



Rotary District 5870

Ruth Allison, District Governor 2010-2011



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RUTH'S RAMBLINGS

I can't believe it has been that long ago, 47 years. I was a freshman in college, just leaving History class. It was my last class of that day. A friend of mine came running to tell me it was announced in the student center, heard a radio broadcast.

I did not believe him and thought he was making a joke. We ran to the nearest car parked in the lot along with a number of other students and heard the words "The president is dead". He had just been in San Antonio the day before. My friend and I were not fans of John F. Kennedy. We were far too conservative. However, we knew that this could be an attack on our country. He was our elected "Commander in Chief" and that title, if not for the man who held, it deserved our respect.

My carpool drove back to Devine from San Antonio in virtually silence. This was unusual for us because we were known to have some lively debates. After the shock, then began the mourning of an entire nation. We all sat glued to our black and white TV's. All activities were cancelled. A black cloud seemed to descend upon the country.

I did go to church on Sunday only to be told by my Dad that while I was there, Lee Harvey Oswald was shot and killed. We watched it replay over and over as Jack Ruby shot the accused assassin. Rumors were flying as to what was going on. Many of us who were adults at the time will never believe that it was one person involved.

There are those who wonder why I was so upset several years ago when John Kennedy Jr. was lost at sea with his fiancé and her sister. It was because of the image of that small boy saluting his father's flag draped coffin as it passed that brought us all to tears. The certain death of that young man brought those still fresh memories of the time when our young and vital president was shot down leaving his young children and grieving widow.

We have survived this and a number of other tragedies since then. But we will always remember our nation grieving together for John F. Kennedy, November 22, 1963.

Happy Trails!

Ruth



CALENDAR OF DISTRICT & CLUB EVENTS

- September 9—November 12** Lakeway/Lake Travis Car Raffle
September 16—December 14 Yoakum “Mule” Raffle
October 8– December 17 Westlake “Dream Vacation” Raffle
November 2 Belton 53rd Annual Pancake Supper
November 2 Fairfield Raffle
November 6 Austin Northeast’s Vegas Nights
November 6-7th Georgetown Sun City—Hill Arts & Crafts Fair
November 7th Komen Race for the Cure
November 11th— Cedar Creek Golf Tournament
November 18th—Austin Silicon Hills’ Dinner at Venata
May 21-25 Rotary International Convention, New Orleans
June 3 D5870 Foundation Dinner, Nimitz Museum, Fredericksburg
June 3-5 D5870 Annual Conference, Inn on Baron’s Creek, Fredericksburg
See District website for more details on these events

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS

<i>Nov. 1</i>	<i>Itasca</i>	<i>noon</i>
<i>Nov. 2</i>	<i>Cedar Park</i>	<i>7am</i>
<i>Nov. 3</i>	<i>North Shore Lake Travis</i>	<i>noon</i>
<i>Nov. 4</i>	<i>Onion Creek</i>	<i>noon</i>
<i>Nov. 9</i>	<i>Belton</i>	<i>noon</i>
<i>Nov. 11</i>	<i>West Austin</i>	<i>noon</i>
<i>Nov. 16</i>	<i>Austin Centennial</i>	<i>noon</i>
<i>Nov. 17</i>	<i>Austin Silicon Hills</i>	<i>noon</i>
<i>Nov. 18</i>	<i>Copperas Cove</i>	<i>noon</i>

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. *Austin Northeast's Vegas Nights is Nov 6 from 7-11pm. Taking place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the corner of IH35 and 290. You do not want to miss this fun filled evening of food, games, prizes and friendship in true Rotarian style. **Vegas Nights** will highlight Northeast Austin Rotary Club's specialized programs and services, as we celebrate 25 years of commitment to the Austin community. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.austinnortheastrotary.org.*
2. ***Rotary Friendship Exchange**— D5870 Outbound to D9465 Western Australia (Perth Area). For 2 weeks in Spring 2011, tentatively April 10-24. For more info, contact Rob or Pat Smith, 254-778-4425 or pat-smith@earthlink.net. **NOTE:** This is different than the GSE activity. It is a vacation exchange of Rotarians between Rotary Districts.*

