



# Abilene Southwest Rotary Club

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**Rotary's Theme 2008-09**



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## February 2009

# The Wheel

## President's Perspective



**Hello Rotarians,**

Rotary's commitment to international understanding, friendship, and peace unfolded in many ways since its first beginning in 1905. After reading over a number of pamphlets, magazines and RI newsletters this past week or so, I can safely say that Rotary is doing a tremendous job around the world in our endeavor to accomplish this. Most of the following is taken from these articles, but is really good reinforcement to us about what is happening now, but unknown to millions of people in the U.S.A.

I know you have heard or read some of this before, but please read this whole newsletter and let me give you some examples. For polio - Mike Jackson thought about the fees his fellowship charged for coordinating cricket tours every year and how leftover funds could be earmarked for future projects. He persuaded his colleagues to donate a \$10,000 contribution to the foundation towards polio. Ramesh Ferris, a polio survivor, cycled across Canada last year for polio funds and as of November 2008 his fundraiser has accumulated over \$310,000.

A Ugandan family benefits from a Matching Grant micro-credit project that supplies dairy cows; a Vocational Service Grant helps provide free dental care for Mexico City's underprivileged; children at an Afghanistan refugee camp get food and books through a Foundation grant; Rotary clubs in Nairobi, Sweden and the United States increased their support for projects that helped orphaned children in Kenya and you remember the water project our own District Governor is pursuing and showed us a few months ago. All are great world wide humanitarian projects to aid in world peace and understanding.

Along with raising funds, we Rotarians also build understanding between countries by promoting the exchange of teaching methods and ideas, and we advance development in low-income countries through sponsoring educators to teach subjects of practical benefit to the host country.

The Valentine Social is coming up shortly. Don't forget to call Will or add your name to the usual list on the table Tuesday so we can get an accurate count to the committee. The date; February 14, at Wesley Court. Social hour 6:30 pm, 6:45 pm dinner, 7:30 pm entertainment.

We have the Four Way speech contest coming on February 24. Be sure to show up for that Tuesday meeting and listen to the up and coming scholars give us their interpretation of the Four Way Test.

We are all very sorry over Roy Zuefeldt's loss of his wife, Katy; and Karla Rose's loss of her father. We share their grief.

**Great late breaking news** - The Gates Foundation will be donating another \$250 million to the Polio Campaign. Rotary must match \$100 million of that by 2012. Along with that, Germany donated \$130 million and the United Kingdom donated \$150 million.

*Bob Martin, President*

**"Service Above Self"**

## Bulletin Board

Feb. Free Meal: Bill Shoemake  
 Dec. Attendance: 81%  
 Dec. 31 Membership: 66 + 5 Honorary

Feb. 9 Club Board Meeting  
**Feb. 14 Valentine Social**  
 Feb. 24 Four Way Speech Contest  
 Apr. 24-26 District Conference  
 May 16 District Assembly  
 May 28 Top Fifty Plus Banquet

Club Web Site:  
[www.abilenesouthwestrotary.org](http://www.abilenesouthwestrotary.org)

## Birthdays

Susan King - 02/02

All Birthday and  
 Happy Dollar donations  
 go to the  
 Rotary Foundation



## Anniversaries

Joe & Lavern Roeder - 02/12  
 Jenny & Claude Hicks - 02/18



Happy Valentine's Day  
 Feb. 14, 2009

## Greeters Schedule

02/03 Leonie Stovall, Tim Temple, Cliff White  
 02/10 Richard Wolfe, Aletta Allred, Delbert Allred  
 02/17 Mac Andrews, Jim Aneff, Ken Baker  
 02/24 Doug Banks, Ross Bennett, Downing Bolls

## February 2009 - Programs

02/03 Dyess AFB Recognition  
 02/10 DGN Paul Lucas - TRF Overview/Self Assessment  
 02/17 Phil Ashby - AISD's Holland Medical High School  
 02/24 Club FourWay Speech Contest

## 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!

## Congratulations !



**Fred White**

On May 14, 2007, Rotarian Fred White, visited our Club Board meeting and presented a proposal for our Rotary Club to participate in a Matching Grant to help buy an Ultra Cold Freezer for the County Hospital in Galati, Romania. Dr. Fred White cited the need for this freezer because there are 2200 patients in Romania who need treatments for Hemophilia. The new freezer would enhance the production of the much needed Factor VIII, and other blood products, helping to save lives.

Our club partnered with the Dunarea De Jos Rotary club of Galati, and began the Matching Grant process. The Matching Grant Application was completed and submitted to the Rotary Foundation. The Grant was approved on March 26, 2008. Fred then ordered the Freezer through a Romanian company, who would deliver and install the freezer at the Galati County Hospital Blood Bank facility.

When the Foundation received all of the funds from the donors, the money was sent to our club. On November 10, 2008, the invoice was paid in full-\$30,716.88. The Rotary Foundation closed the grant upon receipt of the final report.

We are sure the Hemophilia patients of Romania are thankful for the freezer. We congratulate you for a job well done.



Freezer Finally Arrives  
 at County Hospital, Galati, Romania  
 Pictured: Alex Gitan (L)  
 Dr. Barsan (R)



Jubilant Bell Ringers  
 Rob Olson(L)  
 Justin Schwertner(C)  
 Committee Chair Bill Page (R)



Family Bell Ringers  
 Jeanette Pennington (L)  
 John Pennington (R)



State Senator Troy Frasier (L)  
 welcomed by  
 Pres. Bob Martin (R)

## Membership Development

Every Rotarian in the club is a member of the  
 Membership Development Committee

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"We need your help"

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Remember - Someone took time to share Rotary with you -  
 Why can't you take the time and share Rotary with someone.  
 There are potential members out there who need Rotary and  
 Rotary needs them.

Recruit - Recruit - Recruit - Recruit - Recruit