



JERRY'S MONTHLY COMMUNIQUE

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR JERRY PARR, 2008-2009 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5790

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A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Happy New Year District 5790 Rotarians,

I hope you and your families had a happy holiday season. It's hard to believe that we are beginning the second half of our Rotary year. Margene and I have completed our club visits, and we can tell you that all our clubs are engaged in our 2008-2009 theme to "Make Dreams Real". Our District project to provide Bio-Filters for Honduras is almost complete. A single filter can be delivered to Honduras for \$150, service a family of 8-10 members and keep the children of the family from dying from the bad water that has been killing them. Our plan was to deliver 200 Filters with the Foundation grant that we had approved by the district; it looks like with several clubs contributing \$1000 or more and donations from other districts we will be able to deliver 300 filters. Thanks for all you have done to make this project successful.

We need to continue working on the fund raising projects you discussed and the local and international projects you have planned. We also must continue to focus on growing our membership, contributing to the Polio Foundation fund so we can match the \$100 million donation from the Gates Foundation and continue our commitment to the "Every Rotarian Every Year" contribution of \$100 per member.

Our membership extension committee has been very active and we plan to Charter two new clubs in February — one in Highland Village and another in Kennedale. Both of these new clubs are excited about joining Rotary and providing service to our local community and the international community.

My focus is on our District Conference planned for April 23-26 at the Southlake Hilton in the Southlake Community Center. Our plans are to celebrate all the outstanding activities that Clubs have made possible in our District. Most of our programs will be presented by Rotarians from clubs that have made our projects and fund raising activities successful. What an opportunity for other clubs to learn from District 5790 clubs. Details of the District Conference and Registration material will be available by the end of January. Put the dates on your calendar so you can attend. If you need to stay overnight, we have a great hotel rate of \$129 per night in the beautiful new Hilton Hotel.

We have our second Leadership Conference scheduled in February. DGE John Miller will be attending the International Conference in San Diego in January. This is his final training to being Governor in 2009-2010. Look at the District website for information on dates for PETS and the District Assembly. Also you can get information on District Awards for clubs and Rotarians. These must be submitted by the end of March.

Thanks for all you do for Rotary.

Jerry

Rotary International Theme for January

ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH



JERRY PARR

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF LONE STAR P.E.T.S., INC.

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P.E.T.S. is the acronym for "President Elect Training Seminar". This is an event occurring one weekend a year when Rotary Club incoming presidents from nine Rotary Districts are trained for their new responsibilities. Basically, the program addresses leadership and management skills and reinforces the participants' knowledge of Rotary International and its myriad programs and opportunities for service. Lone Star P.E.T.S. has historically been held in the Dallas/Fort Worth area because of its central location, ease of transportation and the availability of outstanding facilities.

There are currently nine Rotary Districts that make up the membership of Lone Star P.E.T.S. Inc.: 5730, 5790, 5810, 5830, 5840, 5870, 5890, 5910 and 5930. Almost all of these Districts lie totally within Texas with the exception of District 5830 that has two clubs in Oklahoma and two clubs in the Arkansas portion of the city of Texarkana. There are eleven clubs in far West Texas that are in District 5520 and not a part of Lone Star P.E.T.S. There are 61 clubs in District 5520, of which 50 are in New Mexico.

The first meeting of Lone Star P.E.T.S. was held March 13-15, 1987 in San Antonio, Texas (the planning took place in 1986) with nine charter districts that are still voluntarily participating today. The organization was formally incorporated as a nonprofit corporation with the State of Texas in 1989 under the name of Lone Star P.E. T. S. Inc.

Following the letter and spirit of *The Manual of Procedure*, District Governors Elect are involved in planning and conducting this P.E.T.S. For some District Governors Elect this weekend provides the first opportunity for them to get acquainted with those club presidents with whom they will be working during their Rotary year and in their respective leadership roles. Goals are set and a plan of action

is introduced that, hopefully, will enable the clubs individually and the District generally to have the best year ever.



Lone Star P.E.T.S.
March 27-29, 2009
Hyatt Regency DFW
Airport
now in its 23rd year

District Governors and Governors-elect nominate Discussion Leaders as well as future Operating Chairmen from within their respective Districts.

