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District 5730

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District Simplified Grants Paying Off for Local Clubs and Communities

By Sam Kaufman

Staff Reporter, Andrews County News

The first phase of a beautification project to enhance the Wetlands Park area consisted of a Texas theme and became a cooperative effort between the City of Andrews, local Rotary Club and the Andrews Garden Club.

A special planting day took place Saturday in the southwest corner of the Wetlands Park. Plants and shrubs native to the state's three regions were planted in a designated Texas map area. At the same time, several tree varieties were planted around the map vicinity.

The city provided land and irrigation services to get the beautification project up and running. From there, local Rotary Club obtained a matching grant at the district level to provide funding for the \$1,100 project. Grant requirements included a sweat-equity endeavor that would beautify and educate the community, according to Andrews Rotary President Jane Simpson.

A Garden Club contact, Mike's Garden Center of Odessa, provided a complimentary landscape design and the plants for the southwest corner project.

Rotarians and Garden Club members came prepared Saturday morning with shovels, posthole diggers and other equipment to break up the ground. They

worked a couple of hours to complete the southwest corner.

"It was thrilling to have the collaboration between Rotary, the city and the Garden Club," Garden Club President Jenny Redmond said. "It was like a well-run machine."

The map area includes sections with plants that are native to West, Central and East Texas.

The native plant idea coincides with the project's educational aspect. Students and others can visit the area to learn about which plants and shrubs grow in different parts of the state.

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Muleshoe Rotary Club Literacy Project

by Janet Claborn

After returning from PETS and understanding the emphasis the district wanted placed on literacy this year and knowing that the DG had set a goal to have a Literacy Project in each club, I was in search of just the right person to be chairman of this project. Pat Angeley, did indeed, rise to the occasion. She applied for and received a District Simplified Grant.

Elements of the Project

Each week a library book is donated to one of our school libraries in honor of the speaker for that day. In most instances the books have been appropriate for the topic presented or in some way related to the speaker.

At the request of the elementary school principal, National Geographic Explorer has been made available for all third graders. They use them in the classroom and then are allowed to take them home. There are 7 issues per year. This has proven to be very popular with the third-grade teachers and the parents.

Bilingual software and materials were purchased for the Adult Literacy Program. There are continually approximately 20 students in the bilingual classes and GED classes who are able to benefit from these.

Accelerated reading books were purchased for the Muleshoe Public Library. The school is unable to afford multiple copies of the books for accelerated readers, so they have been made available in the public library. Goals are set each month and reading comprehension tests on these books help them achieve their goals. These books are for students 1st grade through junior high.

Volunteers in Reading -- Rotarians go into the classrooms to read to preschoolers and kindergarten students.

Our Literacy Project has been extremely successful this year and of tremendous benefit to our schools and to our community. The Muleshoe Rotary Club is very proud to have offered this to our community.

The district leadership team received the following e-mail from the rotary foundation pertaining to the district simplified grant program: "attached please find a survey regarding district simplified grants. Your district has been selected to receive this survey because of your exemplary record in implementing and reporting on your dsgr. Thank you for your support of the humanitarian grants program."

Your current district leadership team would like to take this opportunity to thank David Cobb, PDG Howard Mercer and PDG Charles Cotten for their leadership in implementing district simplified grants in district 5730. Thanks for a job well done!

Clubs should ensure that their final reports for district simplified grants for this rotary year are submitted by April 1, 2006.

Ted's Notebook

We are fast approaching two big events in this Rotary year. PETS begins this week in Dallas and the District Convention/Assembly is only a month away.

Texas PETS

PETS is the acronym for "President Elect Training Seminar". This year's PETS is a great opportunity for incoming club presidents to learn all about Rotary and bring home a lot of worthwhile knowledge, skills, and materials to help them to have a great year. DGE Roger Sepulveda will be there along with all of his ADG's. Rotary International requires that all incoming presidents attend PETS and the District Assembly or to send a representative. Registrations indicate only 37% of the clubs in the district will have their presidents attending. Please stress this requirement to future club presidents.

