

ROTARY CLUB OF ABILENE

The Rotator

Service Above Self

THIS WEEK: Jan. 5, 2018 - Dr. Vernon Williams - Eighth Air Force in England



Vernon L. Williams has been Professor of History at ACU since 1989 and will speak on The Eighth Air Force including the Impact of the High Altitude Daylight Bombing Campaign on American Forces in East Anglia in World War II. Dr. Williams earned his Ph.D. in 1985 from Texas A&M University with a major in American

Military and Naval History and a minor in Nautical Archaeology. He has been editor of the *Journal of Military Aviation History* since 2015 and since 2001 has been Director of the East Anglia Air War Project.

Williams is a national speaker, coach and author. His mission is to equip and inspire you to live every moment with joy, so you can be who you were meant to be and do what you were meant to do. After more than twenty years of leading high performing corporate customer service and marketing teams, he founded The Vernon L. Williams Company to help clients achieve personal and professional goals. He has provided these life-transforming services for a wide array of clients, including managers, sales professionals, technicians, administrative support personnel, medical professionals, teachers, stay-at-home moms and many others.

He is the author of several books and a former Rotarian.

LAST MEETING: Dec. 15, 2017 - Christmas Meeting and election of officers/directors

Shame on you if you missed our Christmas pageant on December 15. What a great way to close out our Rotary year. Written and directed by our very own Betty Hukill, about half of the Rotarians in attendance were involved in the Nativity scene including Kevin Bradford who was the North Star. Pictures below.

Also, three directors were elected during the meeting. They are Kevin Bradford, Chris Meeks and Becky Spargo. They will begin their two year term on July 1, 2018. Peter Agnell and Mary Beth Kilgore were reelected to fill the treasurer and secretary positions respectively.

ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK



RICHARD ROLISON

Richard Rolison was born in Amarillo, and moved to Katy at the age of three. His mother would pass on the additional information that he was not raised in a barn. He attended Katy High School, Texas A&M University earning a BBA in Management, a BS in Bioenvironmental Science, and a Graduate work/Certificate in Advance International Affairs at the Bush School there. He earned an MBA at Hardin-Simmons University.

Married to Crystal, they are the parents of William (Will) Ray Rolison. Completing the household are two dogs, three cats, an eleven-year-



The cast...note the North Star. See how many Rotarians you can recognize and the part they played.



HUH!



Anyone know who Joe Alcorta is supposed to be?

Watch for more embarrassing photos in next week's Rotator.

NEXT WEEK: Jan. 12, 2018 - Demick Franklin - APD Drug Taskforce

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 5, 2018 - Vernon Williams - 8th AF in England during WWII
- Jan. 12, 2018 - Board Meeting
- Jan. 12, 2018 - Demick Franklin - APD Drug Taskforce
- Jan. 13, 2018 - Tentative date for Abilene Park disc golf cleanup
- Jan. 19, 2018 - Kim Yelyzaveta - Ukraine Exchange Student
- Jan. 26, 2018 - Ari Esfindairy - Part 2 - Beehive owner
- Feb. 24, 2018 - Tentative date for Abilene Park disc golf cleanup

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

old goldfish named Ethel and three horses.

Work experience includes Public Housing Manager for Abilene (2005-2006) then Assistant Director of Housing Instructor of Government at Cisco College and Adjunct Instructor of Business since 2008. Since 2010 he has been NAF Purchasing Agent at Dyess. (For those of us who don't speak military, that's Nonappropriated Funds.)

Richard's primary hobby is sleeping. Other notable achievements include the ability to do the splits. He is an Eagle Scout and has a Private Pilots License. He serves on the Food Bank of West Central Texas Board.

We have Doug Eichorst to think for bringing Richard to us.

He's served the club as president, greeter, Dealing for Dollars, introducing guests, worked on the Program Committee, Taste of Abilene, EndPolio Now, Every Rotarian Every Year, and a Paul Harris Sustaining member.

Richard joined our club March 3, 2006. He is the grandson of the late Sonny Herrman who had been a member of our club for 49 years.

