this year; Coline Briatte from Avignon, France just arrived last week and is at home in Nocona!

We have five that went out in August/September and one student that left last January and will be returning in December. More next month.



A SPECIAL INVITATION—TO END POLIO NOW Sponsored by the Seven Abilene Area Clubs



For more information on this event, contact Will Speight at 325-338-7089 or by clicking the e-mail link below:

wospeight@suddenlink.net

Or sign up using link to the flyer below (on District 5790 website):

www.rotary5790.org

For the first time in over 20 years, a President Elect of Rotary International is coming to District 5790 and we invite all District Rotarians to help us give a TEXAS SIZE WELCOME to Ray Klinginsmith..

He will deliver a keynote address on Polio at the World Polio Day Dinner hosted by the seven Abilene Area Rotary Clubs at Hunter Welcome Center on the campus of Abilene Christian University, Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM. A Paul Harris Reception open to all will begin at 6:15 PM. The banquet will end at 9:00 PM. Abilene is a two hour drive from Weatherford. There is easy access to Abilene Christian University off of Interstate 20.

This Banquet will serve as a special fundraiser for END POLIO NOW. It is being underwritten so that 100% of the donations made to attend the reception and banquet will be sent to the Rotary Foundation for the Polio Eradication Campaign. Rotarians can apply their donations towards their Paul Harris Fellow contribution. For reservations and more information contact Will Speight, Executive Secretary of the Abilene Southwest Rotary Club at 325-338-7089. Seating will be limited so we urge you to make your reservations early.



Ray Klinginsmith is a retired attorney in Kirksville, Missouri, USA. During his legal career, he served for 22 years as General Counsel and Professor of Business Administration for Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University) in Kirksville. During his tenure at the University, he also served as Dean of Administration for a period of five years during the University's transition to a liberal arts and sciences institution.

Ray and his wife, Judie, have been married since 1961. They have two children, and three grandchildren.

A Rotarian for more than 45 years, Ray is currently a member of the Kirksville Rotary Club. He studied at the University of Cape Town as a Rotary Foundation ambassadorial scholar in 1961, and when he was elected to the board of directors for Rotary International in 1984, he became the first recipient of a Rotary Foundation award to serve on the RI board.

He served as a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation from 2002 to 2006 and as vice chairman of the Trustees in 2005-06, and he has been awarded both the Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award by the Foundation. In other Rotary assignments, Ray has served as moderator of the 1989 International Assembly, chairman of the 1998 Council on Legislation, vice chairman of the 2005 Chicago Convention Committee, and chairman of the 2008 Los Angeles Convention Committee. He also served as a member of the Future Vision Committee for The Rotary Foundation from 2005 to 2008.

Ray will be the first former Rotary scholar ever to serve as RI president. On July 1, 2010, he will become the 100th president of Rotary International.



ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER

**Set your calendar and plan to be part
of our thanks to all of you who sup-
port**

The Rotary Foundation

Presenting District 5790's

Rotary Foundation Banquet

Fort Worth Club

"Top of the Town"

(12th Floor)

306 West Seventh Street

Downtown Fort Worth

Friday, November 6th

6:30 reception 7:30 Dinner

Ron Burton, Rotary Foundation Trustee

will be the speaker

Invitations to be sent to club presidents.

The event is open to all club Rotarians

Cost \$40.00 per person or \$320 per table of 8

For more information contact District Secretary Rich-
ard Sherman at

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Ron Burton is one of the trustees of the Rotary Foundation, and serving from 2006 to 2010.

He is from the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma



END POLIO NOW—RANGER GAME RECAP



Over 600 Rotarians attended the October 18th game of the Texas Rangers vs. the Los Angeles Angels. While the Rangers lost the game, Rotary was the big winner in being able to bring more awareness to the goal of Ending Polio.

