

The Rotater

Online Issue No. 24

“Rotary 2004/2005: “Celebrate Rotary”

January 14, 2005

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 “B-1 Over Abilene”
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 Marty Pothier

Rotarians on Duty
 Friday, January 14, 2005

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Invocator: Raymond Blasingame

Song Leader: TBA

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This Week’s Program – Friday, Jan. 14, 2005
12:00 Noon, The Briarstone Manor,
101 Eplen’s Court, Abilene, TX.

**“State of Texas
 Rehabilitation
 Services/Division”**

Speaker
Laurie Boland

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Program Chairman – Frank Dlugas

Friday, January 21, 2005
Chairman: Paul Johnson
Texas Rangers

Friday, January 28, 2005
TBA

Friday, February 4, 2005
Chairman: Kim Boshier
Speaker: Janet Ardoyno
Program: Big Brothers/Big Sisters



Celebrate Rotary
 Service to Club and Community

LAST FRIDAY – January 7, 2005

President C. G. Gray rang the bell and the weekly Abilene Downtown Rotary Club meeting got underway. PDG Spike Harris lit the Centennial Rotary Candle. George Dawson said the prayer; James Parrish led the singing and the Pledge to the flag. Immediate past president Turner Cariker did a great job of introducing guests.

Mr. Moneybags, Frank Dlugas, led in Dealing for Dollars. Frank said 72 tickets were sold and the pit now stands at \$1,293.00. Rotarian of the Year, Gary Glenn, won \$20.00.

These were some of the announcements:

- 1) The Rotary Rescue board will meet on Tuesday, January 11th at Harvest Moon Restaurant. This group now has several cars to give away to needy people. President C.G. said he had also received a call from someone wanting to donate a car. This program is really kicking off again!
- 2) Rotary District 5790 will be accepting contributions for the recent catastrophe and will not send the funds until a later date.
- 3) Rotarian Ted Paup and former president was attending his last Abilene Rotary meeting as he is moving to Fort Worth. Ted will be missed!
- 4) Kay Berry is taking a leave of absence.
- 5) President C. G. shared a nice e-mail note from Peru.
- 6) Our club did not do too well in the last blood drive.
- 7) There will be a board meeting after the regular meeting.
- 8) President C.G. gave a brief report on the upcoming stories in the Abilene Reporter News concerning Rotary’s Centennial. President Gray introduced two ladies from the Abilene Reporter News who spoke to Rotarians concerning the special edition of Rotary’s history in a special insert, which is to be printed in the newspaper on February 13th.

The three local clubs will celebrate Rotary’s Centennial on February 23rd at the Abilene Country Club. Cost of the meal will be \$15.00 per person, and each Rotarian is asked to bring a toy for a pre-school child. The toy should be unwrapped. This is your birthday present for Rotary.

On January 28th, Mayor Norm Archibald, will be present at the regular club meeting to declare a proclamation regarding Rotary. The president said not to let him get away until he agrees to reinstate his membership in our club!!!!

On February 9th, Jane Long Elementary will have a reception for Rotarians to show their appreciation for the Abilene Club’s Rotary Reads Program. President C.G. has asked that everyone try to attend this reception.

Since it was officially a Club Assembly, the president then asked members to talk among themselves at their tables on the following topics:

- 1) Future of our Club as we approach our 80th year celebration.
- 2) Membership (how about a goal of 205 members by the end of the year 2005?)
- 3) Fund Raising projects.

- 4) Office help – Myra has taken semi-retirement. She and Beth will work one more year, then the club will need to be ready to replace them. A year passes so quickly!

From the looks of it, there were lots of discussion and hopefully, lots of good ideas. These were gathered up at the end of the meeting and a list of those ideas will be compiled and presented to the board and the club. Thanks to every Rotarian for their involvement in making plans for the continued growth of our club.

Joe Alcorta

We said “Good-bye” to a good Rotarian Friday.....



Ted and Nancy Paup are moving to Fort Worth this month. Ted’s new boss is a good Rotarian and he wants Ted to continue his involvement in Rotary. Yea! We are sending a reference to the Rotary Club of Fort Worth concerning Ted. So, if you are ever in Fort Worth, be sure and visit the Rotary Club of Fort Worth on Friday at noon and you’ll get to see Ted!

There really is no way to adequately say “Thanks” for all the things Ted did for the club. I am sure we will always remember “Sheriff Ted”. He started the Chuck Moser Award Luncheon, which has grown into an outstanding recognition and scholarship program for our community. Nancy was very instrumental in that growth, too. As our president, Ted was detail oriented and he never asked anyone to do anything he wasn’t willing to do.

We will miss Ted and Nancy, but we wish them the best of everything in their new endeavors!

Myra Rainey

NEW CLUB OFFICERS

The Combined Board (Current and Incoming) met on Friday, January 7th, and elected the President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer.

Mike Weber will serve as President-Elect for the year 2006-2007. Frank Dlugas will serve his second term as Secretary/Treasurer 2005-2006.

The rest of the board for 2005-2006 is:

Peter Fox – President
C.G. Gray – Past President
Will Dix – Sgt-at-Arms

Directors:

George Dawson, Bill Waddill, Bob Test, Kim Boshier.
President C.G. will be appointing a replacement for Kay Berry, who has taken a leave of absence.

We thank these Rotarians for their willingness to serve Rotary and our club in these positions.

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

As we start Rotary's Centennial Year – 2005 – our challenge is to bring our club's membership up to 2005 by the end of June! We could accomplish that if EVERY MEMBER will bring in at least one person. Can you do that? Of course you can!

What a great year to be talking to others about Rotary – 100 years of service to local communities around the world. Be sure and tell them about the many projects our club has been involved in such as how successful our fundraising efforts were with the Shoot-Out Drag Races and Sunburn Grand Prix.

We were able to return over \$400,000.00 in grants to the community. Some of our major grants were a Fire-Cam for the Abilene Fire Department, the Police Museum, benches in Everman Park, Hospitality Room in the Hospitality House for the prison, half-track for the 12th Armored Division Museum and support for Children's Miracle Network. Numerous smaller grants were given to help support the continued work of our many non-profit agencies as well as scholarships.

The club also established Rotary Rescue to help serve the transportation needs of those who are trying desperately to move from welfare to work. With adequate transportation, they can accomplish this.

Other projects include Rotary Reads, a very successful program at Jane Long Elementary School and our hands-on projects each year such as the bell ringing for The Salvation Army.

So, what are you waiting for? Get out there and tell others about Rotary, in particular, our club, and invite them to join you for a Rotary meeting.

We need YOUR help in order for the club to grow and continue its work in the community.

Dues Statements

Dues statements were mailed in December for the Semi-Annual period January 2005 – June 2005. Reminder notices will be mailed this week. If you haven't already paid this statement, please do so. The club must file its Semi-Annual Report with payment of R.I. dues to Rotary International by the end of this month. Those dues are due on January 1st and July 1st each year. We must have collected from all of you before we can pay them. Thanks for your attention to this!

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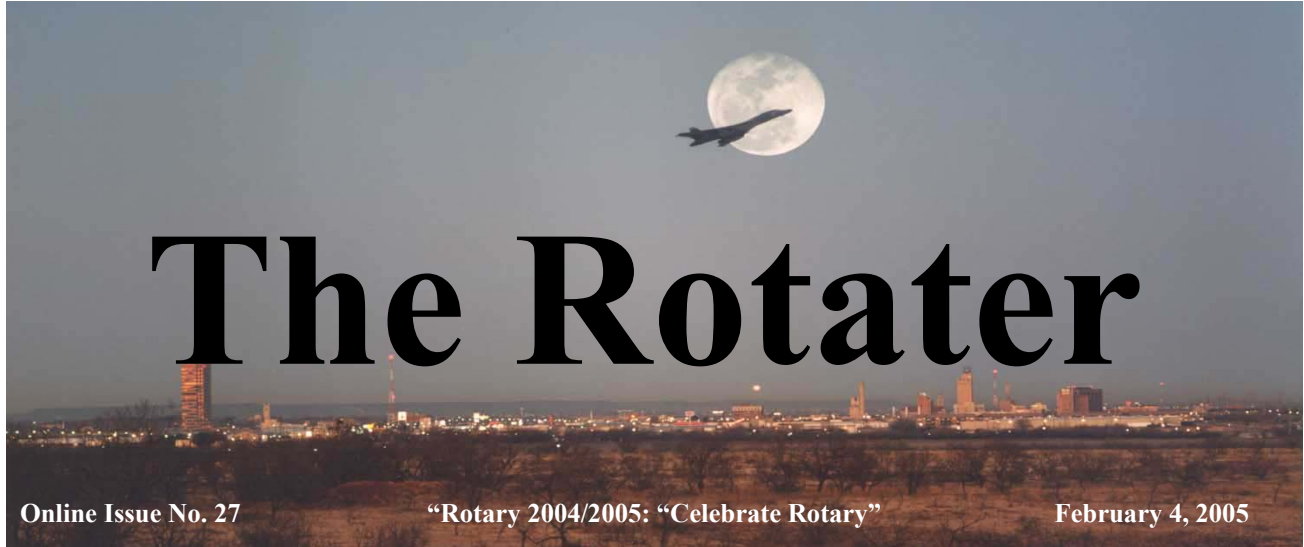
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12:00 Noon, The Briarstone Manor,
101 Eplen’s Court, Abilene, TX.

“Big Brothers/Big Sisters”

Speaker
Janet Ardoyno

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Program Chairman – Frank Dlugas

Friday, February 11, 2005
VALENTINE LUNCHEON
At the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant
Tickets - \$11.00 per person
Make your reservation by calling Beth at
The Rotary office – 529-5805

Friday, February 18, 2005
TBA

Friday, February 25, 2005
TBA



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Service to Club and Community



LAST FRIDAY – January 28, 2005

President C. G. Gray rang the bell and the weekly Rotary meeting got underway. Former president, Jayne Propst, lit the Rotary Centennial candle. Immediate past president, Turner Cariker, said the prayer. Reliable second hand stringer QB Morris Baker led the singing and the pledge to the flag. Steve Abel did a great job of introducing guests.

Mr. Money Bags, Frank Dlugas, did his thing with Dealing for Dollars. Ninety tickets were sold, making the total pot now \$1,508.00. Today's winner was Steve Glenn.

Councilman Anthony Williams was filling in for Mayor Norm Archibald as he read a proclamation. The Proclamation declares February as "Celebrate Rotary Month." It encourages every citizen of Abilene to recognize Rotary's dedication and vision for the Abilene community and the monetary contributions to local charities, museums, scholarships, and community projects to honor the Rotary motto: "Service Above Self."

Rotarian George Dawson read some interesting facts and figures dealing with the vaccination of children in India. Millions of vaccines were used in India and then thousands and thousands of people were involved in administering the vaccine. Rotarians were encouraged to donate \$100.00 annually to go toward The Rotary Foundation.

The president then auctioned four Rangers tickets and a cap, which were given to Joel Wilson last week. The prexy did not do too badly – highest bidder, Peggy Manning, bought tickets and cap for \$300.00. The amount went to The Rotary Foundation.

The president then again made an announcement concerning the insert (Celebrate Rotary) in The Abilene Reporter-News. More advertisement is needed. Paul Lenker and Dave Boyll are in charge of some free public announcement concerning Rotary's Centennial celebration.

Frank Dlugas was chairman of the day and he introduced speaker, Gary Glenn, who is the President of A-Town/Hi-Tech. Gary is one of our very own Rotarians – and a good one at that! He was recently elected Rotarian of the Year.

Rotarian Gary's job was to tell Rotarians about his every day activities with A-Town/Hi-Tech. Gary's main business is drying up or getting water out of a house. Gary introduced the following employees who were present: Rotarian (and son), Steve Glenn is the president; Jim DeShazo is the lead technician; Tony Ash is a training supervisor; Ronny Crumpler is the

operations manager; and Fran Glenn (wife of Gary) is the vice president and bookkeeper.

Gary told Rotarians about some of the main problems that cause water leaks in a home. These are some that he listed: 1) washing machine hose – the hot one; 2) hot water heater; 3) commode overflow; and 4) ice maker lines.

The speaker then shared some sophisticated technology and methods that his company now employs to dry up homes or to clear homes of fire and smoke damage. Last year they dried 300 homes and businesses. The employees are on call 24 hours a day.

Rotarians saw slides of water damage to Jim Ned's gymnasium; American State Bank, and the Fairfield Inn.

Good job, Gary! And, hope, we don't have to call you to our house!

