

# ROTARY CLUB OF ABILENE

## The Rotator

*Service Above Self*

THIS WEEK: Sept. 15, 2017 - Glenn Dromgoole -  
Every Book Has Two Stories



Glenn Dromgoole's books cover a wide range of topics and styles, mixing whimsy with a generous dose of optimism. Most of his books are still in print, including *What Dogs Teach Us*, which was a New York Times Bestseller Plus selection for eight weeks, reaching Number 24 in Hardcover Nonfiction in 1999. He followed up

with *What Cats Teach Us* and *What Horses Teach Us*, as well as *What Dogs Teach Us II* and *What Grandchildren Do*.

Many of Glenn's books are more regional in focus - *Abilene Stories*; *West Texas Christmas Stories*; *Coleman Springs USA*; and *Good Night Little Texan*, a companion volume to his popular children's books *Good Night Cowboy* and *Good Night Cowgirl*.

Glenn and his wife Carol own Texas Star Trading Company - the National Store of Texas - in downtown Abilene, featuring Texas books, gourmet and gifts.

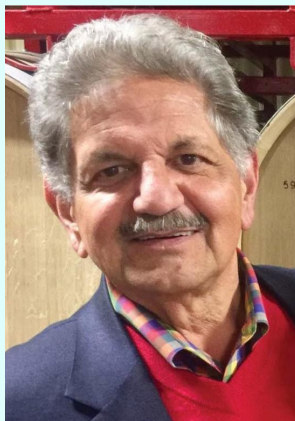
LAST MEETING: Sept. 8, 2017 - Joe Spano - Dyess  
Memorial Park

Joe Spano, vice chair of the Military Affairs Committee for Dyess Support for the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, spoke to us last week about a project to expand the Dyess Memorial Park.

This is a memorial to honor those airmen who lost their lives in aircraft crashes and other accidents while they served at Dyess AFB. The project's goal is to raise \$500,000.

A scale model of the project was on display.

He also touched on the noted relationship between Dyess and the city of Abilene.



## ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK



### MORRIS BAKER

Morris Baker was born in Ranger, Texas. His family included his parents and three older sisters. In 1957 Morris became the first Negro to be a part of an integrated high school graduation class in the southwestern U.S.

In 1926 his parents were among those who organized the first school for colored children in Ranger. Morris earned an A.A. degree at Cisco Junior College in 1959, a Bachelor of Arts degree at McMurry College in 1963, an Ed.M. at Harvard University in 1970, and a Ph.D. in 1976 at the Ohio State University School of Behavioral Sciences.

Professional roles include: Epidemiologist, Secondary School Teacher, Peace Corps Volunteer, Peace Corps Administrator (both domestic and international), University

Spano is a retired businessman and a former three-term Abilene City Council member.

**NEXT WEEK: September 22, 2017 - "My Journey to Texas" - Ali Esfandiary - Beehive Owner**



The Esfandiary brothers, better known in the Big Country as "The Beehive" brothers, have had quite a journey from immigrants to restaurateurs. Their story truly emulates the American dream.

Raised in Rasht, Iran, Ali and Nariman are two of four children born to Jamshid and Rosa Esfandiary. Rosa was a Polish prisoner of war who was sent from a POW camp in Siberia to Iran after World War II. Ali and Nariman's father, Jamshid, was a lieutenant in the Iranian Cavalry. Rosa and Jamshid collided when Jamshid was put in charge of the Polish refugees. Over the years, Jamshid