Purpose:** Advance understanding, goodwill, and peace by building international friendships through a vacation experience. **Participation:** Four to six District 5870 Rotarians & their partners. **Accommodations:** Rotarian home hosting provided at no cost. **Costs:** Participants pay their own air and in-country travel, non-host meals, & entertainment expenses. **Reciprocity:** Ability to reciprocally host the D9465 friendship exchange is preferred (very tentatively May 2-16, 2011). **How to Apply:** Provide name(s), phones, email, address, and Rotary Club name. **Deadline is Jan 15, 2011
3. *Cedar Park changing weekly meeting to Tuesday @ 7:00am beginning November 2.*
4. *Rotary Club of Taylor - Nov. 11 will be hosting a membership mixer instead of weekly meeting. From 5:30pm to 6:30pm at El Corral Lozano Restaurant located at 300W 2nd.*
5. *Austin Silicon Hills Fundraiser—Dinner at Ventana Restaurant, Nov. 18 at 7pm. Tickets are \$80. Located at 11400 Burnet Rd., St 2100.*
6. *Dream Vacation Raffle by Westlake Rotary —Oct 8-Dec 17 . Win vacation package valued up to \$5000. Tickets are 1-\$20 or 6-\$100. Contact Ed or Julie Martin (jmartin42@austin.rr.com).*
7. *Le Grange Rotary Club will not be meeting Wednesday, December 8 or Wednesday, December 22*
8. *Hutto 2nd Annual Cook-Off April 15 & 16 2011*
9. *Rotary International Convention One Day Pass (Saturday, May 21)— is now available! To read about this new offering, go to http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/101020_news_HOFpass.aspx. This is a new option, never available in prior years.*

EarlyAct FirstKnight



Panel of School Staff Personnel, Parents and Rotarians involved in Early Act FirstKnight @ Oak Hill Rotary meeting on October 7, 2010

Oak Hill Rotary had a panel on Early Act FirstKnight at this week's Rotary meeting. On the panel was the Principal, teacher and parent from Travis Elementary School in San Marcos; a counselor and teacher from an Westward Elementary School in Killeen-both schools are in their second year of the program; Mary Reynolds of Rotary Club of Austin whose club is sponsoring the first year @ Dawson Elementary in Austin; Sam Chapman District Chair for Early Act and a sponsor for Lakeway Elementary Early Act program and Joel Paorocki of Lakeway Club who is coordinating the Early Act Service Club at Lakeway Elementary. There was also a Rotarian from the sponsoring club for the San Marcos school in the audience. It was an incredible program and gave everyone who heard it a very good look at the program from the inside out as seen by the teachers, parents and staff who deal with it every day with our children.

Dawson Creek— Knighting Ceremony & Tournament of Champions



PROJECT NEWS

Who Will Be Your Club's Roll of Fame Nominee?

The Roll of Fame, which was instituted in the 1957-1958 Rotary Year, is each club's chance to honor one of their own for service to their club and to Rotary. This is an honor that can only be awarded once to an individual and requires active participation both at the club and district level.

The District web site, <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/home.aspx?did=5870> has all of the criterion and an updated nomination form. The form is due January 28, 2011. Please send it to the Roll of Fame Chair, Jerry Chapman at 11201 Pickfair Dr., Austin, TX 78750. Also email the form (in Microsoft Word format) to him at jwchap@yahoo.com. This will make it easier to distribute the nominations for review to the committee members that are spread throughout the district and to compile the awards booklet. Once the nominations are reviewed, the club presidents and the nominees will be officially notified of their selection for this honor.