Many Rotarians wore specially designed "End Polio Now" T-shirts. For every ticket bought through Rotary's connection to the Rangers, \$5 is being donated to the Rotary Foundation to help the final push to End Polio.



The pre-game announcement talked out Rotary's mission to End Polio and how close we are to accomplishing that goal. Pictured here are Polio Survivors, accompanied by DG John Miller, ADG Lisann Peters and Sarah Maben, District Publicity Chair.



The Ranger's Mascot, "Captain" with one of the Rotary members on field.



On field Rotarians during the announcements.



Members of the Rotary Club of Arlington help display their message.



District 5790 showed their support of the Rangers with a banner.



ROTARY INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP—OCTOBER 17 & 18th

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

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

Two classes have been held so far with great results. Each class is held twice a year.

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

offered in our district.

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

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

To register, go to www.rotary5790.org and look for the link to "Inst for Leadership"

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

c.kurtzman@ourblooddrive.org

BEST COOPERATIVE PROJECTS AWARD

A new award being given through Rotary International, honors Rotary Clubs that have successfully cooperated with non-Rotary organizations.

The project must have been a service activity that addressed a humanitarian need. Each district can nominate up to 5 nominations.

For more details, please go to the link below to find out more and see the form on our district website:

http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5790/html/66832/award_best_coop_project_en.pdf



Being an Effective Leader is different than being in charge



LAKE RAY ROBERTS ROTARY

The Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club is 14 members strong in the small lake-side community of Pilot Point, TX.

On six patriotic holidays of every year plus Patriot Day on 9/11, our members line the streets of several neighborhoods and several business fronts with large flags that proudly fly from the sidewalk in front of over 100 homes and businesses. Pointing to the community's and the club's patriotism, these flags adorn the streets from Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. till Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. following the holiday. Residents and business owners who participate lease the flags for a year for \$35 and never have to worry about getting their flag installed, brought back in and stored appropriately. Participants who have renewed their leases say it's a "no brainer". The club enjoys the activity, meeting their neighbors, providing a neighborly service, and proudly displaying the nation's colors across town. It's an excellent fund-raiser and service project wrapped into one!



Pictured is our club secretary, Don Richmond, installing a flag for Labor Day weekend and Patriot Day recently.



Linda Bush is President, Lake Ray Roberts Rotary.

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We're so proud of the leadership of long-time Rotarian, Jerry Alford, on this project. Jerry and a half-dozen members knocked on doors in the High Point Estates subdivision three years ago and received orders from 35 residents. Jerry's workshop hummed with activity as he affixed the flags to poles, cut pipes to serve as permanent sleeves, and drove the town to pound them into the ground at appointed spots. The members' enthusiasm for the project ensured that a year later the program grew to 58, then 75, and now 100 residents and business owners participate. Our growth in membership the past two years has facilitated the project's growth to additional areas of town.



LEWISVILLE MORNING ROTARY

Our club is actively involved in our community by providing both financial assistance as well as volunteering our time to numerous community programs.

We are proud of our involvement with the Christian Community Action food pantry for the past 12 years. Once a month, we work in the pantry grocery store where we assist the local "Angels" in checking out their groceries and provide assistance in stocking the shelves. The Hebron High School National Honor Society members work with us on a regular basis. It is great seeing the young members of our community giving back to the community.



We continue to volunteer at Central Elementary School in Lewisville. Last year we distributed approximately 160 dictionaries to all of the third graders at Central Elementary and approximately 240 dictionaries to other elementary schools in the community. We also presented perfect attendance awards at the fifth grade awards ceremony where we also presented one boy and one girl with a new bicycle and helmet for perfect attendance. Since we started this program, the school has seen a tremendous increase in the number of students that are now achieving perfect attendance. Each week, we have our speaker

autograph a book which we donate to the school's library on behalf of our speaker. We also volunteer as chaperones during the end of year Field Day activities where we enjoy playing tug of war with the children.

