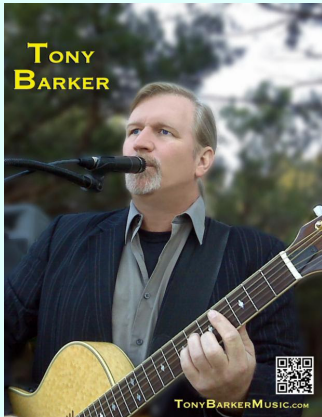


The Rotator

Service Above Self

THIS WEEK: July 28, 2017 - Tony Barker - Musician



Tony Barker is a performing songwriter who has put down roots in Abilene after a lifetime of following Military orders around the country. His 2006 CD, "All In" earned him a nomination as "Singer/Songwriter of The Year" by The Academy Of Texas Music, and he's been performing with bands, and as a solo acoustic performer for over thirty years.

Primarily a "Cover" artist - performing popular songs for entertainment, he's also been blessed to perform his own material at Larry McMurtry's Royal Theater,

Austin's "South by Southwest" festival, and other notable "Listening Rooms" throughout Texas. He is a tireless promoter of Big Country songwriters, hosting events and connecting artists to venues and promoters, and including their music into his own shows.

By far his biggest attempt to introduce Abilene to "Americana" music will happen on July 28th at our Historic Paramount Theater. He has invited one of the giants of the genre - Walt Wilkins - to come to Abilene as a fundraising event benefiting Global Samaritan Resources.

LAST MEETING: July 21, 2017 - James Childers - Asst. City Manager - Street Maintenance Fees

If you missed last week, you missed out on a very informative presentation.

All eyes - and ears - were directed to the podium as James Childers, Assistant City Manager of Abilene, was on the 'hot seat' once again. This time answering questions regarding the likely possibility of the city adding a new fee to the water bill for the maintenance of our streets. Last year when he was here, his topic was regarding water - a very popular? topic at the time.

Childers has been an assistant manager of Abilene since November 2015 and Director of Community Services here from October 2012 to October 2015. He was Assistant Director (Code Compliance) for Dallas from 2008 to 2012. He held other positions in Dallas and Flower Mound.

Childers has a BA in Political Science from Midwestern State University and a Master of Public Administration (Local Government Management).



ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK



KENT SHARP

One of our newest members, Kent Sharp was born and raised in Perryton, Texas (top of the Panhandle), graduating from Perryton High School in 1986. At Texas Christian University (TCU), he received his B.S. in Economics and Finance.

Kent's wife, Angela, with degrees from Lubbock Christian and University of North Texas, is Executive Director of Big Country CASA. Their son, Austin, received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from TCU and is a Petroleum / Electrical engineer with EOG Resources in Midland. Their daughter, Bailey, is a senior at University of Texas Austin studying government and will graduate in May 2018. She plans to attend law school.

Kent has been CEO of the economic development corporations in Shamrock, TX (91-93); Stamford, TX (93-98); Big Spring, TX (98-06); and Gainesville, TX (06-14); and since 2014 has been Executive Director of the Development Corporation of Abilene, DCOA.

Kent's hobbies include reading (the Bible, Grisham, and Patterson); being a news junkie, and travel with his wife; He enjoys giving back to the communities he works in, especially helping socio-economically disadvantaged

NEXT WEEK: August 4, 2017 - Renee Gaskin and Mike Sadler - RI Conference as seen through the eyes of a new member and a seasoned member



Our members Renee Gaskin and Mike Sadler attended the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia June 10-14. Hear the reactions and observations of the two, Renee a first-year Rotarian and Mike, an old hand. What did they learn and how did the experience change them?



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 28, 2017 - Tony Barker - musician
- July 28, 2017 - New Members Orientation @ 10:30 am
- Aug. 4, 2017 - Renee Gaskin and Mike Sadler - the RI conference as seen by a new member and a seasoned member
- Aug. 11, 2017 - TBD
- Aug. 18, 2017 - Joe Spano - Dyess Memorial Park
- Aug. 2017 - Lake Abilene Disc Golf - Community Service day - date and time to be announced
- Aug. 19, 2017 - District Membership Foundation Seminar - Weatherford
- Sept. 2017 - Lake Abilene Disc Golf - Community Service day - date and time to be announced

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAMS NEEDED

Looking forward to exciting programs this Rotary Year...
If you have an idea for a program in the next six months starting in July 2017, contact Myra Dean, 2017-2018 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.



President Paul Thomas, left, greets new members Andrey Schroyer and Kent Sharp. Schroyer is the director of marketing and

children achieve education beyond high school.
Kent has been a Rotarian in Big Spring, and after a stint in Kiwanis in Gainesville, he joined our club this month.

MAKE-UPS

SOUTHWEST ROTARY
Richard Rolison

eCLUB ONE
Keith Carroll

Send make-ups to
marybeth.kilgore@gmail.com

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

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

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR (EREY)

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

CLUB SERVICE
July 21, 2017

- Registration:
Keith Carroll
- Invocation:
Tim Yendall
- Singing/Pledge:
Kate Alvarez
- Introductions:
Dave Boyll
- Dealing for Dollars:
Raymond Blasingame

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

administration for the Abilene Industrial Foundation while Sharp is the CEO of the Development Corporation of Abilene.

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

July 21, 2017 meeting
33 members out of 74 for an attendance percentage of 45%.

DEALING FOR DOLLARS

Friday our pot will start out at \$150.00 due to Charlie Kitchell picking the winning card last week.



Charlie Kitchell shows off his winning card.

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Paul Thomas
President-Elect	Kate Alvarez
Secretary	Mary Beth Kilgore
Treasurer	Peter Agnell
Directors	Donna Albus Dave Boyll Myra Dean Carissa Gast 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.

MORRIS BAKER
DAVID BOYLL
Myra Dean
Peter Fox
Renee Gaskin
Mary Beth Kilgore
Mike Sadler
Barbara Rollins
