

The Wheel

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



Fellow Rotarians,

It's spring and soon summer will be here...where has all the time gone?

As we move along, April is Rotary Magazine Month. This is the time to review your magazine and find out more about Rotary and what's going on in the World of Rotary! Also consider sharing your magazine with others: leave them in a community waiting room, doctor's offices, hospitals or any other place you see magazines in an area. Our club provides subscriptions to each of our honorary members and to the Wylie and Cooper High School libraries.

As time moves forward, let's take a look back in March and remember our Four Way Speeches....they were fantastic! It's always refreshing to listen how young students apply and interpret our Four Way Test. As we know, it does make an impact in our decision making every day. That is what being a Rotarian is all about! Again, thanks to Larry McGraw and his committee for a great show. They were all winners!

Upcoming dates and reminders!

The **District Conference** will be held at the DFW Marriott and Golf Club in Fort Worth on **April 9-11. The deadline for registering is April 5.** Our club has been asked to participate in the Friday Evening Dinner by providing "Sweets from Abilene." Shirley Olson is chairing this effort and she will be asking all of you to participate by helping us with the sweets. She will need them by April 8. Registration for the Conference can be accomplished on line by going to: www.rotary5790.org, then District Conference.

April 24 is our 2nd Annual Abilene SW Rotary Golf Tournament! The committee is in need of sponsors and players! Even if you don't golf, enter and have a fun day full of fellowship – some good laughs too! We need every Club Member to get involved because this is our big fund raiser with all the proceeds going to local charities that we support.

May 27 is approaching quickly with Our Top Fifty Plus Banquet! Our Chair, Downing Bolls, tells us that plans are underway for a great Banquet at the Civic Center, honoring the Top Academic students at our four High Schools. We have a great speaker coming and we need all club members to participate in the table/ticket sales. Tables of 10 can be sponsored for \$250.00 or individual tickets may be purchased for \$25.00. Please make an effort to find a table sponsor.

Good news on the home front!

Polio Plus - Rotary's goal is to match the U.S. \$200 Million Challenge in response to the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation grant to End Polio. If we continue bringing those dollars and change to Rotary each week, we will meet our Club's total goal of \$6,000.00 by June 30, 2012. Let's keep those cups rattling and swooshing!

ER-EY - I want to thank everyone who has already contributed towards ER-EY. We still have a few members who need to respond to help us obtain our goal. If you have not contributed, please do so now. As you know, Will is ready and willing to take your check or cash! We are approaching our deadline and need to get the funds submitted to the Foundation.

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CLUB OFFICERS 2009 - 2010

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PROGRAMS

April 6
DICK SPALDING
 Serenity
 House

April 13
LUCAS COSTA
 Exchange
 Student from
 Brazil

April 20
DR. JOEY COPE
 Duncan Conflict
 Resolution
 Center

April 27
PDG JIM ANEFF
 Youth Exchange
 Program



April 4

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In closing, remember to read your Rotary Magazine, mark our upcoming event dates on your calendar, and continue supporting our Polio Plus/End Polio effort and the Rotary Foundation with our Every Rotarian - Every Year donations.

Thanks again for letting me serve you and having faith in me to lead you,

Stephanie



Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange is one of the most popular programs to promote international understanding and develop lifelong friendships. Beginning in 1927 with the Rotary Club of Nice, France, exchanges in Europe continued until World War II and resumed in 1946. In 1939, an extensive Youth Exchange was created between California, USA, and Latin America. Since then, the program has expanded around the world. In recent years, more than 7,000 young people have participated annually in Rotary clubs and district-sponsored exchange programs.

The values of Youth Exchange are experienced not only by the high-school-age students involved, but also by the host families, sponsor clubs, receiving high schools, and the entire community. Youth Exchange participants usually provide their fellow students in their host schools with excellent opportunities to learn about customs, languages, traditions, and family life in another country.

Youth Exchange offers young people interesting opportunities and rich experiences to see another part of the world. Students spend a full academic year abroad through the long-term exchange program. A growing number of clubs and districts are sponsoring short-term exchanges of several weeks or months.

A structured program of RI since 1974, Youth Exchange is a highly recommended activity for all Rotary clubs to enhance international understanding and goodwill.