We have also adopted Hebron High School in Carrollton where we provide an award to the student of the month as selected by the school based on the student's educational and extracurricular achievements. We also work with Hebron High School to identify students that would be interested in participating in the Four Way Speech Contest. The winner of the contest at our club is presented with a certificate and a \$500.00 donation is made to the school's debate team on behalf of the winner. We also work with the school to send two students to RYLA each year. We are currently working with the high school administration to establish an Interact Club at the school.



We have teamed up with the City of Lewisville for the past 11 years to provide volunteers for the monthly Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection Program. This program provides Lewisville residents with a convenient, safe and environmentally sound way to dispose of waste materials.

We have also adopted a section of Garden Ridge Boulevard as part of the Keep Lewisville Beautiful program where we pick-up trash to help keep our community looking clean and attractive. Approximately four years ago our club won an award from Keep Texas Beautiful for our environmental efforts.

Our Flag Project is now in its third year. We are currently placing 178 flags in residential yards six times a year. These flags are distributed and collected by two local Boy Scout Troops. We look forward to the future growth of the project whereby it will become a major source of funds for the club.



Our 14th Annual Charity Car Show was held on September 26, 2009 with much success. Even in tough economic times we were able to exceed our budgeted goal for sponsorships. This success is based on the community recognizing all of the good things that Rotary does not only in our own community, but in the global community as well.



Steve Homeyer is President, Lewisville Morning Rotary.

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shomeyer@homeyer-engineering.com

The Lewisville Morning Rotary Club meets Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM at the Village Grill in Highland Village, Texas. We welcome you to join us for good food and great fellowship.



WICHITA FALLS NORTH ROTARY

“Rotary North”, as we are known in Wichita Falls, has always believed in Rotary’s motto “Service Above Self”. We believe that if a person is going to regularly attend club meetings, then we must have good programs every week. We also understand that if our Rotary Club is going to attract new members, and retain old members, then we must be an active club involved in various service projects. Our club strives to have good programs every week and we are very involved in a variety of service projects.



Keith Jenkins is President of Wichita Falls North Rotary.

He can be e-mailed at:

djenkins@clearwire.net



Wichita Falls North is active in Blood Drives and enlists Air Force 364th Squadron to donate blood (right picture)

The picture to the left is of Keith Jenkins, President, Wichita Falls North donating Blood recently

The project that our club has been famous for is our participation in the Governor’s Blood Challenge. For years we have worked hand in hand with our adopted squadron at Sheppard Air Force Base to collect blood for those in need. The combined efforts of Rotary North, and the 364th Training Squadron at SAFB, have not only saved lives, but the cooperation has strengthened the relationship between Wichita Falls and Sheppard Air Force Base. Our relationship with the 364th has been the premier relationship of the local squadron adoption program.

Another program that we take pride in is the program where our club names an Employee of the Quarter for the City of Wichita Falls. We present a very nice plaque and a gift certificate to the outstanding employee of Wichita Falls once every three months. We take pictures of the presentation and have them published in the local newspaper.



We’ve committed to several new local service projects this year, in addition to continuing a number of the old ones as well. One of the new programs that we are very excited about is a program with the Department of Public Safety and its Bicycle Safety Program. This program will give us an opportunity for a “hands on” type of project with the youth of Wichita Falls.

Keith Jenkins (left) presents Officer Jeffrey Hughes (center) with a plaque as Employee of the Quarter for the Wichita Falls. Jeani Secord looks on (right)

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WICHITA FALLS NORTH ROTARY, Con't



Keith Jenkins is President of Wichita Falls North Rotary.

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Wichita Falls North Rotarian Jeani Secord (right) with Linda Sheriff (left—wife of PDG Tom Sheriff) provide a wheelchair for a youth.

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As in the past, we will continue to participate in several international service projects. We do more than just donate money to the international projects, we feel it is very important to travel to the project and interact with our international partner Rotary Club and the people that are the target of the project.

