

# ROTARY CLUB OF ABILENE

## The Rotator

Service Above Self

THIS WEEK: April 13, 2018 - Nancy Robinson Masters  
- Aviation Writer



Nancy Robinson Masters is an author and popular inspirational speaker for schools, businesses, organizations, and events.

Nancy is a pilot and the author of 44 books with combined sales of more than 500,000 copies. Her feature articles have appeared in a variety of magazines and newspapers, and her flying/writing adventures have taken her around the world, including traveling with the National Science Foundation

in Antarctica. She has twice been named the Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the United States Air Force and became the first woman to receive the Stephen F. Austin Distinguished Service Award for her "Freedom to Read 'em" programs promoting patriotism and the power of free people to freely read and write. Thousands of students across America have been inspired hearing Nancy speak, and her workshops are recommended by teachers and other participants because they provide practical techniques to boost writing skills, student scores, and successes as a published author.

Nancy grew up on a cotton farm in Jones County, Texas, during seven years of severe drought. She credits much of her success today to the values, patriotism, and work ethic instilled in her during those difficult years. She resides in the Elmdale community near Abilene with her husband, Master Aviator Bill Masters. Their hanger door opens to a grass runway with a 1949 Farmall tractor Nancy keeps parked nearby.

Her most important work in life, Nancy says, is "teaching second graders in Sunday School."

Grab your cap and goggles and get ready to laugh, cry, and fly high with one of today's most inspiring women!

LAST MEETING: April 6, 2018 - Steve Deiterich -  
Downtown Manager

Steve Dieterichs is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and holds a Master of Arts in International Studies from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. He has completed the Texas Basic Economic Development Certification and holds a Texas Real Estate License.

Steve has worked for the U.S. State Department within the United Nations in New York, and has spent more than 10 years working in



## ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK



### WES RATLIFF

Wes Ratliff was born in Lawrence County, Arkansas and grew up in Strawberry, Arkansas where he graduated from high school in 1958. He attended night school at Dallas College on the SMU campus, studying marketing.

Wes has been married to Clara 54 years, and they have daughters Terry, Tonya, and Tiffany and son Todd. Twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren complete the family.

In Dallas, Wes was Sales Manager for AB Dick Products for 18 years, dealing in printing equipment sales.

With Clara he started Automated Copy Systems & AB Dic Products of Abilene in 1978. While Clara has retired, Wes remains as CEO.

Hobbies include golf, hunting, fishing, and watching grandchildren play sports and show livestock.

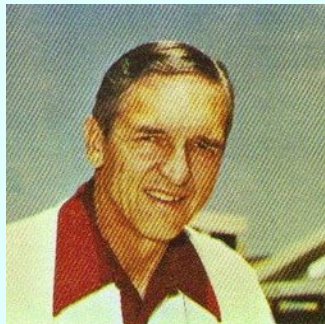
Wes is active in church and helping others, a combination of the interests causing him to help build a church building each summer since 1999.

downtown development, communication and tourism marketing with the City of Corsicana, Texas, and the City of Granbury, Texas.

Since January Steve has occupied the new Abilene Downtown Initiative office on the ground floor of the Chamber's headquarters building at [174 Cypress Street](#).

He recently moved here with his wife, Gina, and their six-year old daughter, Claire.

## NEXT WEEK: April 20, 2018 - Al Pickett - Chuck Moser Day



On Chuck Moser Day, we recognize an outstanding local student scholar/athlete and a boy and a girl Coach of the Year. Turner Cariker will emcee the event and AlPickett will be guest speaker.

Charles H. "Chuck" Moser (September 9, 1918 - May 8, 1995) was an American football coach. He was known for guiding Abilene High School to a 49-game winning streak from 1954-57, which is still a Texas

state record for 4A and 5A schools (though tied by Southlake Carroll HS in 2004-07). Moser also served as assistant to Emory Bellard at Texas A&M University.

Moser was an all-conference center on Don Faurot's Missouri Tigers team that went to the Sugar Bowl in 1939. He began his coaching career in Lexington, Missouri, but joined the Army Air Corps one year later. He became a navigator at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. After World War II, Moser coached at McAllen High School before succeeding P. E. Shotwell at Abilene in the spring of 1953.

Moser retired from coaching in early 1960 at age 41, to serve as athletic director of Abilene schools. He briefly returned to coaching as offensive backfield coach under Emory Bellard at Texas A&M.