They review the curriculum, promote attendance and participate generally in evaluating the effectiveness of P.E.T.S.

Through a survey, an attempt was made in January 1999 to determine the relevance of the training received at

P.E.T.S. The group targeted was current club presidents after they had held office for six months. Survey results will continue to be evaluated with the intention of making improvements and refinements in future P.E.T.S. programs where possible and practical.

Lone Star P.E. T. S. is administered by a Board of Trustees that is comprised of the current Operating Chairman and the four most recent past Operating Chairmen. Additionally, an Advisory Board, consisting of all Past Rotary International Directors currently living in the organization's nine districts, is invaluable as they offer advice and suggestions.

Curriculum is reviewed annually as are the Discussion Leaders. The material used in conducting discussion groups is the heart and soul of this training effort. Participants are divided into 20 discussion groups based on the number of members in their respective clubs. Each participant is exposed to a total of six Discussion Leaders during the three half-day sessions. Evaluations by participants of Discussion Leader performance are taken very seriously by the Board of Trustees in a continuing effort to maintain the highest quality of training possible.

Realizing the great importance of spouse support for the club president, a separate and

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF BURKBURNETT

The Burkburnett Rotary Club has had a successful Rotary year so far....

We enjoyed our visit with District Governor Jerry Parr and were able to donate to the water project.

Other projects so far this year have included

- sending clothing to a small town in Chad, Africa
- Trash pickup at our local Friendship Festival
- Working on the local Habitat for Humanity House
- Rotarians collecting and donating toys to the local Operation Santa Claus program
- Donating \$1000 to the Northwest Council of Boy Scouts of America
- two members have become Paul Harris Fellows, Lyn Seebo and Jack Skelton



(left) President Debbie Walton presents a \$1,000 check to the local members of the Northwest Council of Boy Scouts of America



(below) Rotary members Kelly Bolen, Charlene Lewis and Debbie Walton present toys to Len Neuman with the Burkburnett Fire Dept.



(above) Members Larry Russell, Lyn Seebo and Bill McGuire work on the Habitat for Humanity house

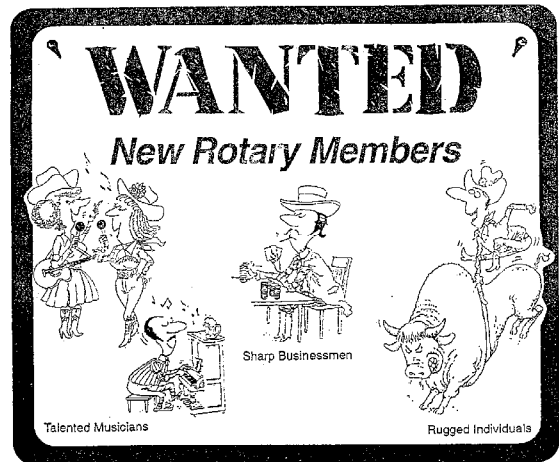
LONE STAR P.E.T.S. *(continued from page 3)*

specific program of indoctrination and inspiration is available. Basic Rotary information is provided, realizing that many spouses have limited exposure to Rotary and its programs. A growing number of spouses, however, are themselves Rotarians and/or are male, causing the program to be continually reviewed and modified to reflect new trends within Rotary specifically and in society generally. Our task is to improve on what is already good so that future generations of club Presidents-elect will be better able to lead Rotary into its second millennium knowing full well the best is yet to be.

Lone Star P.E.T.S. again will provide training sessions for First-Time Assistant District Governors only, or to AGs who have not previously received the AG training at Lone Star P.E.T.S.

One of the outstanding advantages Lone Star P.E.T.S. has enjoyed over single-district training, is that we provide an opportunity for club Presidents-elect to hear top level Rotary International officers as they speak at the Plenary Sessions. Additionally, these officers make themselves available to meet with smaller groups and with individuals sharing their insights, concerns, hopes and plans. To hear these leaders speak to a large group and then perhaps later engage them in personal dialog is a rare opportunity indeed.

