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## Governor's Views:

### "ROTARIANS ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS"

The above statement is one of my favorite quotes when talking about the Rotarians in our District. Thanks for being ordinary and doing those extraordinary things.

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# Tejas Multi-District Conference

April 29 - May 2, 2010  
MULTIDISTRICT CONFERENCE  
San Antonio, Texas



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The next few weeks will be busy times for Rotary in our District. I ask that we all join and work together on the following:

TEJAS MULTI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
APRIL 29 - MAY 2, 2010  
SAN ANTONIO

We will be joining five other Rotary Districts for our annual District Conference this year. During the past year, the Governors have worked hard in planning this conference. I hope that you will join us in San Antonio for this conference. Join in on the Rotary Fellowship and Fun. To register for the conference go to:

[www.tejasrotaryconference.org](http://www.tejasrotaryconference.org)

#### DISTRICT CRUISE RAFFLE

The winning ticket for our "PANAMA CANAL CRUISE" will be drawn on Friday, April 30th at the TEJAS MULTI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE. Clubs should turn in their ticket stubs by noon on April 30th. Rotarians are urged to purchase or sell ten tickets for this great cruise.

We currently have 47 signed up for the Panama Canal Cruise. "Our Travel Agent Pat Renfro is in daily contact with Princess, lining up special activities for our group. If you have an interest in this cruise or have any questions, please contact Pat. office number is 806-793-3901, home number 806-281-6435.

See you in San Antonio.  
Jim



#### DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 29 – MAY 2, 2010  
TEJAS MULTIPLE DISTRICT  
CONFERENCE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

MAY 22, 2010  
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY SOUTH PLAINS  
COLLEGE LEVELLAND, TEXAS

JUNE 7-11, 2010  
CAMPRYLA  
LONE TREE BIBLE RANCH CAPTAIN,  
NEW MEXICO

JUNE 21-26, 2010  
DIABETES CAMP  
CETA GLEN CHRISTIAN CAMP  
HAPPY, TEXAS

## *The Four Way Test*

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FREINDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Partner's Viewpoint:

**"Please continue to feed the Polio Pig"**

**Cut one pie,**



**and deliver polio  
vaccine to 33 children.**

Ordering out for pizza might not seem like a big deal. But consider 33 children waiting for polio vaccine. Just think:

For the same price, you can help these children live free of polio through The Rotary Foundation. And, to you, it's no big deal.

**It's a better deal.**

When I was a child, my summer was suddenly disrupted by my Mother announcing, "You may not go swimming, you cannot eat bananas, and you must stay in the house during the heat of the day". As we began to whine and carry on that our entire summer would be ruined, we were told that my cousin had been diagnosed with POLIO and that he had been transferred to a city about 70 miles away and placed in an iron lung. We had a thousand questions regarding the new house rules and many questions about polio. Mother told us that some of the children in town who had contacted polio had done some of these things, and she was not taking any chances. Therefore, we spent most of the summer under house arrest reading and playing board games with our siblings. The Monopoly Board was never put away.

My cousin spent weeks in the iron lung and under medical supervision. My parents went to see him and tried to explain to us what an iron lung looked like. Later in life, I saw an iron lung and wondered how a child stayed in that for so long.

When he returned home, we were allowed to visit and in time we were given instructions as to the correct method to use to "beat him on the back" if his breathing became labored. His Mother exercised his legs daily to make him stronger, until we came up with the bicycle game where one of us would place our feet on his, and we would push one another's feet back and forth.

He liked this better and I'm sure his Mom liked the extra help. He returned to school in the fall, and he was considered to be one of the lucky ones who returned. Others who had suffered this horrible disease returned with leg braces or crutches. Others never returned to school at all.

It was a stressful time for persons in the community because this "new disease" was little known, methods of treatment were limited, and causes were unknown.

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## Partner's Viewpoint (Continued)

As an adult, I asked my Mother where she got all of those rules and her reply was, "Every Mother was frantic, those were some of the stories we had heard, and we did what we thought was best to protect our children."

