

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Oh what a week. It all began a few months ago with organization as well as committee selections of things we needed to do. Several of us didn't understand a lot of what was being discussed. As time went by Shalor and Dan began to make sense. They sounded like they had been thru this before. Several began to jump on board. I began wondering, Did all Rotarian's think we had made the right choice. Was this the big fundraiser we should be concentrating on? Should we have stuck to the several small fundraisers? No, this was the best decision the Board had made. Go with Greenbelt Bowl!!!

Monday night we had a welcome dinner at Garabaldi's to welcome the coaches. We were able to meet each and put a face with a name. We would see those faces every day especially at lunch and dinner.

Players arrived. Registration and picture taking. Thank you Amanda Kirpatrick. Lion's Club served lunch. John ask the hospital employees and they graciously agreed to cook the burgers for the hamburger cookout and swim party.

Wednesday came Practice Practice Practice. They coaches were impressed. One coach said what he took 30 minutes trying to get his team to do last fall these boys were learning in five minutes. After Rotary taking care of lunch for the players and coaches the Methodist church had dinner for them.

Thursday after more practice Baptist church served lunch. Some Rotarian's were attending all events began to realize they we had never been served such good food as we had been served all week. Yes, that is why we all should have been at the meals. The places that fed the team also fed the Rotarian's I am so glad we had made this a Community event. The evening meal was provided by Graneee G's. Great Mexican food. At this point I was beginning to think the coaches just come for the food!!!! Give the food committee a big thank you.

We ask the coaches if they see anything that we can do better this week be sure to let us know. They agreed they would. Were we getting tired? We thought so but by morning we seem to have forgotten.

Queen Nominee's arrived. Sharon Blackburn was about to see if all her hard work would pay off. Nominee's were signed in and instructed as to the activities that they were to be involved in. Sharon needs a pat on the back. She had done an excellent job all the way to getting a dignified Rotarian to be Master of Ceremony. You got it, the HONORABLE Judge Forbis.

Friday more practice for the teams. We Rotarian's came to cook Spaghetti. I agreed to brown the hamburger meat. Hollyann began adding this spice and that spice. I had never cooked spaghetti like this. Dan and Mark began opening cans of sauce, with a knife, a big knife. I decided if Mark was throwing the same things in as Dan and Hollyann it must be right. I figured he had made a roaster of spaghetti before. It was the best spaghetti ever. That night the Banquet was great and we had another meal, Fajita's. Merchandise began to sale. The Parents had arrived. I got a lot of comments on how great it was, especially from the parents.

Saturday had arrived. Lunch for some players and the Coaches. Now for that question we had ask earlier, What could we do better. The coaches said they had stayed in the pickup a little longer trying to think about it. Their answer, Nothing. We cannot think of a thing. The week has been great.

Game time is not far off. District Governor Roger Sepulveda had arrived for the coin toss. I look around, everyplace I look is a navy shirt with big Gold Letters ROTARIAN AT WORK. It made it all worth while. Then what did I see but Rotarian Toby Tucker kicking the ball. We have had a Rotarian at every part of the week. In a couple weeks Tracey should have a report for us. Regardless of what we made there were young men who got a scholarship to go to college. At least five and maybe more. I have never been prouder of our accomplishments as I am today. I have spent extra time with several of you that I am so happy for. You are what makes Childress the place it is today.

Terry