

The Wheel



Hello Rotarians,

We are already in our second month of the year and time seems to keep flying by. February is filled with opportunities for our members.

On the 10th, many of us will be in Fort Worth for the big **Denim and Diamonds Gala** affair at the Fort Worth Sheraton Hotel. Our International President, Kalyan Banerjee will be there, and it should be a lot of fun.

Of course, February is the big **Valentine Social** and ours will be held at the Abilene Country Club on the 14th (actual Valentine's Day). There is still time to make a reservation, but do it soon, as our committee needs the count to give to the club. Notify Will if you need to make reservations.

Another event that needs our attention is our **Annual Golf Tournament**. Although held in April, it is going to be upon us before we know it. Now is the time to get out and round up some teams for the event. The tournament will take place at the Abilene Country Club on **April 13th**. The entry fee is \$100 and includes cart, breakfast, lunch and green fees. There are sponsorships available for \$500.00 and up. The golf committee has all of the details and will be willing to answer any questions at the Tuesday meetings. You do not have to golf, like to golf, or want to play golf, but there are many golfers in our city, and I am sure each of you may know someone who plays. So, please help us raise funds by signing up folks for the tournament.

This month is also, **World Understanding Month**. This is something that can be difficult to get our arms around. With everything going on in our country today, and the concerns about the economy, health care and jobs, we can be complacent in thinking about those situations outside of our borders. However, our club has traditionally been involved with international projects such as: Ambassadorial Scholars, Exchange Students, Group Study Exchange Teams, Wheelchairs and grants. Let's all make an effort to appreciate the many situations that are going on around the globe and continue to find ways to make things better for others.

Many of our members have not been able to attend our meetings on a regular basis, and as you know, make ups are important, especially if you are trying to keep a perfect attendance record. When out of town, many will attend meetings of other clubs and invariably return with a banner from their visits as well as information, regarding those clubs, and what they are doing in the Service-Above-Self arena. Also, we have two other clubs in town who meet on Wednesdays and Fridays, so that option is always available. Additionally, you can make up a meeting online and it is quite simple.

One final subject: **Membership**. We are fortunate that we will be installing three new members into our club. I want to thank Patricia Correa for bringing all three into the club and would like to challenge each of you to do the same. I don't expect that you would invite three potential members, but if we all tried to reach at least one person, think of how we could grow. Let's all make our new members feel at home and get to know them.

Ross

Rotary's Theme - 2011/12



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PROGRAMS

Feb. 07
COLONEL BEEN
Dyess AFB
Recognition

Feb. 14
NOON MEETING
CANCELLED
VALENTINE SOCIAL
6:30 PM

Feb. 21
SPECIAL MEETING
Abilene Public
Library

Feb. 28
WYLIE STUDENTS
Four Way
Speech Contest

Mar. 06
LYNN BARNETT
Abilene Cultural
Affairs

Our club's
New Member
Orientation
Briefing
needs to
be used more!
Can YOU help?

Rotary Key Messages



Public Relations efforts are vital to Rotary's continued growth and service. Creating a positive image for Rotary is the responsibility of every Rotarian, both locally and globally. Review the following and help spread the word:

Rotary is a global network of business and professional leaders.

- Rotary's 1.2 million women and men of Rotary belong to more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas.
- As volunteers, Rotary members have been serving the needs of communities worldwide since 1905.

Rotary is one of the largest international humanitarian service organizations in the world.

- Through volunteer service, the women and men of Rotary build friendships and enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances.
- Participating in international service projects allows Rotary members to connect with people from around the world and promote cross-cultural understanding.
- Rotary clubs are nonpolitical and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

Eradicating Polio

Rotary's top philanthropic goal is to eradicate polio worldwide.

- Since 1985, Rotary members have contributed more than US\$900 million and countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries.
- Rotary members are currently working to raise another \$200 million by 2012 to match a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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2011- 2012



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Rotary's Motto - Service Above Self

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Rotary and its partners have reduced polio cases by 99 percent worldwide, from 350,000 cases in 1988 to less than 2,000 in 2008.

· An estimated five million children have been spared disability, and over 250,000 deaths averted.

· Yet polio still threatens children in parts of Africa and South Asia, and remains endemic in four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

The world must remain committed in order to achieve a polio-free world.

· **The threat of polio anywhere is a threat to children everywhere.**

· If we don't stay the course, experts say polio could rebound to 10 million cases in the next 40 years, negating the world's \$6 billion global investment.

Rotary is committed to fighting polio until every child is safe from this devastating disease.

· In addition to Rotary's fundraising efforts, hundreds of Rotary members travel at their own expense to join fellow Rotarians in polio-affected countries to immunize children against polio during national campaigns.

Rotary and Peace

Rotary builds peace and international understanding through education.

· To help the next generation of leaders reduce the threat of war and violence, Rotary has teamed with leading universities around the world to fund a master's degree program in peace and conflict resolution at six Rotary Peace Centers.

· Rotary clubs promote peace by initiating thousands of international humanitarian projects every year that address the underlying causes of social instability and conflict, such as hunger, poverty, disease, and illiteracy.

Source - Rotary.org

Bulletin Board

Feb. Free Meal: D. Hargesheimer

Dec. Attendance: 84%

Dec. Membership: 58+6(H)

Feb. 13 - Club Board Meeting

**Feb. 14 - Valentine Social at ACC
6:30PM - NO NOON MEETING**

Feb. 21 Regular Meeting will be held
at Abilene Public Library

Feb. Birthdays

Susan King - 02/02

Feb. Anniversaries

Joe & Lavern Roeder - 02/12

Jim & Terri Geeslin - 02/14

Claude & Jenny Hicks - 02/18

Weekly Greeters

Feb. 07

**Jim Aneff, Ken Baker,
Doug Banks**

Feb. 14

**No Noon Meeting,
Valentine Social 6:30PM**

Feb. 21

**Regular Meeting to be held
at Abilene Public Library**

Jan. 24

**Downing Bolls, Julian Bridges,
Richard Buzard**

Abilene Southwest Rotary Valentine Social

February 14, 2012, 6:30 P.M.



Abilene Country Club

4039 South Treadaway

Cost: \$22.00 per person

Entertainment and Excellent Food

**Sign Up at Rotary Meetings or
Call Will Speight, 325-692-7988
for Reservations**

There will be no Tuesday Noon Meeting