



Centennial Newsletter Rotary District 5730



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Governor's Message

Hasn't this been an especially beautiful spring? The bountiful rain we had last fall has resulted in a bumper cotton crop for our Rotarian farmers and the wild flowers have been just gorgeous as we have traveled to various Rotary functions. We especially enjoyed the recent trip to PETS. What a great experience for our Presidents Elect. I have heard from several of them and they are excited about next year. I want to thank PDG's Doyle Moore and Paige Carruth for their continued service to our district serving on the Board of Directors for PETS. They make it such a great event. Bonnie and I also traveled to Sweetwater to participate at the 65th annual Urban/Rural Banquet. Think about that: Rotary is 100 years old this year, the Sweetwater club is 80, and they have been doing this for 65 years. Talk about the concept of branding! Speaking of branding, the District Leadership

Seminar on Thursday, May 12th starting at 4:00pm at The MCM Grande Fundome, the conference hotel, will be a discussion on the changing demographics of the Panhandle, the need to develop a "brand" for Rotary, and how to generate interest in community service for Generation X who will be the next generation of Rotarians. The information presented will be valuable not only for Rotary activities, but for professional/business interests as well. I hope to see you there! I want to congratulate the Canadian club and President Beth Briant for inducting 5 new members this month! I also want to congratulate our webmaster, Steve Dennis, for his selection as Engineer of the Year. What an honor. Also congrats go to Dan Linebarger, Wheelchair Foundation Chairman, He tells me District 5730 is responsible for 375 wheelchairs that will be distributed early next year.

April celebrates Magazine month in the Rotary calendar. Please take the time to fully peruse *The Rotarian*. It is chocked full of great stories and information. We hope to have a story about our Centennial celebrations in a future issue. We are entering the 4th quarter of this special Rotary year. To use a sport's metaphor, this is when a "champion's heart" emerges. Each of you is a champion and I expect you to complete the goals that you set forth this year and then come to district conference to **Celebrate Rotary!** Please share this newsletter with your club members.



District Awards/Centennial Challenge

April 15th is the deadline to postmark your entries for the District Awards program as well as for the Presidential Awards Citation. Don't let your club be left out! As you know, for those

that complete all 4 parts of the Centennial Challenge, there will be a drawing for a registration fee to Chicago. The deadline for submission to the Governor is also April 15th.

In the event that the winner cannot go to Chicago, an equivalent sum will be contributed toward the winners Paul Harris recognition.

District By Laws/Voting at the Conference

This will serve as the second notice of the intent to adopt district bylaws. At the conference during the business session Saturday morning, we will be voting on new bylaws, approval of PDG Howard Mercers report that is sent to RI, and the District Representative to the 2007 Council on Legislation. The club president will vote his clubs vote. A club is entitled to 1 vote for the first 25 members in a club, and 1 vote for every additional 25 members or parts thereof. In the event a club president cannot be at the conference, a letter indicating who the club's

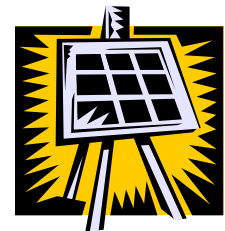
authorized delegate must be presented to the credentials committee. At the District Assembly Friday afternoon, DGE Ted Holder and the President elects will vote on next years District budget.



Club Displays at District Conference

Congratulations to the Perryton club for being the first to reserve a space for the Rotary Fair at the conference. Tom Pursell of the conference committee is contacting each club to encourage them to reserve a space to bring a history and memorabilia to brag on your club during the fair Friday

morning. Don't let your club be left out! Also remember to bring your bell and banner to display.



Centennial Chair Sue Hooper

As we are winding down this Rotary year, it is amazing to think about the great projects and meetings in which we participated to celebrate our 100th birthday! We are now beginning to see the results of our efforts as new members are attracted to our clubs, current members become

more involved, and awareness is at an all time high about Rotary.

There will be exciting awards at the district conference as the district winner of the essay contest, "What Rotary Means to Me," and the bulletin contest winners are announced. All entries of essays and bulle-

tins as well as your projects for the centennial celebrations will be on display.

Thank you to all who have made this the most exciting year ever in Rotary District 5730!

Sue Hooper
District Centennial Chair



Raffle Tickets for District Cruise

Please get your collected funds or notice of what you have sent to RI to Macon McDonald so a report can be made at the District Conference on how well we have supported the **Every Rotarian Every Year** Campaign. I know we will exceed the district goal. Hopefully, every club will participate. You also need to make sure your ticket stubs get to the District Conference. The winner will be announced in the June newsletter. The only way we make this work is through your participation to help those in need. I want to especially thank Joe & Vickie Wright for their continued support in putting together the cruise. But, it all falls apart if we don't

have enough people to sign up and go on the cruise itself. It is a wonderful experience and the trip this year is to the western Caribbean out of Galveston. We are trying to line up some Rotary club visits for our ports of call. Bonnie and I hope you will join us for the cruise. This will be our 5th Rotary cruise. It is a blast!



