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2011-2012
DG Sharron Miles

Fellow Rotarians,

There are some important things coming up for you. Please share these with your club members.

I know that many of you are planning special programs this month to generate funds for Polio eradication. I hope you have worked on getting proclamations from your local city officials naming October 24 as World Polio day in your community. Here are a few more things about polio that might interest you:

2-for-1 Recognition for my Polio Champions

During the week of 24-28 October 2011, donors will receive 2-for-1 recognition for every online contribution of US\$100 or more made to PolioPlus on www.rotary.org/contribute. We need your help to encourage members to donate online to make this promotion a success. You must be registered with Rotary's Member Access prior to making an online contribution. Member access provides Rotarians with online services and other important features. To register for Member Access, please visit www.rotary.org/memberaccess.

The promotion will begin on 6 a.m., Central Standard Time (CST), on Monday, 24 October, and end at 12 noon sharp (CST), on Friday, 28 October. Please note that contributions on www.rotary.org/contribute are in US dollars and 11 other Rotary supported currencies, including AUD, CAD, CHF, DKK, EUR, GBP, JPY, NZD, NOK, SEK, ZAR. Also, online contributions cannot be made on behalf of another individual, club, or district. We expect to have a high volume of online traffic associated with this promotion. Please allow 4-6 weeks for the promotional recognition to appear on your account and to request recognition materials. Click [here](#) for more information on the 2-for-1 recognition promotion.

Last Percent Video

An amazing "[Last Percent](#)" video was shown at the New Orleans convention during Bill Gates' speech. It was produced by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and is now available online!

We have never stopped at 99% and we will not stop until polio is eradicated. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ug_O7QjyQII . Enjoy and pass it on,

Morton's Steakhouse Golf Tournament-November 1

We still need to make an effort to participate in this event wherein PolioPlus will be the beneficiary of 100% of the funds raised by the event.

Here is what I am asking of each of you immediately:

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- ◆ Register Players and get information for the tournament at <http://mortonsmdlgolf.eventbrite.com/>
- ◆ Encourage your Club members, or their company, to sponsor the Tournament.
- ◆ See if any of your club members will donate auction items or be a Friend of Rotary Sponsor
- ◆ See if your Board of Directors will approve a \$250.00 sponsorship **for your** Club.
- ◆ Promote, Promote, Promote ... the tournament
- ◆ Contact Chris McLucas for more information and details at chris.mclucas@yahoo.com

October is Vocational Service Month

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

Vocational Service focuses on:

- ◆ Adhering to and promoting the highest ethical standards in all occupations
- ◆ Recognizing the value of all useful occupations, not just those that are pursued by Rotarians
- ◆ Contributing one's vocational talents to meeting the needs of the community

Consider dedicating at least one meeting to discussing Vocational Service and plan a project or other activity to carry out through the year. Following are some suggested activities for clubs to consider:

- ◆ Devote the first meeting in October to examining Vocational Service, including [The Four-Way Test](#) and [The Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions](#). After expanding members' awareness, solicit their input in planning projects for the remainder of the year.
- ◆ Introduce a "classification talk" series in which each member gives a five-minute talk on his or her vocation. These presentations give members the chance to learn the inner workings of jobs other than their own, including the various problems that arise and the solutions used to address them.
- ◆ Present a vocational award to someone in the community who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement and high ethical standards. Promote the presentation in the community, and consider making it an annual event each October.
- ◆ Help young people prepare for their careers by sponsoring a character building project, career day, job shadowing day, or mentorship program.
- ◆ Support professional development in the community by sponsoring a professional networking event or workshop, or start a career counseling program to help unemployed or underemployed adults compete in the job market.
- ◆ Have club members volunteer their vocational skills on a community or international service project. Many volunteer opportunities can be found on [ProjectLINK](#), an online database that allows Rotary clubs to publicize projects in need of assistance.

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"VOCATIONAL SERVICE"
What are you doing to promote Rotary at work?



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Anyone who knows that you belong to a Rotary Club watches and judges Rotary based on your actions. Whether that's at work, at Church or during your free time, people are basing their idea of what a Rotarian is on how you act and respond to everyday situations. Are you living up to the 4 Way Test outside of your regular Club meeting?

As you know, the standards of Rotary are high and the expectations that you accepted when you were inducted into your club are typically more than the average citizen thinks about on a daily basis. But remember, you were chosen to be a Rotarian for a reason and you have been given a simple tool to help you live up to those lofty expectations. It's called the 4 Way Test.