Joe Alcorta



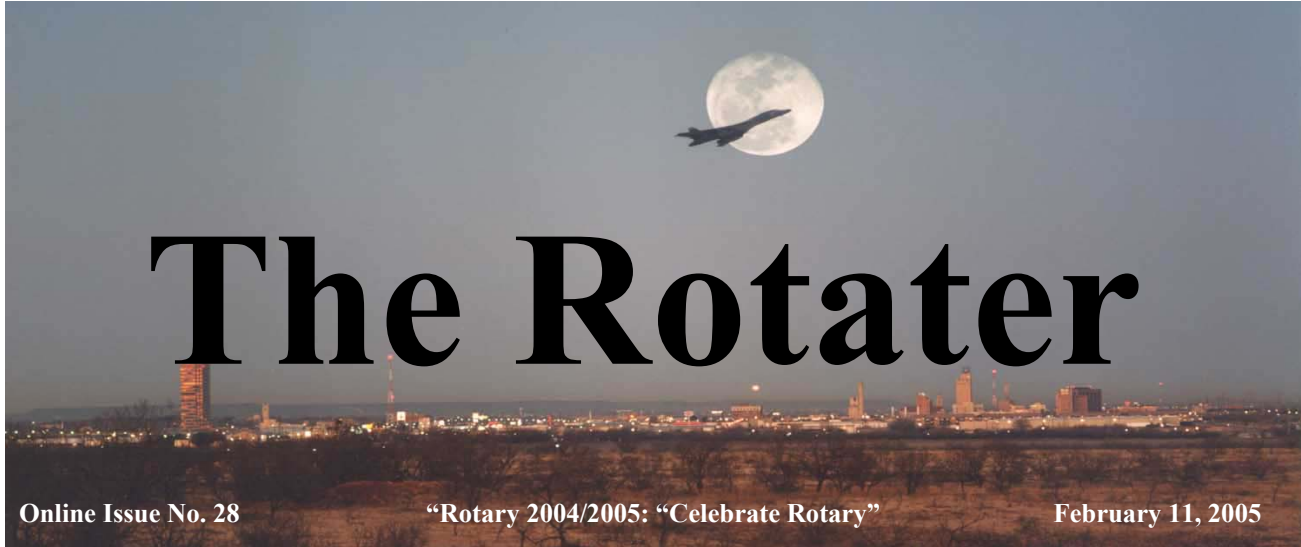
Picture taken at Club Assembly in January.

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**This Week’s Program – Friday, Feb. 11, 2005
 12:00 Noon, at The Texas Roadhouse**

“Valentine Luncheon”



**at Texas Roadhouse Restaurant
 Reservations are required**

No Noon Meeting at Briarstone!!

*Happy
 Valentine’s Day*



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LAST FRIDAY – February 4, 2005

The president rang the bell and the weekly meeting of the Downtown Abilene Rotary Club got underway. The president was feeling so excited that he lit the Rotary Centennial Candle. Don Etter said the prayer and he shared with Rotarians that he was very happy to be present after experiencing heart problems. James Parrish led the singing with Millie at the piano. The president led the pledge to the flag.

“Mr. Rotarian”, Dave Boyll did a great job of introducing guests. One of the guests was Rotarian Jim Aneff from the Southwest Club who is District Governor-Elect.

“Happy Birthday” was sung to Durward Young, Ed Brokaw, Myra Rainey, Beth Dlugas and Tim Propst.

“Mr. Moneybags”, Frank Dlugas said 80 tickets were sold and now the pot of Dealing for Dollars is at \$1,485.00. Past president Jim Tredennick won ten bucks. Remember, drawing the Ace of Spades will win some Rotarian over \$700.00!

The three local Rotary Clubs will celebrate the Centennial together at the Abilene Country Club on February 23rd. Reservations are needed as soon as possible.

The annual Valentine dinner will be on the 11th at the Texas Roadhouse. Call Beth and tell her if you are coming – 325-529-5805.

Past president Morris Baker announced that Community Action Program is ready to help tax payers (with income of \$35,000 or less) with their income tax papers. Morris said his agency will “treat them right and the returns will be done correctly!”

Kent Brown announced that Rotarians need to find two worthy high school students with great potential as leaders to be sent to Camp RYLA.

President C.G. again informed the club about the upcoming special edition in the Abilene Reporter News concerning the Centennial of R.I. He also commended Kim Boshier, Mike Weber, Dave Boyll and Paul Lenker for their excellent work with public service announcements regarding Rotary’s Centennial!

Kim Boshier was chairperson of the day and she introduced Janet Ardoyno who is executive director for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Our speaker has been with Big Brothers/Big Sisters for seven years. Our speaker started by stating that in the last three years her organization has been able to match 700 children with adults.

Janet was asking Rotarians to participate. There are several ways men and women can become “big brothers” or “big

sisters” to these needy children. One simple way is to eat lunch with them at school or off campus. Another way is to take a boy or a girl out to the park or to the movies. An adult can become a reading “buddy.”

And now Janet says she is looking for “golfing buddies!” Yes, someone has donated some money to teach children how to play golf. An adult would pick up the boy or girl and take them out for a round of golf!

Our speaker shared several success stories of boys and girls who had a big brother or a big sister. Janet brought Matthew Ramirez who is a student at Jackson. Matthew told the Rotarians, “Kids need you!” The speaker gave these statistics of children who have worked with the program:

- 1) 64% developed more positive attitudes towards school.
- 2) 64% developed higher levels of self-confidence.
- 3) 62% were more likely to trust their teachers.
- 4) 60% improved relationships with adults.
- 5) 55% were better able to express their feelings.

There were forms on the tables to apply to become a Big Brother/Big Sister, or you may call Janet at 677-7839.

Remember, next Friday, February 11th, lunch is at The Texas Roadhouse Restaurant. Tickets are \$11.00 per person. There will not be a noon meeting at Briarstone.

Joe Alcorta

**Please be sure and sign up for the
Centennial Luncheon on Wednesday,
February 23rd, at the Abilene Country
Club! Call Beth at 325-529-5805.**

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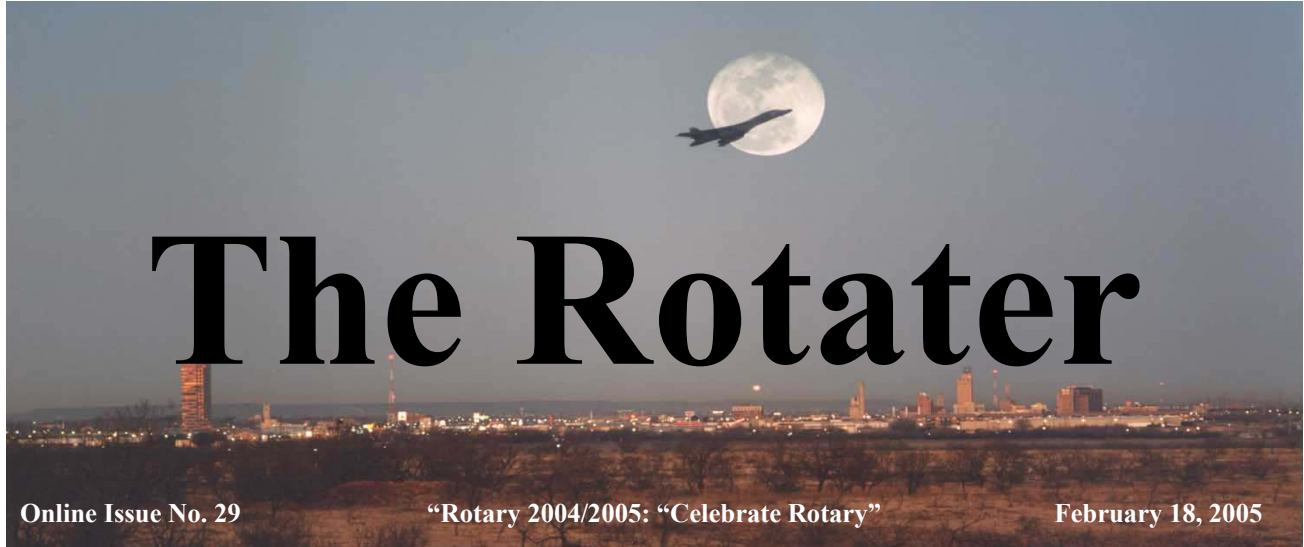
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Invoker: Ed Brokaw

Song Leader: James Parrish

Introduction of Guests: TBA

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12:00 Noon, The Briarstone Manor,
101 Eplen’s Court, Abilene, TX.

“State Finance”

Speaker
Walter Coppage

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Program Chairman – Frank Dlugas

Friday, February 25, 2005
TBA



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Make Plans to Attend the District Conference
April 28-30, 2005
Wichita Falls, Texas
 Go to www.rotary5790.org
 For more information!



LAST FRIDAY – February 11, 2005

Well, there was no bell to ring, nor candle to light, nor flag to salute, but the weekly Rotary meeting got underway anyway. Raymond Blasingame did say the prayer.

Our club was having its annual Valentine luncheon at the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant. Rotarians and guests had a choice of steak, rainbow trout, or barbecue chicken. Salads and rolls made it a delicious meal.

President C. G. reported that the Rotary Reads Reception at Jane Long was a success. He thanked the Rotarians who took time to attend. He also said four new Rotarian readers were signed up! Great!

The president also announced that the billboards announcing “Celebrate Rotary” were up all around town.

He reminded Rotarians that this coming Sunday (February 13) there was to be an insert in the Abilene Reporter News with different news items about Rotary’s history. If you have not seen it, it is worthwhile to find a copy to read.

February 23rd will be our “Celebrate Rotary” together with the two other Rotary clubs here in town. The meeting and program will take place at the Abilene Country Club. Rotarians are encouraged to bring a toy for a pre-school child. Reservations are required. Call Beth at 529-5805.

Morris Baker has taken the job as the new “jefe” of membership. So, look out, Rotarians, you are in for a workout!!! Let’s sign’em up!

Thanks were expressed to Mike Weber for the preparation for today’s dinner. Mike had also brought single roses for the ladies. The empty beer bottles, with a single rose, read, “This bud’s for you!”

Barbara Rollins, who is making the trip to Nicaragua with other Rotarians, announced that she is willing to take small toys or other small items for the children of Nicaragua. She will be leaving on March 3rd. Okay, Rotarians, here is an opportunity for “Service Above Self.” Bring your items for Barbara to the club meeting on Friday, February 25th.

Valentine Luncheon Photos Thanks, Marty!



New Member Proposals

The following new member proposals have been received, approved by the board. They will be eligible for membership on Friday, February 18th:

Clarke Flowers
Manager, Mrs. Baird's Bakery
Proposed by Fred Lee Hughes

Jeremy Brown
Regional Director for Randy Neugebauer
Proposed by Bruce Bixby

Gifts for the Nicaraguans

Barbara Rollins will be leaving on March 3rd for Nicaragua. There she will work on the project that our club helped to sponsor with a cash donation of \$2,500.00 (or one like it).

If you would like to participate in this trip, you can by sending small gifts for younger children, preschoolers. Think like small plastic or wooden toys that require no batteries. Some other ideas are: pencils, tablets, stuffed dolls, deflated soccer balls and crayons.

Bring your items to the club meeting on Friday, February 18th or 25th.

Centennial Billboards are up!

The Centennial billboards are up at the following locations:

North 4th & Treadaway (going North)
 North First – 3 blocks west of Sonic
 South 1st – 1 block west of Willis
 South 14th & Butternut
 South Treadaway at South 5th

New Membership Committee

Thanks to these Rotarians who have filled the openings on the Membership Committee:

Morris Baker, Chair; Bruce Bixby and Erik Johnson.

If you have a new member to propose, pick up a form from Beth at the club meetings, or call her for one at 529-5805. Fill it out and turn it in to her. After she gets board approval, she will get the information to these Rotarians who will then "run with the ball!" They will notify the persons being proposed, invite them to an information meeting and to club, and then they will invite them to join.

This is a critical area for our club right now. We usually lose members at the end of the calendar year and at the end of the Rotary year. If we aren't adding new members, then we are going backwards. It is the duty, responsibility and

privilege of every Rotarian to propose new members for their club.

The following members have resigned recently:

- 1) Ron Sharp – with the reorganization of Sears and K-Mart, Ron will be traveling and out of town on Fridays.
- 2) Kay Berry – she has taken a new position at the bank and is very busy right now. She expressed interest in coming back.
- 3) Sandi Hugg – has started her own business and is covered up.
- 4) Joe Sconiers – time constraints with kid's activities
- 5) Russell Dressen – has finally joined the Hamlin Club – he is over there on Wednesdays and has been attending their club for many years.
- 6) Scott Golding – attendance
- 7) John Ferguson – has moved to Houston
- 8) Ted Paup – has moved to Fort Worth

We also lost the following members through death this past year:

- 1) Sonny Hermann
- 2) Barney Barnhill
- 3) Walton Strange
- 4) Ray Bragalone

Rhythm & Ribs!!!

New Club and Rotary Rescue Fundraiser!!!