My cousin lived to adulthood and never suffered any other ill effects from his polio. Other adults have not been so lucky; some now suffer from Post Polio Syndromes. After years of being "polio free" they now are losing muscle strength and again are suffering some of the physical effects of polio. Melinda Gates, wife of Bill Gates, has an aunt who had polio as a child and now suffers again. The Gates family has firsthand knowledge of this dreaded disease, and they do not want others to experience the same.

In the four countries where polio is still a problem, sanitation causes some of the problems. Poor sanitation and unclean water causes the children to suffer from diarrhea and the vaccine does not stay in a child's body long enough to be effective. Therefore, the vaccine must be repeated again and again.

Rotarians in District 5730 have a few more months to feed the pig and to meet the challenge of the Lubbock Rotary Club. If you have become lax in giving your pocket change, please start off the month of March by making a consistent effort to give all you can so that your children and grandchildren will be able to ask "What is polio, I have never heard of that." Your coins can make a BIG difference.

Sue

**CAMP RYLA**

JUNE 7 - 11, 2010 LONE TREE BIBLE  
RANCH CAPTAIN, NEW MEXICO

This year's Camp RYLA, sponsored by District 5730, will be the first week of June. RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth.

Rotary Clubs are asked to start their selection process immediately. This year, not only students that will be seniors next year be considered but also students that will be juniors.

The key is to select those individuals sufficiently motivated to accept discipline and leadership roles. Many times those students that are not as involved as others, but who have leadership potential benefit a great deal from RYLA.

Camp fees are the same as last year. If the fees are postmarked by April 30th it will be \$375 per camper, on May 1st the fee will be \$400 per camper.

Campers are taught the responsibility of service as a leader. There are also many fun activities along the way to build "better friendship" a goal of Rotary and RYLA.

For additional information go to the District Website.

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REGISTER NOW  
AND ATTEND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S MONTREAL CONVENTION  
2010 RI CONVENTION IN MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA, 20-23 JUNE

Sophisticated yet friendly, Montreal offers an idea setting for Rotarians to gather at the 2010 RI Convention. More than 80 nationalities and ethnic groups reside in Montreal. In addition, it is also the largest Francophone city outside of Paris, making it the most bilingual metropolis in North America. Register now for "An International Experience" and to receive the best rates and accommodations.

Why attend the RI convention?

The RI Convention offers more than an opportunity to celebrate a successful Rotary year. From inspirational plenary sessions to informative workshops, Rotary's annual international meeting is designed to help you become more effective in your Rotary service. Whether you are an incoming president or a brand new Rotarian, you are sure to learn something new and come away with a renewed commitment to Service Above Self.

Above all, a Rotary convention offers unparalleled opportunities to:

- Learn about successful and innovative projects that your club can replicate.
- Develop a long-term partnership to benefit your community and beyond
- Build lifelong friendships with people who share your vision of a better world.
- To go to the convention and experience the fellowship and Rotary at an international level.

Register for the convention at: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

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## Dolly Parton to headline Montreal Convention

Country music legend and philanthropist Dolly Parton will be a keynote speaker during the 2010 HI Convention in Montreal, Quebec" Canada, 20-23 June.

Parton will speak at the morning plenary session on 23 June to promote reading-among preschool children. She and the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library teamed up with Rotary International in March to help provide age appropriate books each month to children from birth until age five. Since its launch in 1996, the Imagination Library has provided more than 23 million books to preschoolers.

In addition, three influential nonprofit leaders are also slated to speak during convention plenary sessions:

Greg Mortenson, co-founder of the Central Asia Institute and co-author of the New York Times best seller "Three Cups of Tea"; Jo Luck, president and CEO of Heifer International; and Robert Mazurka, chief scout executive of the Boy Scout's of America.

Mortenson founded the Central Asia Institute when, while recovering from a failed climb of Pakistan's K2 in 1993, he met a group of children writing with sticks in the sand and promised to help them build a new school. As of 2009, he has established or significantly supported 131 schools in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan, providing education to more than 58,000 children, including 44,000 girls. Mortenson's humanitarian work has earned him a Nobel Peace Prize nomination and Pakistanis highest civil award.

