



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

The Flywheel

Thursday, June 7, 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

Club Service (A)	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

Club Service (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

Community Service	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

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

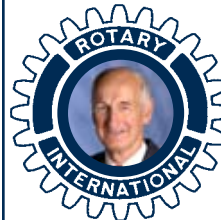
Vocational Service	Larry Aaron, Director
Gloria Anderson	Career Development
Vicki Smith, Mary Ann McDuff	RYLA
Polly Thompson	Vocational Awareness
Herbert Holl	Vocational Awards
Derv Hudgens	4-Way Speech

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:

Denton Hispanic History
Gloria Anderson

Upcoming Programs:

- June 14 Flag Day Celebration
Honoring the U.S. Military
- June 21 RYLA-TWU
- June 28 Denton Rotary Club Awards
New Officer Inductions
Dave Mason, District Governor Elect



Bill's TRAVELOGUE

April 2007

We were in Hawaii, USA, at the beginning of the month, and the climate was warm and very pleasant. I wouldn't like to be rude about the weather near RI headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, but it's certainly no Honolulu!

While in Hawaii, we had a very good media day for Rotary. We had a live interview on morning TV, a one-hour taped radio interview for broadcast on seven stations, one hour live on drive-time radio, and then another morning TV interview that was edited for an item on the evening news.

The next day featured a series of receptions, and then a Rotary Foundation dinner. The local district, District 5000, is a very generous and enthusiastic supporter of our Foundation. It's aiming for \$1 million in contributions this year, and we had a good night. Out of the 42 clubs in the district, 32 are 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs.

Then we had a day without Rotary – our first in 48 days. My wife, Lorna, and I are feeling great, but there does come a time when you need to mentally refresh.

Our next stop was Tokyo. For one special week each year there, the cherry blossoms bloom, and we were lucky to be able to see it. You've probably heard how beautiful this time is, and the stories are true.

While in Tokyo, we had a number of club meetings, every one of them enjoyable in their own way. In addition, we met many good Rotarians. Special mention should go to the Yoneyama foundation and the Rotary Club of Kanagawa Shonan. The foundation was established to honor the "father" of Rotary in Japan, and it's funded by Japanese Rotarians in addition to their extremely generous support of our Rotary Foundation. They fund scholarships for study in Japan, and since 1953, they've awarded 13,322 of them. The greatest beneficiaries have been Korea with 3,464, mainland China with 3,418, and Taiwan with 3,095. The scholars are each assigned a host club and counselor, and the most common subjects to study are engineering, economics, and the humanities.

I'm often asked what Rotary is doing for peace, and this is yet another fine example. Just think of the eventual benefit to Rotary when we are able to extend more freely into China and link up with 3,418 former scholars who know and understand the organization.

The Kanagawa Shonan club was chartered in December 2004, and the special representative who worked to establish it is RI Director-elect Kazuhiko Ozawa. All the 23 charter members were alumni of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program, Group Study Exchange, or Rotary Youth Exchange. The current average age is 40 and, of the approximately 25 club members, 16 are women. In a country concerned about the age of its membership and its need to increase the number of female members, this club is a standout. Its example, however, is appropriate even beyond Japan's borders. Many major cities around the world could form an alumni club, and Rotary would be stronger for each one. The club dues have been kept low and its meals simple, and the meeting day alternates between Friday and Saturday. Its range of projects is impressive.

One of the other clubs we visited, in a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Tokyo-West, was the Rotary Club of Hiroo, a New Generations club. It's clubs like these that will give Rotary its future.

Next came London. We had the chance to sightsee, with visits to the London Eye, the Tower of London, and the stage show *Guys and Dolls*. We had a meeting in the London Rotary premises with past leaders and club presidents, and then we headed to Bournemouth, England, for the RIBI Conference. The districts in Great Britain and Ireland have their own conferences, and then come together for the RIBI Conference. This is a big event, and this year there were almost 3,000 attendees in Bournemouth. The program is strong on presenting charities in the United Kingdom, the entertainment is very British and good fun, and the House of Friendship is second only to the RI Convention. This is a very good and very professional conference.

We headed back to Chicago for a two-day RI Board of Directors meeting and the Council on Legislation. Suddenly, April was gone.

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?

Skiing Fellowship Gives Lift to Adaptive Skiers



Jim Tomlin, of the Rotary Club of Peoria North, Illinois, USA, and Don Peters reach the finish line of the skiing fellowship's "fun race" in Girdwood, Alaska. Peters qualified for Challenge Alaska's Disabled Veterans Competitive Development Program, which the fellowship established with a \$3,000 District Simplified Grant from District 5010.

And since 1998, the fellowship has helped people with disabilities do just that by hosting an annual North American ski benefit and meeting. Last year's event drew 180 members from 11 countries to the Alyeska Resort in Girdwood, Alaska, USA. The resort boasts an adaptive ski and snowboard school operated by Challenge Alaska, a nonprofit organization that provides sports and therapeutic recreation opportunities for people with disabilities.

In addition to enjoying the Alaskan skiing, the participants raised US\$27,325 through auctions, a raffle, and a ski race during the event. More than half of the funds were donated to the Rotary Club of Girdwood to support Challenge Alaska's adaptive ski programs and purchase equipment.

"There is always a big need for adaptive ski equipment, and it's something that benefits everybody, whether you're a child or an adult," says Beth Edmands, Challenge Alaska's executive director.

The remaining money was donated to the fellowship's Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation. The funds will be used to promote skiing for the disabled by raising awareness, purchasing equipment, and training ski instructors worldwide.

Created in 1974, the skiing fellowship has 410 members from 25 countries. An international ski trip, featuring competitive racing, is held every two years. This year's event was in San Candido, Italy.

The 2007 North America event and meeting was held 10-17 February in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, USA, and supported the Steamboat Training Adaptive Recreational Sports.

Ski enthusiasts are always looking for that something extra — whether it's fresh snow or tree-lined runs. For the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians, it's adaptive ski programs. "To see someone confined to a wheelchair suddenly skiing, virtually independently, is a very special moment," says Past District 6450 Governor Brian Andersen, cofounder of the fellowship and a member of the Rotary Club of Darien, Illinois, USA.

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Attendance Report

May 31st, 2007

Members Present 46
 Makeups 0
 Percentage for this Meeting 51.11%

Guests

The following Guests attended the May 31st Meeting

Guest Speakers	Topic
Mia Price, Denton School Board Trustee	Denton ISD
Ray Braswell	Superintendent of Denton ISD

Guests	Guest of:
Bruce Burselson	Dale Kimble
Melinda Mangrum	Tim Mangrum

Other Guests

Debbie Grindle, Scholarship Recipient
 Mario Hurley, Scholarship Recipient
 Michelle Boulden, Scholarship Recipient

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
Metropolit	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

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. Deadline is Wednesday noon.
 Cheryl Hedric, Executive Secretary – 940-380-7448, 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.