

**Rotary International
President
Wilfred Wilkinson**



Governor's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Thank you. Thank you for your service to your communities, your world and your fellow Rotarians during this unique Rotary year. You have been there in making your communities more vibrant more beautiful and more literate. You have read to youth, given them dictionaries, selected high school students for scholarships and RYLA. You have done more than you expected to do.

You have worked to achieve understanding and accord among fellow Rotarians in your club and community. You have worked to share the enthusiasm of Rotary with new, often labeled "red-badge" members. You have been inclusive and not exclusive. And you have done it in a modern world which seems to have no time for volunteer organizations.

You have given to The Rotary Foundation through your tax-deductible gifts and have collected, in turn, Alaska Cruise Raffle tickets. These gifts have allowed Rotary to match the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation funds without a new fundraiser. Make your individual and club gifts to the annual programs fund of The Rotary Foundation. As we approach a polio-free world, stop, really stop, and pat yourself on the back. Whether you gift was ten thousand dollars or a hundred dollars, or whether you simply kept a club alive during difficult times so that it could become a part of this world-wide success, stop, and take the credit for your personal contribution.

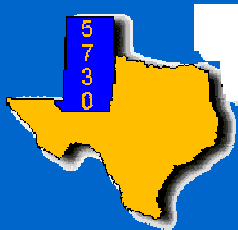
To those who have served in clubs and club projects, thank you. To those who serve and continue to serve in district leadership, thank for making this all possible. As I watch the work of Jim Cole and his team with The Rotary Foundation, Brad Bunn with his visionary growth of the district into the new year, and Doris Redding putting together the ultimate district conference, I stand in awe. Already we have had very many individuals come forward with gifts of time, energy, organizational ability and sponsorship, to bring in world-class speakers and a program including an extravagant Rotary Fashion Show, Car and Motorcycle show-and-shine, a fly-in which already has registrations from members of a club that meets in Beverly Hills, a country-western dance (free thanks to a special sponsor) after the Saturday night banquet at which we will hear from Rotary International Special Representative David Robinson from Canada.

Pull out that Blackberry. Go ahead and load into it the dates of district conference, PETS for you presidents-elect, RYLA for those want to grow the leadership of America, The RI international convention in Los Angeles, and our district's Alaska Cruise. These events are all celebrations of Rotary. Each event will give you something you can't get anywhere else. You have worked all year. Come, celebrate with us. I promise you will be pleased that you did.

Michael

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NORTH TO ALASKA *with RI District 5730*

THIS YEAR – for 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 7-day cruise, we are also offering our group two very different, very fascinating 6 or 7 day pre-cruise land excursion options and some outstanding post-cruise hotel packages in and around 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 mega-ship, the **Sapphire Princess**.

The DISTRICT 5730 CRUISE AND RAFFLE

Several years ago Rotary International District 5730 initiated this fund raising project to increase their District's contribution to The Rotary Foundation. The result has been that over \$1,600,000 has been raised by District 5730 in just seven years. Paul Harris Fellowships have gone up dramatically and scores of Rotarians (plus many of their friends and family members) have a wealth of memories to treasure from their participation in one or more of these Rotary District 5730 cruises. Remember that it is the your participation in both the **cruise** and the **raffle** that has made this endeavor so successful. **Space on this incredible voyage is limited so please make your reservations as soon as possible to avoid not getting the cabin accommodations or dining time you desire.**

Cruise Information

Embarkation date: August 16, 2008

Cruise destination: Alaska (Voyage of the Glaciers) Cruise length: 7 days

Cruise line: Princess Cruises Cruise ship: Sapphire Princess

Ports-of-Call/Highlights: Whittier, AK (embarkation port); College Fjord (while cruising); Glacier Bay NP (while cruising); Skagway, AK; Juneau, AK; Ketchikan, AK; & Vancouver, BC (disembarkation port)

CABIN DESCRIPTIONS AND FARES

Category	Description	Rotary Group Price*
AC	Mini-suite	\$2099
BB	Oceanview with Balcony	\$1799
F	Oceanview	\$1299
JJ	Inside	\$ 949

* prices are per person, double occupancy and subject to availability
- add \$85.43 for Government Fees and add \$75.00 for Transfers
-a **Deposit of \$350/P** is required and is refundable up to 30May08
AIRFARE is not included.

