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## Rotary District 5790 Newsletter

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Hello Rotarians of District 5790,



2009-2010 DG  
John and his wife  
Claire

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> Claire went back to work as a high school teacher. She was missed during my August visits to the clubs. During the month I continued to have great club visits: Fort Worth East, Gainesville, Cleburne, Kennedale, Mansfield Sunrise, Burleson, Coleman, Abilene Southwest, Abilene Wednesday and Mid-Cities Pacesetters.

At Abilene Southwest I had the pleasure of recognizing a brand new Paul Harris Fellow and at Mid-Cities Pacesetters I had the super distinct pleasure of recognizing four new Paul Harris Fellows. At Cleburne I had the great honor of speaking with 89-year-old Past Mayor George Marti, who had joined Rotary 61 years ago in 1948 and had been instrumental in over 250 scholarships being awarded to Cleburne high school students. **Wow!** At Abilene Wednesday I was introduced to their literacy project: working with mentally challenged people in Abilene, helping them become productive citizens in their community. In Coleman I heard about a proposed project which, if adopted, could revitalize that club in their community. And most of the clubs are continuing their dictionary projects with the local third graders.

A very special thanks to President Fred Smith and the Rotary Club of Mineral Wells. On August 15<sup>th</sup> the Mineral Wells Rotary Club hosted our annual Membership/Foundation Seminar. What a fantastic facility the Mineral Wells High School is! We had two super speakers in PDG Diane Kessel Knight and RIDE Noel Bajat, followed by programs hosted by Membership Chairman Hollis Lackey and Foundation Chairman PDG Dan Morales. A great sharing and learning experience was had by everyone in attendance!

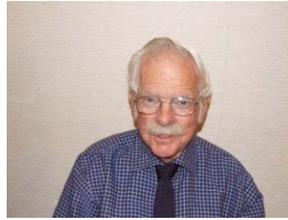
At PETS each year we teach presidents-elect how to manage their clubs and what is expected of them as the leaders of their clubs, but we do not teach them how to be leaders and lead their clubs. In 2008 four of us got together and brought to our district the Institute for Leadership, which had been started and developed by PRIVP Sonny Brown in El Paso. This course was designed and is intended for the future leaders of our district's clubs. We are now extending an invitation to each club offering this opportunity to the future leaders of the clubs to enroll and be an exciting part of our third "District 5790 Institute for Leadership" Class. Registration for this class is \$299.00. It will be taught at the DFW Marriott Hotel and Golf Course (across from the Texas Motor Speedway) on Saturday-Sunday, October 17-18, 2009. The course is limited to the first 24 participants who apply.

And don't forget our two "End Polio Now" activities which are coming up. First will be the End Polio Now night at the Texas Rangers ball game on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The second will be World Polio Day on Saturday, October 24, 2009, when each club is asked to do a project in their local community to educate people about polio.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Ballpark in Arlington! — DG John



DAVIS WAGGENER 1932 –2009  
STEPHENVILLE ROTARY



*Davis Waggener, President of the Rotary Club of Stephenville, apparently died in his sleep on the morning of August 31, 2009. He was 77 years old.*

Services will be at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at First Baptist Church in Stephenville. The address is 334 W. Green Street. He will be entombed with military honors at Erath Gardens of Memory following the service at the church. Visitation will be Friday night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Lacy Funeral Home, 1380 N. Harbin Street in Stephenville.

*Join us in our condolences to the fellow Rotarians of Stephenville and family of Davis Waggener.*

### September is New Generations Month

Continuing in the tradition of having a different theme each month, we concentrate on "New Generations" in September. New Generations helps us to focus on the younger members of Rotary and our programs.

**Interact**, a program begun back in the 1962 at Melbourne High School in Melbourne, Florida. Interact stands for "International Action". Interact is for 14-18 year olds, and is traditionally a High School based organization with a local Rotary club as sponsor. Today, there are more than 11,400 clubs in over 125 countries, with an estimated 250,000 youth members worldwide. District 5790 has 18 Interact Clubs. On the [next page](#), Lee Ancona, Interact Chair talks about Interact.

In the late 1960s, noting the success of the recently formed Interact program, the RI Board realized the need for a program of service, activity, and fellowship for young adults no longer of Interact age (14-18). The name **Rotaract** (Rotary in Action) was selected to show the program's close affiliation with both Rotary and Interact clubs. The first Rotaract Club was at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. The club received its charter on March 13, 1968 and had 21 members. Rotaract clubs were originally open to young men and women ages 17-24. Since 1971, young adults ages 18-30 have been welcomed. On [page 4](#), you see an article about the Rotaract Club at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. There are two other Rotaract Clubs in our District—University of North Texas and the University of Texas—Arlington.

**RYLA**, "Rotary Youth Leadership Awards" has been teaching select high school students about leadership over an intense 3 day weekend. District 5790 holds RYLA in June each year). The roots of RYLA date back to 1959, in Australia. By 1998, nearly half of the 521 Rotary districts had a RYLA program. In 2001, the first International RYLA program began at the RI Convention in San Antonio. Bridgett Williams, RYLA Chair, talks about our district program on [Page 5](#).

**Friendship Exchange** allows Rotarians to visit other parts of the world and stay with fellow Rotarians. More details are on [Page 6](#) with an article written by Chris McLucas and an open invitation to visit India on [Page 7](#).

And last but not least is **Youth Exchange**— our district has a fantastic person working with clubs to promote both inbound and outbound students. Kathy Bauer works with short and long term students. On [Page 8 and 9](#) you will find what is going on with some of the various students in the district.



## INTERACT CLUB UPDATE

Lee Ancona, District 5790 Interact



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Interact Clubs are the high school version of Rotary Club. There are a number of Interact Clubs in District # 5790. Some of these clubs are associated with high schools in the area, while others are free standing. All are connected to a local Rotary Club.

The Interact Clubs have a variety of undertakings that they actively pursue during a given school year and each club is encouraged to have a least one local and one international project. Interact Clubs elect officers and many are involved in their local Rotary Club's activities. Interact provides a great opportunity to introduce and showcase Rotary and perhaps recruit future members. It also gives individual members a chance to demonstrate, in real life ways, our Rotarian motto – "Service Above Self".