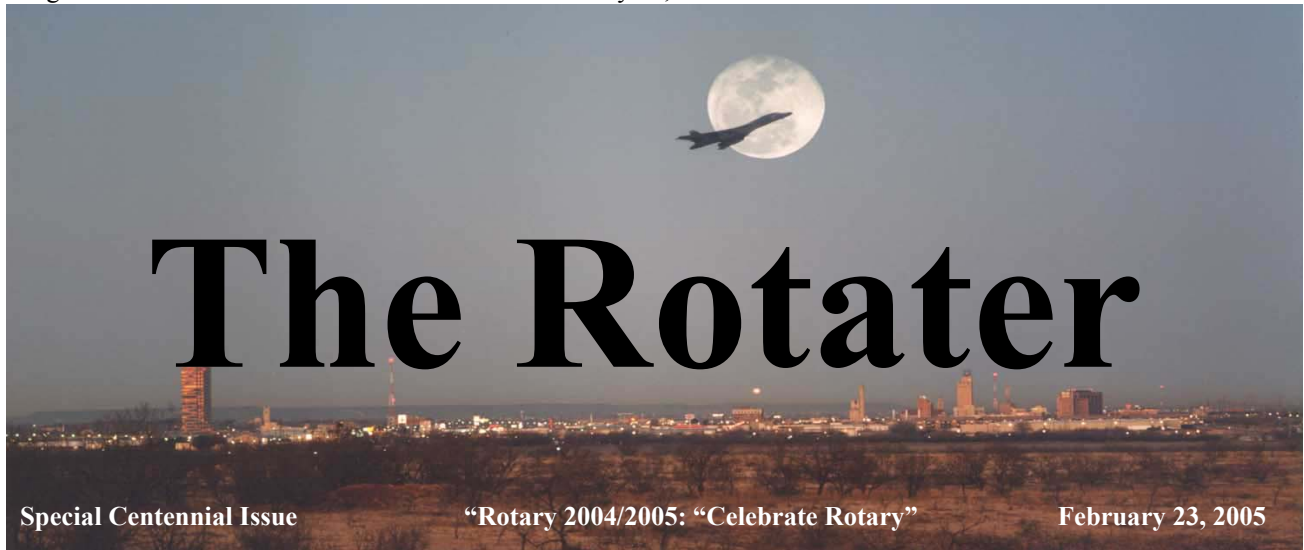
Jayne Propst, chairman for fundraising, has been working diligently getting this fundraiser started. She is thrilled with the response from club members! Kim Bosher has volunteered for sponsorship sales and Bob McMillan has volunteered for "anything". There are others who are coming onboard, too. We'll have more information as these things get firmed up. But, we can announce the date – Saturday, April 30, 2005. Cookers will be setting up on Friday, April 29th, and clean up will be on May 1st. Bruce Bixby has provided the location for the event – thanks, Bruce!!!!

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 Abilene Rotary

Invocator: Julian Bridges, Southwest Rotary Club

Song Leader: Downing Bolls, Southwest Rotary

Pledge of Allegiance: Turner Cariker, Abilene Rotary

Special Guests: Widows of Rotarians

Entertainment: Malagasy Singers, ACU



(Picture taken when the singers performed for the Abilene Rotary Club)

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

--Wednesday, February 23, 2005--
A Combined Birthday Luncheon
Abilene Country Club
 Abilene Rotary – Abilene Southwest –
 Abilene Wednesday Clubs

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Abilene Centennial Club Presidents
2004-2005

- C. G. Gray, Abilene Rotary Club
- Natalie Matthews, Southwest Rotary Club
- Dickie Greenwood, Abilene Wednesday Rotary Club

Historical Day at Rotary – February 23, 2005

The three local Rotary Clubs met at the Abilene Country Club on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 to celebrate Rotary's Centennial along with Rotary Clubs around the world who were celebrating today also. There was an aura of excitement in the air. Everybody was "dressed up!"



The meeting hall was beautifully decorated with Rotary blue and gold thanks to the Women of Rotary and especially our own Beth Dlugas. Beth went above and beyond the call of duty, staying up late to iron all the table decorations. Special thanks to Will & Billie Speight, Marsha Hembree, Beth & Frank Dlugas, Marty Pothier and Myra Rainey for their help in getting the decorations put up. Luke Harwell, with Baack's, provided the centerpiece for the head table.



At 11:30 a.m. emcee Fred Le Hughes announced to the crowd to head for the chow line, and that the program would begin at 12:00. The Menu consisted of fish, chicken, roast beef, and a salad bar. Cost of the meal was a whooping \$15.00!



At 12:10, Fred Lee called on presidents Natalie Matthew (Southwest), Dickie Greenwood (Abilene Wednesday) and C. G Gray (Downtown) to officially begin the historical meeting. Each prexy took his/her turn in ringing the bell. Julian Bridges brought the invocation, and Downing Bolls led the singing. Turner Cariker led the Pledge to the flag. (PDG Spike Harris had asked Turner to wear his U.S. Marines uniform to lead the pledge. Turner quickly declined saying that his uniform had "shrunk.")

Emcee Fred Lee per excellence began the meeting by saying: "Can you believe it? One hundrd years of "Service Above Self." Rotary is the number one service club in the world."

Fred Lee recognized Assistant District Governor Dave Mason (Southwest Rotary).



Next on the agenda was Mayor Norman Archibald to make an official proclamation. Before performing his duty, the mayor related a brief story how his high school teacher had asked him to participate in Rotary's Four Way Test Speech Contest. He was very proud to say that he beat out four girls in the speech competition. The former Rotarian said he had called Spike Harris for Rotary information (for the proclamation) since he figured Spike was probably present at that first Rotary meting.

The Proclamation in brief encouraged everyone to recognize Rotary's excellent work all through the world, and to declare February 23rd as Rotary Day.



Three widows of Rotarians were present, along with Peggy Sonnenberg, the daughter of Sonny Hermann. Peggy is a Rotarian in Graham, Texas.

Tim Ritter, Mike Weber, David Stubbeman, Dave Boyll, Kim Bosher and Paul Lenker were recognized for their good work in publicizing Rotary's Centennial by signs and public announcements in the media. Fred Lee said he was thankful to Dave Boyll because his radio station plays that slow and peaceful music which he can understand.

C. G. Gray was also recognized for his hard work in leading the production of a "16-page insert" for the Abilene Reporter News. The Centennial Insert turned into an 8-pager which covered the accomplishments of Rotary International, PolioPlus and each of the three local clubs.

Next on the program was John Tyson from Abilene Christian University. John shared an exciting and almost unbelievable story of how 24 foreign students from Madagascar landed at ACU. On a trip to Madagascar on a trade mission, John had the opportunity to meet with the president of that country. After the president heard John's story about ACU and its mission, the president said, "That is what I am looking for!"

After interviews and through the World Bank, arrangements were made for 24 students from Madagascar to study at ACU. Upon graduation, the students are to return to their country and use their newly acquired skills to help improve their country. Of the 24 students, 15 were present at the celebration and they sang a Capella three songs.

Reggie Parsons from the Cayman Islands, a visiting Rotarian, was recognized.

The Emcee then introduced a very quiet gentleman by the name of David Stubbeman who has served in many areas of life. Dave, a lawyer by profession, has served in the Texas legislature as a representative, was mayor of Abilene, and is a Past District Governor for District 5790. With all that "savvy" it was

appropriate for Dave to give the 100 Years of Rotary History in a 10-minute power-point presentation.

In brief, this is what Rotarian Dave presented:

- Rotary is made up of business and professional leaders who work to better their community and build understanding and peace in the world.
- Rotary was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris and three other men. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members of more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries. In our District we have approximately 3,000 members.
- Since 1947, the Rotary Foundation has awarded more than \$1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants, which are administered at the local level.
- Women were admitted into Rotary in 1987.
- In 1985 Rotary declared to make the world polio-free. Today (2005), there are only a few hundred polio cases worldwide, a 99.8 percent reduction since 1988. Carlos Canseco, RI President from Monterrey, Mexico, a few years ago is known as the father of PolioPlus.
- The first non-English speaking Rotary club was in Havana, Cuba.
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The Emcee recognized Millie Brady for providing excellent background music before and after the meal.

Fred Lee introduced another lawyer by the name of Lee Hamilton who serves as one of our Taylor County Judges. It "pained" Fred Lee to introduce a University of Texas graduate who was to take part in the program. In return, the humorous judge said, "Fred Lee is one of my favorite Aggies."

The Judge (Southwest Rotary), J.V. Johnson (Abilene Wednesday) and Natalie Matthews (Southwest Rotary) presented a mini drama (in costumes at that!) to give a short history of women in Rotary. J.V. Johnson and Judge Hamilton were narrating while Natalie was performing. There were several good "funny" reasons (i.e. no jokes; husband stealers) given why men did not want women in Rotary...but in brief, the U.S. Supreme Court overruled all that! And women are a great part of Rotary. They have now

served as club presidents and district governors. All three Abilene Rotary Clubs have had women presidents.

The Centennial celebration cake worn by Natalie in the mini drama was a hat brought back by her father, Walt Morton, from Brazil when he attended the RI Convention.

And...the program was not over yet!!! Erik Johnson, one of those “young whipper snappers,” gave an inspirational testimony about Rotary. This young Rotarian said his father had introduced him into Rotary. Erik said, “Rotary was a gift for me. I have enjoyed Rotary very much. I personally have introduced seven people into Rotary. It is very easy to do. Do it to better our community.

And to wind up the historical Centennial meeting, the Emcee said “Rotary is the best thing that has come out of Chicago.”

The emcee thanked the people who were responsible for today’s program and for those who had brought toys to be given to the children of Hope Haven and Abilene Day Nursery.

The emcee also challenged Rotarians present to make the next 100 years of Rotary better. He encouraged all to continue proposing new members so Rotary could continue to grow.



Fred Lee said Rotarians were welcome to eat the birthday cake or to take it out. PDG Claude Hicks gave the benediction and the three presidents marched to the front and rang the bell.

■ Joe H. Alcorta

Special Thanks.....

Dear Rotarians:

On behalf of Day Nursery of Abilene, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Rotary Clubs for the toys donated to Day Nursery in recognition of the 100th Birthday of Rotary International. What a thoughtful and heartfelt gesture. The children are already enjoying them. As a non-profit we are most grateful for contributions that allow us to maintain the highest quality care for the children while keeping costs as low as possible.

Thanks again for your generosity. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and support of our childcare program.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Pearson
Executive Director
Day Nursery of Abilene

**A Special Centennial Booklet
for the Rotary Club of Abilene
will be published soon – More
historical data and articles
written by members will be
featured in this booklet.**

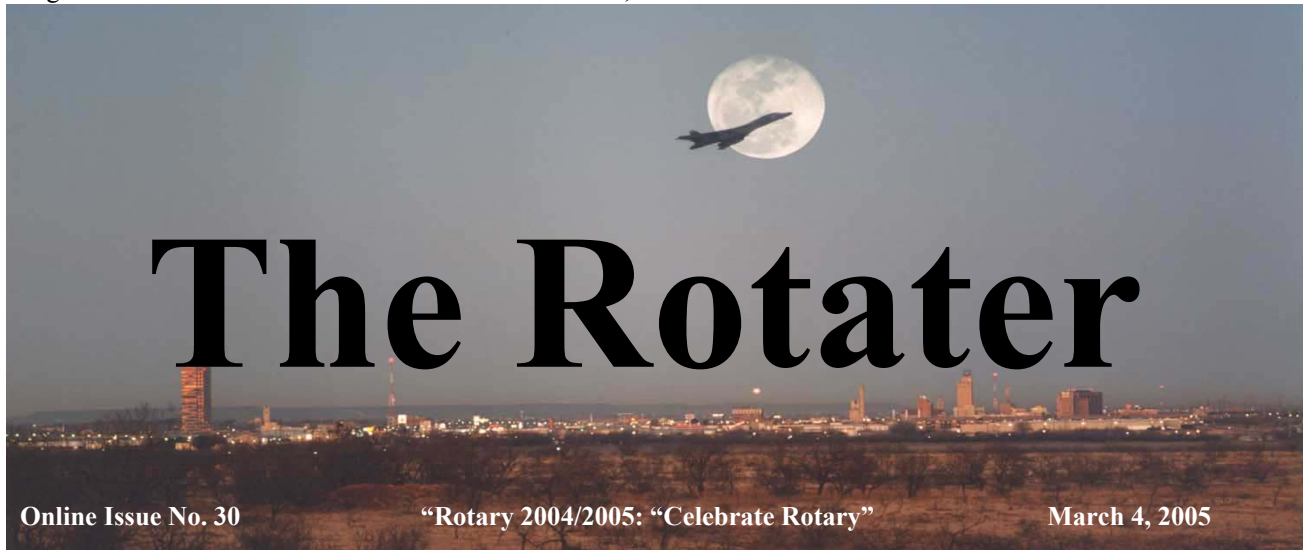
*Special Thanks to Marty Pothier for
the Birthday Luncheon pictures!*

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March 4, 2005

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Rotarians on Duty
Friday, March 4, 2005

Chairman of the Day: Frank Dlugas

Invoker: TBA

Song Leader: James Parrish

Introduction of Guests: TBA

Registration Assistant: (March) Joe West

Ticket Taker: Randy Piersall

Greeters: TBA

This Week’s Program – Friday, Mar. 4, 2005
12:00 Noon, The Briarstone Manor,
101 Eplen’s Court, Abilene, TX.

“Leddy Brace & Shoe”

Speaker
Rotarian Raymond Blasingame

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Program Chairman – Frank Dlugas

March 11, 2005
”Howard Trueflyer” –
Part lobsterman and part farmer
Speaker: Dave Hall
A former member of Abilene Rotary Club
B1 Pilot at Dyess before retiring



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LAST FRIDAY – February 18, 2005

The president rang the bell and the weekly Rotary meeting got underway. The president said he was partially to blame for the rain because he had washed two of his cars. Past president Ed Brokaw gave invocation. James Parrish led the singing with Millie at the piano and he also led the pledge to the flag.

