



Rotary International
President
Wilfred Wilkinson



Governor's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarian

I had a unique opportunity two years ago. As a new glider pilot I flew with a cross-country soaring pro in his two seat Romanian Lark for a week of cross country competition. Our flights were as short as 11 miles the first day when we ran out of lift and landed in a plowed cornfield, to as long as 150 miles as we raced around the prescribed course under well-defined cloud streets. Our last day of competition we raced back to Albert Lea, Minnesota on final glide from Mason City, Iowa. Blessed with a good tailwind at altitude, I wanted to hang in the sky and let the wind blow us home. New to the racing computer, Matt had me lower the nose and scream home much faster. Unfortunately, his computer was set to get us back not a thousand feet high, but just at ground level to the airport.

So we found ourselves low three miles from the airport, 800 feet above the ground, just south of town with TV antennas and guy wires beneath us. Matt took over the controls and found us a thermal, climbed miraculously a thousand extra feet and took us home for a triumphant landing after almost four hours in the sky. I look back on that day with gratitude as Matt saved the day with his great skill. He tells me he could have never pulled it out without me in the glider, looking for a landing field for us while he concentrated on nothing but centering that weak Midwestern thermal. I was a new glider pilot, and was certainly looking for a safe landing field, but was little more than a cheerleader to an exceptional glider pilot. But Matt says he could never have concentrated on his task without the belief that he had me and my decades of aviation experience in the front seat helping him.

Rotary is like that. If we try to go it alone, we will come up short of the goal. But letting those exceptional men and women in our clubs and district help us makes us capable of a great deal more. Don't try to grow your club alone, nor introduce new and needed service projects by yourself. Let your willing Rotarians help you. Use that team. Take some inspiration from those outside your club and district. Visit other clubs and see how they thrive with service and fellowship. Use your district and international resources to make your club stronger and more enjoyable. Other clubs have speakers that can enliven your meetings.

I have taken most of my inspiration from the Rotarians in this district like Wally Wallace, Doris Redding, Peter Wierzbza, Susan Brints, Chris Snead, Tom Nichols, Howard Mercer, Herb McGregor, and all the team from Lubbock who put together an absolutely first-rate experience for Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson during his goodwill visit to our district. I take inspiration from Wilf himself, with his example of empathetic listening to the challenges we face in membership and publicizing our service.

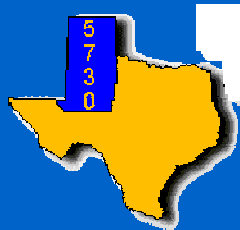
You put on a great show for President Wilf during his visit to our district. Let us put on an ever better show for Wilf during the remaining ten months of his year. Let us grow our clubs, strengthen our fellowship, expand our service. Paul Harris founded Rotary so he would not have to feel alone as a new attorney is the big city of Chicago. Let us continue to rely on our club members and our resources outside our clubs to grow Rotary in district 5730. After all, Wilf gave us a special theme this year,

ROTARY SHARES,
Michael

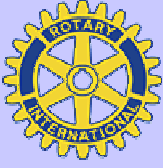


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Greater Big Spring Rotary Club Checklist for New Members

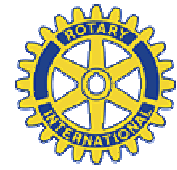
<u>Activities</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
1. Attended New Member Orientation meeting	_____
2. Served as leaders for two head table functions	_____
3. Functioned as Greeter for three Club meetings	_____
4. Object of Rotary & Four-Way Test displayed @ business	_____
5. Visited two other Rotary Clubs	_____
Clubs visited _____	_____
6. Presented classification talk to the Club	_____
7. Brought a guest to Rotary	_____
8. Attended one Board of Directors Meeting	_____
9. Had perfect attendance for the month of _____	_____
10. Secured committee assignment and met chairperson	_____
11. Proposed and/or inducted a new member	_____
12. Participated in one Club project	_____
Name of Project _____	_____
13. Participated in one District project	_____
Name of Project _____	_____
14. Attended District Assembly and/or District Conference	_____
Your Name _____	

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?

**Here is the way to make sure new members stay as motivated Rotarians.-
Michael Graves**

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This year, please join us as we go
NORTH TO ALASKA
 for our
2008 ROTARY DISTRICT 5730
"VOYAGE OF THE GLACIERS" ALASKA CRUISE
AUGUST 16 – 23, 2008

On our eighth **ROTARY DISTRICT 5730** cruise we are going back to the great state of **ALASKA**. This time, we will do the Southbound "**Voyage of the Glaciers**" cruise from Whittier, Alaska to Vancouver, British Columbia. In addition to this unforgettable cruise, we are also offering our group two very different, pre-cruise land excursion options and some outstanding post-cruise packages in Vancouver. There will be ports-of-call in Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan and plus three wonderful days at sea cruising College Fjord, Prince William Sound, the Gulf of Alaska, Glacier Bay National Park and the Inside Passage. You will see and experience all of this while traveling in luxurious comfort aboard the incredible **Sapphire Princess**.

Cruise fares from:

Inside Cabins	\$ 949	Oceanview	\$1299
Oceanview with Balcony	\$1799	Mini-Suites	\$2099

* prices are per person, double occupancy and subject to availability

* plus government fees and transfers

To reserve your space and/or to get additional information please call **Joe or Vickie Wright** at **(800)593-0073** or email them at swpassage@valornet.com

More information about the **District 5730 Cruise and Cruise Raffle** can soon be found at www.ridistrict5730.org.

