



# 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, May 24, 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

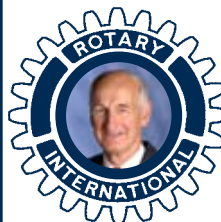
<b>Vocational Service</b>	Larry Aaron, Director
Gloria Anderson	Career Development
Vicki Smith, Mary Ann McDuff	RYLA
Polly Thompson	Vocational Awareness
Herbert Holl	Vocational Awards
Derv Hudgens	4-Way Speech

## 2006-07 Directors

Mary Gotcher	Bill Cissell
Jack Cross	Virginia Langston-McDaniel
Eva Poole	Larry Aaron
Leigh Hilton	George Alatzas
Steven Coburn	



Rotary International  
2006 - 2007 Theme



William B. Boyd  
International President



Dan Morales  
District Governor



Dr. Ron Aldridge  
Club President

## Today's Program:

Wilkes Berry Memorial Dedication  
District Governor Dan Morales

## Upcoming Programs:

May 31 Denton Independent School District  
Mia Price, DISD Board  
Ray Braswell, Superintendent of Schools

# Remembering Dr. Wilkes Berry



Dr. Wilkes Berry

From the Meritorious Service Award Program  
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I invite Dr. Wilkes Berry to join me at the podium. The award for meritorious service to Texas Woman's University is symbolized by a handsome bronze medallion bearing the profile of the pioneer woman and the name of the recipient. Nominations for the award are made by members of the TWU Community and are recommended to the Chancellor by a committee representing faculty, students and staff. The award recognizes sustained, exceptional service to the university, and this honor has been bestowed only nine times in the last 31 years.

Dr. Wilkes Berry has graced TWU with his presence for 24 years, and the university is a better place because of him. He has served as professor of English, Dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Provost of the General Divisions, Associate Vice President for Academic and Cultural Affairs, Associate Provost and Interim Provost. To each of these positions he brought intellect, insight, wisdom, loyalty, compassion and a talent for the wise use of tasteful humor. He has served as a valued colleague and associate vice president to seven academic vice presidents. Being able to work congenially and helpfully with the broad array of vice presidents is a testament to his flexibility and interpersonal skills.

Wilkes Berry has provided extraordinary leadership in academic affairs, community engagement, public service and all aspects of university life. From his leadership in accreditation, program review, core curriculum and strategic planning to his impeccable planning for public events, he sets high standards and brings out the best in others. His eloquence and humor make TWU'S public occasions dignified and enjoyable.

One of the greatest gifts Wilkes has given the university is his presence in the community, not only in Denton, but across the state. He has a flair for public speaking and is highly sought as a speaker. The regional community knows Wilkes Berry as a

*Editor's Note: Perhaps the best way to remember Wilkes is by reading just some of the many articles written about this remarkable man. The excerpts given here are only a representative sampling of the love and admiration that pervaded Wilkes' life.*

cherished resource of fascinating information on virtually all topics historical, literary and political. He is a true goodwill ambassador for TWU in all he says and does.

His commitment to community is best reflected by his lifetime service to Rotary International. He served as both President of the Denton Rotary Club and Governor of Rotary District 5790. He also served as President of the First Texas Council of Campfire Incorporated and as a member of the Advisory Committee for North Texas Public Broadcasting Incorporated. Never has there been an individual who better lived the Rotarian charge to maintain "service above self."

For his many and varied distinguished contributions over an extended period, in convocation assembled on the Denton campus of Texas Woman's University, in the presence of regents, colleagues, present and former students, staff members, patrons and friends, I am pleased to confer the award for Meritorious Service on Dr. Wilkes Berry.

*Excerpt from Denton Record-Chronicle  
January 19, 2006, Page 8*

Through his long list of accomplishments would be sufficient stars in the crown for many and older educators, we somehow get the feeling that Wilkes Berry was just getting started. He was the kind of man for whom the past was forever prologue: we scarcely dare to think of what he would have accomplished for both TWU and Denton had he been given time.

In only 24 years, Berry served as a professor of English, Dean of The College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Provost of the General Division, Associate Vice President for Academic and Cultural Affairs, Associate Provost and Interim Provost. It is little wonder that he was known around the campus and around the town as "Mr. TWU"

All this from a man who didn't even get to TWU until almost midway into his distinguished academic career — he spent 18 years at Texas Tech before joining the TWU family in 1981.

Wilkes Berry was a renaissance man in a code-of-the-West town, and it speaks well of both that they grew to care for and respect each other without ever losing any of their essential characteristics.

Berry was the perfect town-grown liaison man — learned, sophisticated and witty, but totally without pretension. He used his incurable reading habit as fodder for his numerous lectures, not only on the TWU campus but throughout the Denton community. He made the sometimes-arcanic world of art and higher learning accessible and acceptable to those outside of academia as he enriched the educational experience of his students.

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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?*

... continued from Dr. Wilkes Berry

It didn't hurt that he also dressed like a million bucks. Erudition, wit and style — that's a hard combination to beat.

Berry's formal academic discipline was English, but his tastes were catholic; he was an eloquent spokesman for and supporter of Denton's bustling arts community, whether he was counseling arts programs on the TWU campus, attending an opening at the Campus Theatre or boosting Brave Combo's annual Christmas paean to the Chicken Dance on the Courthouse Square.

TWU's Chancellor and President Dr. Ann Stuart, called him a "treasure" and "a beloved member of the university and the Denton communities," and those fortunate to know Wilkes Berry Jr. can only add "amen" to her tribute.

He was a vigorous life, filled with art, learning and high good humor.

It was also a life of service, and everyone in this good town is in his debt

#### *Dr. Wilkes Berry's Retirement Announcement August 2, 2005*

August 2, 2005 - DENTON — Texas Woman's University will honor Dr. Wilkes Berry, Professor and Associate Provost Emeritus, with a retirement reception Thursday, Aug. 4, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the second floor of the Administration Conference Tower, located on Administration Drive on TWU's Denton campus.

Dr. Berry retired this month following 24 years of service with TWU. During his tenure, he served as Professor of English, Dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Provost of the General Divisions, Associate Vice President for Academic and Cultural Affairs, Associate Provost and Interim Provost.

Dr. Berry received the Award for Meritorious Service to Texas Woman's University during Honors Convocation ceremonies in April. The award, which recognizes sustained, exceptional service to the university, has been bestowed only nine times in the last 31 years.

A native of Fort Worth, Dr. Berry graduated from Abilene Christian University and received his master's and doctorate degrees in English from Rice University. He has served as both president of the Denton Rotary Club and governor of Rotary District 5790. He also has served as President of the First Texas Council of Camp Fire Inc. and as a member of the Advisory Committee for North Texas Public Broadcasting Inc.

## Attendance Report

May 17th, 2007

Members Present ..... 48  
Makeups ..... 0  
Percentage for this Meeting ..... 54.55%

## Guests

The following Guests attended the  
May 17th Meeting

**Guest Speaker** **Topic:**  
Charles Ames, CEO Allegiance Development  
Randy Holcombe Rayzor Ranch Development

**Guests** **Guest of:**  
Bruce Burleson Dale Kimble  
Dave Ragan Ricky Grunden  
John Shiver Rob Seay  
Kay Kitchens Harv Kitchens  
Lee Denton Ken Ingram  
Linda Ratliff Michelle Cunningham  
Mitch Sprunger Tim Whitman  
Pat Cheek Jim Clark

**Rotarian Guest** **Club:**  
Frank Stewart Gainesville

## Leave of Absence

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
Metropport	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, June 13, 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.