

The Wheel

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



Season Greetings,

We have accomplished many of our goals and projects for this Rotary year, but we still have many challenges before us. I thank each of you for your participation with our club projects and your hard work to achieve our club goals. Alone, we accomplish little, but working together, we can move mountains.

Our Thanksgiving Luncheon was very successful and many of our family members came and enjoyed the meal and Larry's inspiring talk. Shirley Olson and Jerry Herttenberger came through again with a great Pie Auction and we raised \$795.00 for the Foundation. Thanks to all who participated and we know you enjoyed the cookies, pies, candy, and cakes.

December is Family (of Rotary) Month. Our RI President, John Kenny, had this to say about the Family of Rotary "The Idea of the family of Rotary is a simple one, and one that we celebrate every December during Family Month. Every Rotarian is part of the Rotary Family – but our family is much larger than our 1.2 million members. The Family of Rotary includes every one of the men, women, and children who are involved in our work: the spouses and children who are involved of our members, our Rotary Foundation program participants and alumni, and all of those who are part of our programs, in the tens of thousands of Rotary communities around the world."

To show our support for Rotary's Family Month, we again, ask you to help us celebrate by bringing your family members to our Christmas Luncheon on December 22. We have a special program planned for this meeting. Plan to bring your families and friends and enjoy the celebration. Sign up to let us know how many people will be in your party. We will need a headcount for the Woman's Club.

Coming up on Thursday, February 11, 2010, we will have our annual Valentine Social. We hope you will plan to attend and bring your spouses or guests. Singles are welcome to participate.

Bill Page has ordered up some fair weather, we hope, for Ringing the Salvation Army Bell on December 12, 2009. This is a fun time, so see Bill and sign up to help. It is a rewarding experience.

We appreciate everyone's help with the recent World Polio Dinner, and your generous donations. Our club's effort to support the End Polio Now campaign is in full swing, and the weekly Change for Polio donations are adding up. Keep them coming.

We are a little behind in our Every Rotarian – Every Year donations, but we are confident everyone will participate to help our club meets its goal.

Our club will not meet on December 29, 2009. The cook has off, and we want you to celebrate the Christmas Season with your families. Terry and I wish you and your family, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

Delbert Allred

Downing Bolls

Dwayne Hargesheimer

Jerry Jordan

David Mason

Charles Richardson
Newsletter Editor

Stacey Scaief

Will Speight
Exec. Secretary

PROGRAMS

December 1
KIRK
HANCOCK
Mental Health

December 8
LES BRUCE
Taylor County
Sheriff

December 15
Dr. JEFF KEY
Political World
Update

December 22
PRESIDENT
STEPHANIE
KRALY
Christmas
Program

December 29
NO MEETING

Special Notice

**Club Election for
four new directors
will be held at the
December 8
Annual Meeting.**

Benefits and Responsibilities of Club Membership

The Club is the cornerstone of Rotary, where the most meaningful work is carried out. All effective Rotary clubs are responsible for four key elements: sustaining or increasing their membership base, participating in service projects that benefit their own community and those in other countries, supporting The Rotary Foundation of RI financially and through program participation, and developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

Service All Rotary clubs share a key mission: to serve their community and those in need throughout the world. By participating in club service projects, members learn about their club's involvement in local and international projects and can volunteer their time and talents where they are most needed.

Membership recruitment and retention To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring guests to meetings or invite them to participate in a service project. The value of Rotary speaks for itself, and the best way to spark the interest of potential members is by letting them experience fellowship and service firsthand.

Keeping members interested in Rotary is another responsibility. Good club fellowship and early involvement in service projects are two of the best ways to sustain the club's membership.

The ideal composition of a Rotary club reflects the community demographics, including professional, gender, age, and ethnicity. Such diversity enriches every aspect of the club's fellowship and service.

Attendance Attending club meetings allows members to enjoy their club's fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community. Club meeting times vary to accommodate members' family and professional commitments. Some clubs meet during the traditional time of the lunch hour, while others meet in the early morning, after work, or in the evening.

Rotary policy requires members to attend at least 50 percent of club meetings in each half of the year. If members miss their own club's meeting, they are encouraged to make up within 14 days prior to the missed meeting or 14 days after the missed meeting. Missed meetings can be made up by attending another club, a Board meeting, participating in a club project, and on line with an EClub.

Source -- Rotary Basics

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*



Weatherization Committee receives Certificates
 Pictured (L-R) Dwayne Hargesheimer, Bill Shoemaker, Dean Rucker, Rob Olson and Ed Miller, Committee Chair

Heather Green Wooten(second from right) passes out copies of her recent book "Polio Years in Texas" to major sponsors of the World Polio Day Dinner Fund Raiser.



Charles & Kaye Schwertner enjoy Thanksgiving Program.



Shirley Olson auctions Delicious Homemade Cake at Club Pie Auction, raising funds for the Rotary Foundation.

Congressman Randy Naugebauer visits club on Dyess AFB Recognition Day

Pictured (L-R): Cong. Naugebauer, MSgt. A.J. Oldfather, Club Pres. Stephanie Kraly, Colonel Haines, TSgt. Dwayne Jackson, Major Christopher Plourde, and Committee Chair Bob May.

Bulletin Board

Dec. Free Meal: Peggy McConnell
 Oct. Attendance: 82%
 Oct. Membership: 59+6(H)

Dec. 14 - Club Board Meeting
 Dec. 22 - Family Christmas Luncheon
 Dec. 29 - NO MEETING

Dec. Birthdays

Blair Haynie - 12/02
 Jimmy DeFoor - 12/05
 Leonie Stovall - 12/28
 Gary Soben - 12/29

Dec. Anniversaries

B.J. & Kathy Gorham - 12/14
 Price & Mary Mathieson - 12/21
 Leonie & Scott Stovall - 12/21
 Dale & Jeannie Ferguson - 12/24
 Jerry & Barbara Schwalb - 12/27
 Gary & Nelda Soben - 12/29



Weekly Greeters

Dec. 1

Winona Henry, Jerry Hertenberger,
 Zack Jackson

Dec. 8

Jerry Jordan, Susan King,
 Dave Mason

Dec. 15

Natalie Matthews, Bob May,
 Peggy McConnell

Dec. 22

Ed Miller, Worth Moutray,
 Robert Olson