



Abilene Southwest Rotary Club

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Rotary's Theme 2008-09



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The Wheel

President's Perspective



Hello Rotarians,

Wow – that was a very nice Family Gathering on December 23. Jerry Jordan really did a great job with his program of singers and his speech. If you didn't get a chance to thank him, please do so at the next meeting. If you didn't make the December 23 meeting you missed a holly jolly event.

Actually, December was another good month for programs. A Christmas program, a visit from our state senator Troy Frasier, a program from Roberto Aguirre's organization the YMCA, about Intensive Supervision and our District Governor Jerry Parr's official visit.

January is Rotary Awareness month. What better way to make others aware of Rotary but to talk it up to people you know and people you run into. Sometimes you can just start up a conversation by saying "Did you know polio is almost wiped out around the world?" If they say "no", what better opening can you have than to follow up with a short sentence about Rotary and it's involvement in the polio program. When they answer with "Rotary?", now you get to give a real answer. You can mention local things like the TOP 50 banquet, Halloween at the State School and worldwide things like polio and water projects. Of course you don't want to harangue your friends about Rotary. Don't need to turn them off.

A new slate of officers were elected at the December board meeting for the 2009 - 2010 Rotary year. Those elected were:

President – Stephanie Kraly
President Elect – Roberto Aguirre
Secretary/Treasurer – Aletta Allred
Sgt at Arms – Ross Bennett

By the way you may have noticed an article in the ARN about Ross Bennett on December 24th. Very good article. If you haven't seen it, check it out. If you can't find a copy, I have a copy at home.

We seem to be on a downward slide for members lately. For various reasons we have lost about six members. I say "about" because we're still hoping to retain one or two of them. I have heard that the other two clubs in Abilene have gained some members, so you see, there are people out there that still have little or no information about Rotary and are willing to join if we just ask them. We need a big push to get new members so as to be Plus one for the year before March 31, 2009 or we will not get a Presidential Citation.

Don't forget, time is running out fast, so if you haven't done the ER-EY, we need to get those funds into RI very soon.

Last but not least, I would like to have a meeting of the Committee Chairs at my house on Tuesday, January 6th at 7 pm.

Bob Martin, President

"Service Above Self"

Bulletin Board

Jan. Free Meal: Justin Schwertner
 Nov. Attendance: 81%
 Nov. 30 Membership: 68 + 5 Honorary
 Jan. 12 Club Board Meeting
 Feb. 14 Valentine Social

Club Web Site:
www.abilenesouthwestrotary.org

Birthdays

Mac Andrews - 01/11
 Jerry Herttenberger - 01/12
 Justin Schwertner - 01/16
 Larry Pyeatt - 01/17
 Maxey Sheppard - 01/21
 Jerry Schwalb - 01/22
 Bob May - 01/23
 Richard Wolfe - 01/31



Anniversaries

Stephanie & Terry Kraly - 01/09
 Tim & Janice Temple - 01/25



Greeters Schedule

01/06 Chas. Richardson, Joe Roeder, Karla Rose
 01/13 Dean Rucker, Letty Rucker, Paul Ruska
 01/20 Stacey Scaief, Jerry Schwalb, Chas. Schwertner
 01/27 Justin Schwertner, Bill Showmake, Gary Soben

January 2009 - Programs

01/06 Dr. Mark Beasley - History Prof. at HSU
 01/13 Club Assembly
 01/20 John Pennington - Rotary Amb. Scholarships
 01/27 Phil Asby - AISD Holland Medical High School

Every Rotarian - Every Year (ER-EY)

Our Rotary Club has set a goal of every Rotarian contributing \$100.00 to the Foundation this Rotary year!
 If you have not given your \$100.00 this year please consider doing it NOW! Thank You!

7th Infantry Vet Wishes to Return Japanese Memorabilia



Leslie S. (Les) Ellis, who served as a first lieutenant with Co. C, 17th Inf., 7th Inf. Div. on Okinawa, in the early stages of World War II, wishes to return memorabilia in his possession to relatives of deceased Japanese soldier.

Ellis, who now makes his home in Abilene, Texas and is a retired bank president and member of the 7th Inf. Div. Assn., obtained a pack more than 63 years ago from the body of the soldier following hostile action between American and Japanese forces.

Ellis is a former president of the Abilene Southwest Rotary Club, and is currently an Honorary member.

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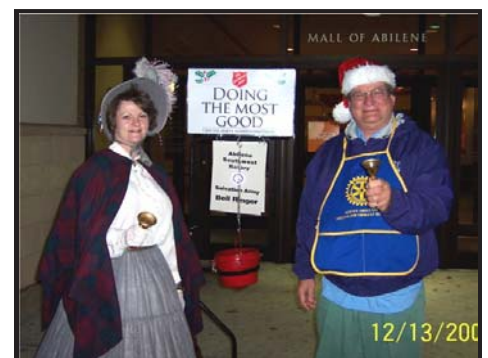
District Governor Jerry Parr's Visit
 Pictured: (L-R) AG Isaac Castro, Pres. Bob Martin, Margene Parr, DG Jerry, and PDG David Mason



Pres. Bob Martin (R) presents Rotary Builder's Award to Karla Rose (L)
 (very deserving)



Salvation Army Bell Ringers
 Pictured (L-R): Committee Chair Bill Page, Susan King, Karla Rose



More Bell Ringers Winona Henry (L) Gary Soben (R)
 (cool and windy day)

Recruit - Recruit

The Question: Why is membership important?

Imagine what the impact would be if we were to lose 10% of our members.....Well, we have done just that!

What projects might we not get finished?
 Which ones might never have been started?
 Projects need people with knowhow.
 We need new members with new ideas.
 We need new members to help us grow.

Every new Rotarian brings a range of personal and professional resources and knowledge that will greatly strengthen our club's ability to serve Rotary and our community.....

New Membership Reasoning

...And, Why should people Join Rotary?

Friendship
 Business Development
 Personal Growth
 Leadership Development
 Citizenship in the Community
 Continuing Education
 Fun
 Public Speaking Skills
 Citizenship in the World
 Assistance when Traveling

Entertainment
 Development of Social Skills
 Family Programs
 Vocational Skills
 Development of Ethics
 Cultural Awareness
 Prestige
 Nice People
 Absence of an Official Creed
 The Opportunity to Serve

Our Motto - "Service Above Self"