The awards will be presented at the District Conference to be held in Fredericksburg, June 3-5, 2011. Honorees are required to attend the awards ceremony and accept their award in person. This allows fellow Rotarians to recognize their achievement. Family members are also welcome to attend and be a part of the celebration.

*If you have questions, please email Jerry or call him at 512-657-9085. Please start working on this soon since it takes a while to compile all the information needed. **Every club is encouraged to submit a nomination so that we can thank our members for their service!***

CLUB NEWS

Rotary Club of Hallettsville



*October was a very busy month for the Rotary Club of Hallettsville. Each Rotarian participated in selling meal tickets to the **Annual Chili Supper Fundraiser** that was held at the KC Hall in Hallettsville on the 19th. The cost for each meal ticket was \$5.50, which included chili, beans, and corn bread. The cooks began setting up at 9:00am and the service setup began at 1:00pm. Meals were to-go plates only and were served from 4:30-6:30pm. The chili & beans were cooked by Rotary Club members, while Students and Rotary Interact members worked alongside Rotarians in helping to package meals and serve them to customers. The results will be announced once all of the remaining funds and tickets are collected. Everyone that volunteered at the Chili Supper worked really well together and helped make the event a success.*

Rotary Club of Salado

The Salado Rotary Club has joined with the Chamber of Commerce, Department of Tourism and Lions Club to provide Main Street Trolley service on selected days throughout the holiday season this year. The majority of our merchants are located on Main Street, which is also a state highway, so oversized and through traffic is the norm. Making Main Street "visitor friendly" is a challenge and we have joined together to provide free, door-to-door Trolley service that makes our miracle mile readily accessible (without walking) and much safer for our visitors. Also, parking in the Salado business district can be a challenge, but the Trolley quickly shuttles visitors from several public parking areas to shopping, dining and other venues all along Main Street.

A lottery was held to determine which organization would operate the Trolley on the various days between now and December 18. In all cases, the Trolley will operate on Saturdays between 10:00AM and 4:00PM. With specials events such as the Christmas Stroll, Heritage Days, Christmas in October and Gathering of the Clans, Trolley service will also be offered on Fridays. And, on those special event days, additional Trolleys are being employed to assure service on 10-12 minute intervals. However, if a brief wait is necessary, visitors will find comfortable benches located throughout the business district, which were provided by the Salado Rotary Club several years ago. Also, the Trolley will be decorated in a holiday theme and features a bell with a distinctive ring not unlike a New Orleans Trolley or San Francisco Cable Car. In addition to providing drivers to operate the Trolley on selected days, the Salado Rotary Club has joined with the other organizations mentioned above to provide seed money to initiate this valuable service.

The Salado Trolley, organized by Rotarian Jack Schrock, is yet another Community Project of the Salado Rotary Club that provides scholarships and supports community services.

Rotary Club of Austin Oakhill

Literacy, a very important subject to the members of the Rotary Club of Austin - Oak Hill. We delivered dictionaries, thesauri, and atlases to the students of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade at Sunset Valley Elementary, Oak Hill Elementary, Patton Elementary, and Ross Baldwin Elementary. We still have one more school to go, Dawson Elementary, before the end of the year. We tell the students about Rotary, how it started and two of their purposes: Literacy and Health. The students get to use their dictionaries right away playing a game of finding words. And we end the program by telling them and ask them to recite the "4 Way Test".

It is a wonderful feeling when they ask if the books are theirs to keep and they reward us with a warm smile when we tell them "yes, this book is for you to keep".

CLUB NEWS

Rotary Club of Bosque County (Clifton)



District Governor Ruth Allison, Rotary District 5870, attended a meet-and-greet gathering of Bosque County (Clifton) Rotary Club members on Wednesday evening with catered hors d'oeuvres by Wiethorns of Valley Mills.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, she presided over a Club Board meeting of officers and committee chairmen, prior to being the guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Club.



Clifton FallFest when the club sets up a booth to take donations for polio, and sells raffle tickets for prizes with all donations going to the polio project. The booth is also for meeting people who might be interested in joining the local Rotary Club.