Luck became president and CEO of Heifer International in 1992. The organization provides livestock such as cows, goats, and chickens to families who commit to giving their animals, in the 1st ofspring, to another family in need. Since 1944, Heifer has assisted more than 10.5 million families in 125 countries around the world.

Mazzuca has worked for Boy Scouts of America for nearly 40 years, becoming its chief executive in 2007. As a young man, Mazzuca earned the highest rank, Eagle Scout, which he credits with teaching him service and leadership. The organization serves more than 4.1 million youth, has 1.2 million adult volunteers, and celebrated its 100th anniversary in February 2010.

Dolly Parton has a children's charity, which promotes literacy not only in the U.S. but worldwide, as well.

Dolly said, "...it's called the Imagination Library, and we have programs where we give children a book from the time they're born, once a month, until they start kindergarten, so they



can learn to read and have that interaction with their parents or with a sibling. They learn the love of books. It's all over the United States, it started in my home town, and then we went into Canada, and then we started it in the UK. You can never have too many books!"

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### GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE THANK YOU

The following e-mail was received by our District Governor pertaining to the GSE team visit to Thailand.

"My name is Joel Morris, and I am currently representing District 5730 on the GSE trip to Thailand. The team and I are meanwhile starting our fourth and final week of this adventure, and I wanted to write and tell you what a pleasure it has been to represent you and your district.

The trip has truly been a life-changing event for which I am forever grateful. I have experienced first hand the awesome power of Rotary at work. Each club we visit exemplifies the meaning of "Service Above Self". I hope that I can be a part of such an extraordinary group of individuals when I return home.

Thank you again for providing -our team with such an incredible experience."

Yours truly,  
Joel Morris



## Governor and His Travels

February was a slow month for your governor. I made visits to four clubs and enjoyed hearing about the many projects being carried out by clubs across the district. Rotarians across District 5730 are truly giving "Service Above Self".

### YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

It was great attending my home club when incoming District Chair Jack Campbell and Russell Hall made a presentation on the YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM. I strongly recommend that clubs invite Jack Campbell to present this program to your club, it is educational, and you learn so much about Rotary's Youth Exchange Students.



### ROTARY GARDEN PARTY AT VALENTINE'S

On Saturday evening, February 13th, Rotarians in the Amarillo area got a head start on Valentine by attending the Amarillo Rotary Club "Valentine Event of Art and Chocolate". Those attending enjoyed an evening of "Live Entertainment", a delightful buffet and raffle FUN throughout the evening.



## Governor and His Travels ... continued

Levelland Breakfast Rotary Club

On February 12th, I had the pleasure to present a Rotary update to members of the club. The highlight of my visit was the presentation of Paul Harris Fellows to Incoming President Chris Edens and President Elect Kathryn Perez.




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### RI PRESIDENT-ELECT RAY KLINGINSMITH INTRODUCES THE THEME FOR 2010-11

RIPE Ray Klinginsmith stated, "The words I have selected to describe Rotary's current mission and to highlight our achievements are what we do best:

#### **BUILDING COMMUNITIES BRIDGING CONTINENTS**

I hope you agree that these four words aptly reflect who we are, and what we do as Rotarians.

We are a unique and a premier organization, certainly one of the best in the world.

We build the spirit and resources of our local communities in an important way, which was beautifully summarized by the governor of my district last year, Elizabeth Usovicz, who said, "When a positive spirit comes alive in our clubs, we inspire our communities. In addition, when our communities are inspired by our service and presence, we inspire new members. It's a powerful cycle."

RIPE Ray continued, "She was right when she said that we inspire both our clubs and our communities when truly capture the spirit of Rotary service."

On the top of RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith's "to-do" list is Polio eradication and outreach to youth and young adults. Also featured Me the Future Vision Plan's six -areas of focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and t-treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child -health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

#### **BUILDING COMMUNITIES BRIDGING CONTINENTS**



**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE INCOMING TEAM FROM THAILAND DISTRICT 3360**

The Group Study Exchange Team from District 3360 in Thailand will arrive in Amarillo on April 1st. This team will visit in Amarillo, Dumas, Plainview, Lubbock, Levelland, Midland, and Odessa prior to their journey to the District Conference in San Antonio.