District Convention

The District Convention is also fast approaching. The final plans are being set and registration continues. Please go to our district web site www.ribidistrict5730 and register today. We are planning a great celebration with our fellow district 5520. Youth Study Exchange and Group Study Exchange teams will be there and a host of fellow Rotarians.

Our golf tournament will be Thursday afternoon, headed up by Andrews President Jane Simpson (432 523- 5477). Call her if you have a partner or need one. She will match you up. Come and enjoy the mountains with your family and friends.

Be sure to get your Cruise Raffle tickets to Stephen John as soon as you can. Mail them to him at 128 Bowie Lane, Levelland, TX 79336. We do not want to leave anyone out of the drawing on April 22nd.

Beth Duke is working hard collecting items for silent auction to be held the same time as the drawing. Please have someone from you club bring the item to Ruidoso.

Club Bulletin Contest

Gene Parkinson, District Club Bulletin Chairperson, needs a representative sample from each club for the Best Bulletin contest. There will be three categories based on membership. Mail them to him at PO Box 23, Levelland, TX 79336.

Foundation Goals

We also need each club to have their Foundation Goals met as soon as you can to be recognized. Jim Cole has updated results. Contact him at (806) 894-2060 if you need any help.

RYLA

We need the names of each clubs RYLA attendees as soon as possible. Contact Lynn Buxkemper (806 828-4502) with your information. RYLA will be June 5-9 2006 and Lynn, David Gibson and a host of volunteers have another great summer planned.

Diabetic Camp

We are also looking for young people to attend our District Diabetic Camp. It is June 26th through July 1st at Ceta Canyon Camp near Happy. Sherri Williams (806 683-5705) is in charge again this year and she has planned another great event. The Texas Tech Health Science Center is again sending nurses and doctors to help teach and be sure all of the kids have a good experience.

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Presidential Citation

Your club has probably fulfilled all the qualifications for a Presidential Citation. Please go the website, www.rotary.org. Click on Club-district support. Then click on Awards and recognition Programs. Select Presidential Citation for all the details. The deadline is April 15th.

Rotary International Convention in Copenhagen

If you are planning on being at the RI convention, you are invited to a reception sponsored by Zones 25 and 26. It will be at the Marriott Copenhagen on March 12 at 5:30. Tickets are \$35.00. Please contact me at (806) 894-5458 if you would like to attend.

Panhandle Fires

It is with much sorrow that I have learned that Jim Carpenter, president of the Club lost his Ranch house in the recent range fires that have plagued the north east part of our district. I'm sure many other Rotarians have also been affected. Our prayers go out those who lost loved ones. We appreciate so very much all of the people that have struggled to bring these fires under control.

Lets all work to finish this year up as another great time in the world of Rotary District 5730.

Raffle Ticket Roundup

Choose Your Cruise

- *Alaska (Inside Passage)* cruise aboard the DAWN PRINCESS sailing round-trip from Seattle on August 5, 2006.
- *Alaska (Inside Passage)* cruise aboard the SUN PRINCESS sailing round-trip from Seattle on September 3, 2006.
- *Mexican Riviera* cruise aboard the DIAMOND PRINCESS sailing round-trip from Los Angeles on October 7, 2006.
- *Western Caribbean* cruise aboard the GRAND PRINCESS sailing round-trip from Galveston on November 18, 2006.
- *Eastern Caribbean* cruise aboard the CARIBBEAN PRINCESS sailing round-trip from Fort Lauderdale on December 17, 2006.
- *Scandinavian* cruise aboard the SEA PRINCESS sailing round-trip from London on July 15, 2006

Each Rotary Club member in the District has received an envelope with a booklet of 10 raffle tickets.

Members should either sell the raffle ticket at a price of \$10.00 each or, purchase all or part of the tickets for themselves.

Complete and keep the stubs in the envelope and return the stubs and money to the appropriate person in your club at the time and means directed by your Club President. They will then mail the stubs to Stephen John or Jim Cole by the 15th of April. Tickets sold after the 15th can be turned into either of them in Ruidoso before the drawing.

