

# ROTARY CLUB OF ABILENE

## The Rotator

Service Above Self

THIS WEEK: June 2, 2018 - Change of Command



Out with the old and in with the new. No, it's not New Year's Eve, it's the annual change of command ceremony where we say goodbye to last year's officers and directors and welcome the new crew for 2018-2019.

In addition to thanking those directors and officers leaving the board and welcoming those coming on, the Rotarian of the Year will be announced.

We will be welcoming our new president, Kate Alvarez; president-elect, Shaun Martin; secretary, Mary Beth Kilgore; treasurer, Peter Agnell;

sergeant-at-arms, Marty Pothier; and assistant sergeant-at-arms, Charlie Kitchell. New directors are Kevin Bradford, Chris Meeks and Becky Spargo. Returning to the board for their second year are Donna Albus, Keith Carroll (who is replacing Shaun Martin), and Myra Dean. Paul Thomas will remain on the board as the immediate past president. Departing board members are Dave Boyll, Jim McNiece and Shaun Martin (who has stepped off the board into the position of president-elect), and past president Richard Rolison.

Bring your spouse and friends to what is going to be another exciting and informative end of the year luncheon.

Let's kick off the new Rotary year with great attendance.

LAST MEETING: June 22, 2018 - Rusty White -  
LEAP

Officer Rusty White, a native of Hamlin, is a volunteer speaker for LEAP - the Law Enforcement Action Partnership, a nonprofit organization composed of police, prosecutors, judges, and other criminal justice professionals who are working to advance drug policy and find effective criminal justice solutions.

Rusty was inspired to work in law enforcement after seeing the effects of drug abuse in his community.



## ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK

### PAUL THOMAS

Our outgoing president, Paul Anthony Thomas, was born at Hendrick Hospital to a professional geologist father who was a numismatist and investment adviser and to a chiropractor mother who was a professional bowler. Both parents were very accomplished and life masters in bridge.

Paul graduated from Abilene High, Texas A&M, and Hardin-Simmons with further graduate classes at SMU and TCU. Paul's three children, Emily, Laura, and Seth, are all out of college and gainfully employed.

Work experience began early, at 13, as an investment analyst for his father. He was an independent oil and gas geologist 15 years, seven years USEPA Dallas environmental scientist and technical analyst. For the past 20 years he has been money manager for private clients, then a principal at Ledger

He grew up as an avid dog lover and developed an early proficiency with firearms. Naturally, he became a top K-9 narcotics dog trainer, track and attack K-9 trainer and handler, and served as a sniper for the Department of Corrections. White also worked for seven years as a corrections officer in an maximum security prison in Arizona.

After years in the trenches, White started to question the way the War on Drugs was being fought. He questioned the arrests of low-level dealers when all of the promises were about kingpins. He watched with confusion and dismay as child molesters and other violent criminals were released from prison to make room for an ever-growing population of non-violent drug offenders.

If you weren't at the meeting last Friday you missed an interesting take on ways to curb drug trafficking.

## NEXT WEEK: July 4, 2018 - 4th of July



Have a safe and Happy 4th of July holiday.

There is no meeting July 6th.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 29, 2018 - Changeover  
July 6, 2018 - No Meeting - Happy July 4th  
July 13, 2018 - Staci Danford, Gratitude  
July 13, 2018 - Board Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### [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](#)

June 22, 2018 meeting

34 members out of 69 for an attendance rate of 49%.

### [DEALING FOR DOLLARS](#)

Friday our pot will start out at \$244.00.

Petroleum, LLC, commercial Real Estate development and his management firm Custom Private Equity Asset Managers. Paul is also the executive director of Grapevine Farms, a local non-profit that helps to feed the hungry in the Big Country. Paul is currently on the board of Habitat for Humanities in Abilene.

Paul has been our 2017-2018 President and surrenders the reins at this meeting. He joined Rotary in October 2008 and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

## MAKE-UPS

### CALF VOLUNTEER

Dave Boyll  
Kevin Bradford

### VICTORIA NORTHSIDE

Becky Spargo

### SOUTHWEST ROTARY

Peter Fox  
Marty Pothier - 2  
Paul Thomas

Send make-ups to

[marybeth.kilgore@gmail.com](mailto:marybeth.kilgore@gmail.com)

To complete a make-up online, contact one of the organizations below:

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

<http://rotaryclubone.org/>

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## CLUB SERVICE

June 22, 2018

Registration:

Sharla Wallace

Invocation:

Betty Hukill

Singing/Pledge:

Riley Griffith

Introductions:

Pierce LoPachin

Dealing for Dollars:

Don Drennan

## CLUB OFFICERS

President	Paul Thomas
President-Elect	Kate Alvarez
Secretary	Mary Beth Kilgore
Treasurer	Peter Agnell
Directors	Donna Albus Dave Boyll Myra Dean Keith Carroll 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.

### 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  
Myra Dean  
Don Drennan  
Peter Fox  
Gayla Fullerton  
Craig Haterius  
Erik Johnson  
Paul Lenker  
Shaun Martin  
Marty Pothier  
Richard Rolison  
Barbara Rollins  
Mike Sadler  
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  
Kate Alvarez  
Donna Albus  
Jared Bailey  
Morris Baker  
David Boyll  
Ed Brokaw  
Kent Brown  
Keith Carroll  
Turner Cariker  
Kayla Christianson  
Myra Dean  
Frank Dlugas  
Don Drennan  
Doug Eichorst  
Peter Fox  
Gayla Fullerton  
Renee Gaskin  
Craig Haterius  
Fred Lee Hughes  
Betty Hukill  
Erik Johnson  
**JENNIFER KENT**  
Mary Beth Kilgore  
Austin King  
Patty Knight  
Robert Laird  
Paul Lenker  
Sidney Levesque  
Shaun Martin  
Jim McNiece  
Debbie Moot  
Bob McMillan  
Peggy Manning  
Marty Pothier  
Erik Presley  
Richard Rolison  
Barbara Rollins  
Mike Sadler  
Mike Schweikhard  
Becky Spargo  
Paul Thomas  
Sharla Wallace