MAKE-UPS

SOUTHWEST ROTARY

Richard Rolison

eCLUB OF THE SOUTHWEST

Ed Brokaw

WEDNESDAY ROTARY

Myra Dean
Peter Fox
Bruce Lampert

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Eleven Rotarians volunteered to be Salvation Army bell ringers on Saturday, December 16. Here are a few pictures of the event. More photos to follow next week.



DEBBIE MOOT
give *Would*



*Be honest. Would you
money to these guys?*



PAUL THOMAS



SIDNEY LEVESQUE

EXTRA GROCERIES?

Are your kitchen cabinets stuffed? Why not bring your extra groceries to Rotary on Friday and donate to the United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

PROGRAMS NEEDED

As we continue along our Rotary year, we are always looking for interesting and informative programs.

If you have an idea for a program in the next six months starting in January 2018, contact Myra Dean, 2017-2018 program chair.

As anyone who has served as a program chair knows, this is a time consuming job. We need everyone's help to continue having interesting and entertaining programs.

We (Barbara and Mary Beth) **need a bio and picture of your speaker no later than two weeks prior** to their presentation in order to get it in the *Rotator*. **Also needed are their topic and a couple of sentences about their presentation..**

Also, please check with them to see if they need a projector and/or screen. They will need to bring their own computer.

Kate Alvarez
Raymond Blasingame
Turner Cariker
Keith Carroll
Gayla Fullerton
Sidney Levesque
Chris Meeks
Debbie Moot
Becky Spargo
Jim Tredennick
Paul Thomas

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CLUB SERVICE December 15, 2017

Registration:
Mark Odle
Invocation:
Renee Gaskin
Singing/Pledge:
Becky Spargo
Introductions::
Barbara Rollins
Dealing for Dollars:
Jim McNiece

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR (EREY)

Congratulations to the following who
have contributed to the 2017-2018
EREY program.

Morris Baker
DAVE BOYLL
Ed Brokaw
Kent Brown
Keith Carroll
Kayla Christianson
Don Drennan
Gayla Fullerton
Paul Lenker
Marty Pothier
Richard Rolison

NEW MEMBER LUNCH POLICY

The Rotarian bringing a prospective new member to a meeting is responsible for paying for his/her lunch. The only free lunch from the club for the new member is on the day he/she is introduced as a new member.

CLUB ATTENDANCE

December 15, 2017 meeting

43 members out of 75 for an attendance percentage of 57%.

DEALING FOR DOLLARS

Friday our pot will start out at \$477.00

PAUL THOMAS

POLIO PLUS CONTRIBUTORS for the 2017-2018 Rotary Year

All members are asked to contribute \$30.00 towards the 2017-2018 End Polio Now campaign. Those contributing thus far are listed below. Members who have donated since last week are in **bold**.

Peter Agnell
Donna Albus
Jared Bailey
Morris Baker
David Boyll
Ed Brokaw
Kent Brown
Keith Carroll
Myra Dean
Frank Dlugas
Don Drennan
Peter Fox
Gayla Fullerton
Renee Gaskin
Craig Haterius
Fred Lee Hughes
Betty Hukill
Mary Beth Kilgore
Austin King
Patty Knight
Sidney Levesque
Jim McNiece
Debbie Moot
Bob McMillan
Peggy Manning
Marty Pothier
Mike Sadler
Mike Schweikhard
Richard Rolison
Barbara Rollins
Becky Spargo
PAUL THOMAS

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Paul Thomas
President-Elect	Kate Alvarez
Secretary	Mary Beth Kilgore
Treasurer	Peter Agnell
Directors	Donna Albus Dave Boyll Myra Dean Carissa Gast Shaun Martin Jim McNiece
Sergeant at Arms	Marty Pothier Asst: Charlie Kitchell
Immediate Past President	Richard Rolison

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

This section highlights our Rotary members who are active in the community.
Please let Mary Beth or Barbara know when you are involved in activities outside Rotary, vacationing in exotic places, change jobs, etc.