Randy McKinney (left), Fairfield Rotarian and owner of Lone Star Grill and Cantina was the guest speaker at the October 12th meeting of Fairfield Rotary club.

Rotary Club of Fairfield



Matt Symmank (left), biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, was the guest speaker of Brian Mannen at the October 5th meeting of the Fairfield Rotary club.



Julie Ann Medford and Diane Murden of the Trinity Star Arts Council were the guest speakers of Kevin Moller, Rotarian and Board member of the Trinity Star Arts Council, at the October 19th Fairfield Rotary Club meeting.

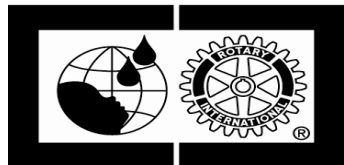
Rotarians have now raised \$150 Million!

This week, 72 million children will be immunized in 15 countries across Africa - this will be the third mass synchronized immunization campaign to take place across the continent this year. Door-to-door vaccinators totaling 290,000 will be mobilized to deliver two drops of Oral Polio Vaccine to every child under five in areas considered to be high risk.

The first two Milestones set by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are now complete! 1. All 15 of the countries with imported outbreaks starting in 2009 are reporting no Polio cases as of June 2010. 2. All 7 countries with outbreaks starting in 2010 have zero cases six months after the start of their outbreaks.

The World Polio Day 2 for 1 Match was a great success! Almost \$3 Million was raised for Polio Plus during World Polio Week from Rotarians in 60+ countries. More than 1,600 Rotarians registered for Member Access for the first time. We seriously hope, now that they have seen how easy it is to give on-line, each will do it again and again.

PolioPlus



Rotary International

Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 010/29/10

Over 3/4 There! \$150 Mil

Now Raised to Meet the \$200Mil Challenge

Total paralysis cases	Year-to-date 2010	Thru this date in 2009	Total in 2009
Globally	747	1247	1604
- in endemic countries:	163	976	1256
- in non-endemic countries:	584	271	348

New Polio cases reported in the last week:

India 0, Nigeria 0, Pakistan 9, Afghanistan 1, Mali 1, DRC 2, Uganda 1, Liberia 1

2010 Polio Case Breakdown by Country (Green Numbers are 2009 Totals)

Endemic Countries – 39 India (2009-733), 8 Nigeria (2009-387)

97 Pakistan (2009-89), 19 Afghanistan (2009-38)

+ Importation Countries – 25 Angola(2009-29), 0 Benin(2009-21), 0 Burundi (2009-2), 0 Burkina Faso(2009-15), 1 Cameroon (2009-3), 0 CAR(2008-3, 2009-14), 14-Chad(2009-65), 0 Cote d'Ivoire (2009-27), 30 DRC(2009-3), 0 Guinea (2009-41), 1 Kazakhstan (2009-0) 0 Kenya (2009-18), 2 Liberia(2009-11), 4 Mali(2009-2), 5 Mauritania (2009-11), 6 Nepal (2009-0), 2 Niger(2009-15), 14 Russian Federation (2009-0) , 18-Senegal (2009-0), 1 Sierra Leone (2009-12), 0 Sudan(2009-45), 458 Tajikistan (2009-0), 0 Togo(2009-6), 3 Turkmenistan (2009-0), 1 Uganda (2009-8)

District 5870 Membership & Attendance Report for September 2010

TOP CLUBS IN DISTRICT - May 2010

Top 10 in Monthly Attendance

1	Austin University	100.0%
2	Giddings	94.2%
3	Temple Sunrise	94.0%
4	Mexia	91.9%
5	Somerville	91.0%
6	Waco Sunrise	91.0%
7	Copperas Cove	88.0%
8	Hutto	88.0%
9	Killeen Evening	87.4%
10	Navarro County	86.3%

