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I want to welcome you to District 5840 Web page. You will find a lot of information here and that information will be changing regularly. Our plan is to put out a newsletter every two weeks so that you can keep up with what is happening in our District. We have 58 clubs with 58 ways to raise money for **more** than 58 projects! Please let us know when your fundraiser will take place and we will try to showcase it.



Watch for up coming news about your club! Rotary Serving Humanity is our Rotary theme for the year. **Our District theme will be Peace thru Service. How will you make that happen?**

Judy Hutcherson, RN  
District Governor 5840  
2016-2017

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### Why DID I Join Rotary?

You may ask yourself this from time to time. Why DID I join Rotary? Why not some other club or organization or just get more involved in my Church.

I look at Rotary as an extension of my Church. It is a group of people that have the same ideals as I do. We want to make this world a better place in which to live and work. We want to help others in the process, because helping others have a better life helps us all.

BUT Rotary has an international component that I don't get so much with church. Because of Rotary I have made friends all around the world. It first started with a medical mission to Mexico in 1999. I went with a group from Fredericksburg, where I live, to 3 little villages just across the Rio Grande from Big Bend National Park. Rotarians were on that trip. One Dr. asked me "why don't you join Rotary?" "What is Rotary", I asked. Well, you know what happened!

Over the years, Rotary's involvement with this medical group has grown. Now we cross into Mexico thru Eagle Pass and Piedras Negras, Mexico, with much help from one of the Rotary Clubs in Piedras. They are so gracious to meet us at customs each time we cross. Our wait time has gone from as high as 7 hours to 30 minutes. AND this is not just once a year but 9-10 times a year, depending on construction trips and Christmas trips.

My husband and I began to participate in National Immunization Days in India. That is when we really began to feel the real international flavor of Rotary. Participants on these NIDs were not only, Americans but Brits, Australians, French, Icelanders, Russians and Indians. We did this for 3 years then moved on over to Pakistan and have done this for 2 years. Now because of Facebook we can keep up with our friends from around the world. We also see them at Rotary International Conventions. That is one of the reasons we go to International Conventions.

Rotary has given us so many opportunities to serve others. And isn't that what our motto says, "Service Above Self"? Join me, along with John Germ, Rotary International President, and this year as "Rotary Serving Humanity".

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# Rotary District 5840 Leadership 2016-17

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# LET'S RODE

12TH ANNUAL  
DEL RIO ROTARY  
INDEPENDENCE DAY RODEO  
VAL VERDE FAIRGROUNDS

**INFORMATION**  
FRI. JULY 1 & SAT. JULY 2 AT 8 PM  
TICKETS: \$5 ADVANCE \$10 GATE CHILDREN 17 & UNDER FREE  
210-363-9117  
830-734-0838

*Let's Get* **WESTERN!**  
**BUSINESS DECORATING CONTEST**

**EMPLOYEES DUST OFF YOUR HATS & COWBOY BOOTS. SHOW OFF YOUR BEST RED WHITE & BLUE SHARE YOUR PICTURES ON THE CHAMBER FACEBOOK PAGE JUNE 27 JULY 1 & WIN THE FOLLOWING**

1st: \$100.00 + Chamber will promote your business for the next 3 months (Flyers, Email & FB)  
2nd: \$75.00+Chamber will promote your business for the next 2 months. (Flyers, Email & FB)  
3rd: \$25.00+Chamber will promote your business for the next month (Flyers, Email & FB)

**BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO BREAK OUT THEIR MERCHANDISE AND LET'S HAVE A .....**

**Sidewalk Sale**

**Find the ROTARY RODEO QUILT**  
(Hand Quilted)

**WIN RODEO TICKETS!**

Starting Monday June 27—Friday July 1, check out the Del Rio Chamber FB Page for clues on where to find the Rotary Rodeo Quilt. Pictures will be posted by 10 am

1. Check out the Chamber FB daily for clues
2. Find the Rotary Rodeo Quilt
3. Take a selfie with the Quilt
4. Race down to the Chamber office at 1915 Veterans Blvd.
5. Claim your pair of tickets

*Explore*  
**DEL RIO**  
"The Oasis of Texas"  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



In the July 2016 edition of *The Rotarian* magazine, you will see a great photo (right) taken by Emile Abbott on pages 20-21 of the Del Rio Rotary Independence Day Rodeo. The rodeo is the club's biggest fundraiser.