A drawing from completed ticket stubs will be held at the District Convention in Ruidoso on April 22nd at the noon Luncheon to determine the raffle winner. The winners are the purchaser of the winning ticket and the Rotarian that sold the ticket. Each will win a cruise for 2 (Inside Cabin) but not including port charges, taxes and fees.

Airfare will be provided to US destinations. Airfare to London is not included.

Please read the 2006 Rotary District 5730 Cruise Raffle Terms and Conditions found on the district website – ridistrict5730.org

Rotary Foundation Update

As we enter into the final four months of the rotary year we have seen new interest in the rotary foundation.

Top clubs ranked by annual giving per capita period: July 1, 2005 to March 6, 2006

Club	per capita
Borger	\$250.00
Midland	\$212.50
Greater Lubbock	\$128.88
Levelland Noon	\$122.64
Canyon	\$102.44

Top clubs ranked by total annual giving period: July 1, 2005 to January 31, 2006

Club	Amount
Midland	\$14,450.00
Borger	\$ 10,000.00
Greater Lubbock	\$6,835.00
Levelland Noon	\$6,500.00
Odessa	\$4,700.00
Canyon	\$4,200.00

The following rotary clubs have reached or exceeded their 2005-2006 foundation goals

- Borger
- Floydada
- Levelland Noon
- Greater Lubbock
- Southwest Lubbock
- Midland

These clubs have done a great job for the Foundation this year. According to their club presidents, they have not completed their giving for 2005-2006.

Paul Harris Fellows

The Odessa Rotary Club submitted the necessary paperwork for 27 multiple Paul Harris fellow and 13 new Paul Harris fellows on March 1st. An exceptional job! Thanks president Gay Fields and club foundation chair Cathy Figert and members of the Odessa club for a job well done!

If your club has presented a Paul Harris fellow or a multiple Paul Harris fellow during this rotary year let the foundation committee know. We need the name of each individual by April 7th. E-mail information to: jcole65928@aol.com.

Matching grants

District 5730 and District 3500 in Taiwan have just requested two matching grants from the rotary foundation. District 5730 has allocated \$5000.00 from district designated funds while the Taiwan district has allocated \$10,500 for these grants. One grant is for tuition fees and school supplies for the Changsin and Sum-Kong elementary schools. The other grant is a literacy grant for the same schools.

“Rotary Foundation giving for our club has been great! I want to thank each of you who have contributed to the rotary foundation this year. This is the lifeblood of rotary and enables the foundation to continue with their polio, hunger and student exchange programs, as well as pursue new programs like water management and purification. Rotary asks that each member make the commitment to give a minimum \$100 to the rotary foundation. Doing so you will make you a sustaining member. When your total lifetime giving has reached \$1,000, you will become a Paul Harris fellow.

Peter Wierzba, president Greater Lubbock

DGE Roger Sepulveda Reports from the International Assembly

I just wanted to let you know I had one of the most wonderful experiences of my life last month. Jeanette and I went to San Diego, California, Feb. 16-23, to attend the International Assembly. The experience was priceless.

There were 530 district governors (and their spouses) from all over the world in attendance. This was truly the most "international" experience I have ever had. As District Governor Elects, we trained from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day, ate way too much good food and heard absolutely phenomenal speakers. Jeanette was even in training sessions, no shopping for her! Most all of the Rotary International staff from Chicago was in attendance to conduct the International Assembly.

The International Dinner and Dance was an affair to remember, as everyone was encouraged to dress in their national dress. Of course, you can imagine what Jeanette and I did, we dressed in western wear. That is national dress for Texans, isn't it? In fact, two other District Governors from Texas did the same.



