

# The Wheel

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



## Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The year is rolling by - September is here and with this month brings "New Generations Month." What does that mean to all of us? Focusing on our (sometimes called) Fifth Avenue of Service, Youth Service – The youth we serve are our future Rotarians!

Our club has been actively involved in; the RYLA Project, the Four Way Speech Contest, our local Rotaract Club, reading to elementary students, and donating to the Boy and Girl Scouts. With these programs we are providing the New Generations; opportunities to grow, experience and learn, while instilling Rotary's goals and ideals of service through high ethical standards, all of which, are examples to younger people to carry on with our mission of world peace and understanding.

So for our theme this year, "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands", invite youth from the community to visit our club and see Rotary in Action!

## Dates and other reminders...

October 17 - Our club will participate in the Abilene Volunteer Weatherization program. This is when we get an opportunity to help with a real humanitarian project, winterizing an elderly person's home so they can survive the cold of winter. Again, signup with Ed Miller, committee chair, if you can use a screwdriver, caulking gun, or saw a straight line...(smile).

## Membership - Remember Ask- Ask- Ask!

We currently have 61 members in our club. Our goal this Rotary year is to grow to at least 66, so you can see, we need to get to work, finding those quality potential members and inviting them to visit our club. Asking them is the key... The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.

In closing, remember to read your Rotary Magazine, continue supporting our Polio Plus effort and the Rotary Foundation with our Every Rotarian - Every Year donations. Thanks again for everything you do.

*Stephanie*

## September 2009 Issue



### CLUB OFFICERS 2009 - 2010

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*President*

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*Exec. Secretary*

## PROGRAMS

**September 1**  
**NO MEETING**

**September 8**  
**MELVIN MARTIN**  
Retired Police Chief

**September 15**  
**DEBRA WOLFE**  
Sleep Apnea  
Education

**September 22**  
**DR. THOMAS KIM**  
HSU, Economics

**September 29**  
**MIKE WOLFE**  
Community  
Supervision

**October 6**  
**JOHN MARTINEZ**  
New Tech  
High School

**October 13**  
**JUDGE**  
**BARBARA ROLLINS**

## END POLIO NOW OPPORTUNITIES

Sept. 18 - Rangers Baseball Game. \$5 of your ticket price will go to Polio.

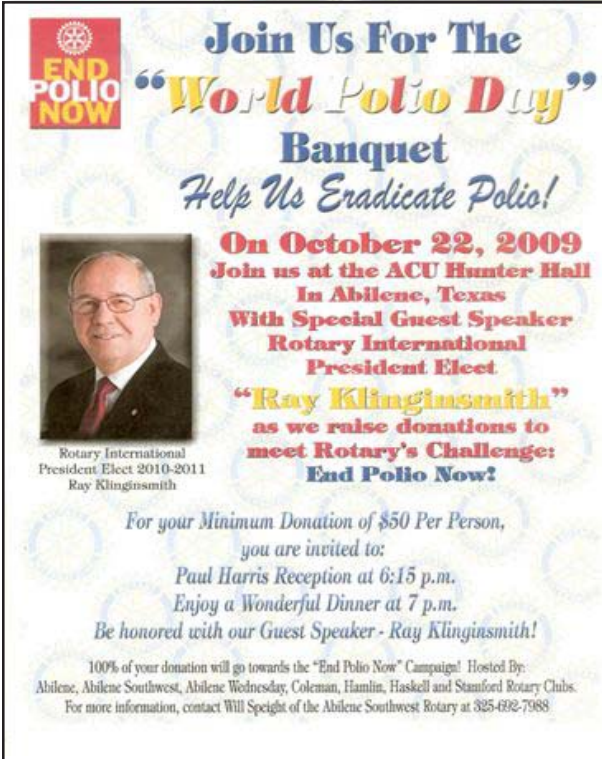
Oct. 22 - World Polio Day Banquet. Minimum Donation of \$50 per person.

Oct. 24 - Rotary "Walk for Polio Day" to create awareness.

The World Polio Day Banquet is the local Rotary clubs big event to do our part to "End Polio Now"

Do your part and participate with a minimum donation of \$50 per person: enjoy a grand evening that includes a wonderful meal, fellowship with Rotarians from the area and hear a great speaker - RI's President Elect Ray Klinginsmith.

It's a great honor to have such an important Rotarian visit our District and Abilene, Texas. We encourage every Rotarian in the area to attend. Signup, you will be glad you did your part to help "End Polio Now!"



**Join Us For The**  
**"World Polio Day"**  
**Banquet**  
*Help Us Eradicate Polio!*

**On October 22, 2009**  
Join us at the ACU Hunter Hall  
In Abilene, Texas  
With Special Guest Speaker  
Rotary International  
President Elect

**"Ray Klinginsmith"**  
as we raise donations to  
meet Rotary's Challenge:  
**End Polio Now!**

For your Minimum Donation of \$50 Per Person,  
you are invited to:  
Paul Harris Reception at 6:15 p.m.  
Enjoy a Wonderful Dinner at 7 p.m.  
Be honored with our Guest Speaker - Ray Klinginsmith!

100% of your donation will go towards the "End Polio Now" Campaign! Hosted By:  
Abilene, Abilene Southwest, Abilene Wednesday, Coleman, Hamlin, Haskell and Stamford Rotary Clubs.  
For more information, contact Will Speight of the Abilene Southwest Rotary at 325-692-7988

## RI & DISTRICT

**2009 - 2010**



**JOHN KENNY**  
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District Secretary  
Rotary District 5790

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





Alina Toktomamatova, Exchange Student from Kyrkzstan visits club. Pictured (L-R) Peggy McConnell, Alina, B.J. Gorham (host family) and Pres. Stephanie Kraly.

Pres. Stephanie Kraly(R) welcomes District Governor John Miller (L) to our club.



District Governor John Miller (R) presents Paul Harris Fellow Award to Aletta Allred (L)



District Governor John Miller (R) presents Rotary Builder's Award to Jenny Hicks



**Rotary's Wheel Emblem**

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "civilization and movement."

Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. In 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923 the present gearwheel with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by Rotary International.

A group of engineers advised that the gearwheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, the keyway was added, and the design that we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary emblem.

--The ABC's of Rotary

**Bulletin Board**

- Sept. Free Meal: Clyde Gustafson
- Jul. Attendance: 81%
- Jul. Membership: 62+6(H)
- Sept. 1 - Woman's Club Closed - No Meeting**
- Sept. 14 - Club Board Meeting
- Sept. 18 - Rangers Baseball - World Polio Day

**Sept. Birthdays**

- Ed Miller - 09/07
- Larry McGraw - 09/12
- Clyde Gustafson - 09/15
- Karla Rose - 09/16
- Charlie Richardson - 09/19

**Sept. Anniversaries**

- Stacey & Dale Scaief - 09/05
- Bill & Lu Shoemake - 09/06
- Warren & Eva Smith - 09/18

**Weekly Greeters**

**Sept. 1**  
**NO MEETING**

**Sept. 8**  
Chas. Richardson, Joe Roeder, Karla Rose

**Sept. 15**  
Dean Rucker, Letty Rucker, Paul Ruska

**Sept. 22**  
Stacey Scaief, Chas. Schwertner, Maxey Sheppard

**Sept. 29**  
Bill Shoemake, Warren Smith, Gary Soben