Earlier this year, one of our members travelled to Leon, Mexico to participate in a wheel chair distribution to the needy people in the Leon area. The wheelchairs have been for both children and adults.

This is the fourth year in a row that someone from Rotary North has helped with a wheelchair distribution in Leon.

Our club is also very active in Honduras. A matching grant has been approved, and funded, between Rotary North and the Nueva Tegucigalpa Rotary Club in Honduras. The matching grant will provide aid in increasing agriculture capabilities in the Gracias A Dios area of Honduras. It will also provide water filters for the same area. One of our club members has made four trips to Honduras to observe and research the projects in Honduras.

As a result of a former Group Study Exchange with the Dominican Republic, Rotary North is working with the Rotary Club of Santiago Gurabito to provide heart monitors in the neonatal ward of the local hospital. Members of Rotary north have made two trips to the Dominican Republic. These trips are both for pleasure and for Rotary. Rotary North believes in having fun! On the most recent trip the members once again visited the hospital. In the neonatal ward, the nurses were changing the heart monitor from one infant to another because they only had one monitor for four infants.



Rotary North is a well rounded Rotary Club that participates in all Four Avenues of Service.



Janelle Kavanaugh is currently President, Fort Worth East Rotary. She has been District Secretary and previously a member of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth and very involved at the district level. She can be reached by e-mail at:

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"It takes a few months before a new member gets the Rotarian Magazine—so have existing members share their copy with new club members.

**"WHY I JOINED ROTARY"
JANELLE KAVENAUGH, FORT WORTH EAST ROTARY**

I joined Rotary over 20 years ago for a very simple reason: Because a friend of mine was a Rotarian and thought so highly of the organization that it sounded really interesting to me.

My friend's reason was because Rotary is such a prestigious organization with all types of leaders. For him it was the prestige; for me it would be to meet interesting people.

And now to the heart of the matter: When did I become a Rotarian? Having joined a Rotary Club in 1987, very soon after women were allowed into the ranks of Rotary, I was conscientious about "never saying no" when asked to do something for Rotary and having perfect attendance. In a word I was a good steward. And then I met PDG Paul Geisel. I don't know how he got my name, but he called me one day to ask whether I could help out with a GSE team. I had never heard of a GSE team before, but as Paul explained it, I became interested and agreed to chaperone the team from Italy, probably in 1999, for a day.

Well, the upshot of that was that Rotary took on a new meaning. In a year or so I was the GSE Chair for the District. After two years with GSE, I served as District Secretary for PDG Chuck Kurtzman and again for PDG Tom Sheriff, two of the most incredible years of my life. Following that I worked as RYLA Administrator for three years and now as a RYLA Counselor. Finally, I have reached the pinnacle. I am president of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth East. We are a small Club, but, boy, do we do a lot! We have a fantastic group of Rotarians, not just RINOs (Rotarians in Name Only).

Interspersed through these activities, I have traveled to many countries with Rotary for the purpose of Rotary, making friends all over the world. What a ride this has all been!

To sum it all up, why I became a Rotarian is not nearly so important to me as what happened after I became engaged in the real work of Rotary. I think we must remember not just to bring people in, but to give them meaningful jobs within the organization. I think I shall always be in Rotary and unquestionably in my heart will always be a Rotarian.

Submitted by Janelle Kavanaugh, Fort Worth East Rotary.

**BEST PRACTICES—
"Share The Rotarian Magazine with New Members"**

After a club inducts a new member, and the report of new membership is sent to Rotary International, it can take a few months before that new member will start to get "The Rotarian" Magazine—a great benefit of being a member of Rotary.

So make a commitment to letting your new member or members get "The Rotarian" magazine from existing members of your club. Giving them 3-4 months worth can help get them more involved in what Rotary is about.

Make sure that the district also knows of their e-mail address, so they can get the district newsletter as well as other communication about events in the district.

After all, they joined to get involved—and they can't get involved unless they know what is going on.