The 4 Way Test of the things we Think, Say or Do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Four-Way Test was conceived in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Having been assigned the task of saving a company from bankruptcy, Taylor developed the test as an ethical guide to follow in all business matters and to be used to make decisions that would ultimately bring the company back to life. Are you applying it in your job, your home life and your everyday decisions?

One of the ways you can promote this "ethical guideline" is to have your club sponsor a 4 Way Test Speech Contest with local students as the participants. Individual clubs can sponsor their winners and have them compete in the District Contest with the winner having a chance to go all the way to an International level of competition. Mike Pope (661) 406-7773 is the District Chairperson for the 4 Way Speech Contest (see article in this edition) and would be happy to help your club get started if you don't already have the event planned.

Another idea to help promote vocational Rotary is to present a vocational award to someone in the community (non-Rotarian) who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement and high ethical standards. Someone you know fits this definition of a Rotarian, but just hasn't been recognized or asked to join a club yet.

Also, during the month of October, take time at your meetings to have Classification Talks from your members and focus on how each person can share Rotary at their individual workplace. Focus on recognizing the value of all useful occupations, not just those that are pursued by Rotarians. And explore ideas on how to recruit people that

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could bring a new depth of knowledge in a Classification area that your club may not currently have a member.

For more ways to help promote Rotary in your vocation, check out *An Introduction to Vocational Service* (255-EN) or visit www.rotary.org. Also, if you have questions or success stories to share, contact us to share the ideas and promotions you came up with that helped your club so we can share them with others and further the betterment of Rotary.

Remember, the most important thing you can do as a Rotarian is to recognize how much fun and personal satisfaction you get from being a member of your club. Then, offer to share that with friends, family and coworkers who just might make good Rotarians. If you don't ask them, they'll never have the chance to experience the joy of Service Above Self as a Rotarian! And remember, you don't always know who may turn out to be a GREAT Rotarian, so ask lots of people to visit your club.

Do Good!

“FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST”



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The Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do. Any Rotarian with more than a couple months under his/her belt can recite it. Many clubs say it together at every meeting . . . some at the beginning and some at the end. I'm not even going to type it here. You all know it.

I started in Rotary in southern California . . . District 5260 . . . where nobody gives speeches about the Four Way Test. Instead, clubs in that district do a Four Way Test Essay Contest. Middle School students write essays about the person in their life who most exemplifies the Four Way Test. Then club committees read dozens and dozens, sometimes hundreds of essays. They narrow them down and finally pick 3 winners. The clubs then invite the student, his/her parent(s), their teacher, and the person they wrote about, if still living, to a Rotary meeting where the program includes the students reading their essays and the club honoring them with the cash prizes as well as a framed original of their essays. It's a great program.

What our District 5790's Four Way Test Speech Contest has in common with District 5260's essay contest is more than the subject of the speeches and essays. It's a way to

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introduce young students to a character "test" that we, as Rotarians, recognize as being simple yet sublime in its ability to expose "who we are when nobody's looking" and to encourage us to choose positive actions in thought, word and deed.

The contests are held in the Spring of each year. Clubs hold their own contests with a school or schools they select and the winners of those contests then participate in Regional contests. The top two from each Regional then give their speeches for the third and last time (not counting all their practices in front of friends, family and classmates) at the District Conference. It's up to the club to determine prizes for the club contests but the District awards cash prizes for winners of the Regionals and again at the finals at the District Conference.

Forms and more information are available on the district's website on the right side tab under 4 Way Test Contest. There you'll find a Club Participation Form, a brief PowerPoint about the contest, a Student Participation Form, the Rules for the Contest and a copy of the judge's score sheet. I recommend that all clubs check out the info on the website very soon.

Here are two very important issues for the contest that I want to communicate:

In years past the District has held 2 Regional contests. As a result, roughly 1/3 of our clubs participate. Last year Regionals were held in Euless and Weatherford. And because Regionals were held only in the DFW metroplex, many clubs did not hold contests. This year we want to expand the opportunity for more clubs to participate. I've talked with some club presidents in the Wichita Falls area and we've also heard that there is interest in holding contests in the Abilene area. In order to maximize opportunities for club participation and to expose more high school students to the 4 Way Test, the District is willing to hold MORE REGIONAL CONTESTS THIS YEAR, providing several clubs outside the metroplex hold contests. We won't determine the number and locations of the Regionals until we hear from clubs who desire to participate.

I will be calling on several Rotarians to enlist you as committee members in the weeks ahead. If you know now that you'd like to serve on the District 5790 - 4 Way Test Speech Contest Committee, please shoot me an email or give me a call.

