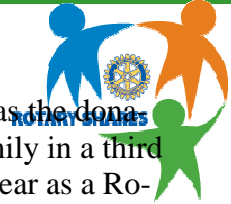




**Rotary International
President
Wilfred Wilkinson**



Governor's Message



One of the most special Christmas gifts I recall was the donation in my honor by my daughter Emily of a goat to a family in a third world country. Emily was a teenager, preparing for her year as a Rotary Exchange student in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She knew how difficult it would be to find a gift for the pilot who already had too much of everything. Her gift was perfect.

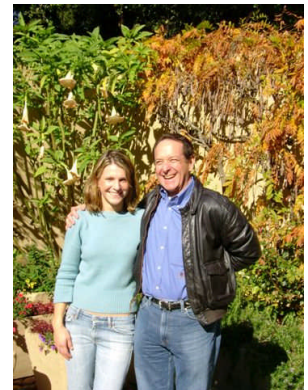
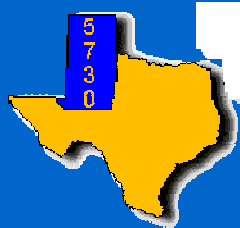
We Rotarians have an even better opportunity to honor loved ones with out-of-the-ordinary gifts this season to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. What greater celebration of the sacred season than to be able to watch the face of a loved one open a box containing a bottle of drinking water, and find a note with that bottle explaining that this gift signifies a water well you have dug for a village of a hundred in Africa? Perhaps your gift will contain a photograph of a child in India who is simply walking; and the message with the photograph makes it clear that your gift of polio vaccine made child able to walk rather than having to crawl. Your Paul Harris Fellow level gift is able to provide a shallow well in some regions of Africa, polio vaccinations for a thousand children in India, or the establishment of microcredit for a dozen families in Bangladesh.

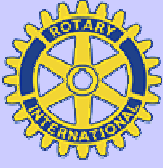
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It was not that many years ago in our country that the burning down of a neighbor's barn simply meant that we were going to all be on his farm soon to help him raise a new barn. Neighbors took care of one another. We have all become neighbors, no matter where on earth we worship this season. Some of our neighbors have lost barns. Let us take this opportunity to raise up our neighbors worldwide with gifts of safe drinking water, economic self-sufficiency and polio vaccines in those pockets in four countries where the disease still exists. We will soon celebrate the worldwide end to poliomyelitis as Rotary's legacy to the world. Thank you and your loved ones for making it happen.

Michael





The Paul Harris Society of District 5730 Membership Form



Each donor who annually contributes US\$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund will be awarded membership into the Paul Harris Society. As the popularity of our Foundation's humanitarian, educational & cultural programs increase and we celebrate our successes, it is important to recognize that those outcomes are not sustainable unless we annually contribute the income needed.

The Four-Way Test

- 1. Is it the Truth?
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
- 4. Is it beneficial to all concerned?

I wish to become a Member of the Paul Harris Society.

I promise to contribute \$1,000 annually to The Rotary Foundation.

I wish my donation to be designated to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund unless directed otherwise.

Preferred Payment

- I am enclosing a check.
- Please bill me.
- Please send me a credit card contribution form.
- Please send me a TRF-DIRECT form.

NAME: _____

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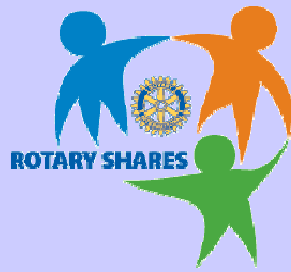
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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
(RYLA)
District 5730
June 2-6, 2008

When I became a member of the Lubbock Rotary Club in December 2000, one of the first programs I heard about was RYLA. My friend and colleague, Jim Reardon, introduced me to Past District Governor, General Dudley Faver, who also thought I should be involved with RYLA. I "volunteered" to be a camp counselor for the summer of 2001. That turned out to be one of the best weeks of my life. I have served as a counselor and now camp director ever since! Every June, individual clubs sponsor campers representing almost every club in our district. There have been young men and women, usually 16 – 17 years old, from nearly every public, parochial, and home school district from the top of the Texas Panhandle to the wide Permian Basin in attendance at RYLA held near Capitan, NM at Lone Tree Bible Ranch.

