

ROTARY CLUB OF ABILENE

The Rotator

Service Above Self

THIS WEEK: Aug. 25, 2017 - Kaitlyn Callaway - RYLA

Come hear Kaitlyn Callaway tell of her experience at RYLA this past June.

LAST MEETING: Aug. 18, 2017 - Lawrence Oduro - Thank You from Ghana

Lawrence K. Oduro from Ghana tells our Club about the work Rotarians are doing in his home country; clean water, hospitals, and education.

He was very appreciative and thanked members for all the support his country is receiving from Rotarians.

Mr. Oduro had an excellent presentation and one that opened the eyes of new members who were not familiar with all the good Rotary does throughout the world.

This is an example of where our money goes that we donate to the Rotary Foundation.



ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK



MYRA DEAN

Myra Dean was born in New Orleans, but grew up on the Kansas side of the Kansas City metroplex in the Shawnee Mission area. She attended Shawnee Mission North High School then got her BSE from Emporia State University and Masters from Hardin Simmons University (2004) Myra has two children, son Mike Dean who lives in Abilene and is a manager at Natural Grocers and daughter Sara who lives in Seattle and is a Chairside Assistant for a dentist. She also has a brother, Jim Laricks and sister-in-law, Marilyn, in Dallas. Her brother has spoken to our club twice about being an officer on a nuclear submarine. All the rest of her "family" has four legs. Dogs: Honey, Annie and Murphy. Myra is also owned by six cats: "Mousey", Charlie, Louisa May Alcat, Tramp, and Mama and Dad cat.

Myra says, "I've had so many careers in Abilene that it would take the entire newsletter to list them all." Some of her favorites were at Automated Copy Systems as VP of Marketing and Sales Manager, Small Business Development Center as the world's oldest graduate student (She was

NEXT WEEK: September 1, 2017 - President Paul Thomas - We are Rotary



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 25, 2017 - Kaitlyn Callaway - RYLA
- Sept. 1, 2017 - Paul Thomas - We are Rotary
- Sept. 8, 2017 - Joe Spano - Dyess Memorial Park
- Sept. 8, 2017 - Board Meeting
- Sept. 2017 - Lake Abilene Disc Golf - Community Service day - date and time to be announced
- Oct. 7, 2017 - Big Country Brisket Cookoff

Oct. 21, 2017 - The Mayors Cup disc golf tournament. Will Hair Park on Ambler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Kayla Christianson, right, accepts our End Polio Now banner showing our 100% commitment to eradicate Polio throughout the world.

NEWS FLASH!!!

Following are members who had 100% attendance in the 2016-2017 Rotary Year. Number in () denotes number of make-ups.

Peter Agnell (16)
Jared Bailey
Dave Boyll (19)
Keith Carroll
Kayla Christianson (22)
Myra Dean (5)
Peter Fox (20)
Mary Beth Kilgore (14)
Charlie Kitchell (12)
Bruce Lampert (17)
Jim McNiece (11)
Marty Pothier (26)
Richard Rolison (45)
Paul Thomas (14)

Rotary Clubs Of Abilene Present the Big Country Brisket Cookoff

October 7, 2017

Fire up your grills Rotarians and join in the fun at our first joint venture to benefit the Rotary Clubs of Abilene. \$1500 grand prize for overall winner.

Cooking starts at 8:00 am, Bloody Mary competition at Brunch at 11:30 am, Brisket judging starts at 4:30 pm in the afternoon.

Music, Fun, Drinks, Children's Activities, Bounce Houses, Great Food, proceeds benefiting the Rotary Clubs of Abilene.

Location: Grapevine Farms, a non-profit organic vegetable farm located 2826 West Lake Road, Abilene, Texas 79601.

EXTRA GROCERIES?

marketing/advertising counselor and researcher), and Branch Manager of Manpower. Although she has a degree in teaching, she's been in sales or management most of her Abilene career until entering the nonprofit world. She is at Global Samaritan Resources as Director of Development now and loves it.

Myra loves to read, dance, fish, play cards and dominos and play with her critters. She says, "I guess I also must add volunteering, since that takes a great deal of my time."

Myra lived on Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands. She was the Liaison Secretary for the Attorney General of the Trust Territories and for a brief time worked for the Director of the MBI (Micronesia Bureau of Investigations). Saipan is located 120 miles north of Guam and tip to tip is only two miles from Tinian Island where the Enola Gay took off to bomb Nagasaki and Hiroshima. She walked on the runway where the Enola Gay took off.

Myra joined our club twice, first sometime in the 80's when we met at Briarstone. She dropped out to go to graduate school to get her Masters. After graduating, the first thing she did was rejoin the club. "I don't know how many total years I've been a Rotarian, but I love what we do and all the friendships I've made in the club." She has participated in Rotary Reads, drag races, bell ringing, Taste of Abilene, Halloween Booth at the State Supported Living Center, putting out flags, led prayers and dealing for dollars. She has been program chair for several years and tries to do whatever is asked as needed. "The only thing I won't do is lead singing!"

MAKE-UPS

SOUTHWEST ROTARY

Doug Eichorst
Peter Fox

ROTARY BBQ MEETING

Dave Boyll
Kayla Christianson
Paul Thomas

DISC GOLF CLEAN-UP

Peter Agnell

Are your kitchen cabinets stuffed? Why not bring your extra groceries to Rotary on Friday and donate to the First Methodist Food Pantry.



Rotarians help clear brush at the Lake Abilene Disc Golf Course on Saturday, August 19. Helping out were Erik Johnson with his son's Leif and Hyden, Jim McNiece, Peter Agnell, Myra A. Dean, Jared Bailey and his son Carter, and Keith Carroll.

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.

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

August 18, 2017 meeting

35 members out of 73 for an attendance percentage of 48%.

DEALING FOR DOLLARS

Friday our pot will start out at around \$201.00

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Paul Thomas
President-Elect	Kate Alvarez
Secretary	Mary Beth Kilgore
Treasurer	Peter Agnell

Jared Bailey
Keith Carroll
Myra Dean
Jim McNiece
Erik Johnson

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.

Ed Brokaw
Kent Brown
Don Drennan
Paul Lenker

CLUB SERVICE

Aug. 18, 2017

Registration:

Riley Griffith

Invocation:

Renee Gaskin

Singing/Pledge:

Becky Spargo

Introductions:

Ed Brokaw

Dealing for Dollars:

Sidney Levesque

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
Morris Baker
David Boyll
Kent Brown
Myra Dean
Don Drennan
Peter Fox
Renee Gaskin

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

Betty Hukill
Mary Beth Kilgore
Sidney Levesque
BOB MCMILLAN
Mike Sadler
Mike Schweikhard
Barbara Rollins

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.