Jolly Mary Beth Kilgore did a great job of introducing guests. Frank Dlugas said 68 tickets were sold and that the dealing for dollars pot is now at \$1,694.00 Wow! Someone could walk off with over \$800 if that person draws the Ace of Spades. Steve Glenn was this week's winner, but he missed the high card!



We have two brand new Rotarians! Mr. Rotarian himself, Dave Boyll, introduced Michael D. Murphy, chief executive officer for Abilene Regional medical Center. What is great about Michael is that he has been a Rotarian for about 20 years! He is a past president of Rotary and a Paul Harris Fellow at that! As a

youngster he participated in a youth group study exchange in India.

Michael has a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Business Administration. He and his wife Jennifer have four boys: David, Logan, Hunter and Hayden.

President-elect Peter Fox introduced bobby Guy Lucas who is a financial consultant, and a certified public accountant. Peter made an honest confession that it was a first for him in introducing a new Rotarian after being in Rotary for over 35 years!



Bobby Guy Lucas is "replacing Ted Paup" who moved to the Metroplex. Guy was born in Andrews, Texas, and then moved to the big city of Roscoe where he completed high school. At Abilene Christian University he completed a BBA degree, and at Texas Tech he was awarded the MBA. Guy enjoys golf, hunting and camping with his family. (Thanks to the new members for providing us with a picture!)

The president mentioned the insert of Rotary, which was published in the Abilene Reporter News on February 13th. He said he did not want to hear any complaints!

He also announced that long time Rotarian Joel Wilson was in Hendricks Hospital.

The prexy also reminded Rotarians that this coming Wednesday is the Abilene Centennial Celebration of Rotary. The event is to take place on Wednesday, February 23rd at the Abilene Country Club. Past president and emcee per excellent Fred Lee Hughes will preside. Deadline for reservations is Monday at 5:00 p.m. Call Beth Dlugas at 529-5805. Rotarians are to bring an unwrapped toy for a pre-school child. Paul Harris Fellows are encouraged to wear their medallions.

Come on Rotarians! Let's make this our 100% attendance day (or close to it!!!)

Barbara Rollins announced her trip to Nicaragua with other Rotarians. She is willing to take any kind of "goodies" you would like to send to the children of Nicaragua (preferable small non perishable things).

The president recognized Morris Baker, Erik Johnson, Bruce Bixby and Dave Boyll for their work in membership. Morris said their goal was to introduce 3 new Rotarians at every meeting!

Erik Johnson was the chairman of the day and he introduced Walter Coppage, speaker of the day.

The speaker shared the good, the bad, and the ugly about school finances. He mentioned the Robin Hood Plan where rich school districts were helping poor school districts.

There are no easy solutions to these problems according to Mr. Coppage. Cutting back on teachers and programs is not a pleasant thing to do. In some school districts, students have to pay their way in different programs such as band and sports.

Mr. Coppage said Abilene is collecting \$1.5 school taxes per \$100 which is about the maximum a district may charge. He said we were below (about \$700 per student) national level in spending per student. He said it was very difficult for a school district to be self-sustaining. He said locally a district will pay 62% and the state does 38%.

The speaker also mentioned that houses in the Valley for local school tax average about \$22,000 while other parts in the state the homes are much higher which helps to bring in more revenue. To catch up with the national level, Texas needs to spend \$600 more per pupil or a total of 2 ½ billion dollars!

More bad news; there may be an increase in the sales tax, and maybe even charging tax on hair cuts! A state income tax would be very distasteful the speaker said. (Let's say a prayer for Bob Hunter and the Governor so they can come up with a solution!)

Remember we are celebrating Rotary's Centennial on Wednesday, February 23rd, at 11:30 a.m. at the Abilene Country Club. No meeting at Briarstone on Friday, February 25th.

LAST FRIDAY, February 23, 2005

We will publish our Centennial Issue of The Rotater next week – pictures and articles are still coming. It will be published separately from the regular weekly issue of The Rotater. Copies of the issue will be available on the website and also at the club meeting on March 11th.

Update on Joel Wilson

Joel has moved from the hospital to Sears Retirement Center. His address is:

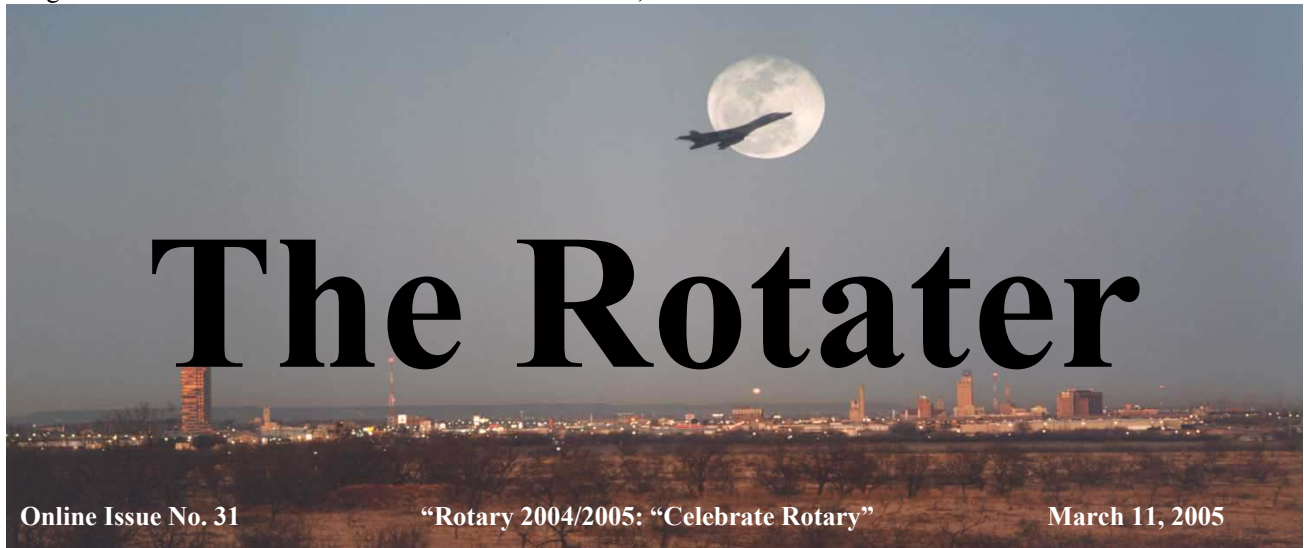
Joel Wilson
Sears Retirement Center
3202 South Willis #325
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Introduction of Guests: TBA

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 Service to Club and Community

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12:00 Noon, The Briarstone Manor,
101 Eplen’s Court, Abilene, TX.

“Howard True”

Speaker
Dave Hall*
Executive Director
Peabody Chamber of Commerce
Former member of our club
B1 Pilot at Dyess before retiring
***See article and pictures on page 3**

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Program Chairman – Frank Dlugas

March 18, 2005
Program – Club History
Speakers: Ed Brokaw/Dave Boyll

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LAST FRIDAY – March 4, 2005

President C. G. Gray rang the bell to begin the meeting. He did double duty and said the invocation. Morris Baker led the singing and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kim Boshier introduced the guest. Frank Dlugas said 119 tickets were sold bringing he jackpot to \$1,813.00 with 15 cards remaining. Cynthia Loya, a guest of Raymond Blasingame, had the winning ticket and drew a \$10.00 card. The jackpot will begin at \$1,803.00 next week.

President C. G. said he received a letter from Rotary International that our club made a commitment to the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign in the amount of \$7,500.00. As of December, 2004, the Rotary Foundation has received contributions of \$4,275.00 towards this commitment leaving a balance due of \$3,225.00. He encouraged mebers who made a pledge during Ed Brokaw's presidency to complete their pledge.

A "Rotary Reads" award was given to Kamryn Page by president Gray. He said when he began working with her she was reading at a beginning first grade level. Now she is far ahead of her second grade classmates.

Chairman of the Day, Frank Dlugas, announced that Dave Hall aka "Howard Trueflyer, a Maine Lobster Fisherman" will be here next week. Dave was a B1 pilot and a member of our club in the 1980s.

Next Frank introduced our speaker, Raymond Blasingame, stating the only introduction needed is that he is Lindsey's grandfather.

Raymond said we all get involved in different ways. With him the Lord pushed him through different doors. When he first went to ACU, he was going to be a Research Chemist. That is until he was in Tommy McCord's class, then he changed his major to Mass Communication. After that he decided to study Photography.

Raymond said some of us would remember when Abilene was dry and the community of Impact had 3 liquor stores. He got a job at one of these establishments at 21 years of age. Raymond said this Church of Christ preacher's son was introduced to the real world working at Impact. After that he worked at Timex.

After trying on boots at Gibson's and not finding any that were comfortable, he was riding by Leddy Boots and stopped in there. He said that was the hardest interview he ever had. At that time he started working

at Leddy's. Raymond went to Ball State in Indiana to study orthotics.

Raymond studied Anatomy-Physiology and Biology at ACU and graduated from ACU in 1994. Then he bought Leddy Brace and Shoe in 1995. He did not change the name from Leddy to Blasingame because Leddy is easier to spell.

These are Raymond's credentials: Licensed Orthotist by the state, Certified Orthotist, Certified Pedorhotist. An Orthotist is the planning, making and fitting of orthopedics.

His business has five full time and 3 part time employees. They make Orthopic Appliances such as post surgical and braces to postpone surgery for the neck, back, knee, ankle and feet.

In 1968 there were lots of polio patients. Now athletic injuries and braces for arthritic and stroke victims make up his patient list.

Raymond gave members a chance to leave if they did not want to see the next pictures. Some of the pictures could seem disturbing to some. He had pictures of birth defects, one person's feet that had not cut his nails in two years, a person's feet that had been run over by a trolley at the age of three but is able to now walk with special made shoes.

Raymond ended his program with a pictures of his very pretty granddaughter, Lindsey Ashlynn Blasingame.

--Beth Dlugas

"Rotary lets you give something back, in the knowledge that you belong to the largest family of givers."

--Deanna Ann Duguid, Indonesia

"The Rotary pin on your lapel is a passport to new friendships and opportunities"

--Edilberto Uichanco, Philippines

"The more I learn about Rotary, the more I love Rotary."

--Michael P. Slevnik, USA

"Membership in Rotary is the 'power of one' multiplied many times over by the programs of the Rotary Foundation."

--Harriet Schloer, USA



Howard True, Storyteller, Wardsworth Cove, Maine

Howard True is a story teller born and raised in Wardsworth Cove, Maine – a town where everyone is a neighbor and there are no strangers. Part lobsterman and part farmer, Howard is what the tourists call a “local character.” He spins his stories of life in a small town in an accent and dialect as thick as the fog along the Maine coastline. Energetic, gregarious, and always entertaining in his bright yellow, wet weather lobster gear, Howard is at home in front of crowds from fifteen to fifteen hundred. And for those of you who worry about today’s humorists, Howard does not believe four letter words are a mandatory part of an entertainer’s vocabulary, so you’ll find his stories appropriate for all audiences – though, as he promises, not always “politically correct.”

Howard, who has never met a microphone he didn’t like, has performed hundreds of shows around the country for corporate banquets, civic organizations, church groups, and social gatherings. You may remember that Howard performed for us in the 80s.

Howard is also known as Dave Hall, Executive Director of the Peabody Chamber of Commerce. Dave is a former member of our club and retired as a B1 Pilot from Dyess AFB.

We are looking forward to having Dave back with us!
And for bringing Howard, too!!!



