

# ROTARY CLUB OF ABILENE

## The Rotator

Service Above Self

THIS WEEK: May 26, 2017 - Jeff White - City Parks and Rec



Jeff White is Recreation and Senior Services Administrator for the City of Abilene. He will speak on "How Abilene Parks, Recreation, and Senior Service Divisions are saving lives in Abilene." He has a Bachelors of Science in Kinesiology and Sports Studies from Texas A&M Commerce and is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional.

He was Recreation and Senior Services Administrator for Abilene from October 2012, Senior Programs Supervisor for the Town of Flower Mound from March 2010-October 2012

Recreation Specialist for City of Lewisville Senior Center from February 2007-March 2010.

LAST MEETING: May 19, 2017 - Dr. Austin King - Health Care in America

Our own Austin King was born and raised in Abilene - the fifth generation of the family in the Abilene area. He graduated from Cooper in 1966 in a class with the unofficial motto "Born to Raise Hell."

A proud Presbyterian and graduate of Trinity University, Austin attended Baylor College of Medicine, doing his residency in General Surgery (which required his surviving Dr. DeBakey) and Otolaryngology.

In Abilene he set up his practice and one of the first clinical voice labs in the country. He has presented research on voice all over the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa. He coauthored a text book, several CDs and multiple publications on voice.



## ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK



**MARY BETH KILGORE**

Mary Beth Kilgore, club secretary, a native of Victoria, Texas, graduated from Victoria High and Victoria College where she participated in the band playing the flute and piccolo as well as being a majorette.

After graduating from Victoria College, she worked a year at night in a movie theater and days as a Girl Friday for an architect in Victoria before heading out to Sam Houston State University. There, she received a BS in journalism with a minor in photography and later earned a MA degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma at Norman with a minor in public relations.

After receiving her degree from SHSU, Kilgore moved to Houston and began the life of an undercover agent for Pinkerton's Detective Agency. She also worked for Red Adair, the world-famous firefighter.

Kilgore then joined the Air Force - "one of the best decisions I ever made." As a

Austin developed an interest in organized medicine and has been county society president and served in multiple areas of the Texas Medical Association, including President.

Austin has been a scoutmaster and an elder in First Central Presbyterian. With wife Susan, Austin is the father of Helen, Lewis, and Martha and grandfather of twins Austin and Blake and of Katy and Rhodes.

Proposed as a member of our club in February 1980 by Bill Cain, director of the State School, he is a big supporter of the international outreach by Rotary and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

**NEXT WEEK: June 2, 2017 - Col. Bob Starr, USAF, Ret.**



Michael Bob Starr serves as the executive director of Abilene Home Away From Home, a non-profit organization that matches first-term Airmen assigned to Dyess Air Force Base with host families from the Abilene community. A retired colonel, he recently concluded a 23-year Air Force career as the

commander of Dyess Air Force Base, where he was responsible for a fleet of 33 B-1s and over 12,000 active duty Airmen, civilian employees, and family members. As a B-1 instructor pilot and evaluator, he accumulated over 2,000 flying hours.

Originally from Idabel, Oklahoma, Colonel (ret) Starr was a distinguished graduate from the United States Air Force Academy in 1992. He was also a distinguished graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and received Masters Degrees from Air University's School of Advanced Air and Space Studies and from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. His staff assignments included tours on a Congressional commission, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Air Staff, Central Command Air Forces, and Multi-National Force-Iraq.

He flew in one of the first airstrikes to open Operation Enduring Freedom, and has deployed for over 1,100 days since 9/11, including a year in Baghdad on General Petraeus' staff during the "surge" and a tour as the vice commander of the largest Air Expeditionary Wing in the Middle East. He flew in over 50 combat and combat support sorties, and collected over 600 combat hours in five different aircraft, although most of his combat time was in the B-1.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, three Bronze Star Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, four Air Medals, the Aerial Achievement Medal, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Colonel (ret) Starr left the Air Force in order to run for a seat in the U.S. Congress. His campaign for the 19th congressional district in Texas resulted in a 3rd place finish.

