



# Denton Rotary Club

Chartered May 1, 1920  
District 5790 • Club No. 1779

P. O. Box 1622 • Denton, Texas 76202

Meeting Time:  
Thursday, Noon  
Radisson Hotel

[www.dentonrotary.com](http://www.dentonrotary.com)

# The Flywheel

Thursday, March 29, 2007

## 2006-07 Officers

Ron Aldridge	President
Sonja Rogers	President-elect
Horace Brock	Past President
Margaret Griffin	Secretary
Rob Seay	Treasurer
Dick Stewart	Sergeant-at-Arms
Tom Syler and David Barrett	Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
John Shrader and Ralph Flesher	Co-Historians
Leigh Hilton	Director, Club Awards
Becky Opperman	Chaplain
Bill Cissell	Director, Grants & Development
Dick Stewart and Phillip Young	Music Directors

<b>Club Service (A)</b>	Sonja Rogers, Director
Mark Ragsdale, Guy McElroy	Membership
Jim Alexander	Classification
John Shrader, Jack Cross	Membership Development
Mark Burroughs	Attendance
Pete Bradbury	Audit
Pete Bradbury	Club Bulletin

<b>Club Service (B)</b>	Steven Coburn, Director
Don Barnes	Fellowship
Harv Kitchens	Fundraising
Phillip Young	Programs
John Cabrales, Jr.	Public Relations
Jo Ann Ballantine	Web Site
Dick Stewart	Magazines

<b>Community Service</b>	Virginia Langston-McDaniel, Director
Tom LaPoint, Mary Gotcher	Environmental Services
Rick Woolfolk	Blood Drive
George Alatzas	Human Development
Michelle Cunningham	Scholarship
Bill McKee, Carolyn Ishee	Partners-in-Service
Ricky Grunden	Community Development

<b>International Service</b>	Eva Poole, Director
Herman Oosterwijk	International Youth
Bill Cissell	HIV/AIDS
Horace Brock	World Fellowship
Bob Peterson, Bruce Sandelin	Rotary Foundation
	World Community Service

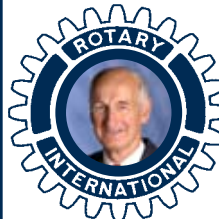
<b>Vocational Service</b>	Larry Aaron, Director
Gloria Anderson	Career Development
Vicki Smith, Mary Ann McDuff	RYLA
Polly Thompson	Vocational Awareness
Herbert Holl	Vocational Awards
Derv Hudgens	4-Way Speech

## 2006-07 Directors

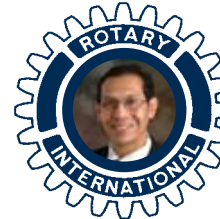
Mary Gotcher	Bill Cissell
Jack Cross	Virginia Langston-McDaniel
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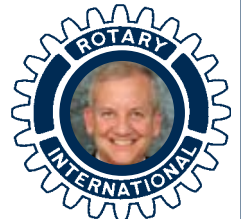
## Rotary International 2006 - 2007 Theme



William B. Boyd  
International President



Dan Morales  
District Governor



Dr. Ron Aldridge  
Club President

## Today's Program:

TWU Athletics  
Chalese Connors

## Upcoming Programs:

Apr. 5	UNT Rotaract Bill McKee
Apr. 12	Keep Denton Beautiful Aimee Dennis
Apr. 19	UNT Football Todd Dodge



## Bill's TRAVELOGUE

February was a month in which we felt the cold! My wife, Lorna, and I live in a New Zealand city where the temperature seldom drops to freezing (and seldom gets very hot), and the Chicago temperatures were hard to take.

We went to Iowa, USA, to visit Bettendorf and Cedar Rapids and had the warmest of receptions, but also a snowstorm that, by our standards, was close to a blizzard. When we went to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, we thought it would be hot, but we managed to arrive on their only two cool days.

Austin, Texas, was warm, but we had little chance to enjoy it. Like so many of our visits, we traveled from the airport to the hotel, had meetings there, and went back to the airport. Our hosts were very hospitable, but we didn't have the time to take advantage of their kindness. There will be many cities we'll need to revisit so we can truly appreciate them.

We began the month at the International Assembly in San Diego, California. Again, the magic of that training event left a lasting impression on the district governors-elect who attended.

From there it was back to Evanston, Illinois, for an RI Board meeting. The meeting was a very good one, as we had excellent exchanges of views on a range of topics, although we had to leave a few smaller items for our next meeting. As directors, you feel the responsibility of decisions, such as redistricting, which can affect many Rotarians. We are now getting close to the acceptance of RI's strategic plan and have put considerable time into preparations for the Council on Legislation. The Board highlights are published on the RI Web site, and though the decisions do not indicate the tone of the debate, they will give you some idea of where the time went.

### Former Scholar Turns Stumbling Blocks Into Stepping Stones

Young-Woo Kang knows about obstacles. As a teenager, he lost his eyesight, his mother, and his sister within just a few years. Growing up in Korea as an orphan, he faced suspicion and ostracism because of his blindness, which traditionally limited his occupation to fortunetelling or massage.

Kang, however, chose a very different course. He fought to take college entrance exams and was the first blind student in Korea to study at prestigious Yonsei University, graduating with

We had one week in Evanston devoted to normal Rotary business, the last such week before the end of the Rotary year. There are always matters to be considered by the president, but the position requires meeting as many Rotarians as possible. It's hard to balance time in the office and important travel.

