

ROTARY CLUB OF ABILENE

The Rotator

Service Above Self

**THIS WEEK: Jan. 12, 2018 - Derrick Franklin - APD
Drug Taskforce**



We're in for a very interesting program this Friday when Derrick Franklin, an Abilene Police narcotics officer, speaks to us.

Officer Franklin grew up in Haskell, Texas, attended Angelo State University, played football and earned a bachelors degree in Kinesiology, with a minor in psychology and history.

He has been with the APD for 18 years working as a K9 handler for seven and a half years and now narcotics for about seven years.

Officer Franklin is married with three kids ages 22, 16 and 15.

**LAST MEETING: Jan. 5, 2018 - Dr. Vernon
Williams - Eighth Air Force in England**

Dr. Vernon L. Williams has been Professor of History at ACU since 1989. In last week's presentation, he spoke of the loss of his uncle during WWII and how through 3D imagery and actual photographic footage he was able to capture that faithful day. His uncle was lost in a 'freak' accident as his plane along with many others were taking off for an air raid. Due to electrical issues in the aircraft, the plane caught fire. Although nine of the crew members did parachute to safety, he did not.

The video Williams showed had many interviews regarding the crash. There was also an interview with his late mother.

Dr. Williams earned his PhD 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.

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



**NEXT WEEK: Jan. 19, 2018 - Kim Yelyzaveta - Ukraine
Exchange Student**

ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK



ERIK PAUL JOHNSON

Erik was born at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, and moved from Little Rock to Carswell AFB in Fort Worth and then Plattsburgh AFB, New York before his father's final TDY at Dyess in Abilene in 1974. Erik graduated from Abilene High School. Then earned a BA in Marketing from the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA).

His profession is Commercial Real Estate Broker with the family firm of Paul Johnson & Associates. He joined the firm in February 2004. During the first two years with the company, he achieved a Masters equivalent in Commercial Real Estate Finance by earning his



Our international speaker this month is going to discuss general topics about history, politics and life in Ukraine.

Elizabeth was born in a small village in Ukraine. She is 17 years old and interested in volunteering, communicating with people and immersing herself in the American culture. Currently she is an exchange student and senior at Abilene High School. Her

presence in the US has been sponsored through the Future Leader Exchange (FLEX) program. Future Leaders Exchange is a scholarship student exchange program administered by the U.S. Department of State through funding from the Freedom Support Act.

Elizabeth is interested in Rotary as an ongoing social service organization with representation in her home country.

If you would like to get to know Elizabeth better, she may be contacted at (325) 439-0728.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 12, 2018 - Board Meeting
- Jan. 12, 2018 - Derrick 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

NEWS FROM THE WEDNESDAY CLUB

The Country Club has gone up on the cost of meals again, so the Wednesday Club will have to charge more for our makeup meals. As of Jan. 1, the meals at the Country Club will cost \$18.50.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Eleven Rotarians volunteered to be Salvation Army bell ringers on Saturday, December 16. As promised, here are a few more pictures from the event.



CCIM (Certified Commercial Investment Member) in Vancouver, British Columbia. In February 2007 he earned his Texas Real Estate Broker's License. In 2010 he earned his membership with the SIOR designation (Society of Industrial and Office Realtors). In addition to Commercial Sales, Leasing, and Buyer/Tenant Representation, Erik also offers real estate investment consultation. To date he has combined total sales and leases of over \$50 Million. He has more than 585 transactions totaling over 58 million square feet of property.

Erik's community involvements include the Abilene Chamber of Commerce Leadership Abilene class of 1998. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Abilene Industrial Foundation. A current member of and served on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Abilene (member since 1999 and was the 2007-2008 Rotarian of the Year. At St John's Episcopal School 2004 - 2006 he served as President of the Board of Trustees and was also a Board Member at the Center for Contemporary Arts in 2001. He is a past Board member of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce (ACOC) - Abilene Business Council; Abilene Association of Realtors (AAR) - Board of Directors 2011-2014; Abilene Industrial Foundation (AIF) Board of Directors 2011 - Present.

He is a long time member of the Rotary Club of Abilene. Erik was responsible for bringing back the Taste of Abilene, in 2006 with the Rotary Club and the Abilene restaurant association president, Brian Green. In 2018, the Lake Abilene Disc Golf Course should be near completion and Erik has

Kate Alvarez and her daughter.



Raymond Blasingame and his



granddaughter, Maeleigh, 7.

EEK!!!

With all the excitement of getting in all the Christmas party pictures last week, the most important news of the day was inadvertently left out...Shaun Martin was elected to the position of president-elect. He will be president during the 2019-2020 Rotary Year.

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 topics 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.

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.

been the moving force on this and The Mayor's Cup Disc Golf Tournament which will be celebrating its tenth year.

Erik has lived in the Tuscola area for the past 25 years. He is married to his first wife Jill of 23 years and has three teenage children. In his leisure time he enjoys being with family, camping, hiking, traveling, and being in the great outdoors.

MAKE-UPS

eCLUB ONE

Shaun Martin

Send make-ups to marybeth.kilgore@gmail.com
To complete a make-up online, contact one of the organizations below:

<http://www.oneworldrotary.org/>
<http://rotaryclubone.org/>

CLUB SERVICE January 5, 2018

Registration:

Bruce Bixby

Invocation:

Riley Griffith

Singing/Pledge:

Barbara Rollins

Introductions:

Mike Sadler

Dealing for Dollars:

Kelly Thompson

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR (EREY)

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

Morris Baker
Dave Boyll

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

CLUB OFFICERS

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| 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.

Ed Brokaw
Kent Brown
Keith Carroll
Kayla Christianson
Don Drennan
PETER FOX
Gayla Fullerton
Paul Lenker
SHAUN MARTIN
Marty Pothier
Richard Rolison
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
SHAUN MARTIN
Jim McNiece
Debbie Moot
Bob McMillan
Peggy Manning
Marty Pothier
BARBARA ROLLINS
Mike Sadler
Mike Schweikhard
Richard Rolison
Barbara Rollins
MIKE SADLER
Becky Spargo
Paul Thomas