Whether it's middle schoolers in California writing essays or high schoolers in Texas giving speeches, sharing the truths contained in Rotary's 4 Way Test is a joy that never gets old. Consider making the 4 Way Test Speech Contest a regular program for your club each year, starting now!



“ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS”



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District 5790 is extremely fortunate to have had **Jay Gilliam** (a Martin High School Grad) go through the Rotary program at the International Christian University in Tokyo. Jay got his master's degree and is working for the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF USA) as their communications assistant in Washington, DC.

Jay says “I really appreciate the opportunities that being a part of the Rotary World Peace Fellowship have given me. I am working exactly in the sector that I want. AK F USA values the importance of working with marginalized groups of people to help them become self-reliant—the same values I know are important to make this world peaceful and prosperous. I am proud that AFK USA is part of the larger Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) where it can leverage the work of its sister agencies to support the most disadvantaged in all aspects of their lives, such as health, education and the environment. It's also great that Rotary recognizes the important work of AKDN by partnering with Aga Khan University in East Africa.”

If you would like to help Jay and AKF, come participate in the Dallas Partnership Walk to raise funds for programs in Africa and Asia. The event will be held on Saturday, October 29 at the Shops at Legacy. Find details at <http://partnershipsinaction.org/content/partnership-walk-dallas>.

Cody Griggers from Dublin is our second Peace Fellow from 5790. He has started his second semester at the University of Queensland (UQ) where he is over half way through his master's degree program in Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Cody says “This classwork has been amazing. UQ has some of the most renowned scholars in the field of Conflict Resolution and Human Rights, so its really great to not only come across our professors' work for class but to then be able to go and actually talk with them about it. I've found the professors a great source of not just academic advice but also career advice. Of course they're just good to talk with about the things that are going on in the region and the world.”

Peace Fellows are required to undertake an internship. Cody has been invited to intern in the Asia regional office of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (www.hdcentre.org) The HD Centre, based in Geneva, is one of the world's most respected independent conflict resolution and mediation bodies. Cody will be working with them in Singapore on a new initiative called “Women at the Peace Table”, which is looking at ways of getting more women involved at the negotiating table in conflicts around the world either as mediators or as invited parties.

Cody says “It's not an overstatement to say that the Peace Fellows program has been a life changing experience for me. I now have a solid career direction (to work in conflict mediation/negotiation).”

Please look for qualified individuals who might be interested in applying for this wonderful program.



"GOVERNORS BLOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE" *The Cowboys and Indians invite you to participate*



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Here's news from the Global Network for Blood Donation (GNBD), our Rotarian Action Group. This e-mail is meant to be a quick read with just the highlights. Feel free to forward to your contacts. For more info, please see our website at www.ourblooddrive.org or contact us at info@ourblooddrive.org

PRESIDENTIAL SUPPORT

Inspired by the successes of the Governors' Challenge Blood Drives in Texas, RI President Kalyan Banerjee has encouraged all Rotary districts in India to participate in the Rotary Governors' Challenge Blood Drive.

WORLDWIDE FACTS

Against an annual demand of 20 million units only 15 million units are available in India.

In the USA, about 1 in 7 people entering a hospital need blood.

REPORT FROM THE COWBOYS

WHO ARE THE COWBOYS? Rotarians in all of Texas, New Mexico, and District 5770 in Oklahoma and growing

District 5810 report by George Elking, Vampire Emeritus & District 5810 Aide to the Governor:

DG Bud McBrayer promotes our District Blood Donation program and he refers to our District's status as the "Vampire District". He tells each club how one unit of blood can save up to 3 people's lives. We also are diligently pursuing our District's Goal of 5812 units of blood.

District 5790 report by Walter Ott –Blood Drive Chair:

DG Sharron Miles has set the goal for District 5790 at 5,813 units. Wonder where she got that number?

REPORT FROM THE INDIANS

(by P T Prabhakar, GNBD President & Indian Chair)

The Rotary Governor's Challenge Blood drives made a great start in India. Every district has reported significant number of units of blood, collected by Rotary clubs in voluntary blood drives. **District 3230** had the privilege of RI President Kalyan Banerjee's visit to the Rotary Central TTK VHS Blood Bank July 14, 2011, where he motivated and complimented the 150 Rotaractors who donated blood on that day and distributed donors' cer-

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tificates to them.