The last day of the month was spent at a special meeting in Geneva called by the World Health Organization director-general to assess progress in eradicating polio and to set measurable goals we can use to determine how well we are succeeding. Leaders from UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization represented their institutions. The meeting had about 70 attendees, including people who came from the polio-endemic countries and major funding agencies such as the World Bank. The meeting was very honest in assessing needs. In addition, a Harvard professor reported on the economic value of eradication compared with control of the disease, which has been advocated in a few articles recently. Two interesting comments noted that the end of a marathon is always the hardest part, as are the last stages of climbing a mountain.

The eradication of polio remains the greatest public-private health initiative ever, and there were frequent references to the importance of Rotary's role. We may not receive much publicity, but we are appreciated.

Lorna and I will spend time in six countries in March, so we will be moving fast, and we appreciate all the support we're being given. This truly is a wonderful job!

honors. After receiving a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to attend the University of Pittsburgh, Kang overcame regulations preventing disabled people from studying abroad and became the first blind person from Korea to earn a doctorate.

Knocking down obstacles became an intrinsic part of Kang's life. Strong allies in his struggles included his wife, Kyoung, who served as his teacher and later a teacher of the blind, and Rotary. While at Yonsei University, he met William Powell, a blind Rotarian from Wesleyville, Pennsylvania, USA, who helped him obtain the Foundation scholarship in 1972-73 and later invited him to join Rotary.

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### The Rotary 4-Way Test

*Is it the TRUTH? • Is it FAIR to All Concerned?*

*Will it Build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? • Will it be BENEFICIAL to All Concerned?*

...from Former Scholar

"William Powell was with me all the way through," Kang says. "When I could not eliminate obstacles, he found a way around them." After receiving his doctorate in special education, Kang and his wife moved to Indiana, where he joined the Rotary Club of Munster. Today, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Washington D.C.



Kang speaks at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., where he was honored for his humanitarian work.

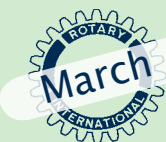
While in Indiana, Kang realized how U.S. policies and resources assisted disabled people, leading him to establish the Education and Rehabilitation Exchange Foundation to bring similar measures to Korea. He worked with fellow Rotarian Kwan Sik Min, Korea's minister of education, to help change laws and attitudes and empower people with disabilities.

Now a U.S. citizen, Kang is a member of the National

Council on Disability, vice chair of the World Committee on Disability, and commemorative chair and senior adviser for the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. He has written several books, and his autobiography, *A Light in My Heart*, was made into a feature film in Korea. In October 2006, U.S. first lady Laura Bush invited him to speak at the White House as a role model during National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

In his Rotary club, Kang focuses on Matching Grant projects. The most recent one connects his club with District 3650 in Korea to bring Mongolian children with congenital heart disorders to Seoul for lifesaving surgeries.

"Rotary has been an integral part of my life," Kang says. "I can't talk about my experiences without talking about Rotary."



March is  
Literacy Month

## Attendance Report

March 22nd, 2007

Members Present ..... 38  
Makeups ..... 0  
Percentage for this Meeting ..... 45.24%

## Guests

The following Guests attended the  
March 22nd Meeting

**Guest Speaker**  
Liz Oliphant

**Topic:**  
The Ben E. Keith Story

**Guests**  
Bruce Burlson  
Dave Ragan  
Don Fischer

**Guest of:**  
Dale Kimble  
Ricky Grunden  
Phillip Young

**Rotarian Guests**  
Mary Saunders  
Tyler Wood

**Club:**  
Denton South  
Denton South

## Other Guests

David Petersen - New Member  
Gary Conwell - New Member  
Joanie Housewright - New Member

## Leave of Absence

Mike Conduff ..... 9/6/2006 to 4/5/2007  
Mary Gotcher ..... 3/1/2007 to 5/31/2007  
Paige Nelson ..... 12/17/2006 to 12/17/2007

## Makeup Options

Colleyville PM	Tuesday	Noon	Bellisimo's Italian Restaurant
Denton South	Tuesday	6:45 am	Radisson
DFW	Friday	Noon	Hyatt Airport- West Tower
Flower Mound	Thursday	Noon	Salerno's
Gainesville	Wednesday	Noon	First Baptist Church
Keller	Tuesday	Noon	The Round House
Lewisville	Wednesday	Noon	Groto-Highland Village Rd & FM 407
Lewisville AM	Thursday	7:00 am	Village Grill - 2250 FM 407
Metroport	Friday	7:00 am	Mariott Solana Hotel
Sanger	Tuesday	Noon	Sanger Community Center

Please note the Rotary Club you visited when you turn in your "make-up" card. Meetings must be made-up within 2 weeks before or after the meeting missed.  
Need more meeting options? Visit RI's website [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## Rotary Club

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Noon, Wednesday, April 11, 2007  
DATCU • Administration Building

## IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

Payment of dues, correspondence, etc. for the Club should be sent to the Club's official mailing address: Denton Rotary Club  
P.O. Box 1622, Denton, TX 76202.

Please submit *Flywheel* information to WheelerPress: fax 940-383-4250 or email: [print@wheelerpress.com](mailto:print@wheelerpress.com). Deadline is Wednesday noon.  
Cheryl Hedric, Executive Secretary – 940-380-7448, [chedric@datcu.coop](mailto:chedric@datcu.coop)

Please bring your magazines to our Thursday meetings and place them on the piano, so that the Magazine Committee can distribute to area hospitals and retirement centers. Thank you.