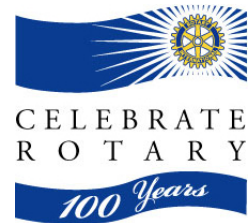




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Governor's Message

Welcome to 2005! Already the need for Rotary is apparent with the disaster in Asia. I am so proud of all of you who have responded so quickly with such overwhelming generosity. There is an update of what is happening within the district elsewhere in this newsletter. Bonnie and I had the opportunity this past weekend to travel to Austin and participate at the ASET training for future Ambassadorial scholars. What a wonderful group of young people. You can be proud of the caliber of individuals that will be representing Rotary abroad during their year of study. This is another example of why we need to increase our giving to the Rotary Foundation. While there, we participated in a Zone group discussion for the potential of developing additional training for those Rotarians

that want to get more deeply involved in Rotary. I was asked to participate on a committee to help develop an outline of what this training might be. I ask that each of you think about the kind of training that you would like to receive and send the information to me. I am a firm believer that people will participate in something if they have the opportunity to develop it so please send me your input. Bonnie and I are looking forward to seeing many of you at the various birthday celebrations around the district next month. If you have not gotten your officers elected for next year, please do so and send the information to DGE Ted Holder. Ted is working on his directory and needs your help. Also you need to be making sure your President Elect attends PETS in March. Our own PDG Doyle Moore

is heading the Texas Multi-District PETS this year and promises that it will be one of the best ever. Our PETS training is by far the best in the world for President Elects to learn about their responsibilities. It is time to start thinking about and getting the information together to submit for the awards recognitions that will be given at District Conference May 12-15, 2005 in Odessa. I promise you, our certificates will be framed! I recently read a book called The Present. We learn from the past, we plan for the future, but we live in the present! I urge you to live every day in the present. You may not have a tomorrow, just as the Tsunami Victims do not. I ask you to pray for our troops and for the survivors of this tragedy of biblical proportions.



Diabetic Camp

The District Diabetic Camp will be June 20-25, 2005 at the Ceta Glen Christian Camp in Happy, Texas. Sherri Williams, District Community Service Chair, is busy at work organizing the Rotary portion of the camp. Many thanks to the Lubbock, Greater Lubbock and Southwest Lubbock Rotary Clubs for stepping up and sponsoring 7

scholarships. The scholarships are \$400 per camper. We need to raise \$20,000 to support the camp. The registration packets will be sent out in March to enroll the students. They will be sent to patients at the Texas Tech Department of Pediatrics in the Health Sciences Center. The camp is for children, 7-14 years of age. The

district is looking for volunteers to help with the camp. If your club can sponsor a scholarship please send the check to the District Treasurer, Rick Riddle at 621 West 7th Street, Plainview, TX 79072. Thank you for your help.



Invest in your community
and watch the dividends grow

 Rotary International

A global network of community volunteers

Rotary International is a not-for-profit organization. For more information contact your local club.

Tsunami Victims

The district has made a commitment of \$25,000 of our District Designated Funds (ddf) with the foundation to be used for the relief efforts in South Asia. Individuals and clubs can also contribute to this fund that will be administered by the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. There are trustees from the affected regions to provide insight and be part of the decision making process. Several Clubs have also made commitments. The Muleshoe Club has committed \$500 and the purchase of a Shelter Box and is

challenging their community to help. The Midland club has setup a \$10,000 fund with a check that was given by a non-Rotarian. Odessa and the Greater Odessa Clubs have set up funds and have collected several thousands of dollars. Several Clubs that have members working with American State Bank have collected funds. It is recommended that proceeds go to established organizations. Several in our district include the Hunger Plus program as well as the Breedlove Dehydrating Plant. Other groups such as Shelter Box, Red

Cross, and Salvation Army are good recipients. You can also go to the district website and link to a website that will put you in contact with Rotarians in the affected areas if your club wants to do something directly. Whatever you decide, please let District Governor Cotten know as he wants to keep track of the district's participation. This assistance is for the short term. We will also need to be looking for projects to help in the long term recovery effort.