RI Districts **2980, 3000, 3212 & 3230**, all part of the state of Tamil Nadu, are planning mega blood drives between September 12 -17, 2011. A similar effort, last year yielded 12,000 units of blood.

This year the plan is to **collect 18,000 units**, of which, RI District 3230’s contribution will be 10,000 units. In short, the Indians have accepted the challenge from the Cowboys and are going great guns!!!

DID YOU KNOW?

Global Network for Blood Donation (GNBD) is a Rotary Action Group, and has more than 1,300 Rotarians as members from around the Rotary world. Its purpose is to promote voluntary blood donation. Members are Rotarians, Rotaractors, and spouses; others are welcomed as “friends.” There are no dues. See www.ourblooddrive.org to join.

RESOURCES

Need newsletter articles, logos, banners? We also have “Life stories” ready for your newsletter. Download from www.ourblooddrive.org.

Chuck Kurtzman, PDG, is the Founding Vampire of the Rotary Governors’ Challenge Blood Drives. Contact him at c.kurtzman@ourblooddrive.org.

Vampire capes call attention to the Rotary blood drive effort. Here Cees Smit Sibinga (left) and Chuck Kurtzman (right) present cape to Haagen Cumlet at the 2011 Rotary Convention in New Orleans. Kurtzman and Cumlet are co-founders of the Global Network for Blood Donation, a Rotarian Action Group.





“WICHITA FALLS NORTH ROTARY”
“Exemplifying Service Above Self”



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

One of our major achievements each year is the devoted hard work of our flag team members who put out about 1,000 flags six times a year. The Flag program has been the primary fundraiser for our club raising nearly \$24,000. This enables the club to fund various Rotarian projects locally and internationally. These projects have included funding for local scholarships, dictionaries for elementary school children, funding for various children organizations, fans for the elderly, power packs (kid’s backpack food supplemental program), providing a community Paul Harris fellow to deserving member of our community, cookouts at blood drives, shelter box, wheelchairs in Mexico, funding for humanitarian purposes in Haiti, RYLA and various other projects.

The project that Rotary North 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 club relationship with the 364th Training Squadron has been the premier relationship of the local squadron adoption program. At our meetings, we remember those members of our adopted squadron who are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan with a table setting at our breakfast table with a place card with the airman’s name listed on it. A special project of the club this year was to expose the airman from our adopted squadron to learn about some of the history of their own Air Force. About 250 airman were transported to the Call Field Aviation Museum located at Kickapoo Airport where they could view various Air Force memorabilia and then got the opportunity to watch the Curtis Jenny airplane fly. The Curtis Jenny is a WWI trainer that was used at Call Field to train pilots and Wichita Falls has one of only four flyable Jenny’s still in existence. Then the airman were treated to a picnic and got to watch various other small aircraft fly.



Governors Blood Challenge Recognition.



"WICHITA FALLS NORTH ROTARY, Con't"

For the past few years, the club has purchased and donated dictionaries to approximately 1,100 third graders in the Wichita Falls Independent School District yearly. Each dictionary is labeled with; the Four-Way Test, who donated it and a place to put the student's name in it and personally presented to the students. This allows us to spend a few minutes discussing who we are and what Rotary is about and to explain the accomplishments and benefits of Rotary to the students. Many of the students and teachers send Thank You letters back to our club and they are such a delight to read.



Rotary North has committed to several new local service projects this year, in addition to continuing a number of the old ones as well. The new projects include planting native trees at River Bend Nature Center with a local Boy Scout troop, hosting an appreciation/recognition breakfast for First Responders and Area Volunteer Fire Departments. Plaques with the Rotary First Responder medallion attached to them were awarded to the Wichita Falls Fire Dept., Wichita Falls Police Dept., Wichita County Sheriff's Office and Texas Dept. of Public Safety. Cash awards were given to twelve area VFDs for their work in fighting wildfires this spring and summer. Gathering of eyeglasses, related supplies and funds for program called "Vision UP" to provide vision care to the children of Haiti. The club will work the spaghetti dinner at Hotter N' Hell again this year, provide cookouts at blood drives and Miracle League, provide incentives to keep students in school at our adopted school, and a variety of other service projects in our local community and on the international front.

Our club continues to participate in several international service projects; both monetarily and by travelling to the project and interacting with our international partner Rotary Club and other local Rotary Clubs and the people that are the target of the project. For over 6 years, we've active in the wheelchair distribution trip to Leon, Mexico to distribute wheelchairs to the needy people in the Leon area. These wheelchairs have been for the young and old, children and adults. Rotary North is very active in Honduras, providing aid in increasing agriculture capabilities in the Gracias A Dios area of Honduras with the assistance of the Nueva Tegucigalpa Rotary Club of Honduras. We also have provided water filters for the same area. One member of our club has made at least 5 trips to Honduras to observe and research the projects. Our club has been involved in both receiving and sending GSE teams. Our club is always looking for opportunities to go some additional international projects so if your club might have a project of interest, please forward the information to me.