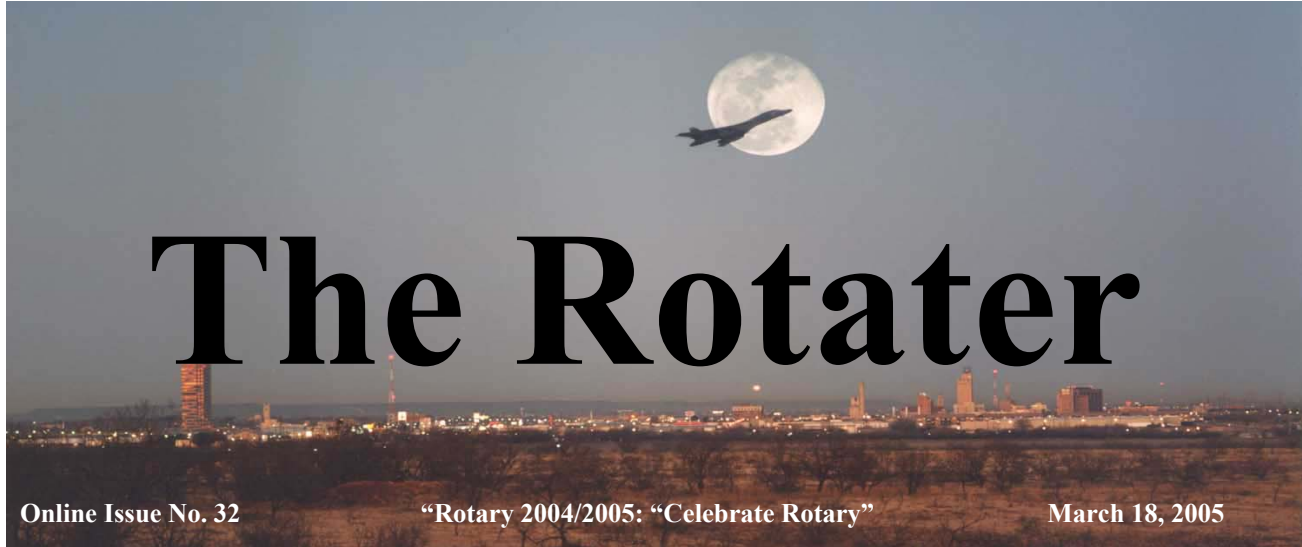
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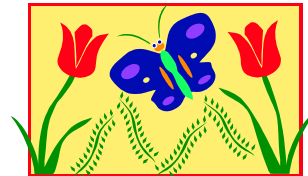
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12:00 Noon, The Briarstone Manor,
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“International Service through Rotary”

Speakers
Ed Brokaw/Dave Boyll

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Program Chairman – Frank Dlugas



March 25, 2005
NO MEETING – GOOD FRIDAY



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LAST FRIDAY – March 11, 2005

Last week at Rotary, Kim Boshier and Rotary both finished the meeting nearly a thousand dollars richer. We began by President C.G. calling the meeting to order with the ringing of the bell. He called on Spike Harris to light the candle, recognizing Spike for heading the committee for the 100th Birthday Celebration on February 23. Not seeing the designated song leader, President C.G. called on Morris Baker to lead the singing. Morris, not being able to pass the privilege along, did so well. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Shane Jennings introduced our guests.

Frank Dlugas announced there were fourteen cards left, thirteen other than the Ace of Spades. After \$84 was collected this morning, the total pot was \$1,878.00. Kim responded, showing she had the winning number of 720, and then proceeded to avoid the extra thirteen cards to calmly pull out the magic ace!

Putting the best spin on the outcome, Jayne Propst told Kent Brown, "Now we have money for RYLA!"

Kent was called on to announce the Boy Scouts will sponsor the Fifth Annual Sporting Clay Classic April 29 and 30. The cost is \$400 per team, and with Lewis Class, people with rusty skills have a chance.

Steve Glenn announced the Abilene Chamber of Commerce will award A-Town/Hi-Tech, L.P. the quarterly Small Business Salute Tuesday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m. We're invited to attend at 4402 South Danville.

Barbara Rollins has returned from the District 5790 trip to Nicaragua, and her report is seen on her web site, <http://www.sharpwriters.com>. She announced the majority of the \$33,000 raised by the District would be spent to finish a high school, which more closely meets the intention for which the money was raised than other possibilities. A dedication for the school is scheduled in December, and our members should plan to attend.

C. G. mentioned the greeters and announced we'll have another good group at each meeting. The Board considered the financial condition of the club, which is better off since we have the club's half of the Dealing for Dollars money for our remaining club projects such as RYLA and the Four Way Test Speech Contest. If no problems arise, we should end the year where we started without going into the hole.

Myra is working on the polio drive financial final report and will be contacting people with pledge commitments still remaining on the project.

The District Conference is at the end of April. Our club will host a hospitality suite there, and volunteers are needed.

Jayne Propst announced that we'd have a Rhythm and Ribs Cook Off the same weekend as the District Conference. We need sponsors and sponsorships for the cooks who will bring their cookers and teams to prepare ribs, brisket, chili, and chicken. About 20 judges are needed to sample the goods and the club will have a Coke Booth. Bands, a street dance, and arts and craft booths are being considered. Bruce Bixby

donated the parking lot next to the Enterprise Building for the event.

Chairman of the Day, Frank Dlugas, introduced "Howard True" as the program. Dressed in yellow wet-weather lobster gear, True looked like he'd come straight from his native Wardsworth Cove, Maine.

Howard told us he gets a big charge out of traveling around the country, that it's good to be back in Abilene after fifteen years. He said he bumped into Spike Lee a few years ago, of Spike's losing 42 cents in a "two-holer". The solution was simple; he added a dollar to the dropped money, for he certainly wasn't going to dig down there for only 42 cents.

Howard told of a language barrier making communication difficult and causing his people to be considered unfriendly when that's far from true. He did point out that "yaw!" is a two-master sailing ship. Generally, folks from Maine communicate nonverbally, using a faint nod to communicate volumes and a flick of a forefinger, shortened from the victory sign, as a wave. He said the one-finger wave to a car with out-of-state plates might be another digit. Verbal communication tends to be limited to the greeting, "It must be the weather."

He told of trying to get Otis elected sheriff, losing a vote because in using a trumpet to attempt to relieve a bloated cow, the voter became angry at Otis who took the repeated blasts from the trumpet to be a steamer and raised the draw bridge. The lost cow resulted in the loss of a potential vote.

Seth and Charlie were neighbors, good staunch Republicans. Demanding an explanation for the appearance of stickers urging, "Vote Democratic" and "Vote Clinton/Gore" one friend learned of the other man's terminal illness. The explanation for the stickers? "If anybody dies, it might as well be a democrat."

After laughing through the lunch hour, we listened as Howard admitted he's also known as Dave Hall, a former member of the club, and an instructor pilot at Dyess from 1985 to 1989. Dave left the service in August 2000 and is Manager of the Peabody Chamber of Commerce in Massachusetts. I'm sure Abilene would welcome him back any time.

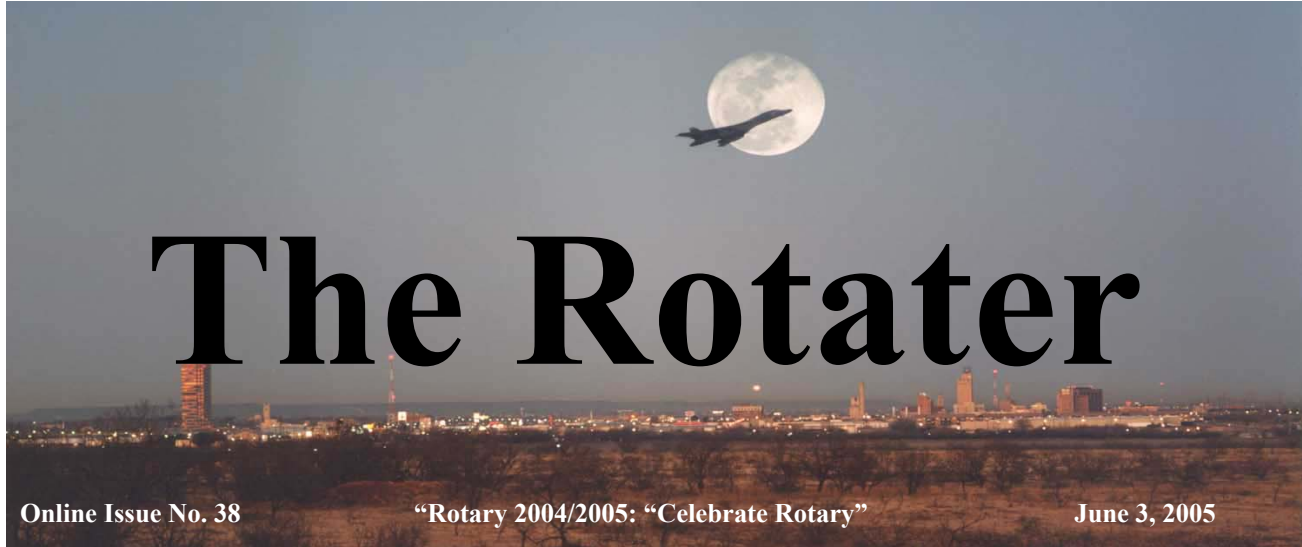
With the presentation of the book for Rotary Reads, President C.G. adjourned the meeting.

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Rotarians on Duty
Friday, June 3, 2005

Chairman of the Day: Frank Dlugas

Invoker: Will Dix

Song Leader: James Parrish

Introduction of Guests: TBA

Registration Assistant: Don Etter

Ticket Taker: TBA

Greeters: David Hejl, Morris Baker, Jay Hobbs, Randy Smith, Pat Clark



Celebrate Rotary
Service to Club and Community

This Week’s Program – Friday, June 3, 2005
12:00 Noon, The Briarstone Manor,
101 Eplen’s Court, Abilene, TX.

“The Goodnight Trail”

Speaker
Sylvia Mahoney
Director of Institutional Advancement
Vernon College

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Program Chairman – Frank Dlugas

June 10, 2005

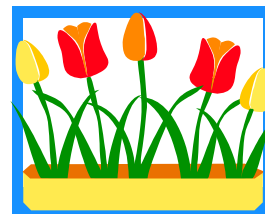
Speaker: President C. G. Gray

June 17, 2005

TBA

June 24, 2005

NO NOON MEETING AT BRIARSTONE
Attend the District Governor’s Banquet instead!
More Information later



LAST FRIDAY – May 27, 2005

President C.G. Gray rang the bell and the weekly Rotary meeting got underway. Bill Waddill had the honor of lighting the Rotary Centennial Candle. Randy Piersall said the prayer. Pinch hitter Ron Smith led the singing and the pledge to the flag. Gary Glenn did a great job of introducing guests.

Frank Dlugas said 26 tickets were sold in Dealing for Dollars, so the pot now has \$73.00. Mike Weber drew the winning number but he quickly said, “Shucks, throw it back in the pot.” Thanks, Mike, we needed that!

The president again announced that a Group Study Exchange from Russia is coming our way and two Russian women need a place to stay. Okay, Rotarians, give Beth a call at 529-5805 and offer your home for these two ladies.

The Centennial Book of our Rotary Club is on sale for \$20.00. The books will be ready by June 10th. The deadline for ordering is Friday, June 3. Incidentally, this writer would encourage you to read and keep the June issue of the RI Rotarian Magazine. Lots of good interesting information concerning the first 100 years of Rotary around the world.

It is time to renew your flag for the year. Check with Turner Cariker and also offer to help place these flags out on Flag Day and July 4th.

Chairperson for the day was Mary Beth Kilgore, who introduced Blair Haynie as our speaker for the day. Blair’s topic was “Frontage Road Conversion Study.” Mr. Haynie has had much experience with roadwork. He was director of transportation in Amarillo, Texas, and then came here to Abilene as an engineer in 1990. At present he is the director of Transportation Planning and Development for the Abilene District. His has been active as a Rotarian and has done much work with the Boy Scouts. In fact, he is an Eagle Scout. He serves on the Texas Trails Council Executive Board.

Blair started out by presenting the project description and objectives, which are two: 1) Study the feasibility of converting two-way frontage roads to one-way frontage roads in and around the City of Abilene; and 2) Study may consist of reconfiguring ramps for one way operation, adding auxiliary lanes and/or reconstructing frontage roads.

He then said the Frontage Road Functions are the following:

- Promote economic development by providing direct access to property abutting controlled-access freeways where no other access exists; and
- Provide an alternate route when activities (maintenance, construction, traffic incidents) occur on the freeway mainlines.

He also presented some disadvantages of two-way frontage roads:

- Accidents, potential for more severe accidents at ramp intersections. Increased risk of wrong way entry to the mainlines from the frontage roads.
- More complicated intersection operations. Accommodate left turns in both directions from arterials. Signal phasing and sequencing issues.

- Reduced traffic carrying capacity. Less capacity than one-way operations.

Before all this takes place, the following studies will occur:

- 1) Phase I – Feasibility/Traffic Studies
- 2) Phase II – Schematic Design, and
- 3) Phase III – Plans, Specifications and Estimates

The project results has the following goals:

- 1) Improve traffic load along the frontage roads;
- 2) Address safety concerns at the entrance and exit ramps;
- 3) Address safety concerns at intersections;
- 4) Improve the operational efficiency at frontage road intersections.

Of course, as we all know, all of the above takes time and money! The speaker said the above would probably be complete in 20 years. There were many interesting questions from Rotarians.