— www.rotary5790.org



ROTARY INSTITUTE FOR LEARNING

by PDG Chuck Kurtzman

February 21 and 22, 2009

Our District has embarked on an exciting new program - we look to you and your club to play a key role. The reviews of the first class were great -

"The education I received during the Institute for Leadership was excellent. It is both informative and interactive, creating thought about how Rotary makes the world better and providing a pipeline of leadership to insure Rotary's continued success. As well as providing leadership training that is invaluable in our professional lives."

Todd Tubbs, Rotary Club of Cleburne

We call this program "Rotary International District 5790 Institute for Leadership", I F L designed to develop the skills that help individuals become great leaders in Rotary, in their careers, and our communities; it now is an official Rotary International emphasis. Some people are describing it as a RYLA program for Rotarians. Now open to all Rotarians in District 5790, the I F L is great for presidents-elect, presidents-nominee, officers, project and committee leaders.

The program is a highly interactive two-day session about the dynamic process of leading. This is not material that can be learned through texts or by attending PETS nor does it duplicate any training previously offered in our district.

The next two-day program will be held at the beautiful DFW Marriott Hotel and Golf Club, right across from Texas Motor Speedway — Saturday and Sunday, February 21-22.

We accept only 24 participants. The tuition fee per student is \$250 which includes everything: books, materials, food, hotel, etc. There will be two students per room, but we can make provisions for single occupancy for an additional fee of \$50 per person. (We've been told that similar courses offered commercially cost up to \$1,900.) The logistics of the course are detailed in the enclosed Registration Form. You must register by January 15.

Each Rotary Club will be given the opportunity to send members. Please encourage registration as soon as possible using the enclosed Application. We suggest that the club pay for the tuition. Should you have any additional questions, please contact any of the I F L Committee Members.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Chuck

Chuck Kurtzman, Chair Institute for Leadership
District 5790, Rotary International

What they Said About The Institute for Leadership

I really enjoyed the class. Like most everything Rotary, the class was very well done.

As a president-elect, I have been very nervous about becoming president. I never really had a "desire" to be president. The class gave me insights into myself and club members who are willing and able to participate in the success of my club.

We all have different strengths and weaknesses. I am blessed to be in a very strong and active club, and will not find it difficult to surround myself with members who are eager to help.

I have already caught myself being more aware of how I deal with other people as a result of this class.

Thank you all for all the hard work and preparation that went into this class. I have new confidence because of what I learned.

Danny Steffer
Phillips Electric, Inc.
Rotary Club of Arlington Sunrise

I think the one thing I took away from the IFL was being in charge doesn't necessarily mean you are a leader. A leader needs a clear vision, consensus, and effective communication. I've become more aware of what is needed to lead, and how to be more effective with delegation and empowerment.

Don Proctor Rotary Club of Arlington

The IFL or as I call it "RYLA for Rotarians" assisted my ability to "listen" better to others in a group to assist in achieving common goals. Sometimes a leader will lead a group and sometimes a leader will follow the leadership of others. Side note...my wife actually has been speaking to me all these years (21) and now that I am listening properly I can actually comprehend what she is saying...amazing.

Thank you very much for the IFL — it was a truly rewarding experience.

Brian Cotter, RLA, ASLA
Cotter Associates, LLC
Rotary Club of Great South West Arlington

Need an announcement and application packet? Contact Sharon Miles.

APPLICATION FORM
February 21-22 2009
Rotary Institute for Learning

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Contact Numbers:

Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____

E-mail address _____

Rotary Club of _____

The cost for the two day I F L workshop, including meals and double occupancy lodging, is \$250.00. Single Occupancy is available — add \$50.00.

Your paid registration must be received by January 15, 2009.

Make check payable to Rotary District 5790 I F L.

Mail Registration and Payment to:

Rotary District 5790 I F L
 P.O. Box 120394
 Arlington, Texas 76012-0394

Registration is limited to 24, based on order of receipt of paid registration.

Training Location and Hotel:

(Even if a student lives locally, he/she needs to stay in the hotel as part of the learning experience.)