At Lamar High School, Arlington, Texas our Interact Club has been challenged for members because our students are really busy, competition exists from other clubs and organizations and athletics. In spite of those challenges, the Lamar Interact Club hosted the most recent District # 5790 conference November '08, coordinated a campus beautification project with other clubs on campus, and was active with Wheelchairs, International, Inc. and Water is Basic. North Arlington Rotary is the sponsor club organization for Lamar Interact.

There are many other projects with which other Interact Clubs are involved. Food drives, helping at a homeless shelter, visiting local nursing home residents, volunteering with Rotary Club projects and fundraisers, are all part of the effort and community involvement of Interact. As a prime example the Interact Club in Argyle, thought to be the largest club in Texas with over 100 members, sponsored a fund raiser for a local student who was battling cancer. Please help support your local Interact Club and if you don't have one, consider starting a group through your Rotary Club or local school.

Submitted by Lee C. Ancona & Nicole Stephens, Interact Sponsors, Lamar High School.



## ROTARACT—MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

The Midwestern State University Rotaract Club was first established on the MSU campus in 1985 but only lasted until 1986. The current Rotaract Club was established by Ms. Yana Shamis on September 1, 2005 with 5 members, and Dr. Fukasawa and Dr. Preda have served as faculty advisers since that time. The club however was not officially chartered until March 19, 2007 as at least 15 members were required to qualify as a nationally-chartered chapter. Ms. Nichole Phillip was the president of the club during the charter year. During this year the club printed the official MSU Rotaract Club t-shirts. The colors on the shirt were not hard to marry as both the Rotary colors and the MSU colors are maroon & gold, and the back of the shirt has "service" in the seven different languages spoken by the club members. The club participated in a few activities but by the end of the year had to become inactive due to a dwindling number of members.

Towards the end of the 2008 academic year Ms. Adewonuola Adebisi, a club member during the charter year, approached Dr. Preda about reviving the club to which he readily agreed. She organized an interest meeting about the club and got a number of people interested in becoming a part of the club; at the beginning of the 2008-09 academic year she was elected as president.

Since then the club has been very active both on campus and in the community, participating in such activities as Habitat for Humanity, MSU Great Day of Service, park clean-ups, and clothing drives. The club has also developed a close relationship with River Oaks Care Center which is a seniors' home in downtown Wichita Falls, visiting the residents at least once a month with snacks and hand-made cards. In honor of the 2009 World Rotaract Week the club had booths in the Student Center of the Midwestern campus, handing out flyers and raising interest about the group on campus. The club also stays in touch with their sponsoring Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Wichita Falls (North). The Rotaract Club attends the Rotary meetings at least once a month, and the Rotary North Club is always present at the Rotaract pinning ceremony, which is the official welcome of new recruits.

There are currently about 50 active members, and the club continues to grow and expand with the help of a few people. Ms. Yana Shamis though no longer in the Wichita Falls area continues to be a great treasure to the club, attending general meetings and frequently participating in organized events. The Rotary North Club also lends support to the activities of the club both in person and financially. Several club members have provided valuable advice and counsel, and donated a large amount of personal funds to keep the Rotaract treasury afloat during hard times. Dr. Preda remains quite active as faculty adviser, attending general meetings and participating in club events. He is a vital element to the success of the club. As the club prepares for the 2009-10 executive elections, the club looks forward to continued growth and success with the help of these people.



One event was a Food Drive in March 2009, where Rotaract participated in a "MSU Great Day of Service" Food Drive.

There were 700 students involved from around campus including the Midwestern State Rotaractors.

Submitted by: Adewonuola (Tokie) Adebisi,  
President 2008-2009, MSU Rotaract.



**RYLA – Making A Difference—Your Personal Invitation**

*“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, The sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove.....but the world may Be different because I was important in the life of a child.” (-Author Unknown)*



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September is “New Generations” month where we, as Rotarians, focus on Rotary’s youth programs. Anyone of these programs would be good reading for our District newsletter, but perhaps RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is the one program that will help grow Rotary for generations to come. It is here that we strive to “grow Rotarians”!

District 5790’s RYLA program has grown from 42 “campers” to 108 “youth leaders” in just over 8 years. Each year we receive comments from RYLA attendees like this one from Angell Kim of Flower Mound, Texas.

*“My experience at RYLA was very memorable. If everyone in the world attended RYLA, there would be no such thing as “awkwardness” or “arrogance”. RYLA is the main reason I became hooked onto Rotary!*

“Hooked on Rotary” is the goal! It is at this leadership experience training that these youth learn about Ethical Decision Making, how our government REALLY works, Diversity, Etiquette and the Principles of Rotary, including community service. These are things they don’t teach in school, but things that can make an impact when our youth move into society and make their contributions in whatever form. Not only does this training affect the youth, but it does impact the Rotarians who so generously dedicate their time to the program and these youth. Like this comment from Mike Mlinac with Metroport Rotary.



*“What really made the RYLA experience meaningful to me was working with the kids, figuring out how best to connect with them considering their unique personality, abilities, and circumstances. Best of all, watching the light bulb go on when they recognized their own leadership potential.....and began stretching and growing right before our eyes.”*

“Stretching, growing, right before your eyes”, who wouldn’t want to be part of that experience! You can! **This article is your personal invitation to contact us and be part of RYLA 2009-2010.** We will need 10-12 Rotarian counselors for the second week in June 2010 (June 10-13, 2010). Please contact me, Bridgett Williams, at [bridgewilliams@verizon.net](mailto:bridgewilliams@verizon.net) for an application. I promise you will get more out of it than you ever thought possible! Here’s to our youth!



## FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

Submitted by Chris McLucas, Friendship Exchange Chair

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“One of the key principles of Rotary is to foster fellowship among Rotarians around the world. The Rotary Friendship Exchange program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to experience other cultures firsthand, by participating in reciprocal visits with Rotarians from other countries and their families. Introduced in 1984, this program aims to advance international understanding among Rotarians. It provides Rotarians with the opportunity to form personal contacts and make long-lasting friendships while exploring different areas of the world.

There are two main types of Friendship Exchanges, the visitor exchange and the team exchange. The number of people or couples participating and the length of stay are flexible in either exchange. However, both are to be determined and agreed upon by the two districts involved.

