



# 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, July 26, 2007

## 2007-08 Officers

Sonja Rogers	President
Eva Poole	President-Elect
Ron Aldridge	Past President
Margaret Griffin	Secretary
Rob Seay	Treasurer
Dick Stewart	Sergeant-at-Arms
Tom Syler, Dave Barrett	Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
John Shrader, Ralph Flesher	Co-Historians
George Alatzas	Director, Club Awards
Becky Opperman	Chaplain
Bill Cissell	Director, Grants & Development
Dick Stewart and Phillip Young	Music Directors

<b>Club Service (A)</b>	Eva Poole, Director
Mark Ragsdale	Membership
Margaret Griffin	Classification
John Shrader, Jack Cross	Membership Development
Carolyn Ishee, Harv Kitchens	Membership Retention
Doreen Rue	Attendance
George Hopkins	Audit
Pete Bradbury	Club Bulletin

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

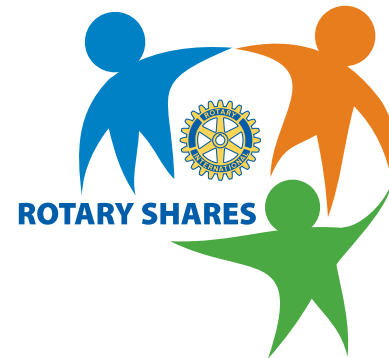
<b>Community Service</b>	Charles McCarty, Director
Tom LaPoint, Mary Gotcher	Environmental Services
Rick Woolfolk	Blood Drive
George Alatzas	Human Development
Michelle Cunningham	Scholarship
Bill McKee, Carolyn Ishee	Partners-in-Service
Ricky Grunden	Community Development

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

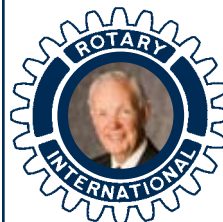
<b>Vocational Service</b>	Larry Aaron, Director
Gloria Anderson	Career Development
Vicki Smith, Mary Ann McDuff	RYLA
Rick Woolfolk	Vocational Awareness
Lilia Bynum	Vocational Awards
Derv Hudgens	4-Way Speech

## 2007-08 Directors

Larry Aaron	Jack Cross
George Alatzas	Mary Gotcher
David Barrett	Ricky Grunden
Bill Cissell	Charles McCarty
Steve Coburn	



Rotary International  
2007 - 2008 Theme



Wilfrid J. Wilkinson  
International President



Dave Mason  
District Governor



Sonja Rogers  
Club President

## Today's Program:

American Legion Boy's State  
Lee Keith

# The Wilkinson Way - Part Three

## RI's New President Believes Rotarians Can Change the World, One Person at a Time.

### Where It All Began

Wilf is still deeply moved whenever he talks about our mother and father and how they continue to inspire him, even though they've been gone many years now. Our father helped build our parish church in Montreal, where we grew up, and eventually went on to chair the Holy Name Society for the Archdiocese of Montreal. "I saw what could be done by a simple person, in simple ways," Wilf says about our dad.



*President Wilkinson immunizes a child with the polio vaccine while in Tanzania.*

My brother has a story about a Holy Name Society meeting he went to with Dad. Some young fellows were talking about how they had worked hard on a fundraiser but still lost money. Dad said, "Here, I'll make up half the loss, and we'll see what we can do about the other half." And, drawing his wallet out of his pocket, he did just that. That was a lesson about appreciating peoples' efforts that Wilf never forgot. He learned a lesson about leadership that night too: Our father was elected vice president of the society at that same meeting.

At the time, Wilf was recovering from a childhood experience that changed his life. For two consecutive winters, he had been bedridden with pleurisy and pneumonia. While other boys ran and played outside, my brother explored the world through National Geographic magazines. But when our baby sister succumbed to the same illness, Wilf was devastated. I am nearly certain that those two terrible seasons of sickness and tragedy fuel his deep passion for helping others whenever he can.

Once he recovered, my brother worked hard to improve his physical fitness, going out for football and track at school. On the football team, he played so hard that he endured repeated concussions. Wilf always had time to help his siblings – he has six sisters and three brothers – with their homework, and he worked to achieve the highest honor in Canadian scouting. He would later be recruited into Rotary by the district scouting commissioner, proving that no good deed goes unrewarded.

That pursuit of excellence, unsurprisingly, is also reflected in Wilf's career. In the early days, Wilf worked full time for an accounting firm in Montreal while attending classes at McGill University. Though warned by his superiors that very few people who were married with children ever completed the national examination requirements to become a Chartered Accountant on the first attempt, Wilf accomplished this feat and was awarded the designation in October 1958. He's also a Certified Fraud Examiner.