Message from Centennial Chairpersons

As February 23rd draws near, it is exciting to know that soon we will all be celebrating the birthday party of the century-literally! Anyone wanting to join District Governor Cotten and Bonnie in Austin on the evening of February 21st for a reception hosted by the Austin Capitol Rotary Club is invited. Contact the Governor for more details. You can then join them at the capitol, the morning of the 22nd for a Rotary Rally with Governor Perry as the invited speaker. There will be a Rotary Resolu-

tion read in both the House and Senate congratulating Rotary on its 100th birthday. Then it is back to the district for the district celebrations! On February 23rd, Areas 1,2,3, and 4 will convene at the Amarillo Civic Center at 6pm. The tickets are \$20. Congratulations are in order for the committee putting on the celebration. They raised \$20,000 to put a Centennial Tab in the Amarillo Globe News on February 20th. Areas 6 will be meeting in Lubbock at noon at the McInturff Center in the

University Medical Center complex. The cost is \$9. Areas 7,8, & 9 will meet at 11:30am at the Odessa Country Club. Area 5 will meet on Thursday, February 24th in Levelland at the South Plains College at 6pm. Invite a prospective Rotarian to celebrate with you. There will never be a better time to let family, friends, and business associates know what Rotary is all about.



Rotary Mentoring at Work—A Community Service Program

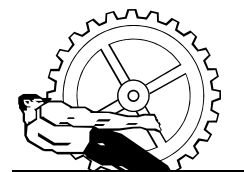
“I think I want to be a Mortician”, said a Randall High Student last September. Could Rotary help? Because of the Rotary Mentor Program, the answer was “Yes”! More than 60 high school juniors from Amarillo/Canyon High Schools took advantage of a special opportunity this fall. Students are chosen by high school counselors to participate in Rotary’s six month vocational mentor program.

Rotarians match each student with an adult volunteer working in the career field preferred by the student. Career choices this year include dentistry, law enforcement, nursing, independent business, accounting, fine arts, physical therapy, attorney, physician, engineering, stock broker, etc.

Rotary provided half-day Career Discovery Day in December so students could ask questions of adult volunteer speak-

ers in a wide variety of career fields. Rotary is also planning a Leadership Training Seminar in March. This program is funded by Rotary and private funds; there is no charge to participating students.

By: Marilyn Van Petten, Mentoring Youth Chairperson



Tsunami Pictures



Bonnie’s Corner

Some years ago while attending my first PETS, there was a session for spouses and partners of Rotarians. At this session we were told about The ABC’s of Rotary, which was quite helpful given that most in the room had not been to involved in Rotary beyond the fact that our spouses attended a club breakfast or lunch once a week. We now found ourselves desperate to find out what would be expected of us as the partner of a Rotarian who would become the club president in a few short months. The speaker ask what Rotary meant to us. Now being a smart business woman and knowing all of the catch words of the day, I raised my hand and answered, “A great networking opportunity”. The speaker let me know networking was a little self serving and that Rotary stood for

“Service Above Self.” Needless to say my pride had been wounded and I went away from that session totally confused. The comment made to me by that speaker made me more determined to find out what Rotary was all about.

This is what Rotary Means to me. Networking is certainly important to diversify and expand our understanding of different cultures around the world and in our communities but nets have holes whereas Quilts bind fabric together to create an integrated and colorful outcome. Individually, we are just pieces of cloth, diverse textures of life that when brought together can support one another in greater ways. Organizations

that concentrate on building effective relationships are likely to achieve great success. Today Rotary’s vision, “Service Above Self” remains the foundation of the advancement of excellence in meeting the challenges of today’s world, such as, hunger, literacy, health and clean water. Rotarians and their family’s are the makers of the Rotary legacy. The hard work of nurturing our community lies in our hands. We are the stewards whose threads of active participation help sew and shape this colorful quilt and bind it into the evolving and vibrant quilt known as The Family of Rotary.

THE ABC’S OF ROTARY

Rotary International and Rotary Foundation

The 2003-04 Rotary International and Rotary Foundation Reports have been received. In the Foundation, the USA led all countries in contributions with over \$46m (million) for a per-capita giving of \$69.25. The second largest contributions came from Japan with \$15m. Two countries, Korea and Taiwan broke the \$100 per capita goal that has been set by the Foundation. As of June 30, 2004 the Foundation in the Annual Funds, Permanent Funds and Polio Plus Fund had assets in excess of \$570m. In

2003-04 total contributions were \$106m and investment income was \$73.6m. Program awards totaled \$86.7m with \$11m in fund development expenses and \$4.9m in general administration. Foundation assets grew by \$77m. Rotary International received \$80.1m in revenue primarily from dues, conference fees and investment return. Expenses totaled \$72.4m primarily in expenses associated with governance, meetings, publications, and membership services. As of June 30, 2004 RI had assets of

\$120m with \$96.2m being unrestricted. As a member of the largest worldwide civic volunteer organization you can be proud of the stewardship given to the organization by the Board of Directors and the Trustees of the Foundation. If you would like more detailed information, it is available at the RI website.



