



Rotary District 5730 News, September 2020

Basic Education and Literacy Month

Rotary Opens Opportunities

District News: The resilience and service by Rotary Clubs in our District are inspiring! Odessa Rotary whose President is Jeff Woltz provided lunch for 200 First Responders on the First Anniversary of the Mass Shooting at Odessa. President Bob Altman and Amarillo West cooked BBQ on Patriots' Day to raise money for polio eradication. Send news to RotaryGovernor2020.1@gmail.com to share and advertise events.

How will your Club celebrate **World Polio Day, 24 October**, birthday of Jonas Salk, to raise awareness for polio eradication? Register your event, find ideas, and donate at <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day>. Use the Rotary proclamation on the third page to declare World Polio Day in your community. For \$100 a year, you can join the **PolioPlus Society** and receive a PPS pin and wrist band.



Our District Foundation Committee pledged \$30,000 for a project at **Grace Center Health Clinic** for 49 villages without health care in Malawi. Individual and Club donations are needed. Contribution applies to a Paul Harris Fellow.



District 5730 Virtual Foundation Day, Saturday, 7 November

Register for a free **Virtual Rotary Youth Service Conference** (Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, Youth Exchange), 11-2 pm, Saturday, 3 October at:

https://ismyrotaryclub.com/wp_api_prod_1-1/R_Event.cfm?EventID=77500806

Virtual Zone Institute (12-14 Nov.) <https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/register4/index.cfm>

Sessions include: *Emerging Rotary Leaders; Big West Districts' Best Practices;*

- *Big West Think Tank – Membership, Foundation, Public Image; Public Speaking;*
- *Rotary-Rotaract Partnership; Rotary Youth Program Insights and Best Practices; Facilitation Skills; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion;*
- *Positive Peace Workshop;*
- *Creating Impactful Events; Servant Leadership; and*
- *Rotaract Forums*



Ideas for Distanced 'Fun'd-raising include Flag subscriptions for Veterans' Field of Honor or Homes at holidays; "You've Been Flocked" overnight by plastic lawn flamingos or geese; Online Silent Auction or Rummage Sale; Sale and porch delivery of Special Occasion Meal, Theme Clothes/Socks, Handicrafts, Poinsettias; Virtual Concert, Dog or Cat Show, Bingo, Trivia or Video Contest; and Raffles.



Member Numbers are Increasing: Clubs with new members include Pecos (4), Kermit (4), Dalhart (2), Greater Odessa (2), and Metropolitan Lubbock (1). Share your Rotary inspiration and recruit your friends and relatives. Register your contact information and members at [MyRotary.org](https://www.rotary.org/MyRotary) to receive Rotary news.

Assistant Governor Leslie Gattis for Area 5 was featured in August, and Hardy Wilkerson (Big Spring, Greater Big Spring, Lamesa clubs) is featured this month:



Hardy Wilkerson, 60, is the Assistant Governor for Area 11, District 5730. He is a long-time Rotarian, having first joined the Greater Big Spring Rotary club in 1986. He later joined the Big Spring Rotary Club in 2000 and is a past president of that club.

Hardy is a Big Spring native, born there, and graduating from Big Spring High School. He went on to Texas Tech, graduating with a degree in accounting. He continued his education at Tech and graduated from the Texas Tech School of Law.

After law school, Hardy returned to Big Spring and worked for a local law firm. He eventually became City Attorney for the City of Big Spring, then ran for and won the position of Howard County Attorney. He served two terms as County Attorney and became the 118th Judicial District Attorney in 1997. The District covers Howard, Martin and Glasscock Counties. He has been the District Attorney for 24 years.

He has been married to Stefanie Wilkerson (a former Rotarian) for 34 years. They have two grown married sons, Heath and Jared. Jared Wilkerson is a Rotarian in the Lubbock-Metro Club. When combined with Hardy's father, Homer Wilkerson, a member of the Big Spring club, it makes three generations of active Rotarians!

Hardy has served on many positions on his club's board, and is presently the Foundation Chair. While president of the Big Spring Club, the Club was 100% TFR. 100% EREY, and received the Presidential Citation

When asked about his "Rotary Moment," Hardy reflects back, "Well, in the early 2000's District 5730 sponsored a diabetes camp for kids with Type 1 (juvenile) diabetes. I am a Type 1 diabetic myself, so I signed up to be a counselor at the camp. I did it three years in a row and it was a blast being with those kids and helping out. It really gave greater meaning to 'Service Above Self.' I wouldn't trade that experience for anything."

Rotary Rotary International Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite and take action to create lasting change in communities across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto, Service Above Self, inspires members to provide humanitarian service, follow high ethical standards, and promote goodwill and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and in 1988 helped establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, to date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which would be leveraged for maximum impact by an additional \$100 million annually from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and

WHEREAS, these efforts are providing much-needed operational support, medical staff, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$8 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 1,400 Rotary members in 50 clubs throughout this district that sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad;

Therefore, I, _____, **[GOVERNOR/LEADER]** of the

[STATE/CITY] of _____, do hereby proclaim 24 October World

Polio Day in _____ and encourage all citizens to join me and Rotary

International in the fight for a polio-free world.