Rotary Friendship Exchanges are expected to be reciprocal. The visitor exchange gives individual Rotarians, who may be accompanied by family members, the opportunity to spend a few days in the home of a Rotarian in another country. The typical visitor exchange ranges from three to seven days. The team exchange provides the opportunity for several Rotarians or Rotary couples to travel to different communities in a host district for a period of up to one month. The exchange participants are limited to only Rotarians and immediate family members (partner and children) are eligible for the visitor exchange. For the team exchange, only Rotarians and their partners are eligible. For either type of exchange, both districts should agree on the participants in advance.

All Friendship Exchanges are arranged through the district chair, appointed each year by the district governor to oversee all of the Friendship Exchange activity within the district. The recommended minimum term for a district chair is two years.

Rotary Friendship Exchange is funded entirely by the program participants, and exchanges are carried out at no expense to Rotary International. Generally, guests are responsible for their travel expenses and personal spending (for example, souvenirs, snacks, toiletries, camera film, etc.), while hosts are expected to provide housing, meals, and sightseeing opportunities — the same courtesies that would be extended to a visiting friend. In establishing the program, the district Friendship Exchange chair may wish to develop a modest funding plan within the district to cover implementation costs. District chairs should expect to cover communication costs, such as mail, fax, and telephone.



## AN OPEN INVITATION TO VISIT INDIA THROUGH FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

Dear Rotarian Christopher McLucas:

Greetings from RI Dist 3150, India. On behalf of our Governor Rotarian C. Suresh & Myself & 2000+ Rotarian families in our district.

Our District RI 3150 is in south central part of India & we form the northern part of State of Andhra Pradesh (A.P.). We have some historic towns like Hyderabad ,Warangal & Nizamabad.

I am District Chair for Rotarian Friendship Exchange program. I think is a very beautiful program which aims to bring us closer & lets us know each other & our families better.

This Friendship exchange lets us understand each other's culture; we can see & observe the same from much closer distance; as we Rotarians can live with each others family.

A.P. being almost center of India is a cultural melting pot ; with a long and interesting history. If you have any particular interest to accomplish or transiting our Dist 3150 please do let me know, I can try to arrange the exchange & other details of the program including plan for your travel/local meeting arrangements.

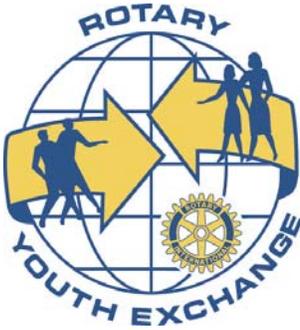
We can also help you plan to visit other cities in India. The most favorable time to visit our District is from October to January. This is only suggestion you can chose your own schedule & we are ready to receive you in our District any time.

We can arrange for your home stay with our Rotarian Families. Our District is geographically very long & depending upon your interest you may need to travel overnight by train.

My wife, Tanvi and I join in wishing you best of luck from the bottom of our Heart.

With warm regards,  
Rotarian Rajesh Pamnani  
Rotary Friendship Exchange  
Dist Chair (RI 3150) 2009-10.

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## YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE

August seems to be one of the busiest Youth Exchange months of the year with many short term students (STEP) completing exchanges, long-term (LTEP) inbounds arriving and LTEP out bounds leaving or making final preparations to leave. On top of all of this activity, committee members try to prepare for a new school year and vacation a little too. I'm always amazed that everybody gets everywhere they are supposed to be in August and of course it couldn't happen without the great Rotarians and volunteers that help with the Youth Exchange Program. Thanks guys!

This year we will have nine inbound students from seven countries. I'll provide a little summary of the student, sponsoring club, district, hosting club host parent, counselor information. As you can see, it takes a lot of help to make an exchange possible and even more to make one successful!

Andrea Materia is from Catania, Italy, is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Catania Nord in D2110 and is being hosted by the Kennedale Rotary Club, and assisted by Arlington Sunrise. Andrea attends Kennedale High School, loves tennis and will also play volleyball and soccer this year. He is hosted by Jim and Lori Richardson and Al Hethcock serves as his Club counselor.

Beatriz or Bia Marques Keiler is from Cerqueira Cesar, Sao Paulo, Brazil and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cerqueira Cesar in D4620 where both of her parents are members. She is hosted by the Sanger Rotary Club and attends Sanger HS where she is a member of the Interact Club. She plays the drums and is interested in languages, history and journalism. Tom and Lisa Marie Thompson are her host parents and Tamara Whitfield is her counselor.

Anna Hillscher is from Bastorf, Germany, sponsored by the Kuehlungsborn-Bad Doberan Rotary Club in D1940. She is hosted by the Gainesville Club and lives in Muenster, attending Muenster HS. Anna loves to travel, loves the beach and sailing. Her temporary host parents are Bob and Kathy Bauer and Kathy Boone serves as her counselor.

Abilene Rotary Clubs act as an Intercity YE Committee and those clubs are hosting two students this year, Alina Toktomamatova and Lucas Mansano da Costa. Alina is from Bishkek, Chu Oblast, Kyrgyzstan; sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bishkek in D2430. Alina loves to dance and draw and hopes to become a fashion designer. She attends Abilene HS and her host parents are Billy and Kathy Gorham with Peggy McConnell serving as her counselor.

Lucas is from Vera Cruz, Sao Paulo, Brazil sponsored by the Rotary Club of Marilia-SP in D4510. He attends Tuscola HS in Tuscola. He has embraced American football and is the team kicker. He enjoys math, physics, biology and English and plans to study mechanical engineering. His host parents are Dale and Stephanie Rankin. PDG Dave Stubbeman serves as his counselor.

Rosa Buigues Torres is from Xabia, Alicante, Spain sponsored by the R. C. Javea



## YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE, CON'T

Club in D2203. Rosa is hosted by the Stamford Club and attends Stamford High School. Rosa likes to paint and dance and loves children. She hopes to become a Kindergarten teacher. Her host parents are Fareed and Insaf Hassen. Her counselor is Tracy McMeans, a brand new Rotarian!

Thakoon (Sun) Sakunrak is from Mueng, Sukhothia, Thailand in D3360. His sponsoring Rotary Club is Sukhothia where his father is a member. Sun is being hosted by the Flower Mound Club and attends Flower Mound High School. Sun likes basketball and plays the drums. He enjoys other music and exercise as well. His host parents are Greg and Lisa Duggan. His counselor is John Tiller.