Note: *If Princess offers LOWER fares on their website (for which members our group are eligible) we will re-fare to the lower price if requested.*

**For more information or to make a reservation contact
Joe or Vickie Wright at**

SOUTHWEST PASSAGE

P. O. Box 2569 ALTO, NM 88312

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or email swpassage@valornet.com

Rotary Greetings,

Our District 5730 Conference is **just weeks away (April 10 - 13)**. Your club members will be receiving a copy of our Annual Conference brochure in the mail in a couple of days. They will be able to pick and choose which event they would like to attend and/or participate (they can also do this via our website: www.ridistrict5730.org). Inform your club about the great keynote speakers for the Friday and Saturday luncheons. On Friday, April 11, **Brian Binnie, Civilian Astronaut and Pilot of Space Ship 1**, will discuss his personal and technical challenges of his space project, and on Saturday, April 11, **Pat Johns, Adventurer and Motivational Speaker**, will speak on how people change when they choose to do difficult things. There is more information about the keynote speakers on our district website. **THERE IS A LIMITED NUMBER OF ROOMS AVAILABLE AT THE HOLIDAY INN - THOSE PLANNING TO ATTEND AND SPEND THE NIGHT NEED TO SIGN UP EARLY.**

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR CLUB MEMBERS:

As I had stated in an earlier email the District is in need of sponsors who are willing to underwrite an event. There are various types of underwriting packages available:

\$2,000.00 Underwriter

Donor Organization Benefits:

- (1) **A Representative of** the Donor Organization will be Recognized by The District Governor of District 5730.
- (2) **Donor Logo will be** Prominently Displayed On A Large Placard During Event or Session Underwritten.
- (3) **DONOR** Opportunity to Provide 3 Advertising Specialty Items to be placed in Conference Attendee Gift Bags Provided During Conference Registration.
- (4) **Full Page Ad in** District 5730 Program Distributed to All Conference Attendees.

\$1,500.00 Underwriter

Donor Organization Benefits:

- (1) **A Representative of** the Donor Organization will be Recognized by the Incoming District 5730 Governor for 2008-2009.
- (2) **Donor Logo will be** Prominently Displayed on A Large Placard During Event or Session Underwritten.
- (3) **DONOR** Opportunity to Provide 2 Advertising Specialty Items to be placed in Conference Attendees Gift Bags Provided During Conference Registration.
- (4) **¾ Page Ad in** District 5730 Program Distributed to All Conference Attendees.

\$1,000.00 Underwriter

Donor Organization Benefits:

- (1) **Donor Logo will be** Prominently Displayed on a Large Placard During Event or Session Underwritten.
- (2) **Donor** Opportunity to Provide 1 Advertising Specialty Item to be placed in Conference Attendees Gift Bags Provided During Registration.
- (3) **½ Page Ad in** District 5730 Program Distributed to All Conference Attendees.

\$500.00 Underwriter

Donor Organization Benefits:

- (1) **Donor Logo will be** Prominently Displayed on a Large Placard During Event or Session Underwritten.
- (2) **1/3 Page Ad in** District 5730 Program Distributed to All Conference Attendees.

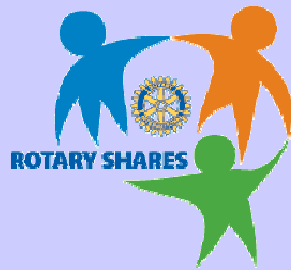
\$50.00 Business Card Sponsor:

The \$50 Business Card Sponsor is open to all Rotarians who would like their business card to be placed a sheet (s) of paper that will be placed in all Conference Attendees Bags provided at Registration. The committee members are estimating that attendance for this conference could be 300-400 Rotarians.

Please contact **Doris Reding** at dreding@covlev.org by March 15 if any of your members wishes to participate in any of the packages (the check must be mailed along with the company logo and/or business card).

