



Abilene Southwest Rotary Club

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Rotary's Theme 2008-09



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The Wheel

President's Perspective



Hello Rotarians,

When you sit at a table for a Rotary meeting, what do you talk about? Usually, it's something that you're familiar with in sports, travel, your business, or maybe collections of antiques. June is Rotary Fellowship month. To try to cover all the information about these fellowships cannot be done in this newsletter. But, it's a great way to meet people from other clubs, other districts and countries. Dean and Letty Rucker for example, belong to the RV Fellowship which had its annual rally in Kerrville, TX from May 27 to to May 31 of this year. This is just one of the many fellowships of Rotary in which the members have a common interest in and join together for fun.

On Memorial Day there were many of our members at the opening of the Veteran's Cemetery on SH600. It was a beautiful day and a really nice ceremony. I took pictures of some of our members and especially one of Paul and Julie Ruska, who were honored on stage during the ceremony.

There are just a couple of things I would like to see revived in our club. When I first joined five years ago, we always had a couple of people as greeters, but we seemed to have grown away from that. There was also a lot more enthusiasm when someone went to the podium and we called out their name. Let's make the room rock.

We do have several newer members and I'm sure they do not know the vocations and backgrounds of most of the club members. Let's bring back the three minute vocational talks from the members when Stephanie becomes President.

This has been quite a year for me. A lot of ups and downs for the club, such as having to find a new meeting place, losing the lemonade stand fund raiser, the loss of several members and the time I forgot to call the speaker I had asked to talk at one of our meetings. On the plus side, we have a clean, bright, nice looking meeting area with a very close parking lot. We completed numerous yearly projects like the Dyess appreciations lunches, bell ringing, Halloween at the state school, dictionary distributions, good programs, student exchange and many, many more. We also added to our coffers from the golf tournament and Air Fest. After some months, I'll forget the downside and only remember the good things.

We had a great turnout for the Top 50 + banquet. The food was very good and the speaker, Tibor Nagy, gave a very interesting and informative speech. We all need to give Larry McGraw, Downing Bolts & Ken Baker a hand for their turn at the podium. And twice as big a hand to all the people on the Top 50 banquet committee who did, in my opinion, a great job this year.

Thanks to all the people who helped me through this year and came to my aid when I needed it. I tell everybody that we have a great club and I'm fortunate to be part of it.

Robert Martin, President

"Service Above Self"

Bulletin Board

June Free Meal: Doug Banks
 April Attendance: 85%
 April 30 Membership: 66 + 5 Honorary

June 8 Club Board Meeting

Club Web Site:
www.abilenesouthwestrotary.org



Faye Jordan - 06/11
 Tom Rogers - 06/12
 Jim Aneff - 06/29
 Bill Page - 06/29

Anniversaries

Bob & Mary Childress - 06/05
 Susan & Austin King - 06/05
 Clyde & Dorothy Gustafson - 06/08
 Dwayne & Louise Hargesheimer - 06/09
 Natalie & Matt Matthews - 06/10
 Dave & Vonda Mason - 06/12
 Bill & Bettye Page - 06/15
 Charles & Kaye Schwertner - 06/20
 Mac & Marjorie Andrews - 06/21
 Richard & Frances Buzard - 06/23
 Fred & Carolyn White - 06/24

Greeters Schedule

06/02 Warren Smith, Gary Soben, Leonie Stovall
 06/09 Cliff White, Richard Wolfe, Aletta Allred
 06/16 Delbert Allred, Mac Andrews, Jim Aneff
 06/23 Ken Baker, Doug Banks, Ross Bennett
 06/30 Kim Berry, Downing Bolls, Julian Bridges

June 2009 - Programs

06/02 Sylvia Mahoney - The Great Western Trail
 06/09 Billy Smith - Big Country Dinner Theater
 06/16 Travis Sheppard - Exchange Student in Spain
 06/23 TBA
 06/30 Club Assembly

We applaud President Robert (Bob) Martin and the other Officers and Directors for their outstanding leadership for the 2008-09 Rotary year!



Paul Harris Fellows Plus
 Pictured (L-R): Gary Soben, Bill Page, Will Speight, Leslie Ellis, and PDG Dave Mason



AirFest Drinks For Sale Here!
 Blair Haynie (L) selling CocaCola to Joyce Martin(R), while Pres. Bob Martin (C) observes his technique.



Veterans Cemetery Ceremony
 Paul Ruska (L) and Julie Ruska (C) help Jimmy DeFoor (R) celebrate the dedication of the new cemetery.



Father Daughter Rotarians
 Walt(L) Natalie(R)

Abilene Southwest Rotarian and Past President will be the first Veteran interred at the new Veteran's Cemetery in Abilene on June 1, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. All Rotarians are encouraged to attend.

Walter P. Morton, known as "Walt" to members of the club, passed away on Oct. 31, 2003. His daughter, Natalie Matthews, also a Past President (2004-05) of our club, waited for the final interment until completion of the new cemetery.



Rotary Beginnings



Silvester Schiele Paul Harris Hiram Shore Gustavus Loehr

From its early days in 1905, when four gentlemen got together to have fellowship and formed the first Rotary Club in Chicago, Rotary has grown to over 1.2 million Rotarians, who belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 168 countries and geographical areas. It is now a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and who build goodwill and peace in the world.

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It asks the following four questions:

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"