AUGUST 2009 CLUB ATTENDANCE

Rotary Club	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	8/1/2009			8/31/2009	
Abilene - F	107	51.42%	4	106	(1)
Abilene Southw est - T	63	78.18%	4	62	(1)
Abilene Wednesday	23	62.00%	4	23	-
Arlington - TH	114	65.76%	4	113	(1)
Arlington North - M	45	85.17%	5	45	-
Arlington South - F	23	52.27%	4	23	-
Arlington Sunrise - F	64	95.30%	4	65	1
Arlington Sunset - T	8	75.00%	4	8	-
Arlington West - T	33	58.00%	4	33	-
Azle - TH	41	61.00%	4	41	-
Bowie - W	21	67.81%	4	22	1
Breckenridge - T					
Brownwood - W	22	85.00%	4	20	(2)
Burkburnett - T					
Burleson - F	59	81.20%	4	60	1
Cisco - TH	15	62.00%	4	15	-
Cleburne - TH	95	64.00%	4	96	1
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	10	100.00%	4	10	-
Crowell - W					-
Decatur - TH					
Denton - TH	94	53.45%	4	93	(1)
Denton South - T	36	72.00%	4	36	-
Dublin - T	24	69.00%	4	25	1
Eastland - TH	19	51.00%	4	20	1
Flower Mound - TH	72	69.00%	4	72	-
Fort Worth East - M	37	56.00%	5	37	-
Fort Worth International - W	13	60.00%	1	13	-
Fort Worth North - W					
Fort Worth - F	500	55.00%	4	502	2
Fort Worth South - T					
Fort Worth Southw est - TH	18	89.00%	4	19	1

Club Attendance is to be submitted to the District Secretary within 15 days after the last meeting of the calendar month. Club Secretaries should submit their attendance to District Secretary Richard Sherman at the following e-mail address: rsherman5790@sbcglobal.net or it can be done online through Club Runner.



AUGUST 2009 CLUB ATTENDANCE, Con't

Rotary Club	Members 8/1/2009	%	Mtgs	Members 8/31/2009	Add/Loss
Gainesville - W	60	42.00%	4	61	1
Graham - F	110	54.00%	4	110	-
Granbury - TH	46	59.00%	4	47	1
Grapevine - W	88	73.29%	4	89	1
Great SW Arlington - W	50	72.00%	4	45	(5)
Hamlin - W					
Haskell - TH	27	40.57%	4	25	(2)
HEB - T	65	81.00%	4	64	(1)
Highland Village	34	91.00%	4	34	-
low a Park - W	15	74.00%	4	16	1
Keller - T	43	69.77%	4	43	-
Kennedale	30	57.00%	4	30	-
Lake Ray Roberts - T	14	71.00%	4	14	-
Lewisville Morning - TH	28	90.94%	4	28	-
Lewisville Noon - W	58	71.95%	4	61	3
Mansfield - T	39	71.05%	4	39	-
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	20	78.75%	4	20	-
Metroport - F	33	67.00%	4	33	-
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	51	70.00%	4	51	-
Mineral Wells - W	41	73.00%	5	41	-
Nocona - T					-
Sanger - T	11	31.00%	4	11	-
Southlake - T	16	85.00%	4	17	1
Stamford - T	31	72.00%	4	35	4
Stephenville - TH	28	64.29%	4	28	-
The Colony - T					-
Vernon - T	44	61.93%	4	44	-
Weatherford - T	114	68.65%	4	113	(1)
Western Fort Worth - T	76	82.60%	4	74	(2)
Wichita Falls North - F	35	91.00%	4	35	-
Wichita Falls - TH	91	65.00%	4	91	-
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	24	83.00%	5	24	-

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TRAIN TRIP TO MONTREAL—2010 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



It's not too early to start thinking about the International Convention!

The 2010 Convention will be in Montreal Canada in June.