Thibault Gehin is from Melecey, France and is sponsored by the RC Baume-les-Dames Rotary Club D1680 where his mother is Youth Exchange Officer. He is hosted by the Highland Village Club and attends Marcus HS. Thibault enjoys basketball and loves to travel. His family has hosted several exchange students from throughout the world. He hopes to major in business and run a company someday. Thibault's host dad is Bill Towe and Chip Atchison is his counselor.

Coline Briatte is also from France. She is from the city of Avignon and is sponsored by the Avignon Rotary Club in D1760. She will be hosted by the Nocona Rotary Club and will attend Nocona HS. Coline enjoys playing Chess, reading and listening to music. Coline also rides horses English style. Her host parent's are Mike and Billie Greene and Dave Woodbury of RYLA fame will act as her counselor.

Several of the host families and counselors among this group are very seasoned YE volunteers. The experience you bring to our program is immeasurable. Thank you!

Nine students completed short-term exchanges this summer. Expect a photo article about them next month. We have five students in or traveling to Germany and Spain this year – more about them, their interests, clubs, and experiences in November. Our YE Committee is composed of several Rotarians and volunteers that spend many hours keeping our program fine tuned – see more on these outstanding people in December.

— Submitted by Kathy Bauer, Youth Exchange Chair, District 5790



## END POLIO—TEXAS RANGERS GAME



You can fight polio and cheer on the Texas Rangers in one fun-filled night. Join Rotarians from all over North Texas on **Friday, Sept. 18**, for this special event.

Bill Gates has pledged **\$355 million** to date in challenge grants to help Rotary International eradicate polio. You and more than 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide work in your own ways to eradicate polio. We've raised \$70 million so far. End Polio Now Night with the Texas Rangers is an opportunity for Rotary fellowship and fundraising for our polio eradication efforts. It is also a great chance to spread our messages about polio education and Rotary service.

**Fellowship and Family**--As the attached flyer notes, there are seating options for Rotarians. You can order a block of tickets as a club or ask your club members to purchase individual tickets based on their preferences. Tickets can be ordered online using the address on the flyer. Friday nights at the Ballpark are fireworks nights.

**Fundraising**--For every ticket sold as part of End Polio Now Night, the Texas Rangers will make a donation to Rotary's End Polio campaign. You can post the flyer and link on your club website to promote the event.

**Make It Your Own**--Rotarians could wear club shirts/hats and Rotary pins, or make special End Polio Now t-shirts. You could have a contest to see who can sell the most tickets. You could make signs to hold up during the game. Make it a family event and have the kids help. You could decorate your cars to provide a free polio billboard in the parking lot. Your club could make extra contributions for every homerun hit. (Note: Solicitations at the Ballpark are prohibited.) Your creativity can help make this evening a fun night that spreads Rotary's message about fighting polio.

### Questions?

- For questions about ticket sales, please contact Rhianna Jacobs at the Texas Rangers at 817-273-5864. Call Rhianna if you can't order online.
- Please visit the Rangers' website at:

[www.texasrangers.com\district5790](http://www.texasrangers.com\district5790) Password: Rangers

AG Lisann Peters will field other questions about End Polio Now Night at [lrpeters@tx.rr.com](mailto:lrpeters@tx.rr.com).

Whether you buy tickets as a club or as individual Rotarians, we hope to see you there. Until polio is eradicated, it is a world threat; it could return to areas that haven't seen polio in a long time. Vaccination is the only protection. The future is in your hands--grab your friends and family and join us for a Rotary evening.



## Who Would Have Known a chance meeting would turn out like it did? By Dan Morales



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Seeing two individuals sitting outside a restaurant on the street in Salt Lake City at the 2007 International Convention, we Texans just had to invite ourselves at their table. Ok we had about twelve of us and we needed the table space. Nothing like being assertive, but we had Paul Geisel to lead the way. Yes I know that was the Rotary theme for 2006-2007.

Back to the story, the couple was Peter Denooy and his wife Debbie for Alberta, Canada. Peter was the incoming president of the Edmonton Strathcona Rotary Club. Long story short, we became instant friends, and we talked about developing a relationship between Rotarians from the US, Canada, and Mexico – our version of NAFTA.



It was not long after returning that our district planned a wheelchair distribution in Leon, Mexico. PDG Tom Sheriff had started this relationship, and we still continue now. By the way, Tom has been on four of the distributions in Leon. Well anyway, I invited Peter to this wheelchair project. He was amazed that I had remembered to call him. Needless to say, Peter had his Rotary moment in Leon. It is priceless to see him when he talks about being part of the wheelchair project. He can bring you to

tears. Since that time in Leon, we have been to Panama City, Panama for a Wheelchair Foundation distribution and with our combined efforts we have funded one distribution in Panama, and will be distributing more wheelchairs in there in very near future. Our district leadership will be informing you how you can be a part of this one very soon.

After Panama, Peter started working on a wheelchair distribution to where it all began, Leon Mexico. Here is where the power of the Rotary Foundation Matching Grant program came into play. Peter was able to acquire funding from area Rotary clubs and the Canadian Government. Then with our District Designated Funds of \$6,000 and the support of the Rotary Foundation, Peter had turned the project into a \$46,000 grant. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, five hundred wheelchairs later, people in the Leon were given the gift of mobility. Young and old came that day with smiles and tears, and that was just the Rotarians. Seriously, the impact made on all is powerful. It not only changed the lives of the individuals receiving the wheelchairs, but it also changed the lives of the eight Canadians, the twelve Rotarians from District 5790, and the many Rotarians in Leon, spouses and friends. Viva la Rotary!



Who would have known that this moment of fate in Salt Lake City would have led to all this? Indeed, who would have known?



## Matching Grants: the Secret to Real Happiness

By Chris McLucas, Arlington Sunrise Rotary

*Arlington Sunrise Rotary and Arlington North Rotary joined forces to apply for a matching grant to bring two much needed Ambulances to Leon, Mexico.*

In 2007, Rotarians from District 5790 participated in a wheelchair project with the Rotarians of District 4160. During that trip lifelong friendships were forged and bonds as Rotarians became unbreakable. The next year, 2008, the Rotarians from both countries met once again for the sole purpose of helping others in Leon, Mexico. It was during this 2008 trip that a need was observed to have more medical transportation, i.e. ambulances for the Red Cross in Leon Mexico. With more than 1.8 million people living and working in and around Leon, Mexico it became apparent that something needed to be done to provide help. After a brief discussion between the Rotarians, prior to leaving Mexico, the Rotarians of Arlington Sunrise Rotary Club decided that a matching grant to provide an ambulance to the Red Cross would be a worthy cause to embark upon.

