

The Wheel

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Rotary's Theme - 2009-2010



Fellow Rotarians

We are moving right into "2010" with February upon us already! This is a very important month to Rotary and our club. Rotary had its beginning in Chicago on February 23, 1905 when Paul Harris held his first organizational meeting in Room 711 of the old Unity building. This room became famous when Rotary began to grow in the USA and the world. Today, we have over 33,000 clubs with 1.2 million Rotarians in 200 countries.

February is World Understanding Month. This is when all Rotarians need to reach out to all people, promoting international service, world peace and understanding. Our club has been involved for many years in various International programs; Ambassadorial Scholarships, Exchange Students, Rotary's International Teacher's Exchanges and Group Study Exchanges. We have supported many international projects with our generous donations, such as; The Honduras School Reading and Paint project, Books To the World project, Wheelchair Foundation, Children of the Dump, Every Rotarian – Every Year, Polio Eradication. We have also participated in humanitarian grants, the most recent, purchasing a \$30,000+ freezer for a Blood Bank in Romania for hemophilia patients. This means the Southwest Rotary Club is doing its part in supporting World Peace and Understanding!

On February 11th we will hold our traditional Valentine Family Social. We want everyone to sign up to come! It's going to be a wonderful evening with entertainment by "Catclaw Creek"! So call, email or text Will today!

February is a big planning month for some of our big events that will be here before you know it. Mark these dates and events on your calendars:

April 24 is our Golf Tournament, which will be held at Dyess AFB. This is our major fund raiser and we will need every member's participation. Committee Chair, Ross Bennett tells me it will be a great event. Even if you don't golf, we will have a great time. We will be looking for sponsors, so your assistance will be greatly needed and appreciated.

May 27 is our Top Fifty Plus Banquet at the Civic Center. Committee Chair, Downing Bolls is working to firm up our key note speaker for our 51st banquet to honor the outstanding academic graduating students from the four high schools in Abilene. We will need every member's support by attending this event, plus selling or buying at least one table.

We appreciate everyone's effort that continues to make Abilene Southwest Rotary one of the best clubs in Rotary. We have accomplished a lot so far, but we still have some very important tasks ahead of us. One of the biggest task is recruiting new members. We have lost some members, so our numbers are down. Our club needs each of you to reach out and search for all those great Rotarians who are in waiting to become a member of Rotary! So, I challenge each of you to recruit a new member in the month of February – I promise a great surprise if we sign up 10 – yes 10 new members in February, plus I have to keep Will really busy – what better way than having him - signing up new members!

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PROGRAMS

February 2
DYESS AFB
RECOGNITION

February 9
NO MEETING
Valentine Social
February 11

February 16
CYNTHIA
MALDONADA
Deaf Action
Center

February 23
DICK
SPALDING
Serenity House



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

Paul P. Harris
Founder of Rotary

Pres. Stephanie - cont...

As I close this, we need to keep Haiti in our prayers, regarding the recent Earthquake. Please be cautious when donating funds to support Haiti, and if you want to donate to a credible source, our Rotary District is raising funds. They have set a goal within our district to raise \$25,000 to support the relief effort. If you would like donate, please send your donations to our District Governor direct, or give your check to Will and he can take care of it for you. Thanks.

I never know how to say thanks to all of my fellow Rotarians... each of you brighten my life and always my day. You each define what Rotary is all about: caring and helping people in need. Each of you fit that bill!

Remember - "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"

Stephanie

Room 711 ---- Rotary's Birthplace

The number 711 has a very special significance for Rotary. Room 711 of the old Unity Building, formerly located at 127 North Dearborn Street in downtown Chicago, was the birthplace of Rotary. It was in that historic room, which was the office of engineer Gus Loehr, where Paul Harris first met with several friends to discuss his new idea of a club for professionals and businessmen.

After extensive research, a few Chicago Rotarians restored the room to its 1905 authenticity. For years, Room 711 was preserved as a miniature Rotary museum by members of the Paul Harris 711 Club, which provided funds for leasing, maintenance, and preservation, in 1994, when Room 711 was recreated and located at RI World Headquarters in Evanston, where this piece of Rotary's heritage is preserved permanently.

Source: ABCs of Rotary

RI & DISTRICT



2009 - 2010



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Christmas Family Luncheon
Jerry Jordan (L) with granddaughter,
Jordan Gatson (C)
and wife Oretha Jordan (R)

Christmas Family Luncheon
Front, Karla Rose (L) with
her Mother Luciana Lucero (R),
Back, Pres. Stephanie Kraly (L),
State Rep. Susan King (R)



Club President Elect
Roberto Aguirre (R) presents
Exchange Student name badge to
Alina Toktomamatova, who hails
from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan



Committee Chair Jerry Herttenberger
(L) presents Vocational Service Award
to Virginia Mosier (R) of Abilene ISD
Career and Technology Education

Our club's goal in support of Rotary's End Polio Now Challenge Grant is \$6000.00, which will need to be completed prior to June 30, 2012. We have already sent in \$3000.00, and we have collected another \$1000.00. We have two more years to raise the remaining \$2000.00. We should easily accomplish this goal, by continuing our weekly Polio collections. Please keep rattling those cups with your dollars and change. Thank You!

Bulletin Board

Feb. Free Meal: Bill Page
Dec. Attendance: 81%
Dec. Membership: 59+6(H)

Feb. 08 - Club Board Meeting

Feb. 09 - NO MEETING

Feb. 11 - Valentine Social

Feb. Birthdays

Susan King - -2/02

Feb. Anniversaries

Joe & Lavern Roeder - 02/12

Claude & Jenny Hicks - 02/18

Valentine Family Social

Feb. 11, 2010

6:30 P.M. Social

7 P.M. Dinner

Cost: \$16.00 per person

Abilene Woman's Club

3425 South 14th

Reservations required!

Call 692-7988 prior to Feb 8

Weekly Greeters

Feb. 02

**Maxey Sheppard, Bill Shoemake
Gary Soben**

Feb. 09

No Meeting

Valentine Social Feb. 11

Feb. 16

**Leonie Stovall, Cliff White
Richard Wolfe**

Feb. 23

**Roberto Aguirre, Delbert Allred
Mac Andrews**