We've collected information on the trip by Amtrak to Montreal next June. We really need to find out how many people & who are interested and what accommodations they would want. The following is what we have at this time:

Travel Times

Leave Ft. Worth - June 14, 2010, 2:20 PM Arrive Chicago - June 15, 2010, 1:52 PM

Leave Chicago - June 16, 2010, 9:00 PM Arrive NY City - June 17, 2010, 6:25 PM

Leave New York City - June 19, 2010, 8:50 AM Arrive Montreal - June 19, 2010, 7:10 PM

***** NY to Montreal is strictly Coach since it's a day trip*****

Description of Accommodations on Train

Coach - **Just seats**, Food **NOT** included

Standard Sleeper - **Sleeps 2, Food included, Bathroom & Shower in Hall**

Deluxe Sleeper - **Sleeps 2, Food included, Bathroom & Shower in Room**

Coach (Rail Fee) - Everyone pays this but IT IS included in prices listed below

Regular - \$204.80 per person

Seniors - \$174.08 per person

*****The rates below for Standard & Deluxe rooms are based on 2 people in room*****

Standard Sleeper - Due to space available, this is 1st come, 1st choice (Only 10 available)

\$450.85 per person, **Seniors \$420.13 per person**

Deluxe Sleeper - Due to space available, this is 1st come, 1st choice (Only 4 available)

\$680.05 per person, **Seniors \$649.33 per person**

Deluxe Sleeper - Only to Chicago, it would be Coach or Standard (if available) to N.Y

Deluxe/Standard - \$657.80 per person, **Seniors \$627.08 per person**

Deluxe/Coach - \$473.30 per person, **Seniors \$442.58 per person**

This is due to there only being 4 available from Chicago to NY but 5 available from Ft. Worth to Chicago

10% Deposit due by Oct. 20, 2010, Remainder due by April 26, 2010

Be sure you have a Passport & Birth Certificate available upon request.

Hotel in Chicago will be the Hilton (Monroe Street) - 6 blocks from station

\$275.00 (includes taxes)

Hotel in Chicago will be the Hilton Garden Inn (Times Square)

King - \$243.33 (includes taxes)

2 Queen - \$277.76 (Includes taxes)

Transfer to/from hotel/station - **\$40 per person (round trip)**

Travel Agent Fee - **\$50 per person**

Low end Cost - \$553.97 per person *(this is with sharing a room in Chicago & NY)*

High end Cost - \$1,046.43 per person *(this is with sharing a room on train & in Chicago/NY)*

Contact Jeani Secord, Wichita Falls North Rotary: jsecord@secordlebow.com



ROTARIAN HIGHLIGHT — ARVIL LEWIS (FW EAST)

This year, we will spot light many of the long term members of Rotary.

This will be the first of several long term members of District 5790.



For his dedicated service to the Rotary Club of East Fort Worth, Arvil was awarded a gold watch with the Rotary seal on the face. The watch was presented by Past President Mark Williams on June 29, 2009.

When you visit the Fort Worth East Rotary Club, you will see a smiling gentleman sitting close to the serving area. His name is Arvil Lewis. You could almost say he is a fixture in the Club.

A charter member of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth East, he joined Rotary back in 1954 and has had perfect attendance ever since. Well, he has missed two meetings, but with that record who is counting????

In the Club's beginning there were 25 members. Arvil and his brother, Raymond, were both charter members, and other brothers, L. D. and Chesley, joined shortly after that. Chesley passed away in 2008, but L. D. still serves the Club as song leader.

Since the Club's inception Arvil has seen the membership rise to nearly 100 and drop below 40. He has served the Club in all capacities. In Rotary Year 1981-82 Arvil served as District Governor. At that time there were 51 Clubs in the district. Rotary was considerably different then. Arvil says serving as District Governor this was one of the greatest times of his life.