Public Affairs Officer for 20 years, she was stationed in Minot; Shreveport; South Korea which gave her the opportunity to travel throughout the orient; Phoenix; San Antonio; Oklahoma City; Colorado Springs; and finally Dyess AFB. While at Dyess she was named Outstanding Public Affairs Officer for the 8th Air Force.

After retiring from the air force she began a new career as the Public Information Officer for the Abilene District of TxDOT. She retired from TxDOT after more than 18 years.

Kilgore's family consists of a sister (now deceased) and a brother; 17 living nieces and nephews; 41 great nieces and nephews; a few great, great nieces and nephews; and a great, great, great nephew, Levi.

Proposed by Col. David Hall, Kilgore joined Rotary in April 1989. She has served on the board and has been the club secretary (minus the year she was president) since Mike Weber was president, president of the 2015-2016 Rotary Year, has several years of perfect attendance, and is a Paul Harris Fellow plus 2. Kilgore has attended two international conventions and many district conferences and assemblies.

She has served on numerous boards in Abilene including the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau, Abilene Community Theater, Mental Health Association, Keep Abilene Beautiful, American Cancer Society, and Public Relations Organization. She is also a member of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and

He and his wife, Kim, have been married for 24 years and have two sons and a daughter-in-law in college.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 26, 2017 - Jeff White - City Parks and Rec  
June 2, 2017 - Col. Bob Starr (USAF, Ret.) Home Away  
June 9, 2017 - Dr. Jerry Strader - History of the American  
Flag June 17, 2017 - Jean Prescott - The Songbird of the Prairie  
"Traditions"  
June 23, 2017 - Frances Baker-Meek Blood Bank  
June 30, 2017 - CHANGEOVER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PREFERENCE SHEETS for 2017 - 2018 ROTARY YEAR

Preference sheets for the 2017 - 2018 Rotary Year will again be available this Friday. Please complete the form so our incoming president, Paul Thomas, can get his committees together and working.

### CLUB ATTENDANCE

May 19, 2017 meeting  
33 members out of 77 for an attendance percentage of 43%.

### DEALING FOR DOLLARS

Friday our pot will start out at \$221.00.

## 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.

### EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR (EREY)

the Military Affairs Committee. Kilgore is a graduate of Leadership Abilene 1994.

She has several hobbies but most of all she enjoys caring for her animals and of course, Rotary.

## MAKE-UPS

### ASSISTANT GOVERNOR MEETING

Kayla Christianson

### SOUTHWEST ROTARY

Marty Pothier  
Richard Rolison

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** May 19, 2017

Registration:

Myra Dean

Invocation:

Jim McNiece

Singing/Pledge:

Becky Spargo

Introductions:

Raymond Blasingame

Dealing for Dollars:

Ed Brokaw

## **POLIO PLUS CONTRIBUTORS** **for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year**

Peter Agnell  
Donna Albus  
Morris Baker  
Bruce Bixby  
Raymond Blasingame  
David Boyll  
Kevin Bradford  
Ed Brokaw  
Kent Brown

Congratulations to the following who have donated to the 2016-2017 EREY program.

Morris Baker  
David Boyll  
Ed Brokaw  
Kent Brown  
Kayla Christianson  
Myra Dean  
Don Drennan  
Peter Fox  
Craig Haterius  
Mary Beth Kilgore  
Bruce Lambert  
Paul Lenker  
Bob McMillan  
Marty Pothier  
Richard Rolison  
Barbara Rollins  
Paul Thomas  
Hannah Wiginton

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Turner Cariker  
Manny Carneiro  
Malcome Coco  
Myra Dean  
Don Drennan  
Doug Eichorst  
Peter Fox  
Renee Gaskin  
Carissa Gast  
Riley Griffith  
Craig Haterious  
Fred Lee Hughes  
Betty Hukill  
Erik Johnson  
Jennifer Kent  
Mary Beth Kilgore  
Charlie Kitchell  
Patty Knight  
Robert Laird  
Paul Lenker  
Sidney Levesque  
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Jim McNiece  
Shaun Martin  
Chris Meeks  
Ben Muzechenko  
Blake Norvell  
Mark Odle  
Marty Pothier  
Wes Ratliff  
Richard Rolison  
Barbara Rollins  
Mike Sadler  
Becky Spargo  
Sharla Wallace  
Tim Yandell