

ROTARY CLUB OF ABILENE

The Rotator

Service Above Self

THIS WEEK: Jan. 6, 2017 Kent Sharp - DCOA



The Development Corporation of Abilene (DCOA) was formed in 1989 as a Type A municipal economic development corporation. Annual proceeds from the ½ cent sales tax have grown from just under \$4 million in 1990 to over \$10.5 million in 2015. Since 1990, the DCOA has provided incentives to sixty private sector enterprises, four state entities and one federal facility. Overall, the DCOA has helped existing and new employers in

the creation and retention of several thousand jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in new investment in our community.

Last Meeting: Jan. 6, 2017 - Shiloh Mullican, Forest Service in this Area

Born in Abilene and raised in Eula, Shiloh Mullican is a West Texas girl through and through. She attended Texas Tech University and graduated on August 8, 2015 with a Bachelors of Science in Natural Resource Management. On August 10, 2015 she began working as a part of the Merkel Task Force, a specialized resource of the Texas A&M Forest Service. Her work on the Task Force included wildland fire fighting, becoming a CDL licensed truck driver, a bulldozer operator, an engine operator, and many things in-between. She recently transferred to the Wildland Urban Interface Specialist position, and now works to educate the public on the Forest Service's work for the state, and the many resources available for property and homeowners to better prepare themselves in the case of a wildfire.



NEXT WEEK: Jan 20, 2017 - Mike Sadler - Solar Energy

Our own Mike Sadler came from Whitharral, Texas (about 40 miles west of Lubbock, between Littlefield and Levelland). A Physics professor at a.c.u., he has a B.S. from Tech, and a Ph.D.

from Indiana University.

Mike is responsible for instituting ACU's physics research program. He is fluent in Russian and recently spent several

ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK



Peter Fox

Peter Fox was born and grew up in Sweetwater before receiving his BBA and MFA from SMU.

Peter was a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, serving as Financial Manager, a position in which he purchased three versions of the KC-135.

He has served in many positions in the field of arts including executive director of the Amarillo Theatre Centre, president of the Country Squire Dinner Theatres, president of the Alliance for Education and the Arts in Austin, and recently served as president of the Abilene Community Theatre. Peter is manager of the Young Ranch south of Roscoe and the Fox Ranch north of Lometa.

His wife Patricia is a Rotarian with the Killeen Evening Club. His children are Peter III who lives in Monroe, Louisiana, and daughter Fleur who lives with her family and makes jewelry in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His son and daughter each have two children.

Peter says, "My hobbies have always been what I am doing. After moving to Abilene and Sweetwater I served on three boards in Abilene including Rotary and am now very active with the WASP Museum in Sweetwater and with a church in Lometa."

Peter joined the Rotary Club of Amarillo in 1969 then was a member of the downtown Rotary in Austin for twenty years before joining our club in 2002 - three "A" towns. He has 43 years of perfect attendance, "an obsession," he says. Peter enjoys making up Rotary and stimulating growth. Peter was president of our Rotary club 2005-2006.



months in Russia after being named a Fulbright Scholar. As the department's reigning ping pong champion, he is always eager for a challenger.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 20 Mike Sadler, Solar Energy
- Jan 27 Mark Rogers, Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Feb 3 David Jefferies, "It Can Happen to You..."
- Feb 10 Dr. Ben Gray, "The Silverscreen Cowboys"
- Feb 17 Four Way Speech Contest
- Feb 24 World Rotary Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTION RESULTS

The results from the December 16th elections were: President Elect, Kate Alvarez; Secretary, tie between Mary Beth Kilgore and Gayla Fullerton; Treasurer, Peter Agnell; Board Members Shawn Martin, Donna Albus, and Myra Ramey .

SECRETARY ELECTION

There was a tie for Club Secretary when we voted on Friday, December 16, 2016.

A Runoff Election was held January 6th for 2017-2018 Club Secretary between Mary Beth Kilgore and Gayla Fullerton. Gayla was elected

PROGRAMS

Looking forward to next year.

If you have an idea for a program in the next six months starting in January 2017, contact Myra Dean, 2016-2017 program chair.

As anyone who has served as a program chair knows, this is a time consuming job. We need everyone's help to continue having interesting and entertaining programs.

We (Barbara and Mary Beth) need a bio and picture of your speaker no later than two weeks prior to their presentation in order to get it in the Rotator. Also needed are their topic and a couple of sentences about their presentation..

Also, please check with them to see if they need a projector and/or screen..**They will need to bring their own computer.**

DUES

July-December dues are now **waaaaaay PAST** due. Please contact our treasurer, Peter Agnell, to make arrangements for payment.

Check your mailbox for your Jan-Jun 2017 statement. If you haven't received it as yet, you will be getting it shortly.

MAKE-UPS

WEDNESDAY ROTARY

Peter Fox

SOUTHWEST ROTARY

Bruce Bixby
Doug Eichorst

CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE MEETING

Donna Albus
Kate Alvarez
Myra Dean
Betty Hukill

GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Peter Agnell
Donna Albus
Renee Gaskin
Mary Beth Kilgore
Bruce Lampert
Richard Rolison
Kelly Thompson
Tim Yandell

To complete a make-up online, contact one of the organizations below:

<http://www.oneworldrotary.org/>

<http://rotaryclubone.org/>

CLUB SERVICE

Dec. 9, 2016

Registration:

Chris Meeks

Invocation:

Jim McNiece

Singing/Pledge:

Morris Baker

Introductions:

Bruce Bixby

Dealing for Dollars:

Don Drennan

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

(EREY)

Congratulations to the following who have donated to the 2016-2017 EREY program. Latest member(s) to donate in bold.

Morris Baker
David Boyll
Ed Brokaw
Kent Brown
Kayla Christianson
Myra Dean

CLUB CHALLENGE

All members are asked to contribute \$26.50 towards the 2016-2017 End Polio Now campaign. Those contributing thus far are listed in the column on the right.

CLUB ATTENDANCE

December 9, 2016 meeting.
40 members out of 75 for an attendance
percentage of 53%

DEALING FOR DOLLARS

Friday our pot will be \$256 to start the day.

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Richard Rolison
President-Elect	Paul Thomas
Secretary	Mary Beth Kilgore
Treasurer	Peter Agnell
Directors	Kate Alvarez Dave Boyll Carissa Gast Sidney Levesque Jim McNiece Blake Norvell
Sergeant at Arms	Marty Pothier Asst: Charlie Kitchell
Immediate Past President	Bruce Lampert

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

This section highlights our Rotary members who are active in the community.

Please let Mary Beth or Barbara know when you are involved in activities outside Rotary, vacationing in exotic places, change jobs, etc.

Don Drennan
Peter Fox
Mary Beth Kilgore
Bruce Lambert
Paul Lenker
Bob McMillan
Marty Pothier
Richard Rolison
Barbara Rollins
Paul Thomas

POLIO PLUS CONTRIBUTORS for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year

Peter Agnell
Donna Albus
Morris Baker
Raymond Blasingame
David Boyll
Ed Brokaw
Kent Brown
Manny Carneiro
Myra Dean
Don Drennan
Doug Eichorst
Renee Gaskin
Craig Haterious
Betty Hukill
Erik Johnson
Charlie Kitchell
Patti Knight
Robert Laird
Bob McMillan
Jim McNiece
Shaun Martin
Chris Meeks
Blake Norvell
Marty Pothier
Richard Rolison
Barbara Rollins
Mike Sadler
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