RYLA

April 30th is the deadline to get your applications in for this year's RYLA camp. John Williams and Lynn Buxkemper have planned a great camp for the participants. We can handle 125 campers so don't let yours be left out!



Diabetic Camp

The applications are out for this year's Diabetic Camp. The camp is for young people ages 7-14 with juvenile diabetes which is one of the most devastating diseases a young person can suffer. Many of the campers will be contacting you to underwrite their camp. I hope you will be generous. Clubs have already contributed \$6,000 but the camp will run about \$22,000. Sherri McGregor Williams and her committee are doing a great job in soliciting donations for snacks and arts/crafts for the

campers. If you can help or would like to volunteer to help Sherri and the committee, please let them know. You can reach Sherri at smcmel@cox.net

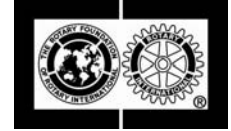


District Simplified Grants

If your club was awarded a District Simplified Grant, please either complete the project by the conference and turn in the final report or turn in an interim report so we can report to **TRF** timely. This

will allow the funds for next year to be released shortly after July 1st for the new year. If the reports are not in, the funding will be held up. Don't be the club responsible for holding up district simplified grant

funding. Send the District Governor a copy of your report. He is very interested in knowing the kinds of projects that have been done so he can report on them at the conference.



Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II was a great man. It is entirely appropriate that he was named a Paul Harris Fellow many years ago. He spoke to Rotarians at the 1979 Rotary International Conference in Rome. He said, "Dear Rotarians, Is this not an immense area in which you have many opportuni-

ties to expend yourselves for your fellow man? And whatever other challenges remains in the quest for human advancement-whether in the area of development or liberation-can be grouped under your third category: Humanity-the betterment of humanity. To work for humanity, to

serve men and women everywhere, is a splendid aim, especially when the motivation is love." He will be missed by all of humanity, not just his catholic parishioners.



In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we report the passing of John Dee Johnson, past president (2001-02) of the Midland Rotary Club. John had retired as Executive Director of the Buffalo Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The funeral was in Mid-

land on April 6th. John will be missed by all but especially his family and Rotarian friends. As part of the District Conference we will be remembering John at the Necrology Service at the Globe Theatre along with other Rotarians who have passed on this year. If

You are aware of someone that needs remembering, please contact the governor and give him the name so it can be added to the program



Rotary in the Sudan

Thanks to the efforts of PDG J.B. Roberts and Hunger Plus, there is a brand new Rotary Club in the Mundri County of the South Sudan, Africa. To our knowledge, this is the first Rotary club to be started in the Sudan since the revolution and is currently the only one operating. They have

been in operation since last December. Congratulations to the new President Nathania Pasquel Eliakim and to JB for his continued efforts to alleviate hunger and spread the gospel of Rotary to the world. Just think, District 5730 had a hand in the starting of a new Rotary Club in

Africa. Just another reason to **Celebrate Rotary!** Should a request come for assistance, I am sure our district will respond.

District Conference

Troy Chesnut and the District Conference Committee are working hard to make this the best conference ever. You won't want to miss any of the events that have been planned. I hope each of you will plan on coming Thursday and spending the weekend with us. We have been notified that our RI Presidential Representative is Brian Andersen, PDG 6440. Brian and his wife Caryl are currently in Panama on a Rotary Literacy project. He will be presenting some information about the trip during his visit. Brian is also the number 2 Rotarian for the Chicago International Conference so he will have lots of information about Chicago. Among the events planned are, the Leadership Seminar and dinner on Thursday, the Rotary Fair Friday morning with all the clubs presenting their history, the Assembly, the golf tournament, and the Colors program

in the afternoon, the Saturday awards, the entertainment, the Rotary information, the interaction with our RYLA and Youth Exchange Students, the Globe presentation, the necrology service and the Governor's banquet will all be worthwhile. Bring the family. The hotel has an indoor/outdoor swimming pool, a miniature golf course, a jungle gym and other entertainment. However, if you can only come to one event, make it the Friday Noon Luncheon. We want to set a district record for the largest attendance at any event in the district and we can do it. Our speaker is Fred Haise, the Lunar Module Commander for the Apollo 13 Moon Shot. We will also be honoring one of our district Rotarians with the highest honor that Rotary International can bestow, The Service Above Self Award. The deadline for pre-

registration is April 29th. Afterwards you will need to register at the conference. The fee is \$5.00 per event, but if you register for the whole conference it is only \$27.50 plus meal cost. The registration fee helps to offset the cost of the conference so that the meal cost can be held to actual expense. Bonnie and I are looking forward to greeting each of you and to recognizing many of you for the hard work you have done this year as we **Celebrate Rotary** together!