**AL PICKETT**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 13, 2018 - BOARD MEETING
- April 13, 2018 - Nancy Robinson Masters - Keep Your Club Climbing on Course
- April 14, 2018 - Disc Golf clean-up day
- Apr. 17, 2018 - **Taste of Abilene**
- April 20, 2018 - Chuck Moser Day with Al Pickett
- April 27, 2018 - Klara - Exchange student from the Chez Republic
- May 4, 2018 - Isra - Exchange student from Chili
- May 18-19 - District conference
- May 19, 2018 - Disc Golf clean-up day
- June 2, 2018 - Disc Golf clean-up day

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BOARD MEETING

The monthly board meeting is this Friday following our regular meeting.

As to Rotary, Wes joined in 1979 and says of activities in the club, "Not Many, need to do More!" He is supportive and generous in light of the Rotary office's needs.

## MAKE-UPS

Send make-ups to [marybeth.kilgore@gmail.com](mailto:marybeth.kilgore@gmail.com)  
To complete a make-up online, contact one of the organizations below:

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

## CLUB SERVICE

**April 6, 2018**

Registration:

Myra Dean

Invocation:

Raymond Blasingame

Singing/Pledge:

Jim McNiece

Introductions:

Kate Alvarez

Dealing for Dollars:

Jared Bailey

## **EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR (EREY)**

Congratulations to the following who have contributed to the 2017-2018 EREY program.

Morris Baker  
Dave Boyll  
Ed Brokaw  
Kent Brown  
Keith Carroll  
Kayla Christianson  
Don Drennan  
Peter Fox  
Gayla Fullerton  
Craig Haterius  
Erik Johnson  
Paul Lenker  
Shaun Martin  
Marty Pothier  
Richard Rolison  
Paul Thomas

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Want to know more about Rotary and your district? If so, make plans now to attend the annual district conference being held May 18-19 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at DFW Airport. Go to District 5790 home page for details.

## RYLA

Have a high school teenager that might be interested in attending RYLA this year? If so, go to [www.RYLA5790.org](http://www.RYLA5790.org) to register. The student must be 16 prior to the start of the program. Dates for RYLA this year are June 14-17.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Time is closing in on our annual Taste of Abilene scheduled for Tuesday, April 17.

Our co-chairs, Kate Alvarez and Kayla Christianson, are working their \_\_\_s off to give Abilene another successful event but in order to do so, they need everyone's HELP. So, when they pass around the sign-up sheets Friday, be sure and put your name down at least once, but twice would be nice.

As we didn't have enough volunteers from our club last year, we had to enlist volunteers for the other two Abilene Rotary Clubs.

## NEW MEMBER LUNCH POLICY

The Rotarian bringing a prospective new member to a meeting is responsible for paying for his/her lunch. The only free lunch from the club for the new member is on the day he/she is introduced as a new member.

## CLUB ATTENDANCE

April 6, 2018 meeting

36 members out of 73 for an attendance percentage of 49.

## DEALING FOR DOLLARS

Friday our pot will start out at \$702.00

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

President	Paul Thomas
President-Elect	Kate Alvarez
Secretary	Mary Beth Kilgore
Treasurer	Peter Agnell
Directors	Donna Albus Dave Boyll Myra Dean Keith Carroll Shaun Martin Jim McNiece
Sergeant at Arms	Marty Pothier Asst: Charlie Kitchell
Immediate Past President	Richard Rolison

## **POLIO PLUS CONTRIBUTORS**

for the 2017-2018 Rotary Year

All members are asked to contribute \$30.00 towards the 2017-2018 End Polio Now campaign. Those contributing thus far are listed below. Members who have donated since last week are in bold.

Peter Agnell  
Donna Albus  
Jared Bailey  
Morris Baker  
David Boyll  
Ed Brokaw  
Kent Brown  
Keith Carroll  
Turner Cariker  
Kayla Christianson  
Myra Dean  
Frank Dlugas  
Don Drennan  
Doug Eichorst  
Peter Fox  
Gayla Fullerton  
Renee Gaskin  
Craig Haterius  
Fred Lee Hughes  
Betty Hukill  
Erik Johnson  
Mary Beth Kilgore  
Austin King  
Patty Knight  
Paul Lenker  
Sidney Levesque  
Shaun Martin  
Jim McNiece  
Debbie Moot  
Bob McMillan  
Peggy Manning  
Marty Pothier  
Erik Presley  
Richard Rolison  
Barbara Rollins  
Mike Sadler  
Mike Schweikhard  
Becky Spargo  
Paul Thomas

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## **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.

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