RI Significant Achievement Award

The purpose of the RI significant Achievement Award is to recognize a club activity that addresses a community problem or need, to encourage new projects on the part of every club, and to promote increased awareness of the importance of exemplary club efforts. Only projects carried out by a single club are eligible and only one club per district may be nominated. The project must address a significant problem in the community; involve most club members rather than merely monetary service; enhance the image of Rotary in the community, be able to be

emulated by other Rotary clubs; and be currently active or reaching a conclusion this year. The documentation must describe the project and give the justification to meet the award criteria. Supporting documentation can be attached. The deadline for submission to the District Governor is March 1, 2005, you can download an award form at www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/programs/recognition.html

In addition to this RI award, there are several other awards to be given at the District

Conference, May 12-15, 2005 including the Presidential Citation and Governor's Blue Chip Citation as well as others. There will be additional information in next months newsletter, but the deadline for entries will be April 1, 2005 so start thinking now and getting your documentation together.

**Deadline for
Significant
Achievement
Award Due
March 1, 2005**



DISTRICT 5730

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP STATUS

<i>District 5730 December, 2004</i>	<i>Members Base</i>	<i>Members Current</i>	<i>Membership Change</i>	<i>Attendance Percent-%</i>	<i>Paul Harris Fellows</i>	<i>Foundation Benefactors</i>
Amarillo	166	160	-2	66.00%		
Amarillo East	27	27		75.36%		
Amarillo South	25	21	-1	62.00%	10	
Amarillo West	93				44	
Andrews	25	25	-1	89.00%	5	3
Big Spring	95	98	-1	60.08%	19	
Big Spring, Greater	60				18	5
Borger	40	40		65.00%	21	2
Brownfield	19				10	
Canadian	31	29		65.52%		
Canyon	45	46	2	66.67%	30	
Childress	36					
Clarendon	21	17	1	68.00%		
Colorado City	13	15		59.00%		
Dalhart	40				22	3
Denver City	12	12		53.00%		
Dimmitt	16	15		56.00%	3	
Dumas	21	21		57.00%		
Floydada	29	29		93.10%	4	
Hereford	15	20		76.00%		
Kermit	24					
Lamesa	26			50.00%		
Levelland Breakfast	18				15	
Levelland Noon	55	60	3	60.00%		
Littlefield	21	22		36.00%	17	
Lockney	15	16		81.25%		
Lubbock	176	176	1	67.00%	75	7
Lubbock Metro	40	40	-1	73.82%		
Lubbock Southwest	108	105	1	85.00%	47	5
Lubbock, Greater	68	68		70.00%	71	4
Midland	79	79		70.00%	46	2
Midland Daybreak	15				7	
Midland West	64	62	-1	49.19%	38	
Monahans	24	21		48.00%	16	
Muleshoe	42	44	1	68.00%		
O'Donnell	13				2	
Odessa	135	136	-1	59.00%	114	11
Odessa East	21	23		58.00%	15	
Odessa, Greater	45	44		79.00%	32	3
Pampa	64	61	-1	61.40%		
Panhandle	18	18		92.00%		
Pecos	29				8	2
Perryton	42	45	1	40.00%	23	2
Plainview	85	87	1	37.33%	68	
Post	30	31	-1	61.00%	5	3
Ralls	5				4	
Seagraves	7	7		80.00%		
Seminole	22	24	1	69.44%	13	
Shamrock	14					
Snyder	28					
Spearman	15	16		81.25%	25	1
Sweetwater	55				40	
Tahoka	37					
Tulia	21	21	-2	63.00%	5	
TOTALS	2288	1781	0	67.14%	889	57

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF CLUBS REPORTING

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New Members

IMPORANT DATES

December 2004 Canyon— Darrell Bledsoe, Gordon Swaengren

Lubbock—Rev. Steven Sellers, Jay Dycus

Greater Lubbock— Kelly Grimes, David Moore

Metropolitan Lubbock— Jack Allen

Southwest Lubbock— David Baldner, Landon Terry, Steven Morgan

Midland West—Ron Ekert, Dr. Arrel Olano

Muleshoe—Kelly Kettner

Odessa— Stephanie Brown

O'Donnell—Scott Hensley

Perryton—Jessica McCallie

Plainview—Amy Yarbrough

Seminole—Monty Montgomery

January 15 Big Spring Cliff Dochterman Visit

February 21-22 Rotary Birthday Celebration State Capitol, Austin

February 23 Rotary Birthday Celebrations in Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland/Odessa

March 17-20 Lone Star P.E.T.S. DFW

April 1 Awards Deadline

May 12-15 District Conference Odessa

June 6-12 Ryla

June 18-22 International Convention Chicago, IL

June 20-25 Diabetic Camp