

# The Wheel

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



### Fellow Rotarians,

Wow... another year is upon us, where did the last one go? Well they say "we all become a year older and a year wiser!"

I hope everyone enjoyed our Christmas Luncheon with the children from the YMCA, singing all those nice Christmas songs for us. As I was looking around, I saw so many smiles. So I know it was a great time for all! Thanks to those who assisted with the program.

I want to recap a little of what has been going on, where we are as a club and what is coming up for us:

On December 8, 2009, the Board elected the following Officers to serve for the 2010-2011 Rotary year, beginning July 1. Please congratulate and support!

President - Roberto Aguirre  
President Elect - Ross Bennett  
Secretary/Treasurer - Aletta Allred  
Sgt At Arms will be elected at the next Board meeting

The Salvation Army was very appreciative for our Bell Ringing effort. Thanks Bill Page and all of your jolly good bell ringers. And, the weather was very nice too.

**Membership.** Since July 1, we have gained five new members, but lost eight. We currently have 59 regular members and we need to be at 63 by March 31, 2010. Please make an extra effort to recruit, recruit and recruit. Our most recent New Members are: B.J. Gorham, Zachary Jackson, Paresh Chhotu, Price Mathieson and Leslie Ellis. We welcome you!

Our **ER-EY** goal is progressing, but we still have a ways to go. So keep those donations coming. We need to achieve our goal of giving at least \$100 per Rotarian.

Bill Shoemake and his committee are making plans for a great **Valentine Social**, scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2010 at the Abilene Woman's Club, Social 6:30 p.m. and Dinner at 7 p.m. Every Rotarian is invited, but you will need reservations. There will be some great entertainment. We will not have a regular meeting on February 9.

In closing.... **January is Rotary Awareness Month!** We need to spread the word about Rotary's good works, especially, the End Polio Now Campaign and our local projects. This is what Rotary is all about, fellowship and helping people. If you tell people what we do, they might just want to become a member. I know I did!

Thanks to each of you, for all you do, to make this Rotary Club great!  
**Terry and I wish you a Happy New Year!**

*Stephanie*

## January 2010 Issue



### 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

January 5  
**PRES.**  
**STEPHANIE KRALY**  
Club Assembly

January 12  
TBA

January 19  
**VIRGINIA**  
**MOSIER**  
Career &  
Technology  
Services

January 26  
TBA



**You will profit  
from Rotary  
in proportion  
to what you  
put into your  
efforts.**

Paul P. Harris  
Founder of Rotary

**TO:** All members of Abilene Southwest Rotary

**FROM:** Jenny Hicks, Attendance Committee Chair

Dear Rotarians,

Our attendance percentage has been declining at a steady pace. We need to improve our attendance to at least **85%** for each meeting.

We know there are circumstances that may keep you away from Rotary on some Tuesdays, but isn't it nice that Rotary gives us an opportunity to make up. You have 14 days prior to a missed meeting and 14 days after a missed meeting to makeup a missed meeting. When you do makeup, please let us know so we will not charge you for a missed meal.

In Abilene we have two other clubs in which you can make up a missed meeting. They are the Wednesday Rotary Club, which meets at the Country Club, and the Abilene Rotary Club, which meets on Friday at The Abilene Country Club too. There are also Rotary Clubs in Sweetwater, Hamlin, Haskell, and Stamford, which are less than an hour's drive. Please contact Will Speight for their meeting schedule.

Our Board will also allow you to make up by attending any Rotary function or a committee meeting, and now you can electronically make up by going to your computer and pulling up: [www.recswusa.org](http://www.recswusa.org). You may also find this site by going to our Club Web Site: [www.abilenesouthwestrotary.org](http://www.abilenesouthwestrotary.org) click on Links and scroll down to the Club listing. Just login as a Visitor.

However, it would be so much better if you could attend your own club. When you do not attend your own club meetings, the other members are deprived of your Fellowship, and likewise, you are deprived of their Fellowship.

I am asking each of you to do your best to attend our meetings or to make up your missed meeting(s). It is extremely important that **you** and the **club** have good attendance.

See you Tuesday,

Jenny Hicks

# 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



Winona Henry (R) and Stacey Scaief(L) ring the Salvation Army Bell at the Mall of Abilene.



Larry McGraw (L) and Susan King (R), having fun, ringing the Salvation Army Bell.



Club Donates English/Spanish Dictionaries to adult students at St. Vincent's Catholic Church PDG Dave Mason (back row) made the presentations.



YMCA children entertain with Christmas Carols at club Christmas Family Luncheon on December 22, 2009.



Rotary International President Elect Ray Klingensmith visits Abilene and spoke at the World Polio Day Dinner on October 22, 2009. Pictured (L-R) PDG Jim Aneff, Klingensmith, Mary and Bob Childress.

## Bulletin Board

Jan. Free Meal: Robert Olson  
 Nov. Attendance: 81%  
 Nov. Membership: 59+6(H)

Jan. 11 - Club Board Meeting  
 Feb. 09 - NO MEETING  
 Feb. 11 - Valentine Social

## Jan. Birthdays

Mac Andrews - 01/11  
 Jerry Herttenberger - 01/12  
 Justin Schwertner - 01/16  
 Larry Pyeatt - 01/17  
 Maxey Sheppard - 01/21  
 Jerry Schwalb - 01/22  
 Bob May - 01/23  
 Price Mathieson - 01/26  
 Richard Wolfe - 01/31

## Jan. Anniversaries

Stephanie & Terry Kraly - 01/09

## Weekly Greeters

Jan. 05

Shirley Olson, Bill Page,  
 Larry Pyeatt

Jan. 12

Charles Richardson, Joe Roeder,  
 Karla Rose

Jan. 19

Dean Rucker, Letty Rucker,  
 Paul Ruska

Jan. 26

Stacey Scaief, Jerry Schwalb,  
 Charles Schwertner