If you club is willing the district would also like to receive a donated gift, valued at \$25.00 or more, for the silent auction that will take place during the District Conference. The money raised from the auction will benefit the District and the Rotary Foundation. The district will also be selling **Golf Polo Shirts (Green)** with the Rotary Logo and our district number (see the brochure for price and sizes).

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If you have any questions about the conference, please let me know and I will try to answer them.

As always, I can never express my deepest thanks for all the hard work that you have done to do your club and this district proud. **Don't forget to mail or fax in your forms for the club awards by March 15. SEE YOU AT THE CONFERENCE!**

In Rotary,

Cesar
DISTRICT LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

César Manuel Caro, MS
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"The noblest service comes from nameless hands, and the best servant does his work unseen"

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. (1809 -1894)

District Conference -KOA Campground

KOA Kampground Lubbock
5502 County Rd. 5300
Hwy. 84 & Kent Rd.
Lubbock, Texas
Phone: 806.762.8653

- RV Spaces are \$23.95 per night for one or two people, which is a special rate for Rotary April 10-13, as their regular rate is \$28.95.
- RV'ers will need to advise if they need 30 or 50 amp space.
- The campground has about 10 spaces which are located in close proximity which they plan to use for the Rotary RV'ers. Once these 10 spaces are reserved, Rotarians who make late reservations will only be able to reserve other spaces in the campground that may not be located as close to the Rotary RV'ers.
- Rotary RV'ers need to ask for "Jan" and tell her they are with the Rotary Group.

Reservations need to be made as soon as possible and must be guaranteed with a credit card.

Roger Sepulveda
Past District Governor 2006-07
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Club Name	# Meetings	# Members	% Attendance
Amarillo	5	143	65
Amarillo East	4	31	73.15
Amarillo South			
Amarillo West			
Andrews			
Big Spring	4	74	60.4
Greater Big Spring	4	58	55
Borger	4	47	60
Brownfield	4	30	68.18
Canadian	4	22	69.32
Canyon			
Candidess	5	41	70
Colorado City	5	17	71
Dalhart	5	37	48.65
Denver City	5	8	63
Dimmitt	5	22	61
Dumas	4	29	58
Floydada			
Hereford	4	17	70
Kermit			
Lamesa			
Levelland BKTST	4	16	57.35
Levelland Noon	4	49	53
Littlefield	5	20	65
Lockney	4	17	72.65
Lubbock	4	171	67
Lubbock Metro	4	51	64.66
Lubbock SW	3	94	62
Lubbock, Greater	3	57	55
Midland	5	69	69.33
Midland Daybreak			
Midland West	4	50	65.5
Monahans	4	30	52
Muleshoe			
O'Donnell			
Odessa	5	112	58
Odessa East	5	19	60
Odessa Greater			
Pampa	5	53	63.8
Panhandle			
Pecos	5	30	56
Perryton	5	41	54
Plainview			
Post	4	36	84
Ralls			
Seagraves			
Seminole	4	21	53.12
Shamrock			
Snyder			
Spearman	3	18	71
Sweetwater	3	45	61.5
Tahoka			
Tulia	5	16	87

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How to give the The Rotary Foundation

Before I became a Paul Harris Fellow I made my father a Paul Harris Fellow by a PolioPlus gift back in 1987. He turned around and made me one. I have since made all my children Paul Harris Fellows. The programs of the Rotary Foundation mean a great deal to me personally, as it allows me to lend a hand to fellow Rotarians all over this earth with help for their special Rotary projects.

But HOW we give is crucial. If we give to the Permanent Fund, we become Benefactors or Bequest Society members. But these gifts do not add to what our district gets to spend and direct three years later as District Designated Funds. Give in your will, of course. It's painless. But know where those funds will go.

I am repeatedly asked if we should, now, as individuals and clubs, give to Polio Eradication specific programs, especially as Bill and Melinda Gates have made a matching grant. My answer, for the present, is NO. If you want to support worldwide polio eradication, make an unrestricted gift to the annual programs fund and make your check simply to THE ROTARY FOUNDATION. Then let out district Rotary Foundation Chairman, Jim Cole, know that you would like to support the polio eradication, and he will, from our current District Designated Funds make a specific gift to polio eradication. Unless we make our annual fund gift this way, we do not get half the funds returned three years later as District Designated Funds.

