



Abilene Southwest Rotary Club

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Rotary's Theme 2008-09



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President's Perspective



Hello Rotarians,

There is no specified Rotary International project/plan for the month of May so this is probably a good month to look at what we can get ready to do for the Rotary year 2009 - 2010.

I've had several ideas put forth to me from some of our members that I believe we could concentrate on for the next year. One idea is from Robert Olson and it's about scholarships, one idea on wheelchairs and another on donations for polio. I know we have these already on tap, but perhaps a different slant on how to do these programs can be accomplished. Whenever we bring new people into Rotary, or any other organization, it's surprising what ideas that newcomers can come up with that just wasn't thought of before. In other words, "why do we do it that way" and the usual answer is "because we've always done it that way." As the world around us changes, so do ways of doing things change, either because of necessity or how we perceive how things should be accomplished.

Richard Buzard has worked tirelessly to update our club bylaws. The board will vote on the changes and updates that he has worked on. If you have any thoughts or comments to make about our current bylaws, please attend the board meeting on May 11th at noon at the 1st Financial building, 2nd floor, next to Subway, 4th and Cypress.

Several members attended the District Conference in Southlake. Dave Mason, Jim Aneff, Robert Olson, Will Speight and myself. It was packed with a variety of ideas, people from several GSE teams, Rotaract members, Interact members, Exchange Students, district members, and some excellent speakers. I have to add that the hotel and the food were excellent also. Never saw so many fancy, large desserts. Southlake is a very interesting place to visit with all its shops and eateries and ladies it's about 1-2 miles from Grapevine which also has a lot to see and lots of shops.

There were a lot of awards given out to the clubs for the various avenues of service. We were presented with four District Governor's Citations for International Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and Club Service. We were also presented with a beautiful plaque for First Place of a large club for Community Service.

Dale Petroskey was the main speaker for the dinner on Friday evening. He is the Executive vice president of Marketing and Community development on the staff of Rangers president Nolan Ryan.

The Top 50+ Banquet is coming up May 28, and we need to get on board for selling tables. Ken Baker and Rick Buzard have been working hard on giving us and the students a really nice banquet for our 50th celebration of top academic students in Abilene. Talk to Ed Miller, Will Speight, Rick Buzard and Ken Baker on how you can help make this a top notch affair.

Robert Martin, President

"Service Above Self"

Bulletin Board

May Free Meal: Mac Andrews
 Mar. Attendance: 80%
 Mar. 31 Membership: 66 + 5 Honorary

May 11 Club Board Meeting

May 16 District Assembly - Graham TX
 May 28 Top Fifty Plus Banquet

Club Web Site:
www.abilenesouthwestrotary.org



Charles Schwertner - 05/08
 Will Speight - 05/10
 Harriet Connor - 05/13
 Warren Smith - 05/15
 Kim Berry - 05/17
 Bill Shoemake - 05/18
 Cliff White - 05/25

Anniversaries

Peggy & John McConnell - 05/05
 Ross & Joann Bennett - 05/24
 Ed & Shirley Miller - 05/24
 Worth & Diedra Moutray - 05/27



Greeters Schedule

05/05 Dean Rucker, Letty rucker, Paul Ruska
 05/12 Stacey Scaief, Jerry Schwalb, Charles Schwertner
 05/19 J.Schwertner, Maxey Sheppard, Bill Shoemake
 05/26 Meeting Moved to Top Fifty Plus Banquet - 05/28
 All Members are asked to be ushers.

May 2009 - Programs

05/05 Dyess AFB Recognition
 05/12 Patricia Correra - Family Connections
 05/19 Scott Dueser - CEO, First Financial Bank
 05/26 Meeting Moved to Top Fifty Plus Banquet - 05/28

Every Rotarian - Every Year (ER-EY)

Our Rotary Club has set a goal for every Rotarian to contribute \$100.00 to the Foundation this Rotary year!
If you do not have a 2008/2009 sticker on your badge, then we have one for you. Thank You!



Rob Olson and Pres. Robert Martin with the 2008-09 Club Project Display which was exhibited at the District Conference - April 24-26



Exchange Student Yulia Chernova(C) presents her Home Club Banner to our club. Pictured (L-R) MSgt. B.J. & Kathy Gorman, Yulia, Pres. Elect Stephanie Kraly and Peggy McConnell.



Pres. Bob Martin inducts New Member Warren Smith into club. Pictured (L-R) Pres. Bob Martin, Warren, Eva Smith and sponsor Downing Bolts.



50th Annual Top Fifty Plus Banquet Speaker

Ambassador Tibor P. Nagy, Jr. is currently serving as Vice Provost for International Affairs at Texas Tech University.

In the recent presidential campaign, he served as a policy advisor to Republican Candidate Mitt Romney on Counter-Terrorism and Africa, and then on Obama's Africa group.

During the 2002 academic year he was the Department of State's "Ambassador in Residence" at the University of Oklahoma.

Previously, he was the U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia from 1999-2002, and Ambassador to Guinea from 1996-99.

He also served as Deputy US Ambassador in Nigeria, Cameroon, and Togo. His other overseas posts included Zambia, the Seychelles, and a previous tour in Ethiopia.

Ambassador Nagy was born in Budapest, Hungary and arrived in the United States as a political refugee in 1957. He received a B.A. from Texas Tech University in 1972 and an M.S.A. from George Washington University in 1978.

He speaks Hungarian and French, and has received numerous awards, including the Department of State's "Superior Honor" award for helping avert famine in Ethiopia, and five "Meritorious Honor" awards, including one for helping end the Ethio-Eritrean War, and supporting the evacuation of Americans from Sierra Leone while that nation was engulfed in violence. He was also selected as runner-up for the prestigious "Deputy Chief of Mission of the Year" award, and received a knighthood from the President of Guinea.

Tibor is married to Jane Nagy, from Lockney, TX whom he met while a student at Tech. The Nagy's have triplets, born in Zimbabwe (1980).