But his professional achievements encompass more than a successful business. In Canada, becoming a fellow in the accounting profession is a special honor conferred by one's peers. Wilf was elected as a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario (FCA) in 1979, according to David Wilson, a Rotarian and past CEO of that organization. He also received certificates of outstanding merit from both the Ontario institute and the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

"Along the way," Wilson added, "numerous other honors joined Wilf's FCA. But what was always clear was that personal recognition was never the reason he gave so generously of his time and talents. He accepted the honors with true humility and modesty and just kept on giving and giving."



*President Wilkinson poses with members of the Rotary club of Beijing, China.*

Wilf's wife, Joan, has always been a full partner in his Rotary life, accompanying him to RI headquarters in Evanston, Ill., USA, for the extended stays required of a president-elect of Rotary International. She plans to continue to do so during his year

as president. According to Peter, "My mom says my dad's hobby is going to meetings."

### A Member A Year

Though his leadership responsibilities keep him away for long stretches, Wilf manages to remain very involved in his home club, where he continues to serve on the membership committee. Perhaps that explains one of his principal goals for Rotarians this year. He's told me, "I want Rotarians everywhere to accept the responsibility of bringing in one new member each year and mentoring that person to become a committed Rotarian."

Wilf deeply believes in the power of one person, one Rotarian, to make a difference. Earlier this year, he went back to Pakistan to accept an award on behalf of Rotary from President Pervez Musharraf. In their meeting, Wilf challenged the Pakistani leader: "You were reported to be the last country to eliminate smallpox. Will you make a commitment not to be the last to eradicate polio?" He suggested that Musharraf help the process along by creating video promotions and earmarking government funds for the cause. The president became so involved in his discussion with Wilf that his attendants had to come in three times to remind him to end the meeting. Musharraf finally did bring their meeting to a close – but he did promise to do more for the eradication efforts in his country.

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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 *The Wilkerson Way*

In fact, the effect my brother has on leaders and ordinary Rotarians alike makes it hard to be skeptical when he reveals his most daring dream for Rotary: "World peace is possible, and Rotary can help achieve it." Impossible? Maybe. But I've learned that when Wilf Wilkinson says he can make something happen, only a fool bets against him.

Tom Wilkinson, past governor of District 7820 (Canada; Saint- Pierre and Miquelon), is a retired educator from Prince Edward Island and charter president of the Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty. Nancy Shepherdson is a freelance journalist based in Illinois, USA, and a member of the Rotary Club of Lake Zurich.

### Foundation Leadership Changes



Trustee Chair Bhichai Rattakul has announced that he will resign as chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees on August 1 but will continue to serve as a trustee this year. "I made this difficult decision to resign as chairman because of issues related to my health and that of my wife," he said. "I deeply regret any inconvenience this unanticipated change will cause." All of the chairman's speaking engagements after August 1 have been canceled.

In keeping with the Foundation Bylaws, Trustee Vice Chair Robert S. Scott, of the Rotary Club of Cobourg, Ontario, Canada, will be trustee chair from August 1st through June 30 2008. A past RI vice president and director, Scott has served RI and the Foundation in many capacities over the years, most recently on the International PolioPlus Committee, which he will continue to chair. He also succeeded Herbert A. Pigman as volunteer director of the highly successful 2002-05 polio eradication fundraising campaign.

In assuming the new leadership role, Scott plans to continue the focus on the 2007-08 Foundation goals to eradicate polio, support the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative, show that peace is possible through support of the Rotary Centers for International Studies, and reconnect with Foundation alumni. "I worked closely with Chairman Bhichai when he developed these goals, and I strongly support all of them," Scott said.



*July is  
a New Rotary Year*

### Attendance Report

July 19th, 2007

Members Present ..... 38  
Makeups ..... 0  
Percentage for this Meeting ..... 44.19%

### Guests

The following Guests attended the  
July 19th Meeting

**Guest Speakers** **Topic**  
Fred Cornell - Productions Manager Devon Energy

**Guests** **Guest of:**  
Ben Dickerson Bill Cissell  
Dr. Larry LaFlore Mary Ann McDuff  
Richard Schimming David Petersen

**Other Guests**  
Amanda Pendegrass Devon Energy  
Doreen Rue Proposed Member  
Laura Anderson Devon Energy  
Ron Colbert Devon Energy  
Sarah Muniz Proposed Member

### Leave of Absence

Mary Gotcher ..... 3/1/2007 to 11/30/2007  
Tom LaPoint ..... 7/19/2007 to 11/1/2007  
Dan Mauldin ..... 6/15/2007 to 8/26/2007  
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, August 8, 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.