Joe H. Alcorta



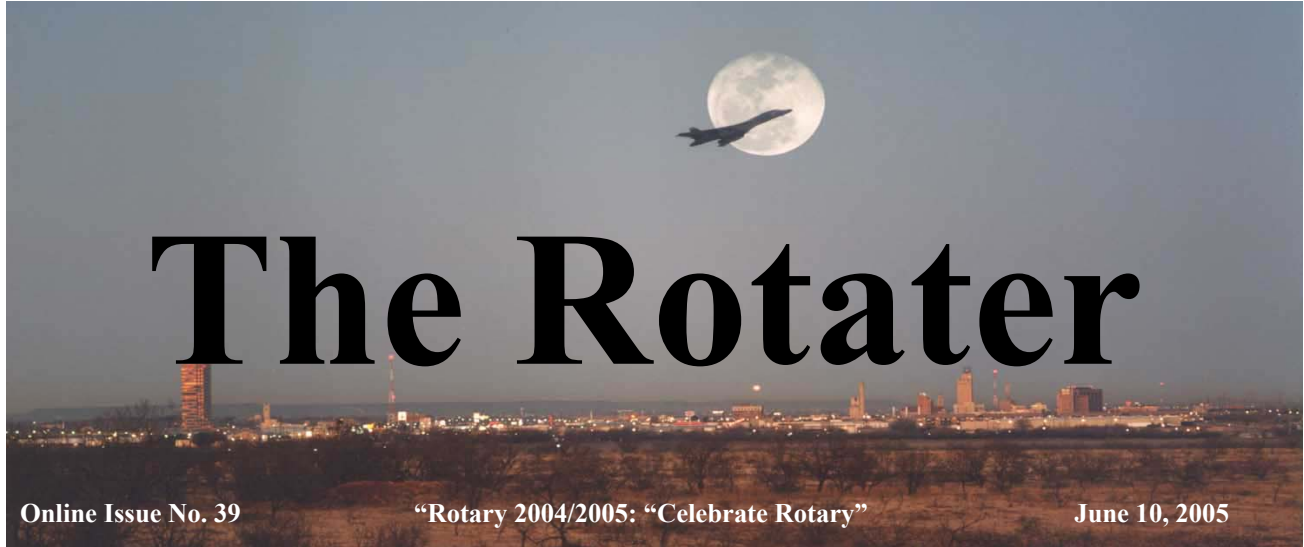
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June 10, 2005

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 Marty Pothier

Rotarians on Duty
Friday, June 10, 2005

Chairman of the Day: Frank Dlugas

Invoker: Joe Alcorta

Song Leader: James Parrish

Introduction of Guests: Jay Hobbs

Registration Assistant: Don Etter

Ticket Taker: Randy Piersall

Greeters: David Hejl, Morris Baker, Jay Hobbs, Randy Smith, Pat Clark

This Week’s Program – Friday, June 10, 2005
12:00 Noon, The Briarstone Manor,
101 Eplen’s Court, Abilene, TX.

**“The President’s
 Remarks”**

Speaker
C. G. Gray, President
Rotary Club of Abilene

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

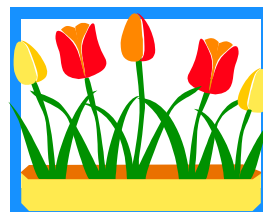
Program Chairman – Frank Dlugas

June 17, 2005
TBA

June 24, 2005
NO NOON MEETING AT BRIARSTONE
Attend the District Governor’s Banquet instead!
More Information later



Celebrate Rotary
Service to Club and Community



LAST FRIDAY – June 3, 2005

President C. G. Gray rang the bell and the weekly Rotary meeting got underway. Millie had the honor of lighting the Rotary Centennial Candle. After a little problem with the lighter, she said: "I would rather be playing the piano." Pinch hitter Morris Baker led the singing with Millie at the piano. Morris also led the pledge to Old Glory. Another pinch hitter, father of twin boys, Erik Johnson, did a great job of introducing guests.

Happy Birthday was sung to Bob Hunter, Paul Lenker, and Buzz Rehm. Buzz was the only one present.

Frank Dlugas was doing his normal thing with Dealing for dollars and when the winner's number was called out no one answered. Guess what? Mr. Frank had drawn his own number, which he had in his pocket. Of course Rotarians were not too pleased and Raymond Blasingame and the president took over the drawing of the card, etc. Frank drew the three of diamonds and quickly threw back the ten dollars. Good sport Frank!

The president announced that the Group Study Exchange Group from Russia is in the U.S. and that activities with the Russian women have been planned out by our club. Thanks to David Stubbeman and Barbara Rollins for hosting these two Russian women. The group will visit the courthouse with Judge Lee Hamilton, tour ACU, Abilene Regional Hospital, Frontier Texas, and then attend two Rotary meetings here in town. Also Frank Dlugas and Peter Fox and spouses will take them for dinner on Saturday. Okay, Rotarians, take time to meet these ladies and learn more about the Russian culture.

The president made two announcements concerning Flag Day and a new program called Born Learning, sponsored by the United Way of Abilene.

Frank Dlugas was chairman of the day and he introduced Sylvia Mahoney as our speaker. Sylvia's topic was "Marking the Great Western Cattle Trail." Frank and Peter met Sylvia at the recent Rotary District Conference in Wichita Falls where she presented this same program. Frank and Peter invited Sylvia to come to Abilene and explain the program.

The following information is from a brochure given out by Sylvia:

"On July 12, 2003, Oklahoma had a dedication ceremony to set the first post to mark the Western Cattle Trail across Oklahoma. The post was west, near the Red River south of Altus, and north of Doan's Crossing in Texas where more than seven million cattle crossed going north from 1876 to 1893. Texas followed suit."

"The idea for marking the Western Cattle Trail originated when two Altus men, Dennis Vernon and John Barton, both members of the Western Trail Historical Society in Altus, met Bob Klemme of Enid, Oklahoma, at the National Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock, Texas. Bob, who had made posts to mark the Chisholm Trail, offered to donate a metal mold so that the two men could make cement posts to mark the Western Cattle Trail, which ran west of the Chisholm Trail. The Western Trail was larger than the

Chisholm Trail, but Hollywood spotlighted the Chisholm Trail in many western movies, making it famous."

"The Rotary Club of Vernon voted to make this a Rotary Centennial Project with Sylvia G. Mahoney and Jeff Bearden being co-chairmen of the project. A post would be donated to a Rotary Club in each of the 17 counties south of Wilbarger County. The Rotary Clubs would be invited to make the Western Cattle Trail across their counties with the trail eventually being marked with a post every six miles for the 620 miles spanning the 18 counties from the Red River to the Rio Grande."

"A Western Cattle Trail Resolution was presented on May 16, 2005, in the Texas Legislature by Senator Frank Madla and Rep. Rick Hardcastle, acknowledging its economic and historical importance. A Western Trail exhibit provided by Mary Ann McCuiston, executive director of the Red River Valley Museum in Vernon, was displayed in the Rotunda of the Capitol for one week."

Our cowgirl, lady speaker has been contacted by Texas A&M Press to write a book about this historical cattle trail. Thanks Frank and Peter for bringing this colorful and delightful gal our way. Okay, Rotarians, when will we set our first post?

Joe H. Alcorta



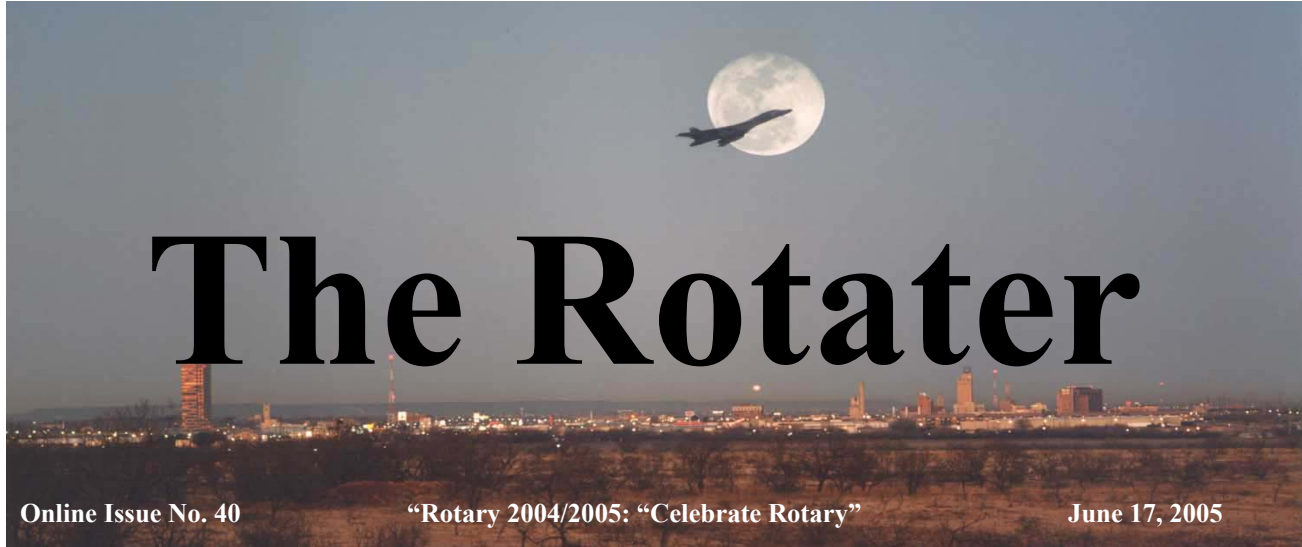
Our Centennial billboards which were located across Abilene during February.

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Rotarians on Duty
Friday, June 17, 2005

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Song Leader: James Parrish

Introduction of Guests: Erik Johnson

Registration Assistant: Gary Glenn

Ticket Taker: Randy Piersall

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This Week’s Program – Friday, June 17, 2005
12:00 Noon, The Briarstone Manor,
101 Eplen’s Court, Abilene, TX.

**“Update from
 Abilene Chamber of
 Commerce”**

Speaker
Gary Robinett
Director of Military Affairs and Education
Abilene Chamber of Commerce

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Program Chairman – Frank Dlugas

June 24, 2005
NO NOON MEETING AT BRIARSTONE
Attend the District Governor’s Banquet instead!
More Information Inside

July 1, 2005
NO NOON MEETING AT BRIARSTONE
July 4th Holiday Weekend – Enjoy!!!



Celebrate Rotary
Service to Club and Community

LAST FRIDAY – June 10, 2005

President C. G. Gray rang the bell and the weekly Rotary Club meeting got underway. The President called on Myra Rainey to light the Centennial Candle and then Dave Boyll gave the invocation. He was followed by Bob Hunter leading the singing and the pledge of allegiance.

President C. G. Gray was our speaker for the day and he reviewed all of the accomplishments which were made during this special Centennial year. He thanked the club members for their participation in the fundraising activities and announced that the club had exceeded our PolioPlus Campaign Pledge by about \$500.00.

He discussed membership and said that the club has been holding steady for the past several months.

He announced a decrease in club dues, which will amount to approximately \$80.00 annually but told the members not to spend it, because they were asking for it back in a Foundation donation. The goal is to have every Rotarian become a Paul Harris Fellow by contributing \$100 per year to the Foundation.

President C.G. then told the members that he had bad news and good news. The bad news is that Myra and Beth would both be retiring as of September 30, 2005. The board has known all year that it was getting to be retirement time, but wasn't sure when that could happen. Then, the good news came, when David Stubbeman volunteered to take over these duties, for free – an offer that couldn't be refused! The president said that this would be a challenge for the club. It will be the first time in 50 years, the club won't have any paid staff, so members will have to kick in and take care of more of the work.

Club members expressed their appreciation to Myra and Beth for their years of service above self and dedication to the Rotary Club of Abilene.

The President than asked Myra to pass the basket, because he needed \$30.00 to have enough funds to offer 10 matching \$100.00 grants to the first 10 Rotarians to send in their check for \$100.00 to the Rotary Foundation. The basket was passed and more than \$30.00 was raised. So this Matching Grant offer is officially on the table – be one of the 10, send in your check today!!

The President announced that President-Elect Peter Fox would be covering for him on Friday, June 17th as he and Barbara will be out of town for the Rotary Convention. There will be no meeting on Friday, July 1st and on Friday, July 8th, the District Governor, Jim Aneff, will be visiting our club. On Friday, July 15th will be our official changeover meeting.

The president then adjourned the meeting.



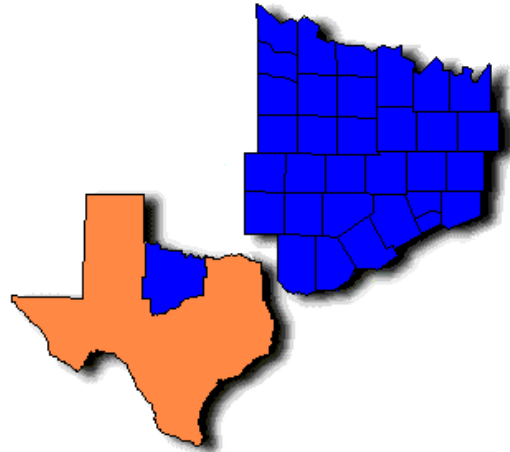
*The Rotary Club of Abilene Southwest
Request the pleasure of your company
At the installation of
James Aneff
Governor of Rotary International
2005-2006
District 5790
On Saturday, June 25, 2005
At the Abilene Woman's Club
3425 South 14th Street
Abilene, Texas*

*Social 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.*

*\$20.00 per person
Business Attire*

*RSVP by June 18 to:
Will Speight – 692-7988*

No charging – you may pay at the door, but reservations are required in advance. No refunds – if you sign up, you will be expected to pay.