Our club is a well rounded Rotary Club that participates in all Five Avenues of Service.



"LAKE RAY ROBERTS ROTARY CLUB" *"Active in the community"*



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The Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club is a small member of the Rotary Club family, with 16 members. Despite its size, the Club is very active in its community, providing numerous services.

- ◆ Our club has a Rotary Flag program, placing 170 flags around the community on "flag days". An important fundraiser, each flag placed generates an annual fee for the Club.
- ◆ To support youth, we provide two Rotary Scholarships of \$1,500 each are awarded to two graduating seniors at Pilot Point High School, the funds being paid directly to the colleges of their choice.
- ◆ We also send two students to RYLA annually.
- ◆ Another youth program, is Fish On (formerly Kid Fish), a program in conjunction with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, teaches hundreds of children about the joys of fishing each year. The events, held alternately at the Isle du Bois and Johnson Branch State Parks at Lake Ray Roberts, provide not only much joy for the children and for the Club Members who participate, but also funds for the Club through the TPWD program which compensates Club volunteers for their services.
- ◆ The Club maintains a two-mile stretch of U.S. Hwy 377 south of Pilot Point, under the Texas Adopt-a-Highway Program.
- ◆ Annual donations are made to the Shepherd's Storehouse/ Goodfellows and to Angel Tree, projects to brighten the lives of the less fortunate and older citizens living in nursing homes, respectively. Club members put together and deliver the gifts for Angel Tree at Christmas as well.
- ◆ At the Pilot Point Elementary School, the Club delivers dictionaries to all Third Graders, as well as supports two programs to encourage grade performance by students, BUG Club (Bringing Up Grades) and Float to the Top (recognizing top students in each class).



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- ◆ The Club recognizes and provides awards to Police Officer and Fireman of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.
- ◆ An annual donation is made to the local National Night Out program sponsored by Police Departments nationwide.
- ◆ The Club has exceeded its three-year commitment to Polio Plus for the eradication of Polio.
- ◆ Additionally, the Club contributes to various international projects, usually in conjunction with larger clubs in our area that have signed on for these.

So the Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club is an active member of its community, providing many local services while seeking ways to contribute beyond our area.

GAINESVILLE ROTARY CLUB *“Enriching the Community”*



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Rotary International has had a Gainesville presence for more than nine decades and, during that time, has continually been far more than a local social club. It exists to produce results that considerably enrich the community beyond club walls.

“This is not a fun-and-games organization,” said member Earl Russell. “If you’ll notice on the national news, virtually every speaker — a major speaker when a major address is given to the public — has the Rotary Club emblem on the podium, or a Rotary Club person behind the speaker.

“This is the only social organization that exists whose primary purpose is service.” And Rotarians serve effectively because they’re generally business leaders who have familiarity with being in charge. This means experience with organization and with mobilizing activities that cost money. This comes into use when the Gainesville Rotary Club volunteers for DASH food delivery to people in need or donates money to agencies such as Volunteers In Service To Others (VISTO) and Cooke County United Way.

Club President and First State Bank Executive Vice-President Ryan Morris, whose great-grandfather Frank chartered the city’s first Rotary meeting in 1920, said the club supports many local causes as a matter of course. But the support regularly comes in more forms than one. “For some, we write a check,” he said. “But we also donate a lot of man hours.”

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GAINESVILLE ROTARY CLUB, Con't *"Enriching the Community"*

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Examples include Gainesville ISD literacy programs plus the recent construction of playground additions in Gainesville's Leonard Park, where Rotarians donated money for materials and spent time on site for some of the building shifts. The most pronounced example, Morris said, is the club's annual flag program. Rotarians accept annual fees to visit residential and commercial addresses in Cooke County and raise American flags on these properties during national holidays.

"It's a fundraiser that helps everyone show their patriotism locally," Morris said. "And when you see all the flags, it's deceptively simple; it's both a fundraiser and a huge community service. It gives our community the ability to display its patriotism and fund scholarships and other programs sponsored by the Rotary Club."