Arvil was born in 1922, the third of 11 children. To help support the family, Arvil sold vegetables from a wagon with his grandfather at a very young age. He sold papers on the street in Graham, Texas, and later as a teenager, Arvil worked for 75 cents a day tearing down generators at Cox's Generator Service. His pay increased to \$1.50 per day when he worked for the Dr. Pepper Company after school and during the summers.

During high school Arvil threw the Star-Telegram, but wanted to play football for Poly High School in Fort Worth. The coach encouraged him to join the team so Arvil gave up his paper route for football, but then his family moved to Commerce. Again Arvil chose football and arranged to stay with friends so he could continue to play and ultimately graduate from Poly.

After graduation work was very scarce. Arvil went to Swift & Armour Company for a job and found hundreds of men already there. When the foreman periodically called out for men to do certain jobs, Arvil told him, "I can do anything you have," and was hired on the spot. At Swift & Armour Arvil was wrapping meat for the Army when his draft notice came; his boss got it dismissed because Arvil was such a good worker. Arvil took heed to his second draft notice and in due course spent 28 days on a ship from Virginia to South Africa. After being wounded, Arvil was discharged from the service.

After a few years Arvil went into the service station business with his brother Raymond. At one time he owned four stations and was a representative in four states for Conoco. Over his many years in this field Arvil developed a large devoted customer base which led his to his next career, banking. It was through Rotary that this transpired. Arvil started at City National Bank in 1972 and in 1982 was hired by Woodhaven Bank "because he knew people and could be very effective in Customer Relations." Although retired, Arvil still receives calls from long-time bank customers, asking for help with decisions about their accounts. Arvil says, "I'll quit helping people when people quit calling." He is "grateful for the opportunity to be in people's lives."

A long-time Fort Worth East resident, Arvil was instrumental in forming the East Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. He has spent his time helping those less fortunate residents in the City in his active roles in the Masonic Lodge, the Golden Gloves, and the Meadowbrook Methodist Church. He is past president of Woodhaven Country Club, the Sales and Marketing Association, and White Lake Private School and has served on the board of directors of the Fort Worth Stock Show. In all aspects of his life Arvil has consistently demonstrated Rotary's motto, Service Above Self.

Arvil and Doris, his wife of 67 years, have twin daughters, Bonnie and Connie, four grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Arvil still maintains perfect attendance, and he and Doris attend all special Club meetings as well as monthly fellowship dinners enjoyed by any and all who wish to attend.

Yes, Arvil is the Granddaddy of the Fort Worth East Rotary Club. And a grand man is he!



PHOTOS FROM AROUND DISTRICT 5790

Arlington Sunrise—District Simplified Grant—Painting Project at Thornton Elementary School



Arlington Sunrise Club members, with student assistance, complete a painting project at the Thornton Elementary School as part of their Rotary District Simplified Grant award. Arlington Sunrise has partnered in the past with the Thornton PTA on several projects. In the future, they anticipate constructing a soccer field at the school in the near future.

-submitted by Bill Harnegel, Arlington Sunrise Rotary

Abilene Southwest Rotary Club Honors Former Abilene Police Chief Melvin Martin and his wife, Mary Ann Martin, with Paul Harris Fellow Awards.



Chief Martin distinguished himself by serving the Abilene Community for over 40 years, and Mary Ann for her dedicated service to the Abilene Independent School District.

Pictured (L-R): PDG David Mason, Mary Ann Martin, Melvin Martin and Club President Stephanie Kraly.

Abilene Southwest Rotary Club—Youth Exchange Students



08/18/2009

Alina Toktomamatova of Kyrkyzstan and Carlos Costa of Brazil are being sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Abilene. Pictured (L-R): Peggy McConnell, sponsor; Alina; Carlos; Kaitlyn Rankin, host sister; Stephanie Rankin, host Mom; and PDG Dave Mason.

