

The Wheel

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Rotary's Theme - 2009-2010



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

November is Rotary Foundation Month. This is to remind us that we need to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace.

Our club has set our giving goal as \$100 per member in support of the Every Rotarian – Every Year annual program. If we continue meeting our ER-EY goal, we will soon have a club where every member is a Paul Harris Fellow. If you have not contributed your \$100 this Rotary year - Now is a great time to show your support.

Wow! What can we say about the World Polio Day Dinner? It was Fantastic! The committee, headed up by Rotarian Dave Boyll of the Abilene Club, led the way with great guidance from Rotarians Bob Hunter and Jim Aneff. The response by the Rotarians, Community and others was awesome. We will have over \$50,000 of funds to donate to the foundation's Polio effort, helping to match the \$355 million challenge grant by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Hopefully, in the near future we will be able to say "Good-bye Polio - Thanks Rotary! I also want to thank all of our members who attended and contributed to the effort.

Ed Miller and his Weatherization Team had a successful day winterizing and repairing two homes on October 17. Thanks Ed and your team for a job well done.

The Halloween Carnival at the State School facility on October 29 was also a huge success. We had the best decorated booth of all (according to our decorators). Thanks Julian and your committee for ensuring all the residents and children were entertained.

Shirley Olson tells me that she and Jerry Hertenberger are teaming up again to hold a Pie Auction at our Thanksgiving, November 24 meeting. They are asking us to assist in bringing a pie, cake, cookies, or any sweets for the auction, and of course bring lots of money. Please contact Shirley (232-7770) and let her know what you are planning to bring. All proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation.

We recently welcomed two new members in our club - Zack Jackson sponsored by Stacey Scaief and Paresh Chhotu sponsored by Richard Wolfe. Good Show Stacey and Richard – Let's keep up the good work. The excitement of bringing in new members is fun. Try It – You Might Like It!

We are all looking forward to a great Thanksgiving and Christmas season. I have asked Larry McGraw to give us our Thanksgiving program on November 24, so please bring your families to hear Larry. You know he will bring an enlightening program that no one will want to miss!

*The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands!
Thanks for all you do,*

Stephanie

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CLUB OFFICERS 2009 - 2010

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PROGRAMS

November 3
HEATHER
WOOTEN
Polio in Texas

November 10
DYESS AFB

November 17
BLAIR HAYNIE
Boy Scouts of
America

November 24
LARRY MCGRAW
Thanksgiving
Message

Rotary Membership

There are two types of Rotary club membership: active and honorary.

An Active member is one who has been elected to membership under a business or professional classification and enjoys all the obligations, responsibilities and privileges of membership as provided in the RI Constitution and Bylaws.

Honorary Rotary membership may be offered to people who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals.

Our Rotary Club currently has seven Honorary members: Harriet Connor, Peggy Edwards, Leslie Ellis, Dale Ferguson, Faye Jordan, John Pennington and Jo Rogers.

World Polio Day - Oct 24, 2009

In recognition of World Polio Day, Rotary clubs are celebrating a major milestone reached in the humanitarian service organization's global fundraising campaign to eradicate polio - with nearly \$100 million raised.

As part of a \$355 million challenge grant awarded to Rotary by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary clubs worldwide are aiming to raise a total of \$200 million by 2012. The funding will provide critical support to polio eradication activities, including the distribution of a new, more effective bivalent polio vaccine that was recently approved for use in the coming months, for countries still battling the disease in parts of Africa and South Asia.

Since 1985, eradicating polio worldwide has been Rotary's top philanthropic goal. In addition to the funds recently announced, Rotary has contributed more than \$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. The disease remains endemic in just four countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- although other countries remain at risk for imported cases.

"We have come a long way," said Glenn E. Estess, Sr., Trustee Chair of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. "We have reduced the number of polio cases by over 99 percent. But we can't let up now. The remaining one percent is proving to be the most challenging, since the polio virus persists in the most intractable parts of the world. We have the tools to eradicate this devastating disease. It's up to us to make sure we have the resources needed to reach every child."

To raise awareness and funds for the global push to end polio, Rotary clubs worldwide are conducting activities surrounding World Polio Day.

Locally, the three Abilene Rotary Clubs and the other four surrounding area Rotary Clubs, held a community fundraising World Polio Day Dinner and raised over \$50,000. 100 percent of these funds will be sent to The Rotary Foundation to help eradicate Polio from the earth. In addition, the Abilene Southwest Rotary Club held a Walk for Polio awareness event at Red Bud Park. Joining us were the District Exchange students, who were in town to attend the World Polio Day Dinner.

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RI & DISTRICT



2009 - 2010



JOHN KENNY
The Rotary Club of
Grangemouth, Scotland
*Rotary International
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The Rotary Club of
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*District Secretary
Rotary District 5790*

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

Bulletin Board

Nov. Free Meal: Susan King
 Sep. Attendance: 82%
 Sep. Membership: 57+7(H)

Nov. 09 - Club Board Meeting
 Dec. 22 - Family Christmas Lunch
 Dec. 29 - NO MEETING

Nov. Birthdays

Robert Olson - 11/07
 Ken Baker - 11/09
 Delbert Allred - 11/12
 Jenny Hicks - 11/15
 Winona Henry - 11/18
 Natalie Matthews - 11/20

Nov. Anniversaries

Ken & Tammy Baker - 11/10



Weekly Greeters

Nov. 3

Downing Bolls, Julian Bridges,
 Richard Buzard

Nov. 10

Paresh Chhotu, Blair Church,
 Jimmy DeFoor

Nov. 17

Leslie Ellis, B.J. Gorham
 Clyde Gustafson

Nov. 24

Lee Hamilton, D. Hargesheimer
 Blair Haynie



Robert Olson (C)
 receives Paul Harris Fellow Award
 presented by PDG Dave Mason (R) ,
 helping is Pres. Stephanie Kraly (L)



Pres. Stephanie Kraly (R) inducts
 new member Zack Jackson (C)
 Stacey Scaief(L) is his sponsor.



Pres. Stephanie Kraly (R)
 inducts new member
 Paresh Chhotu (C) while sponsor
 Richard Wolfe (L) observes.



Spook Time Again at the
 Abilene State School.
 Pictured: Downing Bolls (L)
 and Karla Rose (R)

World Polio Day Dinner



Pictured (starting left clockwise):

Kayla Christianson
 Peggy McConnell
 John McConnell
 Lexi Everett
 Leslie Ellis
 B.J. Gorham
 Alina Toktomamatova
 Katelyn Gorham
 Kathy Gorham

World Polio Day Walk



Pictured: Alina Toktomamatova of
 Kyrkyzstan (reclining);
 (second row) PDG Dave Mason,
 Coline Briatte of France, Rosa
 Buigues of Spain, Biatrice Keiler
 of Brazil, and Will Speight; (third
 row) Downing Bolls, Lexi Everett,
 Anna Hilscher of Germany, Club
 President Stephanie Kraly and
 Vonda Mason; (back row) PDG Jim
 Aneff, Terry Kraly, and Justin
 Schwertner.