Our GSE Team returned from Thailand on March 2nd. The Rotarians in Thailand treated our team members to a wonderful experience.

It was a life changing trip, and I know that our District Rotarians will honor our guest from Thailand in the same way.

Rotarians, take this opportunity to visit with our visitors. Contact a host club for details of the visit in your area and then arrange to attend a host club meeting. We can all learn so much from our visitors.

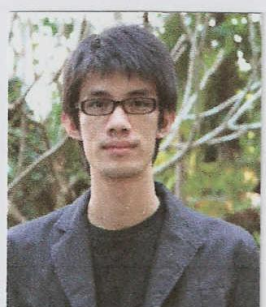
The Thailand Team Leader is Benjaluck Aukarapasuchart. Benjaluck taught school for 28 years and is now retired. She hopes to learn new teaching methods to share with teachers in Thailand during her visit in District 5730. Benjaluck has two daughters.



Parichat Tanprakhongsuk, a Nutritionist and is single. She hopes to learn about food processing, farming, ethic restaurants, and hotel and school food service during her visit to Texas.



Supakorn Yodmuang is from Phrae, Thailand. Supakorn is interested in graphics design, management institutes, and technology.



Chanpen Muangsawat is single and has been a teacher for five years. Chanpen teaches English in Thai School and is an advisor to Thai Student Class - Secondary School. Chanpen is looking forward to observing vocational practices and sharing experiences.



Fawikorn Inluang, from Chiang Mai, Thailand has been in the agricultural business for 8 years. Fawikorn is looking forward to visiting botanical gardens and learning about farming in Texas during her visit. Fawikorn is single.



District 5730 Rotarians, lets all work together to show our visitors from Thailand a great time. The GSE program of The Rotary Foundation is outstanding. Let's make the most this visit.

**ROTARY CLUB CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH DIABETES**

Our District Camp for children age 6 - 14 will be the week of June 21 - 26, 2010 at CETA GLEN CHRISTIAN CAMP, near Happy, Texas.

Rotary Clubs are asked to support this year's Diabetes Camp. Send a child to camp. Your club can make a real difference in the life of a child with diabetes.

Dr. Rolf Habersand, Department of Pedi Provides, TTUHSC will serve as Camp Director. Sue Rankin will be the Camp Registrar. Application and Information Requests should be directed to:

Sue Rankin TTUHSC-Pedi Providers 1600 Coulter, F-600 Amarillo, Texas 79106 806-468-4300

### HUNGER PLUS GETS TO HAITI QUICKLY

It didn't take long after reports of the massive earthquake that devastated Haiti before requests for aid began to arrive in the office of Hunger Plus. PDG J. B. Roberts is chairman of Hunger Plus, a humanitarian aid organization that concentrates on getting food to people in need. However, the organization works to provide other types of aid as well.

"In the days following the earthquake, everything was needed -- food, medicine, medical equipment, clothes," stated J. B. Roberts. "As of early February, Hunger Plus had sent several containers of goods to Haiti, but it has been a struggle because of the level of devastation. In addition to the port being damaged, much of the rest of the country's infrastructure is in disarray." according to Roberts.

Roberts said that in those critical first days following the disaster, Hunger Plus was able to use the military to help get materials into the country, but even that soon became problematic. We were definitely one of the first ones in there. The military was flying those transports in with medical supplies and doctors but even these flights were backlogged. Roberts acknowledged that Hunger Plus has sent a significant amount of aid to Haiti over the past month; he said that the organization is beginning to pull back temporarily. This pull back, is to allow the workers on the ground the opportunity of assess the needs and to ask for specific items. Roberts acknowledged that it will be a challenge over the next weeks and months to fit the needs in Haiti with the desire of people locally and across the U.S. to lend a hand. People want to help, Hunger Plus will provide additional aid, when we know exactly what the need is stated Roberts.

Rotarians are very active in helping with our aid to Haiti. We're thankful for the support of Rotary Clubs and members in providing humanitarian aid around the world stated J. B. Roberts.

### SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Dr. J. Davis Armistead was honored on February 24th for sixty years of service to Rotary and the Lubbock Rotary Club. Dr. Armistead's service through Rotary began in 1949 when he joined the Lubbock Rotary Club. His first 30 years in Rotary attested to his willingness to be an active member of the Lubbock Rotary Club and District 5730.

An active civic leader, Dr. Armistead has held many leadership positions in Lubbock and the South Plains.

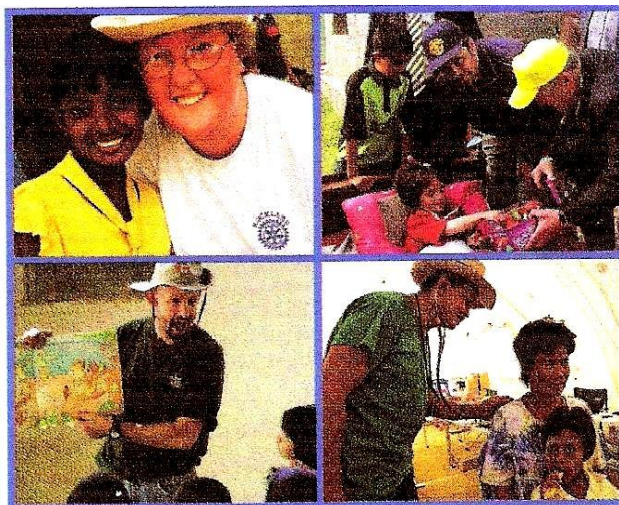
District Governor Jim Cole made a presentation of a photo box in honor of Dr. Armistead sixty years of service. Governor Cole presented a letter from Rotary International President John Kenny. President Kenny in his letter thanked Dr. Armistead for his sixty years of service to Rotary. "You have shown a personal commitment to Rotary that parallels your natural commitment to a high level of service. In celebrating this personal achievement in your Rotary history, remember the responsibility for Rotary is yours. Look forward to every Rotary event as steps toward stronger Rotary and a better world. For truly, **The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands,**" stated President Kenny in his letter.

### WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID....

"The Rotary way works! But Rotary has no patent on it, for it is but the Golden Rule in action. Any person, any nation, can apply it by displacing negative hatred and fear with goodwill based upon understanding. Peace among nations is not impossible of attainment; they can find peace if they will."

Paul P. Harris, January 1946

### Spread the word!



Invite someone to become a **Rotarian** today.



## WORDS AND THEIR MEANING

Across District 5730, from Odessa to Canadian, from Dalhart to Big Springs and numerous points in between Rotarians have been busy this year passing out dictionaries to third grade students.

Students have looked dazzled as each of them received a brightly colored dictionary. Rotarians have been quick to tell the students "Don't forget they're yours. You own them now and forever."

"This, boys and girls, is a magic book. It's the most magical book you'll ever own because it contains words and what they mean and words are the most magical thing we have," District Literacy Chairman Barbara Shinn has said.

Rotarians have instructed the students to flip open their new dictionaries to look up given words. Then the students and Rotarians have had discussions on the meaning of the word. It has been a real education for everyone. Some dictionaries have been brightly colored books. Each definition comes with a "friendly" pronunciation guide and a short history describing the word's origins.

Students and teachers have all agreed that passing out the dictionaries is a great service project. Third grade teacher Elizabeth Quintela, Odessa said "We don't always understand what words mean, and we want kids to know to look them up. We've tried to teach them that the book is something valuable, a real life tool." Third-graders need access to dictionaries because they are being exposed to a lot of new words and concepts during the year. Putting a dictionary in the child's hands puts the child in charge of his or her own learning experience," said educator Roger Tilley.

Rotarian John Barnett said, "A lot of kids don't even have access to dictionaries, and its part of our public service to get them to these student's."

Third-grader Hunter Hughes said, "It's cool. You can see what stuff means."

Literacy was one of three major emphasis of Rotary International President John Kinney this year. "As your District Governor, I'm extremely proud of the many dictionary projects carried out this year in District 5730," stated Jim Cole. Our Rotarians took the challenge and exceeded my dreams. Rotarians in District 5730 have made a real difference in literacy during this year, a true example of Service Above Self.

