

**Rotary International
President
Wilfred Wilkinson**



Governor's Message

Enjoy Rotary

Enjoy Rotary was the international theme nearly two decades ago. I have been accused of being stuck with that theme ever since. Rotary Shares is not much different. My goal is to share Rotary this year with as many veteran and new Rotarians as possible. How do I go about this sharing? I have been fortunate to share at least one visit with each of your clubs. Now I invite you to a special club and Rotarian appreciation meeting. It's called our district conference.

At this meeting, on Friday morning, most clubs will have the opportunity to present a most significant service project. Bring display posters, bring a 2 to 3 minute presentation so that everyone in the district can learn what your club is doing for service. Let me know the project you deem most important ahead of time, so that we may work your club into the appropriate community or international service plenary session.

Friday afternoon brings the Bergman's Rotary Fashion Show, introduction to Glider Flying, and an excellent Golf Tournament at the Ralls Texas Tech course. Saturday morning will have the awards gathering with service projects and individual Rotarians to be recognized from virtually every club.

Our luncheon speakers each day have world-class programs, from commercial astronaut Brian Binnie to Himalayan marathoner Pat Johns. International Rotary President Wilf Wilkinson has sent us his personal representative David Robinson, who will address us Saturday night, after which free dance lessons and a complimentary country-western dance follow. Register online or with the mail-in form for the conference NOW. And get your room NOW. See the online information. Rooms will still be available at the Rotary rate after the deadline, but they will fill up soon.

If you are new to Rotary, attend this conference to learn about Rotary beyond your club. If you are a Rotary veteran, come to see something new and different. I invite even non-flyers to the Thursday evening reception at the WWII Glider Museum at Lubbock International Airport. I invite all to the Friday Fashion Show. Even if you do not bring a show-off car or motorcycle, come out to the car and motorcycle Show and Shine Saturday afternoon. Local pilots will be flying Rotary youth ages 8-17 Saturday afternoon, and Friday afternoon will bring an introduction to glider flying to those who are interested. The Lubbock clubs, led by Greater Lubbock, are hosting a shrimp boil in the Texas Tech Stadium Skybox Friday night.

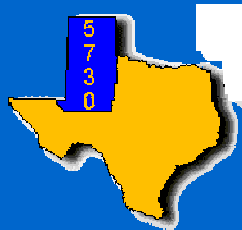
Do you RV? RVer information is on the website. RV's will have their own gathering place and special breakfast during the conference. This group can skip hotel registration. But do get signed up now.

Sunday morning we will say goodbye to our departed Rotarians from this last year and conclude with a farewell service at 9 am. Come Thursday and stay through Sunday morning. It will grow your Rotary vision and experience. Your Rotary year has been about service; let us celebrate our year of service with district-wide fellowship the weekend of 10-13 April. Check details on the website ridistrict5730.org. Password is ri5730. See you in Lubbock. A tremendous team of Rotarians and sponsors is working hard to put on a unique district conference. Finish up your cruise raffle ticket sales and make sure they are in by Friday before conference. The cruise raffle will be held at the conference.

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

call 800-593-0073

or email swpassage@valornet.com

“Voyage of the Glaciers”

Don't Just sell your tickets to the cruise, come on the cruise with District Governor Michael Graves.

View the flyer here:

<http://www.ridistrict5730.org/District/Cruise/2008/District%20Cruises%202008.pdf>

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Optional Pre-Cruise Land Tours Heart of Alaska

This is Princess's most popular land tour. It is a five-night land tour with two nights in Fairbanks, one night at Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge and two nights at Mt. McKinley Wilderness Lodge.

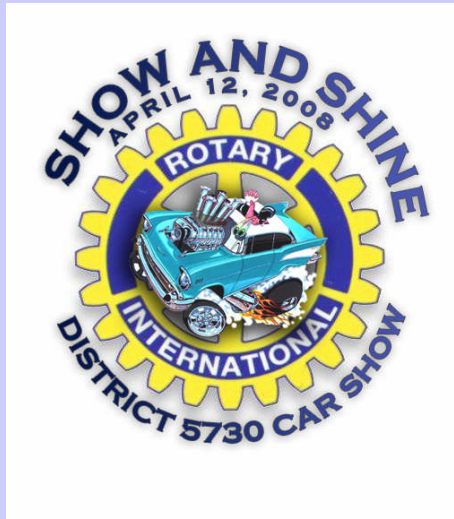
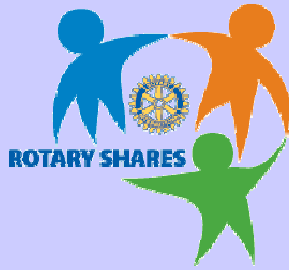
Highlights of this fascinating tour include: — the El Dorado Gold Mine Tour and the Sternwheeler Riverboat Cruise in Fairbanks — Princess Rail to Denali with an overnight at Alaska's most in-demand hotel — the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge — a Natural History Tour of Denali National Park — plenty of time to truly experience the Alaskan Wilderness with two nights at the McKinley Wilderness Lodge and then — “direct from the wilderness” Princess Rail from Talkeetna to Whittier to begin your seven-day “Voyage of the Glaciers” cruise. Prices for this **combined** 13-day, 12-night land tour and cruise begin at \$2281 /person, double occupancy.