The campers participate in five days of challenging outdoor activities, group program solving, competitive games, motivational and career oriented speakers, character development and patriotism with exposure to Rotary and especially the 4 Way Test.

Many campers say that this week literally changes their lives. All leave camp knowing more about themselves and their part in the world around them. This camp touches at least 100 young people every summer. Just since I have been involved, I have had the privilege to meet and work with at least 600+ students. The added and unexpected benefit, as often happens in Rotary, is the many new friends and like minded Rotarians I have worked with and come to know while preparing for and attending the week of camp.

There are always plenty of students to attend camp; Rotary clubs to sponsor the campers and resources for programs, the only difficult part of offering this week of tremendous opportunity to the students is having enough adult Rotarian counselors. Of course, if you have ever been involved with RYLA, you know what a fantastic experience this can be. It is truly as rewarding and fun for the counselors as for each camper! If you or your club would like to learn more about RYLA, or ways to get involved, please contact me, Lynn Buxkemper, lmbux@aol.com or 806-828-4502.



Clay McKinney, President of the Pecos Rotary Club, presents Carolyn and Kenneth Winkles with a check for the North Temple Baptist Church Food Bank for \$400. The Club donated their net proceeds from their Pancake Breakfast recently held at the Fall Fair to the 2 local Food Banks.



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Youth Exchange Orientation in August

District 5730 is currently hosting five exchange students and a sixth will arrive in January from Australia. Andrews is the host club for Filip Carlman from D2370 Sweden. The Canadian Club is hosting Anto Laumann from D4960 in Argentina. Our GSE last year was this district. Midland West is the host club for Filip Dominas from D2230 in Poland. Cami Naas from D1680 in France is being hosted by the Muleshoe Club. Perryton is the second club in the Panhandle to host this year with Carol Scholze from D4620 in Brazil as their student. Our GSE exchange this year is with D9630 in Australia and Carol Glenny from that district will arrive in January 2008. She will be hosted by Metro Lubbock.



L to R Filip D.(Poland), Filip C (Sweden), Anto (Argentina), Carol (Brazil), Ken, Cami (France) , Susan, Elyn and Cal at orientation.

Three day inbound orientation was held in August for all five students at Prude Ranch. Activities included horseback riding, star gazing, touring Ft. Davis, plus reviewing all the District rules and answering many questions. Cal and Susan Brints and Ken and Elyn Patterson tried to keep up with the high energy of the new arrivals.

CANYON third Grader who just got this dictionary from the Canyon Rotary Club!



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Club Name	Mtgs	Mbers	%
Amarillo	4	145	63
Amarillo East	3	33	74.71
Amarillo South	4	52	68
Amarillo West	4	88	66.6
Andrews	4	27	67
Big Spring			
Greater Big Spring	4	53	55
Borger	4	49	63
Brownfield	4	32	72.7
Canadian	4	21	73.81
Canyon	4	33	69.77
Childress	4	37	76
Colorado City	4	17	72
Dainart	4	37	51.93
Denver City			
Dimmitt	4	21	74
Dumas	4	28	68
Floydada	4	31	89
Hereford			
Kermit			
Lamesa			
Levelland Bkfst	4	18	63.88
Levelland Noon	4	48	63
Littlefield			
Lockney	4	16	75
Lubbock	4	175	66
Lubbock Metro	4	45	72.32
Lubbock SW			
Lubbock, Greater			
Midland	4	73	74.22
Midland Daybreak			
Midland West	4	53	70.01
Monahans	4	29	59
Muleshoe			
O'Donnell			
Odessa	4	117	56
Odessa East	4	18	56
Odessa Greater	4	44	70
Pampa	4	55	63.38
Pannhandle			
Pecos	4	33	56
Perryton	4	41	51
Plainview	4	62	53
Post	4	38	78
Rails			
Seagraves			
Seminole	4	24	62.5
Shamrock	3	11	55
Snyder			
Spearman	3	18	70
Sweetwater			
Tahoka			
Tulia	4	17	90