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WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE
 MEXICO PROJECT

SUBJECT: Trip to Mexico September 19 / 23, 2007

All Rotarians are invited to join PDGs, Ted Holder and Don Shinn on our annual trip to deliver school supplies and review other humanitarian projects in Mexico. We will gather in El Paso at the Micro Hotel near the airport on the evening of September 20, 2007. We will cross over into Mexico at 7:00 AM. The next morning (9/20/07). You will need to make your own reservations at the Hotel. Phone (915) 772-3650 by 9/12/07 to receive the special rate of \$70.25. We have blocked out 7 double rooms. Those who can arrive at the Micro Hotel by 7:00 PM Wednesday evening are invited to join the Ted at a local restaurant for dinner. (Dutch Treat) You will need a passport to get your Mexico Visas. Dress will be casual at all events. A light jacket may be useful for cool evenings. On Thursday evening in Madera just before attending The Madera Rotary club meeting we will help package school supplies for delivery Friday morning to children at several schools in the Madera area. Friday evening will find us in Creel Mexico where we will have time to shop, visit a Tarahumara settlement, distribute some more supplies and see the awesome beauty of the Copper Canyon. Saturday night might find us in any of several location as we prepare to make the final trek back to Texas on Sunday. We are still firming up some of the plans and anytime you go into the interior of Mexico you throw away timetables, relax and enjoy. We will be short of available automobiles this year. If you have an SUV, Van or Pickup truck please consider taking it and letting us know if you have room for additional passengers. Those interested in this years trip should contact either PDG Ted Holder or PDG Don Shinn.

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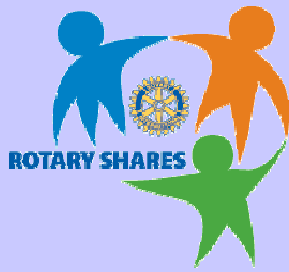
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President Wilf becomes
 an official WEST TEXAN



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 EVERY
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RI President Wilf Wilkinson and District Governor Michael Graves addressing those in attendance for lunch at the Lubbock Heritage



RI President Wilf Wilkinson and District Governor Michael Graves examine potatoes at the Breedlove Dehydration facility. These potatoes and similar food products will be shipped around the world to help eliminate starvation.



RI President Wilf Wilkinson address crowd assembled for groundbreaking ceremonies at Harwell Elementary School in Lubbock. Susan Britts in the background. The project is jointly sponsored by the four Rotary Clubs of Lubbock.



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GSE 2008

Group Study Exchange is a program Rotary International has to foster goodwill and global understanding. Each year Rotary districts around the world send teams to other countries to have this cultural exchange. It is for non Rotarians. Spouses of Rotarians, children of Rotarians or spouses of children of Rotarians are not eligible. Team members must be between 25 and 40 years of age, and employed. District 5730 will have their exchange this coming year with District 9630, Brisbane, Australia and into the outback. The Team will leave around March 3, 2008 and return around April 3, 2008. We will stay with Rotarian families and Rotary pays for the transportation costs. It will be a great time. If you are interested call me at my phone number below. Additional information is available at our District website www.ridistrict5730.org. Applications are available on the website.

We are asking that all applications be in to Ted Holder by October 1, 2007.

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Paul Harris Society of District 5730

Commencing 1 July 2006, each donor who annually contributes \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation will be awarded membership in the Paul Harris Society of District 5730. Society members will receive special districtwide recognition, and a distinctive gold and blue emblem which can be worn with their Rotary pin. The first 100 PHS members in our district will be designated charter members.

For further information, contact District 5730 Foundation Chair, Jim Cole, or Paul Harris Society Co-chair, Mike Graves.

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Club Name	# Meetings	# Members	% Attendance
Amarillo	4	145	61
Amarillo East			
Amarillo South	4	19	70
Amarillo West			
Andrews			
Big Spring	4	80	58.77
Greater Big Spring	4	56	50
Borger	3	45	52.25
Brownfield	4	11	70.45
Canadian	5	21	66.67
Canyon	5	36	59.74
Childress	3	38	66
Colorado City	3	17	63
Dalhart	4	39	48.08
Denver City	3	10	43
Dimmitt	4	19	13
Dumas	3	27	58
Floydada	3	35	88.57
Hereford	5	16	67
Kermit	5		70
Lamesa			
Levelland Bktst	3	19	63.15
Levelland Noon	5	47	49
Littlefield	3	19	58
Lockney	4	16	15.66
Lubbock	3	173	63
Lubbock Metro	4	47	65.59
Lubbock SW	4	100	53
Lubbock, Greater	3	62	56
Midland	4	73	70.31
Midland Daybreak			
Midland West	5	51	70.59
Monahans	3	30	45
Muleshoe	5	39	60
O'Donnell			
Odessa	3	118	41
Odessa East	3	17	59
Odessa Greater	5	44	70
Pampa	3	56	61
Panhandle			
Pecos	4	34	65
Perryton	4	41	49
Plainview			
Post	5	37	73
Ralls			
Seagraves			
Seminole	4	23	53.26
Shamrock	4	11	59
Snyder			63
Spearman	3	18	70
Sweetwater			
Iahoka			
Iulia	3	14	86