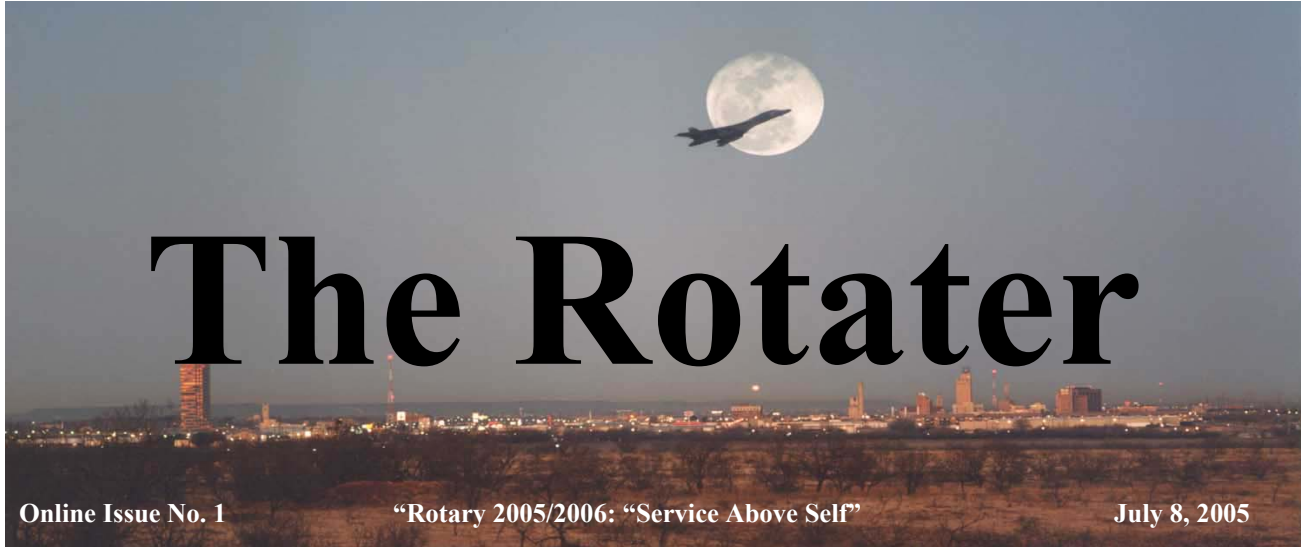
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Rotarians on Duty
Friday, July 8, 2005

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Invoker: TBA

Song Leader: TBA

Introduction of Guests: TBA

Registration Assistant: TBA

Ticket Taker: TBA

Greeters: TBA

Paul Harris Fellows, Please wear your medallions on Friday!
 There will NOT be a reception this year before the
 Governor’s meeting as the board will be meeting with the
 Governor at that time. PHFs will be recognized during the
 regular meeting.



SERVICE Above Self

RI Theme 2005/2006

This Week’s Program – Friday, July 8, 2005
12:00 Noon, The Briarstone Manor,
101 Eplen’s Court, Abilene, TX.

**“District Governor’s
 Club Visit”**

Speaker
Jim Aneff
Rotary District 5790
Governor 2005/2006

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Program Chairman – Frank Dlugas

July 15, 2005
CHANGE-OVER
President Gray passes the gavel officially
to President Peter Fox!

July 22, 2005
TBA

July 29, 2005
TBA

*It’s the beginning of a new Rotary year! Committees
 are still being formed. Hopefully we will have all the
 TBAs named by the end of July.*

LAST FRIDAY – June 17, 2005

Incoming President, Peter Fox, presided today in the absence of President C. G. Gray. Other pinch hitters included Paul Lenker who said the prayer; Bruce Lampert led the singing and the pledge to Old Glory. Still another reliever was Mary Beth Kilgore who did a great job of introducing guests.

Frank Dlugas said 40 tickets were sold today in Dealing for Dollars, which makes the total pot to be \$192.00. Today's winner was Dave O'Conner, who is \$10.00 richer!

Rotarian Peter announced the installation dinner for incoming District Governor Jim Aneff. The event is on Saturday, June 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Abilene Women's Club. For this reason, there will be no weekly meeting of our club on Friday, June 24th. With a little humor presiding, Rotarian Peter said, "Although I voted that we have no meeting on the 24th, I now think it was not a good idea!!! (That is water under the bridge!)

THEN, the following Friday is July 1st, so there will be no meeting again!!! Our next meeting at Briarstone is Friday, July 8th.

Frank Dlugas was chairman of the day and he introduced Gary Robinett as our speaker for the day. Gary is the Director of Military Affairs and Education for the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. His responsibilities include developing and promoting the economy and quality of life in the Abilene community by maintaining and expanding the military presence and the strong relationship between Abilene and Dyess Air Force Base and ensuring that Dyess plays a key role in our national defense infrastructure. His background includes 27 years of service with the U.S. Air Force. He spent 7 years at Dyess as a Wing Executive Officer, Protocol Office and Commander of the Mission Support Squadron.

Gary's topic had to do with base relocation and closure. Gary was informing Rotarians about an upcoming trip on Monday, July 11th, to San Antonio. The goal is to fill 10 busses, which will seat 50 people per bus. Adult Abilenians are encouraged to go. On that day in San Antonio there will be a formal hearing, which will last about 25 minutes concerning Dyess Air Force Base. Several people who will be representing Abilene will speak in favor of keeping Dyess Air Force Base open. So, Rotarians, sign up and support Dyess and Abilene. Gary said, "We do not want to take anything for granted. We want to show and demonstrate to the commission the importance of Dyess."

The busses will leave from the Expo Center's parking lot at 6:00 a.m. and will probably return around 7:00 p.m. that same day. Breakfast and lunch will be provided and there is no cost to individuals. A t-shirt advertising Abilene and Dyess will be worn by Abilene supporters. The logo on the T-shirt reads, "Abilene/Dyess Mission Ready." People traveling on the buses will need to give names and the last four numbers on their Social Security card. So, Rotarians, what are you waiting for? Be part of the team and travel to San Antonio at no cost to you!!!

There were several good questions from Rotarians to Gary. Good Program!

Joe H. Alcorta

**IN MEMORY OF
HARRY
TREDENNICK**

Our former member, Harry Tredennick, passed away on June 20, 2005. The following story is from a previous issue of The Rotater.

This is the story of a good Texan who was born in Yankeeland. On September 14, 1919, Harry Leslie Tredennick, Jr. came into this world in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, the town that had a mighty flood. In 1937 he completed high school in his home city. It was then to Ithaca, New York to attend Cornell, started in 1865. The school was begun as a land grant college, resulting from the Morrill Act of 1862 that was signed by President Lincoln.

Harry is the father of seven children. His sons are Harry, John, William, Steve, and Jim, our 1993-94 president. The daughters are Catherine (Sampish) and Mary. There are twelve grandchildren and Harry has to travel quite some in order to visit them. This fine fellow is a member at The Church of the Heavenly Rest.

That degree in electrical engineering from Cornell prepared our subject for his work. Prior to that work, however, he was in the U.S. Army's signal corp. for three years, half of which was served in the Pacific. It was then to General Electric for 37 years, working in Schenectady, Oklahoma City, and Abilene. He retired in 1984, following which he has done commendable community work.

Harry was proposed for Rotary membership by George Compton and joined us in February 1960. He was our 1984-85 president and became a Paul Harris Fellow during that time. He attended the Birmingham, England Convention, taking Jim with him. He was a great admirer of Rotary's work with youth, attested by the fact that he hosted many students on bus tours and exchange programs. This dedicated Rotarians was a great asset to our club.

This Rotarian's community work was extensive. He has helped with Mend A Child, Hospice, and Boy Scouts. He has also served on the boards of Abilene Food Bank, Red Cross, Adult Protective Service and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board.

He also belonged to the Key City Amateur Radio Club. And, how about his '64 and '66 Mustangs? If there was any time left, he went go to his place on Possum Kingdom, where he has also entertained many Rotary GSE Teams.

The former president of our club said he really enjoyed the fellowship of Rotary and all the good work they do, especially in trying to establish world peace.

Harry went on inactive status a couple of years ago because of ill health. He has been missed and we will continue to miss him.

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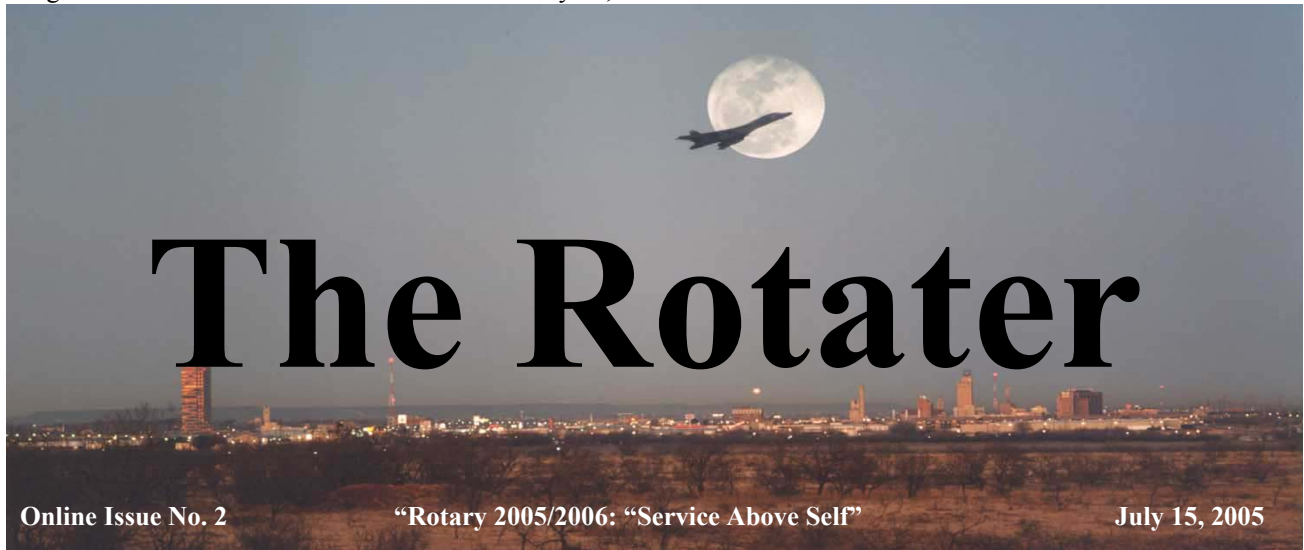
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Friday, July 15, 2005

Chairman of the Day: President C. G. Gray

Invocator: TBA

Song Leader: TBA

Introduction of Guests: Bill Waddill

Registration Assistant: TBA

Ticket Taker: TBA

Greeters: TBA

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12:00 Noon, The Briarstone Manor,
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“Change-Over”

Speakers
President C. G. Gray, 2004/2005
President Peter Fox, 2005/2006

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Program Chairman – Frank Dlugas

July 22, 2005

Speaker: Representative Bob Hunter

July 29, 2005

TBA

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SERVICE Above Self

RI Theme 2005/2006

LAST FRIDAY – July 8, 2005

President Peter Fox introduced Jim Aneff, District Governor for 2005/2006. Jim is no stranger to members of the Abilene Rotary Club. He is a member at the Abilene Southwest Rotary Club.

Jim spoke to the club about the coming Rotary year. He discussed membership and urged the club to conduct a survey on member satisfaction. He told us that membership is a problem worldwide, with Rotary holding its own due to the expansion of clubs in Asia and Russia. He said that other service clubs in the U.S. has experienced a decline of about 50%. Governor Jim said that Rotary is even more vital now and that there are plenty of potential members in Abilene. He said we need to make the necessary changes in our clubs in order to attract the younger people. He did say that he has talked to a number of former members of our club and they all have a great allegiance to this club, yet haven't come back. What can we do about that?

He would like to see the Youth Exchange Program grow with new Rotarians being added to the committee. If you are interested in this project, please contact Peggy McConnell or Raymond Blasingame.

He also discussed the District Conference for 2006, which will be held in Abilene. He is asking that each club help with the conference. The goal is for 400 to attend. The theme for the conference is: Abilene, Where the Buffalo Roam.

Jim said the District was very successful this past year with many programs that helped people in great need. He announced a District Matching Grant, up to \$1,500.00 on a first come, first serve basis, for a new local community service project.

He also announced the Dave Mason, his Assistant District Governor, is the Governor Nominee for 2007/2008. Dave is a member of the Southwest Rotary Club.

It was a pleasure to welcome our local District Governor to our club meeting!

Resignations Received:

Beginning July 1, 2005, we will publish all resignations. This is to help our members keep track of members. If you see someone who has resigned, ask them to reconsider. Let them know they are missed!

Guy Lucas, A.G. Edwards, has resigned due to time constraints. (7-12-05)



Remember – “Every Rotarian – Every Year”

We can still match a few more \$100.00 contributions to The Rotary Foundation – get yours in today!!! First come, first serve!!!!