The Rotarians returned to their club and presented the idea to the Board of Directors. It was a unanimous decision to start the grant. All of the work that would be required to accomplish the goal could not be done by one club and therefore Arlington Sunrise sought a partner club. Arlington North Rotary Club stepped up to the plate and volunteered to participate in the grant. With everyone on board that meant that this one international cause to help others by 'providing an ambulance to the Red Cross in Leon, Mexico' now had the attention of three clubs, two districts and The Rotary Foundation. The grant was written and the money collected through The Rotary Foundation.

It has been said that there are Rotarians among us that are not members of a Rotary Club. This could not be truer than when the Rotarian's started seeking an ambulance to purchase for the Red Cross. The Rotarians found an ambulance in Comanche, Texas, USA for sale and upon contacting the owner with the intentions for purchasing the ambulance the owner decided to offer two ambulances for the price of the one the Rotarians were looking at purchasing.



This meant that the grant for an ambulance now became a grant that could provide two ambulances to the Red Cross. From that point the Rotarians in the United States and Mexico worked diligently to procure the necessary documentation to transport the ambulances to Leon Mexico through Nuevo Laredo, Texas, USA. On August 3, 2009, Rotarian Don Ferrell and Rotarian Christopher J. McLucas, with the donated assistance of Kelly McKnight of Arlington, Texas, loaded the ambulances on a trailer and left for the nine hour drive to the border.

Rotarian Jorge Solalinde, Past President of the Leon Mexico Rotary Club and Rotarian Brian Keathley of the Arlington North Rotary Club met Ferrell and McLucas in Nuevo Laredo to officially transfer the ambulances to the Leon Rotary Club for importation into Mexico. The ambulances were then driven to Leon Mexico on August 5, 2009 for the dedication ceremony that took place on August 7, 2009 at the Red Cross during yet another wheelchair distribution in Leon, Mexico.





MEMBERSHIP & FOUNDATION SEMINAR—RECAP

District 5790 annual Membership and Foundation Seminar was held at Mineral Wells High School on August 15th.

Rotarians came from throughout the district to learn about keeping membership vitalized and opportunities with the Rotary Foundation.



The morning started off with two speakers.

Diane Kessel Knight from Loveland, Colorado is a 3rd generation Rotarian, who spoke about membership and ideas on how to grow and retain membership. A key to the success is a great membership committee. She gave stories of what happened to 2 different clubs—one declined and one grew and what hap-

pened to them.

Noel Bajat, talked about the new Future Visions Plan of the Rotary Foundation. He explained how Matching Grants will work in the various districts. He helped us to really understand the difference between the Annual Fund (“our checking account”) and the Permanent Fund (“our savings account”).



Attendees then broke out into groups to discuss membership and foundation.



Membership attendees divided into 3 groups based on club size to talk about the issues of membership growth and retention. Scenarios were discussed on various problems and how to solve common issues that clubs run into on a regular basis.

Foundation attendees met in small groups to go over opportunities for Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Fellowships, Matching Grants, Polio, Bequest & Major Donors, District Simplified Grants and Group Study Exchange.



PDG Jerry Parr recognized the clubs that attained over 10% growth in membership in 2008-2009. Mineral Wells and Mid Cities Pacesetters were up 25% and 33% respectively. Other clubs that were recognized: Breckenridge, Cisco, Decatur, Granbury, Hamlin, Haskell, and Metroport. New clubs were Highland Village and Kennedale.



Dan Morales was honored for his contributions to the Rotary Foundation—totaling \$100,000 over the years. He was recognized as a Major Donor.

The District Simplified Grants were awarded at the luncheon and all grants were approved. The grants were for up to \$1,500 for local projects.



**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](http://www.rotary5790.org) and look for the link to "Inst for Leadership"

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

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*Being an Effective Leader is different than being in charge*

**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](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5790/html/66832/award_best_coop_project_en.pdf)



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**METROPORT**  
**WHEN THERE ARE PEOPLE IN NEED OF HELP, METROPORT ROTARY RESPONDS**

Metroport Rotary helps the community with both a local focus and International focus.

Locally, The Metroport Rotary supports **Metroport Meals on Wheels** by purchasing and assembling emergency winter meals for all of their lunch-time clients. We also provide volunteer support for their Golf Tournament.

At least 15 times this year, Rotarians will bring peanut butter and jelly to a club meeting to feed hungry children supported by the **Roanoke Food Pantry**. The club also adopts one of the food pantry's families at Christmas time.

Additionally, Metroport Rotary brings Christmas cheer with singing and goodies for residents at a **local housing community**. Support for the **PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease)** Annual Walk in Southlake and clean-up, fix-up projects for those in need are annual events.

For more information on our local community service projects contact:  
John Erickson      Community Service      [johnerrickson@flash.net](mailto:johnerrickson@flash.net)

Internationally, the Metroport Rotary supports a community of over 400 children who live in a squatter's community in **Chinandega, Nicaragua**. They are the poorest of the poor.

Our goal is to rebuild the feeding station located in their community. Today, this feeding station is very primitive with dirt floors, a wood burning stove, no tables and very few utensils. At the feeding station, these 400 children receive their only hot meal five times a week.

The **new feeding station** will include tables, storage, cooking pans and utensils plus a new wood burning stove with a chimney.

Our goal for this project is to raise \$5,000 by having a "virtual" garage sale through Easysale. Easysale is an Ebay store that will accept and sell donated items. Metroport Rotary Charities will receive 65% of the total sales.

All clubs are welcome to participate or learn more about our international projects.

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**ROTARY CLUB OF WICHITA FALLS**

The Rotary Club of Wichita Falls was organized in October 1915 and chartered on Jan. 1, 1916. The first recorded charitable donation was a \$25.00 gift to the Salvation Army Christmas Fund. Over 92 years since inception, the club has donated several hundred thousand dollars to many charities and projects both locally and internationally.