Next year our district will receive \$105,000 from The Rotary Foundation to spend as District Designated Funds, thanks to unrestricted annual fund giving during Governor Ted Holder's year. During my year we received only \$47,500 in DDF as our annual fund giving was much less in Rotary year 2004-2005.

Sounds a little crazy, I know. But that is simply how it works. Our district does not get District Designated Funds three years later from gifts from clubs and individuals to specific projects like polio eradication. And, as I was informed by Scotty Williams of the Rotary Foundation today, our unrestricted gifts to the annual programs funds will be used, as needed, for polio eradication and matching the Bill and Melinda Gates gift.

Support our foundation, but please make your annual fund gift an unrestricted one. We will use DDF to make polio eradication happen.

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2008 PETS Registrants

District	Number Of Clubs In District	Clubs With Registered PE	Percent Clubs Registered
5730	53	18	34%
5770	37	15	41%
5790	63	31	49%
5810	63	26	41%
5830	46	30	65%
5840	52	35	67%
5870	64	48	75%
5890	58	43	74%
5910	41	17	41%
5930	55	18	33%

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International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

IFFR Americas, South Central Section

Fly-In to Midland and Lubbock Texas April 10-12, 2008

Burt Rutan's commercial astronaut Brian Binnie will be our district conference's featured speaker at lunch on Friday. This is a rare opportunity to hear and meet the man who took SpaceShip One on its first as well as its final missions. Our Saturday speaker at lunch is adventurer Pat Johns, the only one to have finished the Himalayan 100 mile multiday stage race Four different years.

This is a glimpse of what is in store for those who attend the district 5730 district conference in Lubbock Texas the weekend of 10-13APR08. We extend the invitation to our flying Rotarians worldwide to attend this tremendous event, replete with a fly-in for the pilots, a show and shine car show for the auto enthusiast, a RV's reunion for those who love to travel with their RV's, a motorcycle show and ride for those with motorcycles, a golf tournament for those who love to come and play a new course, and last, but not least, following Brian Binnie's noon presentation on Friday, a Rotary Fashion Show at Bergman's exclusive clothing store. We will have something for everyone, from a gathering and fly-in commencing at the WWII glider museum at Lubbock International Thursday afternoon and evening, to airplane rides for youth ages 8 to 17 Saturday afternoon, to glider orientation and rides for the flying participants Friday afternoon. Meeting business will be taken care of with dynamic programs Friday and Saturday mornings. Afternoons will be special interest events outside of the meeting halls, and many out-of-doors. Plan to bring your classic car, motorcycle, aircraft, golf clubs.

And boots. We will conclude the conference with a country-western dance after dinner Saturday night.

This will be a district conference to remember.

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tentative schedule

Thursday April 10:

(time TBA) Visit the extensive aircraft collection at the [Commemorative Air Force](#) in Midland ([KMAF](#))Texas

1500-1700 Arrive Lubbock ([KLBB](#)), meet Lubbock Rotarians at [Lubbock Aero](#).

1700-1900 Fellowship reception at [Silent Wings Museum](#).

Friday April 11:

Join DG Mike Graves (#L037) at his [District Conference](#).

1130-1300 Lunch with [Brian Binnie](#), pilot of [Space Ship One](#), the first privately funded space flight.

1300-1530 Fashion Show at Bergman's Store

1330-1930 To [Littlefield](#) for Soaring

1900-2100 Shrimp Boil with Greater Lubbock RC

Saturday April 12:

0800-0900 Paul Harris Foundation Breakfast

0900-0930 DG Mike Graves opening address, State of the District Address D5730 for 2007-2008.

1400-1500 Young Eagles Flight for Rotary Youth Exchange Students

1800-2030 Governor's Banquet, RI President's Rep David Robinson D5050

2100-2300 Country Western Dance

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