Have something to let the Rotarians of District 5790 know about? Please submit your pictures and articles to the District 5790 Newsletter Editor. E-mail them to chuck@signsnowarlington.com

Pictures do not need to be high resolution. Please attach them to your e-mail — and don't embed them.



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

HIGHLAND VILLAGE—"FORMAL BUT TACKY BALL"—OCT 23rd

Highland Village Rotary Club is hosting their first annual Formal But Tacky Ball on October 23rd.

The event will feature Bras for a Cause auction where local artists have decorated bras and the proceeds will go to Breast Cancer Awareness organizations.

There will be dinner and dancing along with fantastic auction of items ranging from Cowboy tickets to Four Star Meals. Tickets are \$62.50 and available at www.HVRotary.org or call Barb Ross 972.317.1377

MID CITIES PACESETTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT—OCT 7TH

Mid Cities Pacesetters Rotary is having their annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, October 7th at Texas Star Golf Course in Eules.

Cost is \$125 per player. Noon start time.

For more information, visit www.PaceSettersRotary.com

ARLINGTON WEST GOLF TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER 16TH

Arlington West Rotary's golf tournament has been rescheduled for November 16th due to rain. It will be held at Shady Valley Golf Club in Arlington. Sign-up and registration starts at 11:30, The tournament begins at 12:30 with a shot gun start. \$125 per entrant. Prizes for the top 3 low scoring foursomes, closest-to-the-pin, long drive, a putting contests and a drawing for door prizes. Mulligan's may be purchased, limited to 5 per golfer.

Includes box lunch with a BBQ dinner by Spring Creek BBQ. Chair person for the tournament is Pete Pietrowski. His e-mail address is petepio@tx.rr.com. Pete can furnish any information for golfers or sponsors who want to participate in our project.

LAKE RAY ROBERTS—MERRIWEATHER & CULPEPPER CIRCUS OCTOBER 8TH

Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club is putting on the Merriweather and Culpepper Circus on October 8th at 5^{pm} and 7:30 pm.

For more details, contact Linda Bush, President by e-mail at: lindabush@bushanderson.com or Mark Peterman at Mark.Peterman@edwardjones.com

LET US KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON WITH YOUR CLUB!

Send us articles, photos, anything that shows the great things your club is doing.

If you have a fundraiser that you feel other clubs would have interest in, please feel free to share them with us. We will do our best to include them into the newsletter on a timely basis.

Please send any article you write in an editable format—Microsoft word, etc. Feel free to send pictures—they do not have to be high resolution. PDF Files are acceptable, but the editor reserves the right to re-format to fit the newsletter.

E-mail these to chuck@signsnowarlington.com



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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.

CONCERT TO END POLIO

Violin Virtuoso Itzhak Perlman will play a benefit concert with the New York Philharmonic on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:30 pm. The concert will be held in Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City.

A block of tickets has been reserved for Rotarians until November 1. To order tickets for the concert and post concert reception with Itzhak Perlman, call the Philharmonic Box Office at 212-875-5656 and mention that you are Rotarian.

All proceeds will go to Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge.

More information is available at www.rotary.org/endpolioconcert

Watch for an interview with Itzhak Perlman in the November issue of *The Rotarian*.

Itzhak Perlman was stricken with Polio at the age of four, and overcame great physical challenges to become one of the world's most celebrated musicians.

Southwest Airlines flies into LaGuardia, as does American Airlines. Book early to get the best price.

Manhattan hotels can be expensive, but hotels in New Jersey are much more reasonable.

COMING IN THE NEWSLETTER IN NOVEMBER

November is "Foundation" Month for Rotary.

You'll find articles about Annual Giving, The Permanent Fund, Rotary Foundation Overview, Polio and the upcoming International Convention in Montreal.

Abilene Wednesday, Azle, Fort Worth East, Hurst-Euless-Bedford, and Mid Cities Pacesetters will let us know about what is going on with their clubs.

You will also find recaps of what has gone on in the district, and upcoming club events.