The Rotary Club of Wichita Falls has always been a great benefactor of youth. We have strong ties with our Boys & Girls clubs, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, etc. We also support Midwestern State University in numerous ways, as well as such organizations as Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, Wheelchair Foundation, Heifer project, etc.

A number of years ago the relations between Sheppard AFB and the community were very poor. Past President Floyd Taylor started the squadron adoption program. This program used individuals, companies, organizations, etc. to relate with the military and conditions improved greatly. This program has been adopted by many other military and communities everywhere.

Through the years there have been many different methods of raising money to support these programs, such as garage sales, sponsoring Harlem Globe Trotters, various concerts, and currently our primary fund raiser is the flag program. This program provides the great majority of our fund raising efforts. We place over 1,000 flags in yards in our community six times a year. This also provides good camaraderie among our members as they participate together.

The club has had seven District Governors and one First Vice President of Rotary International, and organized nine clubs in the district.

There are 36 past presidents still living and 20 are still members of the club.



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**BROWNWOOD ROTARY—22 PEOPLE MAKING AN IMPACT**

We're doing just that in Brownwood! Twenty-two Rotarians meet in a small town of 20,000 people. To some, that would make our possibilities even smaller. But the truth is that twenty-two Rotarians can and do have an impact on both our community and our world.

In our community we have taken on four service projects to help better our community. We hold a blood drive every quarter, and it is nearly always full, with people giving blood all day. How many people are helped in their time of need in the hospital?

The second thing we do is give 6 students scholarships to use at the college of their choice. The students are recognized from both Early and Brownwood High Schools each month as Rotarian Student of the month, and then compete for the scholarships in May.

Third, we donate dictionaries to all third grade students in Brown County. To many of them, it is the first book they have ever owned, and is that much more meaningful because of it.

My favorite thing we do to help make our community a better place is that we put flags out on every holiday at key places downtown. I can't help but feel proud to be both a Rotarian and an American when I drive down the street between two rows of

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*Can twenty-two people have an impact on the world (or even a Small part of it)?*



*Mary Irving is 2009-2010 President of the Brownwood Rotary Club*



### BROWNWOOD ROTARY (Con't)

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flags. We're not just a small rural community in a great big country – we're all Americans working together to make our country strong.

Now, we do things in the Brownwood Rotary Club that impact the bigger world too, like supporting the Paul Harris Foundations projects, wiping out polio and sending books to Africa. But mainly I'm proud to be a Rotarian in little Brownwood, where twenty-two people can make a difference. (Oh, and this year we've been doing it for 90 years!).



PDG Jerry Parr during his club visit in 2008

### ARLINGTON SUNSET ROTARY— GOOD THINGS IN SMALL PACKAGES

Sometimes good things come in small packages! That's the way the Arlington Sunset Rotarians feel about our club. The group is few in numbers - eight members right now but constantly in search of new members. Sunset is one of the smallest and newest clubs in District 5790 and until recently it was the only evening club in the District. There is diversity in background and interest among the members but there are several bonds that hold this group together.

One common thread is the attraction to each member of the 6:00 p.m. time each Tuesday for Rotary because it fits the schedules and needs of the members. The group is also bound together by friendship: All but one have been members since the club was chartered back in June, 2002.

Without exception the members are motivated by the personal desire to serve. Soon after it was chartered the club adopted an Arlington elementary school as a special community partner. Sunset has used Rotary grant funds to provide uniforms and supplies to Katrina evacuees at that school. Due in part to the special literacy skills and interests of some of the members, the club regularly furnishes books to that school for its library. And the club has a standing offer to the school principal to help whenever needed with the various unmet needs of the school.

Also close to home, another early subject of Sunset services has been SafeHaven, a Tarrant County women's shelter program. The club annually funds Thanksgiving baskets and shops Christmas lists for SafeHaven families – both being "hands on" activities for members. And in the summer the club purchases food and supplies for Camp Heart, a retreat for children of SafeHaven families.

Sunset has demonstrated a strong and continuing interest in the international aspects of Rotary service, participating in the district's wheelchair and water filter programs and furnishing soccer uniforms for kids in Honduras.

Sunset Rotarians believe in the Rotary Foundation! The club hosts a GSE team at its meetings at every opportunity. Three members are Paul Harris Fellows and each year the club sustains a near perfect record of "Every Member Every Year" contributions.

In all its service activities, Sunset tries to demonstrate that a little can go a long way!



*Carolyn Murphy is shown here during her induction ceremony as President, Arlington Sunset, 2009-2010.*



**ROTARY CLUB OF FORT WORTH—“OPENING DOORS”**

Rotarians come from all walks of life, but there is one thing that most Rotarians have in common – at a young age, someone made a significant difference in their life by providing them with an opportunity, by opening a door that might have otherwise remained closed, by reaching out to them at a time when they needed a helping hand.

Members of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth know all about providing opportunities to others – they’ve been doing it for nearly 100 years. So when the members of the Club decided to tackle the issue of literacy several years ago, it was only natural that they would take it head on and really *do* something – and they DID!

This was not just one of those ideas where someone booked a speaker and someone wrote an editorial – although both of those were done. No, the Club went far beyond that. Members began to really study the issue – they learned that in Tarrant County alone, more than a *quarter million people*



do not read above a fifth grade level, yet literacy programs currently serve only about 12,000 adult students. They learned about the tremendous influence that has in the community, and they began to talk about how the Club could make a significant impact on the need for additional literacy programs.

They joined with other organizations, like the United Way, and began the work to launch a Literacy Coalition. They hosted a Corporate Spelling Bee, and then watched as their members and colleagues came together to see who could “out-spell” one another for the coveted trophy at the end of the day.

As a result of that event, and the support of United Way and other donors, the Tarrant Literacy Coalition officially opened for business this summer – and plans are underway for the next Spelling Bee, to be held in March 2010.

Providing opportunity? That’s what members of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth are all about!

Submitted by Sid Johnston, President, Rotary Club of Fort Worth 2009-2010



*Sid Johnston is President 2009-2010 of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth.*

*The largest club in the district, they have over 500 members.*



**LEWISVILLE NOON ROTARY CLUB**

"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands." That's the theme for 2009-2010 as communicated by RI President John Kenny. It's not RI or the District that will accomplish the goals and dreams of Rotary, but the local Rotary clubs, and more specifically, the Rotarians in those local clubs. We must build upon past successes as we strive to accomplish so much more in our communities and throughout the world. As members of the Lewisville Noon Rotary Club, we have many years of experience on which to build and a tremendous pool of talent to take us forward.