DGE Roger Sepulveda and Jeanette with DGE Damanjit Singh and Swerneek from New Delhi, India

One other fun time was the Talent Night. Our team of DGE's and our spouses got on stage and sang "Rotary is Great", a number composed by the husband of one of our Texas DGE's. I can say we must have been absolutely outstanding, as we made the front page on the Rotary International website. Our song was composed back in August of 2005 and we even rehearsed the song when we attended our training in Corpus Christi in October of 2005. One of the lines in our song was "Now that we're District Governors-Elect, we will lead the way", now isn't that coincidental? Our theme for 2006-2007 is "Lead the Way".

After training at the International Assembly, I can honestly say I feel prepared to help "Lead the Way" for District 5730 in achieving RIPE Bill Boyd's goals of improving literacy, water management, health and hunger and the family of Rotary.



DGE Suzi Howe and Bill with DGE Roger Sepulveda and Jeanette and DGE Jack McCullough and Ela Ruth

District 5730 & 5520 Joint Convention Schedule

Thursday, April 20, 2006

Registration: 11 am - 5:30pm
Convention Center Rooms 1 & 2
Golf Tournament:
11 am Links Golf Shop-Setup/Sign in
12pm Links Golf Course-Shotgun Start 5pm
Links Golf Shop-Awards Presentation
Opening Reception: 6pm
Hubbard Museum of the American West
Casual dress
Heavy hors d'oeuvres
Special Museum Project Presentation
Fun • Fellowship • Music by Good News Band
Hospitality Suite: 8:30-10pm
Hawthorn Suites

Friday, April 21, 2006

Registration: 7am - 5pm
Convention Center Lobby
Club Displays & Fellowship Room Open:
7:30-8:30am Convention Center Exhibit Hall
Coffee, juice & rolls
Convention Opening & Plenary Session One:
8:30-10am Meeting Room 5
Presentation of Colors
Youth Exchange Flag Presentation Rotary in its
Second Century
Plenary Session Two: 10:15-11:45am
Meeting Room 5
Rotary Programs in Action
Lunch:12-1:30pm Exhibit Hall
Plenary Session Three: 1:45-2:45pm
Meeting Room 5
I want to be in your club. (Membership)
Afternoon in Ruidoso - FUN • FUN • FUN
5730 District Assembly: 3-5pm
Meeting Room 6
Hospitality Suite: 4:30-5:30pm
Hawthorn Suites

Cocktail Hour: 6-7pm
Exhibit Hall-Cash Bar
Entertainment by Good News Band
Joint District Convention Dinner: 7-9pm
Exhibit Hall - Business Attire Guest Speaker
Special Presentation 5730
Music & Dancing Good News Band

Saturday, April 22, 2006

Registration: 7am-9am
Convention Center Lobby
Youth Exchange Breakfast: 7-8:30am
Convention Center Exhibit Hall
Youth Exchange Presentation
Plenary Session Four: 8:45- 10am
Meeting Room 5 Stockholders Meeting
Districts Business Meeting: 10: 15-11:45am
5520-Meeting Room 5 5730-Meeting Room 6
District Business Awards
Special Youth Presentations
Lunch: 12-1:30pm Exhibit Hall
Introductions of 2006-2007 Teams
5730 Cruise Drawing Silent Auction Ends
Plenary Session Five: 1:45-2:45pm
Meeting Room 5
International Projects
Afternoon in Ruidoso - FUN • FUN • FUN
Hospitality Suite: 5-6pm
Hawthorn Suites
Dinner: 6:30-8:30pm Flying J Ranch
Cowboy Casual Dress
Hospitality Suite: 9-11pm
Hawthorn Suites
Sunday, April 23, 2006
Breakfast on Your Own:
7-10:30am Hawthorn Suites
For those not staying at Hawthorn, breakfast is
\$6.00.
Memorial Service: 10:45am
Hawthorn Suites

