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Rotary's Theme 2008-09



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The Wheel

President's Perspective



Hello Rotarians,

On Monday March 23, the Abilene Reporter-News had an article on polio in Nigeria. It was a very good article, letting people know that because some tribes wouldn't let the World Health Organization and others vaccinate the children, polio increased 26 percent in areas of their country. Thank goodness some of their leaders finally relented and allowed the vaccinations. The only unfortunate part of the article was that Rotary was never mentioned.

Will sent out an Email to those who have computers and in the message he put an URL address: www.thefinalinch.org that you could look at and see several short videos about polio. Each is about one and a half minutes. Rotary members and their families who can get to these videos should see them as they also talk about smallpox. Thanks Will for sharing.

Those two items fit right in with the month of April, which is Magazine month. I don't need to remind the older members that a Rotary magazine is published in a total of 32 countries. Thirty one of these are regional magazines according to The Rotarian magazine, April 2009 issue. When I was a new member, I didn't understand a lot about the different things in Rotary and I usually just skimmed through the The Rotarian, not really worried, or concerned about all the stories of people and work going on around the world. Now that I've been in Rotary for five years and have seen things that Rotary and our club has done for others around the world, I read almost every story and some advertisements.

Stephanie Kraly went to PETS last Friday, March 27, to get updated on all the items she needs to know about being a Club President.

We've had a number of club members to do the Every Rotarian-Every Year, but we still need a number of you to join in. Please see Will about your contribution as soon as possible so he can send in his report to Rotary.

Fund Spell was completed too late in the month to get the end results in this newsletter, but we wish our team, Lee Hamilton, Blair Church, and Dick Andrews lots of luck while competing in this year's March 31 event. For our newer members who may not know what Fund Spell is, it's a program to benefit the Taylor County Adult Literacy Council. Our own Karl Karrenbrock (now deceased) served on their board for many years and our donation of \$250.00, to sponsor a team, will be in his memory.

Robert Martin, President

"Service Above Self"

Bulletin Board

Apr. Free Meal: Roberto Aguirre
 Feb. Attendance: 80%
 Feb. 28 Membership: 66 + 5 Honorary

Apr. 13 Club Board Meeting

Apr. 24-26 District Conference
 May 02 Air Fest Fund Raiser - Airport
 May 16 District Assembly
 May 28 Top Fifty Plus Banquet

Club Web Site:
www.abilenesouthwestrotary.org



Julian Bridges - 04/03
 Dale Ferguson - 04/04
 Rebekah Olson - 04/25
 Bob Childress - 04/27
 Downing Bolls - 04/30

Anniversaries

John & Jeanette Pennington - 04/03
 Robert & Shirley Olson - 04/13
 Karla & Claude Rose - 04/20



Easter Sunday
 April 12, 2009

Greeters Schedule

04/07 Larry McGraw, Ed Miller, Bob Mouser
 04/14 Worth Moutray III, Rebekah Olson, Shirley Olson
 04/21 Bill Page, John Pennington, Larry Pyeatt
 04/28 Chas. Richardson, Joe Roeder, Karla Rose

April 2009 - Programs

04/07 Dr. Fred White - Update on Romania
 04/14 Roy Juarez - Motivational Talk
 04/21 Yulia Chernova - Rotary Exchange Student
 04/28 Shirley Olson - Insights/Rotary Leadership Inst.

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!
About half of the club has responded - We need your help NOW! Thank You!



Galati, Romania Rotary Club sends Thank You Diploma for Freezer
 Fred White(R) presents Diploma to PP Delbert Allred(C) and Pres. Bob Martin(L)



Exchange Student Yulia Chernova celebrates 17th Birthday
 Pres. Bob Martin and Peggy McConnell present her with a cake.



PDG Dave Mason presents PHF Award to Yulia Chernova
 Pictured (L-R) PDG Dave, Yulia, Peggy McConnell, Leslie Ellis, PDG Jim Aneff

Polio Eradication



Bill Gates has done it again. This time he has upped his grant to \$355 Million, and Rotary has been challenged to match it with \$200 Million. This will provide a total of \$555 Million to Eradicate Polio.

Our Club's effort is to raise at least \$6,000 by the end of 2012. We have already sent in \$2,000 and if we continue to bringing in those dollars and change to Rotary, each week, we should meet our goal. Thanks Rotarians - rattle those cups.

District Conference



Rotary District 5790 will hold its Conference at the Southlake Hilton Hotel on April 23 - 26, 2009.

Every Rotarian is encouraged to attend the Full Conference, but if that is not possible, then try to attend at least one activity.

Governor Jerry Parr has planned a great conference, starting with a golf tourney on Thursday, official opening at the Friday Luncheon, with workshops and a Social/Dinner on Friday evening. Saturday will open with a Breakfast, more workshops, great speakers, and a Governor's Banquet that evening.

You can register on-line at: www.rotary5790.org or see Will Speight for forms to mail in.



Mustard Seed Story

A mustard seed is a very small seed in the vegetable family that produces a very large plant.

"Yulia is Rotary's Mustard Seed." In honoring her as a Paul Harris Fellow, this will provide her fertile soil to plant her Mustard Seed when she returns to her home country.

She will grow into a Large Plant in her Large Country, representing her generation in our world of Peace and Understanding. *Signed "A Rotarian"*

Top Fifty Plus Banquet

Chair Ken Baker, is planning a great Fifty Year Celebration for the annual banquet, scheduled for May 28, at the Abilene Civic Center - 7:00 P.M.. This year's speaker will be Ambassador Tibor P. Nagy of Texas Tech University.

Table and Ticket Sales will begin this month. We are asking every Rotarian to sell or buy at least one Sponsor Table. Your support will certainly be appreciated.