

The Wheel

Abilene Southwest Rotary Club
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Rotary's Theme - 2009-2010



President's Perspective

Fellow Rotarians,

You have honored me with the privilege to serve as your club president for this year. I want to thank the new directors, our officers, and you for putting your faith in me. We will do our best to step up and accept the challenge of serving you to meet our goals and any obstacles that we might face in this ever changing society.

Our new Rotary International president, John Kenny, recently wrote, "In Rotary, everything we are and everything we aspire to become, lies in the hands of Rotarians in their clubs." I too believe that the members of our club are the ones who make things happen. So, I ask every Rotarian to assist our committees when called upon and be there to help with our projects and activities. It takes team work to succeed in everything we want to accomplish. We will have some challenges this year for our club, but with your support they will be fun and rewarding.

We have many sources of Rotary Information available to us: The RI Web Site, the new District Web Site, our own Club Web Site, and the Rotarian Magazine. On our club Web Site, you can easily find a fill-in form to propose a new member, to change your address or telephone numbers, and to find information about Rotary and our club. We encourage you to use it. The Rotarian Magazine is packed with articles about Rotary and what is happening around our world. I encourage you to read the magazine each month.

Our membership goal this year is 66 members by the end of the Rotary year, but we will need to have at least a plus one (63) before March 31, 2010. We all need to invite potential members to our meetings and let them see what we are all about. They may decide to join us. The key is to Ask, Ask and Ask.

Our goals for supporting the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus programs remain the same. We are asking each club member to participate in the Every Rotarian - Every Year campaign and to continue bringing those dollars and change for the Polio Plus Challenge cups.

Thanks again to all of you, for your support and faith in me. I know we will have a fun and exciting year, taking care of each other and our projects, whether local or international because "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands."

Stephanie

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CLUB OFFICERS 2009 - 2010

Stephanie Kraly
President

Roberto Aguirre
President Elect

Aletta Allred
Secretary/Treasurer

Ross Bennett
Sgt. at Arms

DIRECTORS

Downing Bolls

Dwayne Hargesheimer

Jerry Jordan

Robert L.W. Martin

David Mason

Charles Richardson
Newsletter Editor

Stacey Scaief

Will Speight
Exec. Secretary

PROGRAMS

July 7
GRAHAM SOWA
Ambassadorial
Scholar

July 14
STEPHANIE KRALY
President's
Club Assembly

July 21
KURT BOYLAND
Anger/Anxiety
Management

July 28
SUSAN KING
State Legislative
Update

August 4
DYESS AFB
Recognition Day

August 11
WINONA HENRY
Classification
Talk

August 18
DG JOHN MILLER
Official Visit

Literacy Month - July's Rotary Theme

Our club has always been known for supporting educational projects. We give of our time, talent and money by: Reading with the children and buying dictionaries for the third graders at Johnston Elementary, sending two students to RYLA each year for leadership training, sponsoring the Four Way Speech contest, donating scholarship funds to Cisco College and TSTC, donating funds for childrens' books at the Public Library, and sponsoring the annual Top Fifty Plus Banquet, which honors the top graduating seniors at the four local high schools.

Just think, none of this would be possible without Rotarians, like you, who care and want to improve literacy in our community and the world.

---*The Wheel July 2007*

Membership in Rotary

If you asked a Rotarian if he or she belonged to Rotary International, the individual probably would look puzzled and answer, "Of Course, I'm a member of Rotary International." But in this instance, the confident Rotarian would be technically wrong. No Rotarian can be a member of Rotary International!

The explanation of this apparent contradiction is simple. The Constitutional documents of RI state that membership in Rotary International is limited to Rotary clubs. More than 32,000 Rotary clubs belong to the organization we call Rotary International.

A Rotary Club is composed of persons with the appropriate qualifications of good character and reputation and a business or professional classification and who serve in an executive or managerial capacity. The Rotarian belongs to a club; the club belongs to Rotary International. This technical distinction is not obvious or even known to most Rotarians and seldom does it create any problems or complications. It does explain, however, why the RI Board of Directors places expectations on and extends privileges to Rotary Clubs, rather than to individual Rotarians.

If someone asked if you belong to Rotary International, your most accurate answer would be, "No, I belong to a Rotary club." But, it is doubtful anyone would understand -- or, in fact, care about -- the difference.

---*The ABC's of Rotary*

Rotary's Motto - **Service Above Self**

RI & DISTRICT

2009 - 2010



JOHN KENNY
The Rotary Club of
Grangemouth, Scotland
*Rotary International
President*

JOHN A. MILLER
The Rotary Club of
Arlington North, Texas
*Governor
Rotary District 5790*

ISAAC CASTRO
The Rotary Club of
Hamlin, Texas
*Assistant Governor
Rotary District 5790*

J. PAUL LUCAS
The Rotary Club of
Hurst, Euless, Bedford, Texas
*Governor-Elect
Rotary District 5790*

RICHARD A. SHERMAN
The Rotary Club of
Arlington South, Texas
*District Secretary
Rotary District 5790*

DAVE DAVIS
The Rotary Club of
Great Southwest Arlington, TX
*District Secretary
Rotary District 5790*





Pres. Robert Martin(L)
presented club donation to
Gay Ganske of the Girl Scouts



Pres. Robert Martin(L)
presented club donation to
Kent Brown of the Boy Scouts



Pres. Robert Martin(L)
presented club donation to
Lisa Cornwell of the AADCC



Pres. Robert Martin(L)
presented club donation to
Betty Bradly of Meals on Wheels



PDG Dave Mason (L)
presents Paul Harris Fellow
to Pres. Elect Stephanie Kraly



Jimmy DeFoor (L), Club Committee Chair,
presents Community Service Award
to Cynthia Pearson (C) and Alan
Davis (R) of the Day Nursery of Abilene.

MAKING UP ROTARY !

Remember... You have 14 days before a
Missed Meeting and 14 days afterwards to makeup.

IT'S FUN - TRY IT.

Bulletin Board

July Free Meal: Bob Childress
May Attendance: 86%
May 31 Membership: 63+5(H)
July 13 Club Board Meeting
Aug 15 - District Membership/
Foundation Seminars



Robert Martin - 07/12
Worth Moutray III - 07/14
Jerry Jordan - 07/17
Roberto Aguirre - 07/18
Letty Rucker - 07/19
Joe Roeder - 07/27
Blair Church - 07/29

July Anniversaries

Dean & Letty Rucker - 07/04
Roberto & Patricia Aguirre - 07/06
Larry & Sandy McGraw - 07/06
Kim & Shannon Berry - 07/14
Lee & Rae Ann Hamilton - 07/23
Charles & Karin Richardson - 07/24
Jerry & Oretha Jordan - 07/29

Weekly Greeters

July 7

Rick Buzard, Jama Cadle, Blair Church

July 14

Jimmy DeFoor, Lee Hamilton, Dwayne Hargesheimer

July 21

Blair Haynie, Winona Henry, Jerry Hertenberger

July 28

Jerry Jordan, Susan King, Bob Martin