## HONORED GUEST DAY

The Rotary Club of Midland hosted its first Honored Guests Day in January in an effort to offer appreciation to four community members who give of themselves without seeking recognition. "They choose to change people's lives by giving a hand up, not a hand out," said Rotarian Gregg Ulvestad. "It's in this spirit of selflessness we'd like to honor them."

The Rev. George Bell, pastor of Greater Ideal Baptist Church; Jack Wood, president and CEO of Western National Bank; Alynda Best, executive director of Midland Habitat for Humanity; and Phyllis Price, Greenwood educator and longtime volunteer, all were honored by the Rotary Club of Midland. Each received a Paul Harris Fellow. "Those recognized with the Paul Harris Fellow are individuals who embody the club's standards in their daily lives," said Rotary Club President Charlotte Bosecker.

Bell, who has been pastor of Greater Ideal Baptist Church since 1999, was honored for the leadership of his church in reaching out to improve the community around it.

Wood was honored for the community work he and the bank continually perform. Wood has served on boards at the United Way, Texas Tech University, and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, among others.

Best, who has been executive director of Habitat for Humanity since 1998, has led the organization in building 76 homes, since she became director.

Price was honored for her ongoing work with students and the community in Greenwood. She currently serves as a substitute teacher in Greenwood and as the school's deaf interpreter and counselor's assistant. In 2006, she became the sponsor of Greenwood High School Interact Club, using her own experience to grow the club and guide the students in completing an average of two service projects each month.

"The purpose really is to honor individuals who don't seek recognition," Ulvestad said. THANKS MIDLAND for recognizing these outstanding individuals.



# TEJAS

## Multi-District Conference

April 29-May 2, 2010 • San Antonio

April 29 - May 2, 2010 • Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

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Silent Auction

"Friday Night in Old San Antonio" Dinner  
Saturday Evening Banquet Celebration  
Transportation to Special Events  
Conference Materials

**\$197.00 per person**

### Optional Ticketed Events

#### TMDSC Golf Tournament

Thursday, April 29th

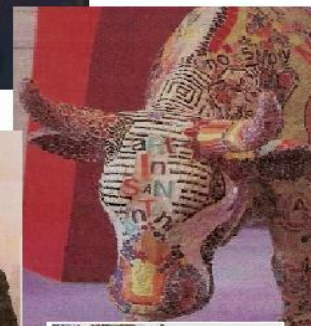
7:30 am -Free Clinic with Brian Gathright  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Brackenridge Golf Course  
\$95.00 per person

#### Governor's Honor Dinner

PDG, DG, DGE, DGN, Spouses/Guests

Thursday, April 29th

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
La Quinta Inn & Suites Convention Center  
\$50.00 per person



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## DISTRICT 5730 MONTHLY CLUB ATTENDANCE REPORT MONTH OF FEBRUARY

CLUB NAME	CLUB MEMBERSHIP	NEW MEMBER(S)	NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOW(S)
Amarillo	110		
Amarillo East	28		
Amarillo South	17		
Amarillo West	73	Katt Krause; Adrian Meander Mike Knowles, Tiffany Dumont	
Greater Big Spring	53		
Borger	43		
Canadian	27		
Childress	50		
Colorado City	15		
Denver City	12		
Dimmitt	20		
Dumas	25		
Hereford	19		
Kermit	19		
Lamesa	24		
Levelland	19	Dee Neill	Kathryn Perez & Chris Edens
Levelland Noon	46		
Lockney	12		
Lubbock	164		Amy Fang-Graham
Greater Southwest Lubbock	130		
Metropolitan Lubbock	40		
Midland	66		
Midland Daybreak	9		
Midland North	20		
Midland West	44		
Monahans	33		1
Muleshoe	41		
Odessa	101		
Pampa	58	Jim Pat Mitchell, Travis Tidmore	Todd Lorenz
Panhandle	15		
Pecos	34		
Perryton	39		
Plainview	67		
Post	37		
Seagraves	8	Connie Bagley	
Seminole	18	Jay Lashaway	
Shamrock	18		
Snyder	49	Kellye Starnes, Karen Waller	
Spearman	20		
Tulia	20		