Bonnie's Corner

Congratulations to all the President Elects and spouses for completing PET's. It is always amazing to observe the successful transition of leadership from one year to the next in Rotary. Peter Drucker said, "No institution can possibly survive if it needs geniuses or supermen to manage it. It must be organized in such a way as to be able to get along under leadership composed of average human be-

ings." Rotarians are ordinary people creating miracles in peoples lives.

One of the first rules of leadership is not to take yourself too seriously. Just to make sure none of us get too serious, Caribbean Night, Friday May 13 of the conference, dress code will be Caribbean casual. So pull out that Hawaiian shirt, your Carmen Miranda costume, your best Jimmy Buffet, Bob Marley or maybe you want

to be a pirate of the Caribbean. Prizes will be awarded for the best couple and individual costumes. Don't forget to bring your cruise raffle tickets, you may be sailing to the Caribbean sooner than you think. See you at the District Conference.

BOOM CHICKA BOOM!



DISTRICT 5730

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP STATUS

<i>District 5730</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Paul Harris</i>	<i>Foundation</i>
<i>March, 2005</i>	<i>Base</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Percent-%</i>	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Benefactors</i>
Amarillo	166	157	-3	64.00%		
Amarillo East	27	27	0	75.00%		
Amarillo South	25	20	0	75.00%	10	
Amarillo West	93	93	-2	63.00%	45	
Andrews	25	26	-1	89.10%	5	3
Big Spring	95	100	1	60.56%	19	
Big Spring, Greater	60	56			18	5
Borger	40	40	0	77.00%	21	2
Brownfield	19	19			10	
Canadian	31	33	5	74.40%		
Canyon	45	44	-1	72.37%	30	
Childress	36	34				
Clarendon	21	17				
Colorado City	13	14				
Dalhart	40	41			22	3
Denver City	12	12				
Dimmitt	16	16	0	59.00%	3	
Dumas	21	20				
Floydada	29	27	2	88.89%	4	
Hereford	15	22	0	54.00%		
Kermit	24	25	1	70.00%		
Lamesa	26	26				
Levelland Breakfast	18	18			15	
Levelland Noon	55	60				
Littlefield	21	21			17	
Lockney	15	15				
Lubbock	176	180	1	70.00%	75	7
Lubbock Metro	40	41				
Lubbock Southwest	108	101	1	71.00%	47	5
Lubbock, Greater	68	66	-3	68.00%	71	4
Midland	79	78	2	68.70%	46	2
Midland Daybreak	15	15	0	66.00%	7	
Midland West	64	60	0	62.94%	38	
Monahans	24	21	0	52.00%	16	
Muleshoe	42	43	0	60.00%		
O'Donnell	13	14	0	64.20%	2	
Odessa	135	137	4	60.00%	114	11
Odessa East	21	23	0	62.00%	16	
Odessa, Greater	45	43	0	81.00%	32	5
Pampa	64	57	0	66.30%		
Panhandle	18	17	0	83.00%		
Pecos	29	29			8	2
Perryton	42	46	1	52.00%	23	2
Plainview	85	80	0	41.50%	68	
Post	30	30	0	76.00%	5	3
Ralls	5	5			4	
Seagraves	7	7				
Seminole	22	23	0	64.35%	13	
Shamrock	14	12	-2	73.00%		
Snyder	28	29	0	62.00%		
Spearman	15	16	0	70.00%	25	1
Sweetwater	55	58			40	
Tahoka	37	37				
Tulia	21	17	-1	66.00%	5	
TOTALS	2288	2268	5	67%	889	57

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF CLUBS REPORTING

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New Members

March 2005

Amarillo West— Robert Dempsey

Big Spring— Tim Yeates, Judy Sikes

Canadian— David Dickerson, Carrie Bay, Roger Davenport, Michael Gardiner, Don Schaefer

Kermit— Tammy Edwards

Lubbock— Stephen Dalton, Larry Doss

Lubbock Southwest— Travis Funk

Midland— Betty Jo Munn and Georganna Payne

Odessa— Sharilyn Gunn, Todd Jones, Edward Roland, Adam Allgood

Perryton— Daniel Garbarino

NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Amarillo West— Scott Bentley

Odessa East— Gloria Hernandez

NEW BENEFACTORS

Greater Odessa— Charles and Bonnie Cotten

IMPORANT DATES

April 15 Awards Deadline

April 29 On-line Conference Registration Deadline and Booth space reservation for Rotary Fair

May 12-14 District Conference Odessa

June 6-12 RYLA

June 18-22 International Convention Chicago, IL.

June 20-25 Diabetic Camp

July 1 New Rotary Year Begins

We're on the WEB!
See us at:
www.ridistrict5730

