

# ROTARY CLUB OF ABILENE

## The Rotator

Service Above Self

THIS WEEK: June 1, 2018 - Seaton Higginbotham -  
Workforce



Seaton Higginbotham was born in Abilene, Texas, and graduated Texas Tech University in 1974. He has been happily married to Carolyn for 33 years and has three children and 18 grandchildren. Seaton is the president and CEO of Arrow Ford Mitsubishi in Abilene. He is currently Chairman elect for the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of Team Workforce, and a member of the Abilene Industrial Foundation and the Development Corporation of Abilene. He is a past member of the Abilene City Council and past Chairman of the

Texas Automobile Dealer Association. He believes that leadership is born in vision, fueled by passion, and achieved through diversity, partnership, and engagement.

LAST MEETING: May 25, 2018 - Michael Rice -  
Asst City Manager

Michael Rice, the city's director of public works, in January was named interim assistant city manager.

Rice replaces James Childers who left to become assistant city manager for the city of Irving.

He presented a very interesting program and fielded a multitude of questions including a number about the city's pothole issue.

"Michael is a valued and important member of my leadership team, and I look forward to continuing to work with him in this new role," City Manager Robert Hanna said.

Rice will be interim assistant city manager for a few months before stepping into the role on a permanent basis, Hanna said. "This helps us provide a smooth transition," he said.



## ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK



### Bob McMillan

Bob McMillan was born in Philadelphia to a Texan father and New York mom. They moved to Houston when Bob was ten. Bob received an Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Houston and a Masters in Public Administration from Central Michigan.

With wife Joyce (a recently retired school teacher) he has a daughter, married and is an elementary music teacher and the mother of his grandson and granddaughter. Bob and Joyce's son is a transplant surgeon at UCLA Medical Center.

In the Air Force for 26 years, Bob flew KC 135s in

Rice has worked for the city for almost 2½ years. He has served as the director of public works the entire time. Before coming to Abilene, Rice held the same position for the city of Amarillo. Rice worked for Amarillo for about 32 years, serving in different capacities throughout his career there, before retiring from that city's employment.

## NEXT WEEK: June 8, 2018 - Rafael Henao - Marketing



Rafael Henao is Director, Business Development at AbiMar Foods Inc. in the Abilene Area .

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1, 2018 - Seaton Higginbotham - Workforce  
June 2, 2018 - Disc Golf clean-up day  
June 8, 2018 - Rafael Henao, Marketing

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS



Sammy Guadarrama, the Cooper High School student who won our club's 4-Way Test speech contest, took third place recently during the district level competition.

### 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.

support of many varied missions around the world. He was deployed as Squadron Commander during Desert Storm in '91. He spent some time at Wright Patterson in acquisition of simulator systems for the B1, the KC135, the F16, and the C130. Having retired from the Air Force, he is General Manager for Abilene Aero.

Number one on the list of hobbies and interests are the grandkids who live west of Waxahachie where he owns some acreage.

Bob has begun a bit of farming / ranching and will be transitioning there full time when he retires in October.

Bob currently serves on the Executive Board for the Presbyterian Care Mission and on the Board of Directors for Ben Richey Boys Ranch. He is an Elder at First Central Presbyterian Church and serves as church treasurer. For fun he cycles, flies, and cruises.

## MAKE-UPS

### SOUTHWEST ROTARY

Peter Fox  
Marty Pothier - 2  
Richard Rolison  
Paul Thomas

### eCLUB ONE

Renee Gaskin - 2

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://rotaryeclubone.org/>

## 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

May 25, 2018 meeting  
35 members out of 72 for an attendance rate of 49%.

## DEALING FOR DOLLARS

Friday our pot will start out at \$165.00.

## 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

## 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)**

**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

## CLUB SERVICE May 25, 2018

Registration:

Ed Brokaw

Invocation:

Kevin Bradford

Singing/Pledge:

Betty Hukill

Introductions:

Sharla Wallace

Dealing for Dollars:

Chris Meeks

## 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  
Robert Laird  
Paul Lenker  
Sidney Levesque  
Shaun Martin  
Jim McNiece  
Debbie Moot

Gayla Fullerton  
Craig Haterius  
Erik Johnson  
Paul Lenker  
Shaun Martin  
Marty Pothier  
Richard Rolison  
Mike Sadler  
Paul Thomas

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Bob McMillan  
Peggy Manning  
Marty Pothier  
Erik Presley  
Richard Rolison  
Barbara Rollins  
Mike Sadler  
Mike Schweikhard  
Becky Spargo  
Paul Thomas

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