The Lewisville Noon Rotary Club is committed to our community through our annual Big Fore Golf Tournament. Funds raised are split 50% with Peditplace a non profit organization that provides healthcare for children of Denton County who have no access to such services due to economic, geographic and/or cultural barriers, and then 18 other non profit organizations that serve our community.

Pedi Place provides comprehensive pediatric services which include: treatment of acute illnesses, treatment and management of asthma and chronic illnesses, preventive care to include immunizations, sports physicals, referrals for specialized medical care, parent/child health education, newborn parent health and child safety education. 6,000 individual patients are served annually with over 20,000 office visits provided. 85% of their patients live in Denton County, 67% live in Lewisville. They serve patients as far north as Oklahoma, west to Lubbock, east to Tyler, and south to Waco. Pedi Place Executive Director, Larry Robins states, "Pedi Place gives kids the freedom to play by keeping them healthy and provides parents peace of mind about their family's healthcare. We are extremely grateful to the Lewisville Noon Rotary for its continuing support generosity. Through the Big Fore Golf Tournament we can ensure that primary care pediatric services are available to those children and families in need. Thank you."

The Lewisville Noon Rotary Club presented a check to Pedi Place for \$16,971.



Rotary Past President Russ Kerbow, Golf Chair Rich Muller, Pedi Place Executive Director, Larry Robins, and President, Mike Pope

For more information on Pedi Place, visit [www.PediPlace.org](http://www.PediPlace.org)



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## *"WHAT ROTARY MEANS TO ME"* by Karen Hirst, Arlington Sunrise Rotary

Recently, I was asked to explain in 500 words or less what Rotary means to me. Simply put in one word, "everything."

Three years ago my husband gave me the greatest gift he has ever given me by asking me to visit his club. To begin with he was working on a joint community project with our area clubs and as an interior decorator was asked to come along for my professional opinion.

During the next few weeks I met some amazing people that were all equally interested in making our community better. After

my part was over I continually asked how the project was going.

Finally my husband asked me to come to one of his meetings and find out for myself. Well I did and I have never regretted it. Not too long after that I became a proud member of the Arlington Sunrise Rotary Club. I have met so very many wonderful people from our community. Along with other community service projects giving out food and gifts to the Arlington area motel children and their families on Christmas Eve has been life changing for me. The feeling you get from help-

ing out someone in need is just the best! I highly recommend it.

Talk about feeling like a Rotarian! Rotary has become one more thing that not only my husband and I share with each other but with hundreds of other Rotarians around the world. Give the "gift" of Rotary to someone you care about. My hope for them as well would be that they would grow to love it as much as I do. Go Rotary!

**Submitted Karen Hirst, Arlington Sunrise Rotary**



*Karen Hirst is a member of Arlington Sunrise Rotary, along with her husband Dub Hirst.*

## *BEST PRACTICES—"INDUCT ONE MEMBER"*

Membership in Rotary is by invitation and the actual becoming a member should be considered a special occasion.

It's important to make that new member feel special about joining Rotary and it should be treated that way.

Many clubs realize how important that is and follow a practice of inducting only one member each week, vs. inducting several at the same time.

It makes that person feel special and that they are an important part of their club, which of course they

are! So make it their special day.

So, please get the practice of inducting (for the Red Badge) one member each week.

*"When inducting a new member, make it a special occasion"*

### ***Would you like to share why you joined Rotary or what Rotary means to you or have a "Best Practices Idea?"***

*In this new section, we will highlight comments from a Rotarian in District 5790 about each topic once each month. If you want to be included, send that to the editor at [chuck@signsnowarlington.com](mailto:chuck@signsnowarlington.com).*

*Please keep your article to 200 or so words. Please send your article in either MS Word or an editable format. Pictures are optional, but please include one of yourself if possible. Editor reserves the right to modify to fit space available.*



JULY 2009 CLUB ATTENDANCE

RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	7/1/2009			7/31/2009	
Abilene - F	106	56.31%	4	107	1
Abilene Southw est - T	62	80.72%	5	63	1
Abilene Wednesday	23	58.00%	5	23	-
Arlington - TH	113	45.92%	5	114	1
Arlington North - M	42	75.00%	4	45	3
Arlington South - F	22	60.00%	4	23	1
Arlington Sunrise - F	64	85.00%	4	64	-
Arlington Sunset - T					-
Arlington West - T	33	55.00%	4	33	-
Azle - TH	41	49.00%	5	41	-
Bow ie - W	22	62.04%	5	22	-
Breckenridge - T	21				
Brow nw ood - W	24	69.00%	5	22	(2)
Burkburnett - T	40				
Burleson - F	58	76.96%	4	59	1
Cisco - TH	15	56.00%	5	15	-
Cleburne - TH	98	61.00%	5	95	(3)
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	10	100.00%	3	10	-
Crow ell - W					-
Decatur - TH	21	56.00%	4	21	-
Denton - TH	93	54.46%	5	94	1
Denton South - T	38	70.00%	4	36	(2)
Dublin - T	24	68.00%	4	24	-
Eastland - TH	21				
Flow er Mound - TH	71	77.08%	4	72	1
Fort Worth East - M	38	55.00%	4	37	(1)
Fort Worth International - W	13	70.00%	2	13	-
Fort Worth North - W	21	62.00%	4	21	-
Fort Worth - F	516	60.00%	3	500	(16)
Fort Worth South - T	79	67.26%	3	78	(1)
Fort Worth Southw est - TH	18	83.00%	5	18	-

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JULY 2009 CLUB ATTENDANCE, Con't