# MEMBERS MATTER

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We have some exciting new ideas we will try this year in the District to support clubs with membership growth and retention. These ideas were inputs to the District Strategic Planning Conference and came to life as we developed the Membership Development Plan for the District which supports the approved Strategic Plan objectives. The really good news is that we are going to try to find solutions that support clubs with their membership growth plans. I am looking for other Rotarians to help with the District Membership Development Committee to provide input to planning and implementation of the plan for the year. Rotarians eager to serve with backgrounds in sales, marketing, public relations, organization contacts, management and a good heart for Rotary are invited. Please let me know if you are interested.

The plan includes Rotary Membership Information Seminars for the public, held in multiple locations across the District to present information on Rotary and the clubs in District 5840. With an active Public Relations effort, we have proven in my club, San Antonio Northwest, that we can get people to attend a free breakfast or wine social to learn about Rotary. These prospects are then invited to a regular meeting of the club to find out even more. Also, we will attempt this year to collect District-wide information for community service to use in Press Releases during the year highlighting what Rotary Clubs do for the communities and people in South Texas. Rotary has a great International mission and has a beautiful way of showing that in RI publicity. Rotary Districts and Zones need similar information to demonstrate what Rotary Clubs do collectively for communities and people locally. August is Membership and New Club Growth month. Let me know what your plans are, and what the District can do to help Clubs and Membership grow.

## Meet Chief of Staff Bill Phillpotts

Bill was born in El Paso, Texas, and raised in a military family. By the time his father retired from the U.S. Army when Bill was in the fourth grade, he had lived in El Paso; Oakland, California; Okinawa; New York, New York; Jacksonville, Florida; and both Karlsruhe and Kaiserslautern, Germany. After his father's retirement, the family moved to Tampa, Florida then back to El Paso.

He graduated from high school in El Paso, attended one year at Texas A&M University, then graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelors of Marketing in 1969. After graduation, he served almost seven years in the U.S. Army including one tour in South Vietnam. Upon leaving the U.S. Army as a Captain, he received a Masters of Systems Management from The University of Southern California. Bill met Donna while stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, and they were married in Hawaii in 1971 while on R&R during his tour in South Vietnam.



In 1976, he joined Merrill Lynch as a Financial Advisor in the San Antonio, Texas Office. In 1997, he opened a Merrill Lynch office in Fredericksburg, Texas and managed it until his retirement on December 31, 2007.

Since moving to Fredericksburg, Bill has been active in the community by serving on a number of boards including: the founding board of the Hill Country SPCA, The Hill Country University Center Foundation, The Fredericksburg Children's Chorale, The Hill Country Memorial Hospital Foundation, Fredericksburg Lions Club, Fredericksburg Salutes Our Wounded Warriors, and Wings Over The Hills, a celebration of nature in the Texas Hill Country.

Bill joined The Fredericksburg Morning Rotary Club in 2002. He was president in 2008, and has served as chairman of the Club Service, Foundation, and Community Service lanes. He has served as a Ranger (Sergeant @ Arms) at Lone Star PETS, an Assistant District Governor and Lieutenant Governor of District 5840. Bill is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation, and a charter member of the Paul Harris Society. He and Donna are members of The Bequest Society. Bill is currently serving as Chief of Staff of the district for 2016-2017.



**Multi-District Training Institute - Zone 21b will be held on August 6, 2016 in Austin, Texas. For more information, please go the following link:**

<http://www.rizones21-27.org/multi-district-training-institute-zone-21b/>

It is once again my honor to service as Rotary District 5840's Newsletter Editor. For the 2016-2017 Rotary year, there will be two editions of the newsletter each month, which will be published the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. To submit an item for publication, please submit your item to Jan King at [jan.king@outlook.com](mailto:jan.king@outlook.com) by the previous Friday.

Yours in Rotary,

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