Copper River Explorer

This is the way to truly experience the incredible pristine wilderness of Alaska in the kind of luxury that only Princess can provide. It is a six-night land tour with one night in Anchorage, one night at McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge, two nights at Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge and two nights at the Copper River Princess Wilderness Lodge.

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



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
District 5730

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District Conference Speaker Friday

Brian Binnie ★ Biography ★ Presentations ★ Testimonials

On a calm October morning in 2004, with the eyes of the world watching, test pilot Brian Binnie climbed into Burt Rutan's SpaceShipOne. He emerged an hour and half later, a civilian astronaut, having secured the \$10,000,000 Ansari X-Prize, breaking the world altitude record held by the X-15 and paving the way for the future of commercial space transportation with Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic Spaceline.

During his one hour presentation, Brian discusses the personal and technical challenges of this incredible project. His narration is enhanced with many photographs and incredible video of the project and award winning flight into the black sky! He brings to life the dreams, desire, and determination to make an 'Impossible' project like SpaceShipOne a reality.

This program is perfect for museums and university lecture series, or for a kickoff or closing presentation for your conference. Attendees will leave the room ready to conquer their own challenges with the same can-do spirit that continues to stimulate and encourage remarkable talents like Brian Binnie.

"And when you turn that rocket motor off you literally step across a threshold into another realm. A realm of blessed peace and quiet and the instant karma afforded by weightlessness." — Brian Binnie

Brian is multi-faceted, and his talents don't stop at astronaut, test pilot, or program business manager. You may have seen Brian alongside Burt Reynolds in the popular "Man Law" commercials for Miller Lite.

Brian Binnie has many degrees and awards from 20 years of service as a Naval Aviator. He is currently a Program Business Manager and Test Pilot at Scaled Composites, LLC. The SpaceShipOne is now on permanent display in the National Air & Space Museum.

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District Conference Speaker Saturday

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Pat Johns will take your organization to the top! An expert motivator, Pat works with organizations that want to fast forward their performance, productivity and profits. Running over 60 marathons and ultra marathons globally, Pat finished the 2005 *Himalayan 100*, as the single figure in history to complete the high-altitude 100 mile running race four times. This perspective has formulated his compelling, dynamic and vibrant presentations. However, Pat's message is not simply about running, it's about how people change when they choose to do difficult things. An award-winning corporate leader, he translates his exceptional endurance message to business and to life!

Pat is as results driven as his clients, Hank Bashore, Chairman of The Board of Directors, of the American Red Cross, confirms: *"He makes you realize that you can do it too."*

From Carol Neves, Director, Office of Policy & Analysis, of the Smithsonian Institution: *"His presentations are well-managed processes that produce visible changes."*

Committed to excellence, Pat brilliantly tailors his presentations to meet client's goals and objectives while working seamlessly to incorporate their theme, company identity and logos. Clients concur:

"In addition to Mr. Johns offering a fantastic and meaningful presentation, I was equally grateful for the amount of time and effort that he obviously spent in preparation for this event. Pat was involved from start to finish to help insure that our Executive Association Day was a big success." Laura McKinney, CAE Director, Membership & Chapter Relations, IAEE - International Association of Exhibitions and Events™.

Pat Johns inspires, enlightens, energizes and entertains audiences by magically weaving his incredible photographs and stories with powerful insightful beliefs delivering a call to action to step out of the COMFORT ZONE to discover genuine fulfillment professionally and personally.



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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

Contact:

South Central Section Chair, Jim Newman(#6589)

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Register Early and Save—Second Deadline for Special Pricing
March 31, 2008 !!!!!
Fax Credit Cards only 847-940-2386
Phone 800-650-6913
Mail: Experient
108 Wilmont Road, Suite 400
Deerfield, IL 60015-5124

Convention Venue
Los Angeles Convention Center
1201 S. Figueroa St.
Los Angeles, CA 90015
213-741-1151
Www.lacclink.com

www.rotary2008.com

LA2008 Registration

31 March, 2008 - Deadline to Register at the \$305 rate
Registering for LA2008 is easy! You may register either by
mail or on-line (on-line registration is encouraged).
Please Note: When completing the Registration Form, please
be sure to include both your Club number and your Rotary ID
number. Check with your Club Secretary to obtain both num-
bers, if you have questions, or check the label on The Rotarian
magazine.

House of Friendship

- An amazing international shopping mall, where you can purchase gifts for family and friends.
- A unique food court, where you can enjoy both American and International food.
- Two stages that will be filled with a variety of entertainment! On the stage will feature wonderful musical talent from the Los Angeles area, and on the other stage, Rotarian musicians and Rotary sponsored musical groups from around the world.

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