The Rotary's 4 Way Test

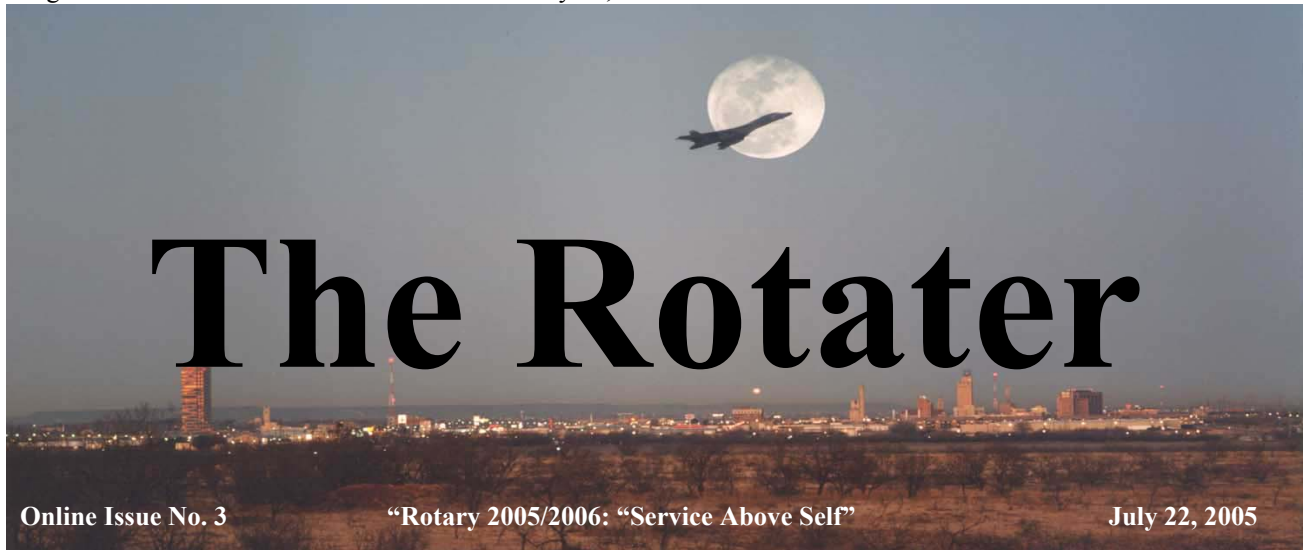
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Rotarians on Duty
Friday, July 22, 2005

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Invoker: TBA

Song Leader: Paul Lenker

Introduction of Guests: Randy Smith

Registration Assistant: Ed Brokaw

Ticket Taker: TBA

Greeters: TBA



SERVICE Above Self

RI Theme 2005/2006

This Week’s Program – Friday, July 22, 2005
12:00 Noon, The Briarstone Manor,
101 Eplen’s Court, Abilene, TX.

“Update on Texas Legislature”

Speaker
Representative Bob Hunter

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Program Chairman – Frank Dlugas

July 29, 2005
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LAST FRIDAY – July 15, 2005

President Peter Fox rang the bell and the weekly Abilene Rotary Club meeting got underway. Our pianist, Millie, had the honor of lighting the Centennial Rotary Candle. This writer had the privilege of bringing the invocation. Paul Lenker had Rotarians singing “Smile and the Whole World Smiles With You”, plus our National Anthem. Paul also led in the pledge to Old Glory. Bill Waddill did a great job of introducing guests.

Rotarian Peter Agnell had the duty of doing Dealing for Dollars. Peter said 42 tickets were sold. Randy Piersall was the lucky winner of ten bucks!

President Peter said some nice words about Rotarian Fred Lee Hughes and other Rotarians who made the trip to San Antonio on July 11th to show support for Dyess Air Force Base. The president said he had been impressed by the ones making the presentation for Dyess and he was very happy to have taken part in it.

The president then gave a brief review of the good work president C.G. Gray had done all year long. Here are a few things he mentioned: 1) The Rotary Reads Program, 2) the awarding of books to Jane Long Elementary in the honor of Rotary speakers, 3) the \$2,500 donation to the children of the dump in Nicaragua, 4) the finishing up of the Polio Plus Campaign, 5) and the Centennial History write-up in the Abilene Reporter News which led to the writing of the Abilene Rotary Club’s history by Myra Rainey, with articles written by members and pictures taken throughout the years. Rotarians all agree, C. G. did a great job as president. Thanks, C.G.!

The newly elected president presented the former president with the president’s plaque and pin and more words of appreciation. In response, C. G. said, “Thanks, it has been a great year. I am looking forward to this new year. We are even going to have a better year.” C. G. also encouraged Rotarians to call and check up on Rotarians who have dropped membership. C. G. has had contact with Michael Burke and K.O. Long, who are ready to return.

Both, “old” and “new” presidents gave credit to their respective boards and asked that they stand so they could be recognized.

The new president said that we are going to try some new things. He said that we are going to do more singing; the sign-up is going to be a little different; and he encouraged Rotarians to wear their Rotary pins along with Paul Harris pins, medals, etc

Joel Wilson and Durward Young were mentioned who are ill and need a call or a visit.

President Peter Fox ended the informative and jolly meeting at 12:46. Okay, Rotarians, let’s get behind this yew leader and get to work! How about proposing some new members? See you Friday!

Joe Alcorta

Proposed New Members

The following membership proposals have been approved by the board of directors. If there are no written objections received from the membership by July 27th, they will be eligible for membership on July 29th.

Don Morris, Don Morris Insurance (grandson of Don Morris and son of Tommy Morris, both former Rotarians), proposed by C. G. Gray

Donnie Snider, Abilene Christian University/Professor Education Department, proposed by C. G. Gray

Dustin Clark, Tige’Boats, Manager, Public Relations, proposed by C. G. Gray

Steve Templeton, Templeton Equipment, Owner, proposed by C. G. Gray

Sheila Richardson, Royal Estates Senior Lifestyles, Outreach Coordinator, proposed by Derral Reed

Kathy Baley, Paul Johnson Realtors, proposed by Erik Johnson.

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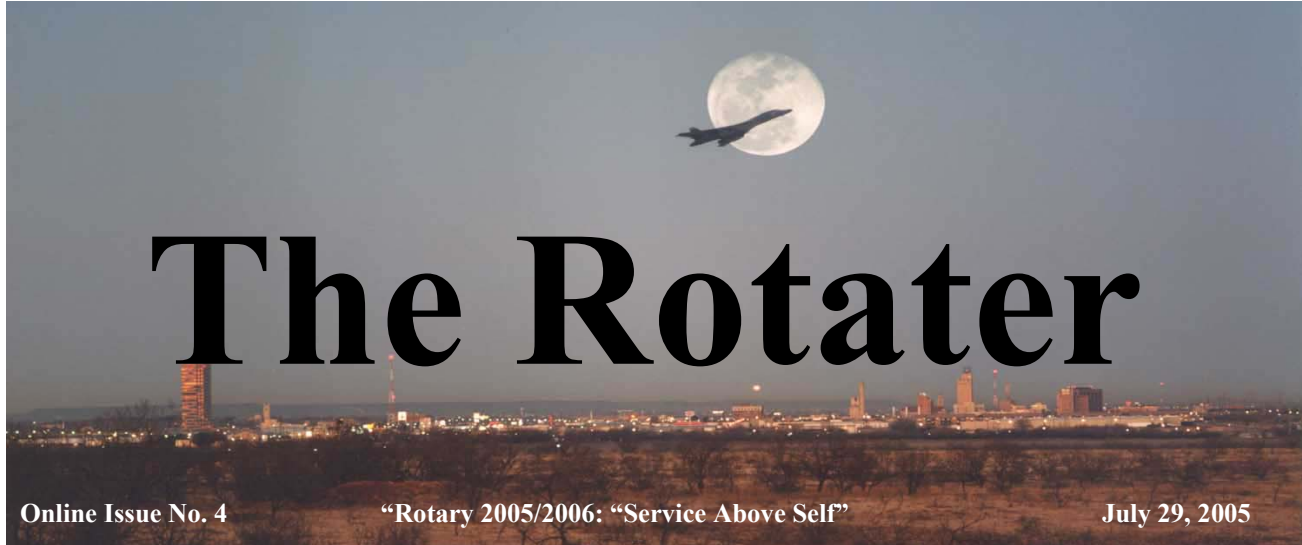
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 by Rotarian & Photographer:
 Marty Pothier

Rotarians on Duty
July/August 2005

Invocator: Paul Lenker

Song Leader: Paul Lenker

Introduction of Guests: Peter Agnell

Registration Assistant: Will Dix

Ticket Taker: Jay Hobbs

Greeters: Tim Doty

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEGINNING WITH THIS ISSUE, THE ROTATER WILL BE ISSUED MONTHLY INSTEAD OF WEEKLY.

CLUB DUES ARE NOW “PAST DUE”. IF YOU HAVEN’T MAILED YOUR DUES PAYMENT, PLEASE DO SO TODAY! R.I. DUES MUST BE PAID THIS MONTH.



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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Meetings are held on Fridays, 12:00 Noon, At the Briarstone, 101 Eplen’s Court, Abilene, TX.

Friday, July 29, 2005

“Rotary Foundation Scholar to Ecuador”

Speaker: Stephanie Mexia

Chairman of the Day: John Pennington

Southwest Rotary Club

Friday, August 5, 2005

“Relationship Between U.S.A. & Saudi Arabia”

Speaker: Major-General Paul Schwartz, Retired

Chairman of the Day: Bill Ehrie

Friday, August 12, 2005

“West Texas Medical Center”

Speaker: Ron Rives, CEO

Chairman of the Day: Austin King

Friday, August 19, 2005

TBA

(An email announcing the Program and Speaker will be sent to all members that week)

Friday, August 26, 2005

(Tentative)

Rotary Golf Tournament & Club Picnic

No Noon Meeting at Briarstone Manor

Erik Johnson – Event Chairman

Regular Monthly Rotary Board Meeting
Friday, August 12, 2005
Immediately following our weekly club meeting.

LAST FRIDAY – July 22, 2005

Our new president, Peter Fox, rang the bell and the weekly Abilene Downtown Rotary Club meeting got underway. John Harris brought the prayer; Bruce Lampert led Rotarians in singing “Home On The Range” and the National Anthem. Bruce also led in the pledge to the flag. Randy Smith did a great job of introducing guests.

Kim Boshier said she could do Dealing for Dollars provided no one won the pot. Fifty-six tickets were sold for a current total of \$98.00. Rotarian Peter Agnell had the winning ticket, but the five of hearts only won him ten bucks. As always, Peter said to put it back in the pot! Thanks, Peter!!

President Peter (Fox) called C.G. to the front and again said some nice things about the immediate past president and also had a word of apology for not including Barbara last week.

C.G. had the honor of recognizing Rotarian David Stubbeman as the Rotarian of the Year. As C. G. said, Mr. David has done it all in Rotary. He has been in Rotary for about 35 years. David is a past president, PDG, and currently working with the District. David has been very active with Camp RYLA and the Rotary Reads Program. David’s wife, Sue, was present for the occasion. Congratulations to a great Rotarian.

Erik Johnson announced the Rotary Golf Tournament, which is to take place at Fairway Oaks on Saturday, August 27th. Non-members of Fairway Oaks pay \$42.00 and members pay \$25.00. There will be a par 3 contest that will cost \$20.00. The money will go to the Arnold Palmer Prostrate Cancer Foundation. A Friday dinner at Little Italy Restaurant will cost \$10.00 per person. There will be a picnic and swimming party after the golf tournament. Cost will be \$6.50 per person. There will be a need for volunteers and for golf sponsors.

President Fox called on Frank Dlugas to introduce our speaker, Bob Hunter.

Frank’s introduction: “Here’s Bob.”

Bob became a Rotarian in March 1964. He was proposed by Don Morris. He was our president (1983-84) and is a Paul Harris Fellow. He was District Governor Nominee in 1987 but had to withdraw because of his legislature duties. He also served on the Abilene City Council. He was elected as our State Representative in 1986. He and his wife, Shirley, have three adult children.

Bob’s topic was “Update on the Texas legislature.” In reality, Bob talked about the current school bill. The Texas elected Senators and Representatives have been very busy trying to come up with a school bill, which will pass and be fair to all the school districts in Texas. (Is that possible?)

Bob said the Robin Hood idea, where richer school districts were sharing the wealth with the poorer school districts, was not working. Because of the mandate that every child in the public schools is to receive a fair and adequate education, Texas school financing across the State has to be brought up to date. Many school districts are already taxing their residents the pot allotted amount of \$1.50. If the Legislature

were to vote to lower the cap amount of \$1.50 many other problems would develop.

Bob also included some “humorous” stories as to how difficult it is to pass a bill. He shared a funny story when Legislatures were voting on the Texas Lottery back there in the time of Governor Ann Richards. There were 98 votes for the lottery and 100 were needed. Bob received a personal call from the governor stating, “Bob, I hear you are going to be the 100th voter for the lottery.” Bob answered, “Governor, that is not correct information. If I vote for the lottery, I cannot return to my district.” Bob said that people were saying it was probably Church of Christ people that were pressuring Bob not to vote for the lottery. Bob, in a humorous way, said to Rotarians, “It was not the Church of Christ people, but it was my Methodists and Baptists friends.

With that story, some visitor suggested to Bob that since the (original) lottery money was to help schools, why not give the entire jackpot to education. Bob quickly asked the gentleman to put his idea into writing so he could introduce it to the right people. Besides being a great person and Rotarian, Bob also has a great sense of humor!

Bob ended his speech by saying, “It is a great honor to represent you.”

Thanks, Bob, for serving us and the great job you do.

Joe Alcorta



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