became a wealthy military man and had close family ties to Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi. Jamshid knew things were not going in the Shah's favor. Becoming increasingly wary of the political unrest in Iran, Jamshid began looking for opportunities to escape. In 1968, when Ali was just 17-years old, his father sent him to America with only \$600 in his pocket. Ali stayed with family friends in San Jose, California and began attending college. At night he worked illegally in restaurants or hotels; in the United States you are not permitted to work on a student visa. It wasn't long until immigration caught on. With the threat of being deported, Ali fled to Kansas City, Missouri. Again he attended school and worked as inconspicuously as possible. Meanwhile, back in Iran, Jamshid continued to move his family out of the country. Nariman was next. Then Ali's other brother, his sister, mother and finally his father. Jamshid fled Iran within a year of the Shah falling. The family settled in Kansas City and built a new life in America.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sept. 15, 2017 - Glenn Dromgoole - "Every Book Has Two Sides"
- Sept. 22, 2017 - Beehive owner - "My Journey to Texas"
- Sept. 29, 2017 - Joey Light - Wylie ISD Superintendent
- Oct. 21, 2017 - The Mayors Cup disc golf tournament. Will Hair Park on Ambler.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FOUNDATION FESTIVAL**

Rotary Districts 5790 & 5810 proudly present a FOUNDATION FESTIVAL on Nov. 18, 2017, at The Grand Hyatt DFW Hotel - Terminal "D" of DFW Airport. Terminal "D" of DFW Airport.

Check-in begins at 5:30 PM. General Theater Seating Registration - \$80 per person. Premium Theater Seating -

Professor, and Non-profit Administrator.

Morris has lived and worked in numerous countries and languages. He still longs to travel.

Morris first joined Rotary (this club) in the early 80's, proposed by Robert Brown and Paul Jungmeyer. He served on the Board for five years and as president in 1990. He lead a GSE Team to Zambia in 1994.

**MAKE-UPS**

**SOUTHWEST ROTARY**

Marty Pothier  
Richard Rolison  
Paul Thomas

**RI RECONNECT WEEK WEBINAR**

Kayla Christianson

**eCLUB ONE**

Kayla Christianson

**DISC GOLF CLEAN-UP**

Peter Agnell  
Erik Johnson

**SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING**

Peter Agnell  
Kate Alveraz  
Dave Boyll  
Myra Dean  
Mary Beth Kilgore  
Charlie Kitchell  
Shaun Martin  
Jim McNiece  
Richard Rolison  
Paul Thomas

Send make-ups to

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

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

<http://rotaryeclubone.org/>

**CLUB SERVICE**

**Sept. 8, 2017**

Registration:  
Mark Odle

\$100 per person.

All ticket prices increase by \$10 after October 31, 2017.

Registration fees include: Gourmet Food Stations, Entertainment, Silent Auction, Open Bar (Beer & Wine) and Cash Bar (Mixed Drinks).

### EXTRA GROCERIES?

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

### 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

Sept. 8, 2017 meeting

41 members out of 73 for an attendance percentage of 55%.

### DEALING FOR DOLLARS

Friday our pot will start out at around \$251.00

## CLUB OFFICERS

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| President                | Paul Thomas   |
| President-Elect          | Kate Alvarez  |
| Secretary                | Mary Beth Kilgore   |
| Treasurer                | Peter Agnell  |
| Directors                | Donna Albus<br>Dave Boyll<br>Myra Dean<br>Carissa Gast<br>Shaun Martin<br>Jim McNiece |
| Sergeant at Arms         | Marty Pothier<br>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

Invocation:

Charlie Kitchell

Singing/Pledge:

Kevin Wilhelm

Introductions:

Craig Haterius

Dealing for Dollars:

Shaun Martin

### EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR (EREY)

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

Ed Brokaw  
Kent Brown  
Don Drennan  
Paul Lenker

### 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  
Ed Brokaw  
Kent Brown  
Myra Dean  
Frank Dlugas  
Don Drennan  
Peter Fox  
Renee Gaskin

### **CRAIG HATERIUS**

Betty Hukill  
Mary Beth Kilgore  
Sidney Levesque  
Bob McMillan  
Mike Sadler  
Mike Schweikhard  
Barbara Rollins

involved in activities outside Rotary, vacationing in exotic places,  
change jobs, etc.

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