Top in Monthly Membership Gain

1	Navarro County	3
2	Cedar Creek	3
3	La Grange	3
4	Giddings	2
5	Salado	2
6	Temple	2
7	Waco	2

Rotary Club	Members as of July 30	Monthly Gain/Loss	Members as of August 30	Yearly Gain/Loss	Monthly Meetings	Average Attendance %
Austin	251	-14	237	-25	4	59.0%
Austin Capitol of Texas	25	0	25	-1	4	65.0%
Austin Centennial	15	0	15	0	4	63.3%
Austin Cosmopolitan	37	1	38	3	4	38.0%
Austin Northeast						
Austin Oak Hill	39	1	40	2	5	80.0%
Austin University	32	0	32	-3	3	100.0%
Austin Westlake	27	-1	26	2	3	73.0%
Austin-Silicon Hills	13	1	14	5	4	75.0%
Bastrop County	51	0	51	-2	4	59.8%
Bee Cave	19	0	19	-1	4	58.0%
Belton	25	0	25	1	4	77.0%
Bosque County (Clifton)	40	-1	39	-1	5	71.0%
Burnet	67	0	67	-1	5	43.0%
Caldwell	23	-1	22	-1	4	72.0%
Cameron	32	0	32		5	71.0%
Cedar Creek	28	3	31	2	5	54.6%
Cedar Park	12	1	13	1	4	76.0%
Copperas Cove	19	0	19	0	4	88.0%
Corsicana	45	0	45	0	5	57.8%
East Austin	15	0	15	0	4	58.0%
Elgin						
Fairfield	25	0	25	-1	4	56.0%
Flatonina	18	0	18	0	5	65.6%
Georgetown	113	1	114	-1	4	77.4%
Georgetown Sun City	61	-2	59	-1	4	80.9%
Georgetown Sunrise	16	0	16	0	5	70.0%
Giddings	36	2	38	2	5	94.2%
Hallettsville	40	-1	39	1	4	20.0%
Harker Heights						
Hillsboro	30	0	30	0	5	70.0%
Hutto	12	0	12	-1	4	88.0%
Itasca	9	1	10	1	3	66.0%
Killeen						
Killeen Evening	10	0	10	1	5	87.4%
Killeen Heights	114	-1	113	2	4	66.8%
La Grange	52	3	55	3	5	68.3%
Lakeway/Lake Travis	42	0	42	-3	4	71.2%
Lexington						
Marble Falls	69	0	69	-5	4	68.8%
Marble Falls Daybreak	31	0	31	1	4	86.0%
Marlin	24	0	24	-2	5	60.0%
McGregor	26	0	26	0	5	73.1%
Mexia	31	0	31	0	4	91.9%
Navarro County	14	3	17	5	3	86.3%
North Austin	34	0	34	1	4	
Northshore Lake Travis	11	0	11	0	5	65.0%
Northwest Austin	95	-2	95	-3	4	72.2%
Northwest Waco	37	0	37	-6	5	81.0%
Pflugerville	43	0	43	-1	5	66.0%
Rockdale	43	0	43	0	4	52.0%
Round Rock	77	0	77	0	5	46.0%
Round Rock Sunrise	20	0	20		4	55.0%
Salado	49	2	51	3	4	43.0%
Shiner						
Somerville	9	0	9	0	5	91.0%
South Austin	25	1	26	-2	4	62.0%
Taylor	28	-1	28	-1	5	40.5%
Teague	20	0	20	0	4	50.0%
Temple	82	2	84	4	5	54.6%
Temple South	39	0	39	2	3	85.6%
Temple Sunrise	10	0	10	0	5	94.0%
Waco	317	2	319	1	3	76.2%
Waco Lake Brazos	51	0	51	6	5	86.0%
Waco Sunrise	31	-1	30	-1	4	91.0%
West Austin	49	0	49	-2	5	64.1%
Yoakum	40	1	41	1	5	57.0%
Total Reported / Average						

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