Rotary members insist the organization strives to create positive impact on local, national and even international levels, as per its directive. Retired Air Force officer Bill Burhans said he became a Gainesville Rotarian in 2003. He soon found himself using his military background in Russian translation to help host Rotary-sponsored group study exchange programs that included trips to western and eastern Siberia. He and program members exchanged information and cultural influence with Rotarian counterparts abroad.

"Those kinds of programs are very important," he said. "Doing the Rotary thing: passing on experience and service to others. In that regard, I was very fortunate to do that."

In extolling the virtues of Rotary, Morris cited the virtues of local weekly Rotary Club meetings. They create a venue for people to visit and discuss vital community issues in areas where the organization might be able to do some good.

"We can allow people to come together and learn about things that are critical to our community and educate them on the issues that affect them on a daily basis," he said. "We have a terrific membership of people who make a difference in Cooke County. Not just through this club, but through their businesses."



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August 2011 Attendance

RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	8/1/2011			8/31/2011	
Abilene - F	97	49.74%	4	97	-
Abilene Southw est - T	59	78.64%	5	60	1
Abilene Wednesday					-
Arlington - TH	119	47.31%	4	119	-
Arlington GSW - W	35	68.89%	5	35	-
Arlington North - M	38	79.53%	5	38	-
Arlington South - F	19	50.00%	4	19	-
Arlington Sunrise - F	64	93.80%	4	64	-
Arlington Sunset - T	10	62.00%	5	10	-
Arlington West - T	34	61.00%	5	34	-
Azle - TH	31	66.00%	4	33	2
Bow ie - W	24	70.48%	4	24	-
Breckenridge - T	25	58.75%	5	26	1
Brow nw ood - W					-
Burkburnett - T	40	72.31%	5	39	(1)
Burleson - F					-
Burleson Area Mid Day - M					-
Cisco - TH	11	82.00%	4	11	-
Cleburne - TH	79	58.55%	4	78	(1)
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	11	76.00%	5	11	-
Crow ell - W					-
Decatur - TH					-
Denton - TH	83	70.60%	4	86	3
Denton South - T	35	71.93%	5	36	1
Dublin - T	23	71.00%	5	23	-
Eastland - TH	18	54.17%	4	18	-
Flow er Mound - TH	75	86.15%	4	75	-
Fort Worth East - M	34	65.00%	5	33	(1)
Fort Worth International - W					-
Fort Worth North - W	20	70.00%	5	22	2
Fort Worth - F	450	55.00%	4	448	(2)
Fort Worth South - T					-

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



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RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	8/1/2011			8/31/2011	
Fort Worth Southw est - TH	25	65.31%	4	24	(1)
Gainesville - W					-
Graham - F					-
Granbury - TH	54	70.91%	4	55	1
Grapevine - W					-
Hamlin - W					-
Haskell - TH	17	50.67%	4	19	2
HEB - T	67	85.00%	5	67	-
Highland Village					-
low a Park - W					-
Keller - T					-
Kennedale	23	73.00%	4	24	1
Lake Ray Roberts - T	16	77.50%	5	16	-
Lew isville Morning - TH	28	91.82%	4	29	1
Lew isville Noon - W	54	90.73%	5	56	2
Mansfield - T	32	76.25%	5	32	-
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	21	78.41%	4	22	1
Metroport - F	29	80.36%	4	28	(1)
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	49	67.89%	4	48	(1)
Mineral Wells - W					-
Nocona - T					-
Southlake - T					-
Stamford - T	31	60.00%	5	31	-
Stephenville - TH	23	78.58%	4	21	(2)
Vernon - T					-
Weatherford - T	109	60.04%	5	108	(1)
Western Fort Worth - T	63	84.20%	5	64	1
Wichita Falls North - F	31	90.00%	4	31	-
Wichita Falls - TH	82	64.42%	4	80	(2)
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	29	84.14%	5	29	-

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: rsher-man5790@sbcglobal.net



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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.

Comments and suggestions welcome.



(Left) Don Ferrell, the designated cook for the Arlington Sunrise Club, does his best not to burn the burgers at the club End of Summer picnic.

(Right) Club President Elect Dub Hirst provided a bright diversion to the activities.



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 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER...

November is Foundation Month. Mitch McCartney will write about Annual Giving, PDG Don Mebus will talk about the Permanent Fund, PDG Dan Morales will give an overview of the TRF, PDG Conrad Heede will update us on Polio Eradication and Troy & Jeani Secord will talk about the International Convention.

Abilene Wednesday, Azle, Fort Worth East, HEB and Mid Cities Pacesetters will let us know what is going on with their clubs.