District 5730 & 5520 Joint Convention Registration

Name: _____		\$/person		# Tickets	\$ Total
Preferred Badge Name: _____	\$40	Golf Tournament	_____	_____	_____
Spouse/Guest: _____	\$20	Convention Registration	_____	_____	_____
Preferred Badge Name: _____	\$20	Thursday Night Reception	_____	_____	_____
Club: _____					
District: _____	\$25	Friday Lunch	_____	_____	_____
Your Address: _____	\$40	Friday Dinner	_____	_____	_____
City: _____		Please indicate entree			
State: _____		Prime Rib # _____			
Zip: _____		Salmon # _____			
Phone: _____	\$20	Saturday Youth Exchange Breakfast	_____	_____	_____
Email: _____	\$25	Saturday Lunch	_____	_____	_____
	\$25	Saturday "Flying J" Dinner & Entertainment	_____	_____	_____
		Total Due			\$_____

Registration Information

The pre-registration deadline is April 1, 2006.

As an incentive, your name will be entered to win a free Paul Harris Fellow.

You can register online at the District website:
www.ridistrict5370.org

Online registration must be paid for during the process with a credit card of PayPal.

You can also complete the above form.

Please enclose form with check payable to Joint District Convention and mail to:

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Cindy Mathews

Big Spring – Steve Honea

Greater Big Spring – Kandi
Campbell, Carmen Colon, Justin
Smith, Debra Wegham

Lockney – Harold Ford

Greater Lubbock – Anthony
Garcia

Midland Daybreak – Doug
Lunsford

Midland West – Roy Wooten

Monahans – Jeff Whitaker

Odessa – Shem Culpepper,
Artie Rodriguez, Chuck Moad,
James Fitch

Post – Fred Howell, Ric Walton,
Jim Jarrett

Paul Harris Fellows

Canyon – James Anderson

Midland West – Steve Burke,
Jim Morris, Tom Wurster,
Wesley Graham

February Attendance

Clubs	Members 7/1/05	Members Current	Change	Percent	Clubs	Members 7/1/05	Members Current	Change	Percent
Amarillo	147	145	-2	66.00%	Midland	78	77	-1	71.59%
Amarillo East	29	28	-1	63.54%	Midland Daybreak	15	15	0	
Amarillo South	22	21	-1	56.00%	Midland West	56	54	-2	64.53%
Amarillo West	93	91	-2	60.00%	Monahans	20	23	3	60.00%
Andrews	23	40	17	89.70%	Muleshoe	43	40	-3	64.00%
Big Spring	98	96	-2	64.78%	O'Donnell	14	12	-2	
Big Spring, Greater	56	57	1	58.00%	Odessa	139	142	3	59.00%
Borger	40	41	1	83.00%	Odessa East	22	20	-2	61.00%
Brownfield	19	19	0		Odessa, Greater	48	45	-3	77.00%
Canadian	32	32	0		Pampa	48	54	6	60.25%
Canyon	41	38	-3	77.27%	Panhandle	17	16	-1	
Childress	34	34	0	71.00%	Pecos	29	32	3	
Clarendon	14	14	0		Perryton	47	44	-3	51.00%
Colorado City	14	16	2	60.00%	Plainview	81	75	-6	
Dalhart	41	38	-3		Post	30	34	4	79.00%
Denver City	10	10	0		Ralls	5	5	0	
Dimmitt	16	17	1	82.00%	Seagraves	7	7	0	
Dumas	20	24	4	78.00%	Seminole	23	25	2	53.00%
Floydada	29	30	1	90.00%	Shamrock	12	13	1	
Hereford	20	18	-2	73.00%	Snyder	29	30	1	
Kermit	25	25	0		Spearman	16	18	2	73.00%
Lamesa	26	26	0		Sweetwater	54	57	3	65.00%
Levelland Breakfast	20	20	0	59.00%	Tahoka	37	37	0	
Levelland Noon	58	50	-8		Tulia	16	14	-2	
Littlefield	19	20	1		TOTALS	2240	2255	15	70.46%
Lockney	14	15	1	79.52%					
Lubbock	179	179	0	65.00%					
Lubbock, Greater	67	71	4	70.00%					
Lubbock Metro	46	51	5	68.88%					
Lubbock Southwest	102	100	-2	65.00%					