RotaryClub	Members	%	Mtgs	Members	Add/Loss
	7/1/2009			7/31/2009	
Gainesville - W	66	40.00%	4	63	(3)
Graham - F	111	57.00%	4	110	(1)
Granbury - TH	46	59.00%	4	47	1
Grapevine - W	85	74.68%	5	88	3
Great SW Arlington - W	52	63.00%	5	50	(2)
Hamlin - W	19	76.00%	5	18	(1)
Haskell - TH	29	53.33%	5	27	(2)
HEB - T	65	85.00%	4	65	-
Highland Village	36	90.00%	4	34	(2)
low a Park - W	15	78.00%	4	15	-
Keller - T					-
Kennedale	28	70.00%	4	29	1
Lake Ray Roberts - T	14	75.00%	4	14	-
Lewisville Morning - TH	28	93.33%	5	28	-
Lewisville Noon - W	59	81.03%	5	58	(1)
Mansfield - T					-
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	18	78.56%	5	20	2
Metroport - F	33	58.75%	4	33	-
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	51	61.00%	4	51	-
Mineral Wells - W	40	73.00%	5	41	1
Nocona - T					-
Sanger - T	9	41.00%	5	11	2
Southlake - T	16	85.00%	4	17	1
Stamford - T					-
Stephenville - TH	28	65.00%	5	28	-
The Colony - T	11	50.00%	4	11	-
Vernon - T	44	59.09%	4	44	-
Weatherford - T	113	68.46%	4	114	1
Western Fort Worth - T	78	78.35%	4	76	(2)
Wichita Falls North - F	35	90.00%	5	35	-
Wichita Falls - TH	95	72.00%	5	91	(4)
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	25	80.00%	4	24	(1)

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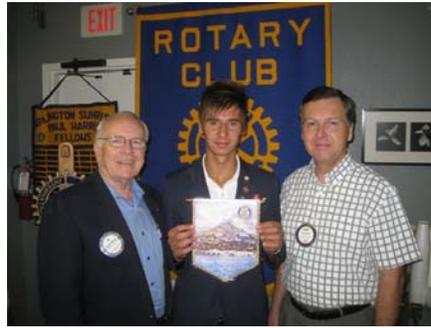


PHOTOS FROM AROUND DISTRICT 5790

ARLINGTON SUNRISE CLUB—NEW MEMBERS, PAUL HARRIS FELLOW  
AND AN EXCHANGE STUDENT



PDG Bill Harnagel of the Arlington Sunrise Club presents Byron Laasko with his Paul Harris Fellow



Exchange Student Andrea Materia from Sicily is introduced to the Arlington Sunrise Club by PDG Al Hethcock and President Danny Steffer



Sushil Gautam - Sushil Gautam is welcomed by sponsor Byron Laasko as the newest member of the Arlington Sunrise Club

Hamlin Rotary Club  
Rotary Builder Award

WHEEL CHAIR DISTRIBUTION—LEON MEXICO  
AUGUST 2009

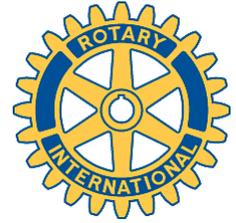


Samuel Ferguson, Jr. (right) received the Rotary Builder's Award at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Hamlin in recognition of his dedication to the ideals of Rotary International.

The prestigious award was presented by John Miller (left) of Arlington North, the District Governor of Rotary District 5790, during his official visit. In addition to serving as Secretary of the Rotary Club for 14 (yes 14!) years, Mr. Ferguson participates in every ac-



The pictures above are of the Wheel Chair distribution in Leon, Mexico in early August, 2009. Please see [page 9](#) for the story, written by PDG Dan Morales, "Who Would Have Known"



**MATCHING GRANT UPDATE**

**ABILENE SOUTHWEST HELPS WITH A MATCHING GRANT AT AN ORPHAN-  
AGE IN RUSSIA**



June 17 was a special day for the children of the “Care” orphanage located in Korolev town – the orphanage got a school bus! 2,5 years ago Rotary club of Moscow-East (District 2220) started its first fundraising for a matching grant to meet the needs of the orphanage.

The Rotarians took the orphans poor lifestyle very close to the hearts. The inmates of the orphanage were scooped inside their home; they did not have a chance of seeing the world around them. All they knew were the walls of the orphanage “Care”, with Korolev just within 20 minutes drive from the capital of Russia – Moscow city. The Rotarians wanted to give these orphans a chance to participate in sports events, musical and arts competitions, to see the sights of Moscow and the suburbs, to go on different excursions, and to have a transport of their own to be able to get to their school.

The orphanage takes care of the children whose parents have recently lost their parental rights. “Care” is a temporary (for approximately 6 months) shelter for them serving as a rehabilitation center while they all go to the nearby school. During this period the children will be placed in different orphanages where they will stay till they are 18 years old. Important and not pleasant changes take place in these children’s lives, and the staff of the “Care” does their best to help them in adapting to this situation.



Support came from Clubs on three continents with this matching grant project. The Rotaract Club sponsored by Abilene Southwest did this with the help of the Moscow East RC. The now DG of 2010, Western Russia, is a member of this club and they are the sponsor of the Rotaract Club and helped them raise the money.

Submitted through Jim Aneff, PDG, Abilene Southwest, by Anna Medvedeva, RTC Moscow-East, Evgenia Terekhova, RC VladEco

**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](mailto:chuck@signsnowarlington.com)**



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*Comments and suggestions welcome.*

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



All District Rotarians are invited to come to Abilene and hear R.I. President Elect Ray Klingensmith speak at the Area Rotary Foundation Banquet. A reception will be held at 6:15 PM and Dinner will begin at 7:00 P.M. This event will be held in Hunter Hall at Abilene Christian University on Thursday, October 22nd.

For a number of years the Rotary Clubs in the Western part of our district have hosted a Rotary Foundation banquet each fall. Since the President Elect of Rotary International will be our guest speaker, we anticipate a number of District Rotarians from various Clubs will

plan to attend.

We are using this Banquet as a special fundraiser for END POLIO NOW. The banquet is being underwritten so that 100% of the Donations that Rotarians make to attend the reception and dinner can be applied toward their Paul Harris Fellow contribution. Seating is limited so we urge Rotarians to make reservations early. Cost is a \$50 donation per person with 100% of the funds going to the End Polio Now Campaign. For reservations and more information contact Will Speight, the Executive Secretary of the Abilene Southwest Rotary Club at 325-338-7089.

## COMING IN THE NEWSLETTER IN OCTOBER...

October is "Vocational Service" Month for Rotary.

You'll find articles about The Four Way Test Speech Contest, Rotary International Teacher Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholar Program and Peace Fellows, along with a recap of the End Polio Night at the Texas Rangers.

Gainesville, Haskell, Lake Ray Roberts, Lewisville Morning and Wichita Falls North will let us know about what is going on with their clubs.