Source -- ABCs of Rotary

RI & DISTRICT



2009 - 2010



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*District Treasurer
 Rotary District 5790*



**Best of The Best
Club Honors Dyess AFB Personnel
for their Outstanding Performances**



**President Stephanie Kraly (R)
inducts New Member
Jim Geeslin (C) while sponsor
Will Speight (L) looks on.**



**Four Way Speech Contest
Pictured (L-R) Alyssa Vannatta,
Quincy Williams, Savannah
Barrington, David Doyle (teacher),
Pres. Kraly and Larry McGraw (chair)**



**Club Celebrates 54th Anniversary
Bob Childress (charter member)
presents brief history of Club.
President Stephanie Kraly (R),
congratulates him.**

Bulletin Board

Apr. Free Meal: Letty Rucker
Feb. Attendance: 80%
Feb. Membership: 57+6(H)
Apr. 12 - Club Board Meeting
Apr. 9-11 - District Conference
Apr. 24 - Club Golf Tournament
May 15 - District Assembly
May 27 - Top Fifty Plus Banquet

Apr. Birthdays

Julian Bridges - 04/03
Dale Ferguson - 04/04
Bob Childress - 04/27
Downing Bolls - 04/30

Apr. Anniversaries

John & Jeanette Pennington - 04/03
Rob & Shirley Olson - 04/13
Karla & Claude Rose - 04/20

Weekly Greeters

Apr. 06

Winona Henry, J. Hertenberger
Zach Jackson

Apr. 13

Jerry Jordan, Susan King
Dave Mason

Apr. 20

Price Mathieson, Natalie Matthews
Bob May

Apr. 27

Peggy McConnell, Ed Miller,
Worth Moutray III



Rotary District 5790 2010 District Conference



Hosted by the Rotary Club of Denton

April 9 - April 11, 2010

DFW Marriott and Golf Club at Champions Circle
3300 Championship Parkway
Ft Worth, Texas
817-961-0800

**Registration Form and Information found at
www.rotary5790.org**

Complete form and send check and form to:
Olive Morton, 9316 Grandview Dr., Denton, TX 76207

**Hotel: Call DFW Marriott
817-961-0800 or 800-228-9290**

Request Rotary District 5790 Special Rates - \$129.00/night
Gp. Code RD5RD5a

Top Fifty Plus Banquet Speaker Abilene Civic Center May 27, 2010



Chairman Victor G. Carrillo
Railroad Commission of Texas

A native of Abilene and a proud graduate of the state football championship Abilene High School Eagles, Chairman Carrillo has worked as a petroleum geophysicist, college professor, attorney and judge. He first entered elected office in 2000, when elected to the Abilene City Council. He was later elected County Judge of his home county – the post he held when Governor Rick Perry appointed him to the Texas Railroad Commission in February 2003. In 2004, he won his first statewide election with almost four million votes and secured a six-year term of office.

Chairman Carrillo helps to lead the state agency that oversees the Texas energy sector — the oil and gas, pipeline and surface mining industries. Carrillo has bachelor's and master's degrees in Geology. He also earned his law degree from the University of Houston. He is a Texas licensed attorney and geoscientist. In 2006, he was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Hardin-Simmons University – his *alma mater*.

Carrillo was Chairman of the Texas Energy Planning Council that created a Texas Energy Plan to help ensure that Texas remains the premier energy producing state in the nation. He chairs the Outer Continental Shelf advisory board to the Secretary of the Interior – advising on all aspects of oil and gas leasing of the nation's offshore areas. He serves on the U.S. Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee – advising the Secretary of Transportation on issues related to pipeline safety. He formerly served as Vice Chairman of the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission and continues to serve on the IOGCC/EPA taskforce. He serves on the newly created Texas Bioenergy Policy Council to attract a sustainable bioenergy industry to Texas. He serves on the Natural Gas Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. He is a member of America's Energy Coast Honorary Leadership Council – educating the public on the national importance of the energy producing states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. He is on the Board of Advisors of the *Texas Journal of Oil, Gas & Energy Law* at the University of Texas School of Law.

Victor and his wife, Joy, have been married 25 years and have three daughters, whom they have homeschooled. The family attends Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Austin.

Chairman Carrillo was named by *Hispanic Business Magazine* as one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the U.S. He is the son of a Mexican immigrant, the first in his family to have gone to college, and the highest-ranking elected Hispanic official in Texas.