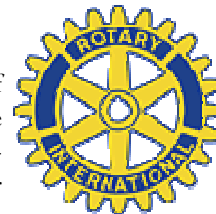
DFW Marriott Hotel and Golf Club , across from Texas Motor Speedway. We will handle all hotel reservations.

Newest Member of Arlington Sunrise



Alan Walter was recently inducted as the newest member of the Arlington Sunrise Club. Alan is pictured with his sponsor, David Berg, who is also a new member of the club.

Rotary's Wheel Emblem



A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "civilization and movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. In 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gearwheel with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by Rotary International. A group of engineers advised that the gearwheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, the keyway was added, and the design that we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary emblem.

The ABCs of Rotary by Clifford L. Dochterman
 RI President, 1992-93

PRESIDENTS—

YOUR YEAR IS ALMOST OVER

Although New Year's Day marks the chronological half-way point in your year as president, your time to earn recognition for your club is almost over. Awards are due in to the Awards Chair, Rod Brennan, by March 31, 2009. That means you need to complete your projects or membership drives in the next two months, then document those achievements and submit them by the due date. The awards will be given out at the District Conference, which starts on April 23rd. All of the submission criteria for District Awards and the Presidential Citation may be accessed through the district website (www.rotary5790.org), but if you need assistance, please contact me at BrennanR@HelenFarabee.org.

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE / NOVEMBER 2008

RotaryClub	Members 11/01/2008	%	Mtgs	Members 11/30/2008	Add/Loss	Reason Cancelled
Abilene Wednesday - W	25	61.00%	3	25	0	Thanksgiving
Abilene - F	106	53.46%	3	106	0	Thanksgiving
Abilene Southwest - T	69	81.02%	4	68	-1	
Arlington North - M	53	72.00%	5	53	0	
Arlington - TH	126	49.30%	3	123	-3	Thanksgiving
Arlington South - F	22	55.00%	3	22	0	Thanksgiving
Arlington Sunrise - F	59	95.98%	3	58	-1	Thanksgiving
Arlington Sunset - T					0	
Arlington West - T	33	66.00%	4	33	0	
Azle - TH	43	56.00%	3	43	0	Thanksgiving
Bowie - W	25	76.39%	3	25	0	Thanksgiving
Breckenridge - T					0	
Brownwood - W	24	73.96%	4	24	0	
Burkburnett - T	44	66.00%	4	44	0	
Burleson - F					0	
Cisco - TH	16	74.00%	3	16		Thanksgiving
Cleburne - TH	102	69.00%	3	102	0	Thanksgiving
Coleman - M	14	79.00%	4	14	0	
Colleyville - T	12	72.00%	4	11	-1	
Crowell - W					0	
Decatur - TH	19	82.00%	3	19	0	Thanksgiving
Denton - TH	94	58.53%	3	94	0	Thanksgiving
Denton South - T					0	
Dublin - T	26	63.00%	4	26	0	
Eastland - TH	21	45.00%	3	24	3	Thanksgiving
Flower Mound - TH	75	65.33%	3	75	0	Thanksgiving
Fort Worth East - M	37	65.00%	4	37	0	
Fort Worth International - W	10	70.00%	1	10	0	
Fort Worth North - W	24	60.00%	3	24	0	Thanksgiving
Fort Worth - F	552	62.00%	3	555	3	Thanksgiving
Fort Worth South - T	78	60.02%	4	78	0	
Fort Worth Southwest - TH	19	79.00%	3	19	0	Thanksgiving
Gainesville - W	65	42.00%	3	68	3	
Graham - F	113	55.00%	3	113	0	Thanksgiving
Granbury - TH	50	58.00%	4	50	0	
Grapevine - W	98	65.00%	4	98	0	
Great SW Arlington - W					0	
Hamlin - W	20	94.00%	3	20	0	Thanksgiving
Haskell - TH					0	
HEB - T	62	80.00%	3	62	0	Thanksgiving
Iowa Park - W					0	
Keller - T					0	
Lake Ray Roberts - T					0	
Lewisville Morning - TH					0	
Lewisville Noon - W					0	
Mansfield - T	41	68.29%	4	42	1	
Mansfield Sunrise - TH					0	
Metroport - F					0	
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	45	62.00%	3	45	0	Thanksgiving
Mineral Wells - W	37	52.08%	4	37	0	
Nocona - T					0	
North Hills - F					0	
Sanger - T	14	57.00%	4	13	-1	
Southlake - T	31	62.00%	4	31	0	
Stamford - T	31	62.00%	4	31	0	
Stephenville - TH	34	69.61%	3	34	0	Thanksgiving
The Colony - T					0	
Vernon - T	45	25.67%	3	47	2	
Weatherford - T	113	64.54%	4	110	-3	
Western Fort Worth - T	71	79.55%	4	71	0	
Wichita Falls North - F	34	98.00%	3	35	1	Thanksgiving
Wichita Falls - TH	95	74.00%	3	91	-4	
Wichita Falls Southwest - M	26	80.00%	4	27	1	

WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIP

by Jim Quick

2010 Rotary World Peace Fellowship

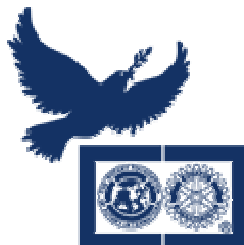
The District 5790 Rotary World Peace Fellowships Committee is looking for highly qualified women and men to nominate for a 2010 Rotary World Peace Fellowship. The District is currently honored to have 2008-2010 Rotary World Peace Fellow Jay Gilliam from the Rotary Club of Arlington studying for his master's degree in international studies at the International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan. Jay completed the application and interview process between January and June 2007. We want to nominate highly talented stars like Jay Gilliam for a Rotary World Peace Fellowship that will underwrite up to two years of peace and conflict resolution studies leading to a master's degree.

Jack DuVall, Founding Director of the International Center for Nonviolent Conflict, was quoted in the April 2006 *Rotarian* as saying: "Those for whom PEACE is no more than a DREAM are asleep to the FUTURE." Awake District 5790 Rotarians!

Qualifications for Rotary World Peace Fellows

Our District is allowed to nominate all highly qualified candidates to The Rotary Foundation to be reviewed by the Rotary Centers Selection Committee. The average age of successful candidates is about 29 years of age. In addition to being outstanding student-scholars, the minimum requirement is three years of experience. We are told that successful American candidates have often had prior military, Peace Corps, or law enforcement experience, though these are not required. Work in the domain of peace and conflict resolution is required. There are six universities worldwide where

Peace Fellows may apply to study: Duke-University of North Carolina (US), International Christian University (Japan), Universidad del Salvador (Argentina), University of California, Berkeley (US), University of Bradford (UK), and University of Queensland (Australia).



Timetable Nominating

Rotary Clubs should receive completed applications from their nominees by the end of February 2009. A Rotary Club's nominating committee should interview its candidate(s) by March 2009 so that the District 5790 Committee may receive a nominating package by early April 2009.

District Committee

Your District 5790 RWPF Committee is: DG Jerry Parr, IPDG Dave Mason, DGE John Miller, PDG and District Foundation Chair Tom Sheriff, PDG Paul Geisel, PP Lisann Peters (Rotary Club of Arlington), PP Paul Lucas, and Jim C. Quick, Chair.

Professional Development Certificate

In addition, your District 5790 Committee is receiving applications for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. This is a 3-month intensive program of study in Bangkok, Thailand at Chulalongkorn University. The program is designed for professionals with five years' relevant work experience and with current full-time employment in mid- to upper-level positions. There are two sessions per year: January-April and June-August. The District may nominate all fully qualified candidates.

Jim C. Quick
817-272-3869

Rotary District 5790

District Conference

April 23-26, 2008

Southlake Hilton in the Southlake Community Center

Mark your calendars and plan to attend.


Rotary District 5790

JERRY PARR, GOVERNOR
2008-2009

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DISTRICT CALENDAR



Jan. 1 Happy 93rd Birthday, Wichita Falls RC

Jan. 21 Happy 10th Birthday, Sanger RC

Jan. 28 Happy 26th Birthday, Wichita Falls North RC

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Texas Lone Star PETS

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District Conference

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