

The Rotator

Service Above Self

THIS WEEK: Sept. 21, 2018 - John Hill - The Abilene Index



Megan Dobbs is the Marketing and Communications Director for the Community Foundation of Abilene, a position she started last year after nine years working in broadcast news.

She moved to Abilene in 2008 and worked for KTAB and KRBC News as a news reporter, anchor, and producer until 2014 when she became the news director for both TV stations.

A native of Forney, Texas, 20 miles east of Dallas, Dobbs earned her bachelor's degree in Radio-Television journalism from Texas A&M University-Commerce, and interned for the Dallas Mavericks broadcasting department.

Outside of work, Dobbs serves as Chair of the Work Again West Texas advisory board, Vice Chair of the Abilene

Hope Haven board of directors, and the Chair-Elect of the Abilene Young Professionals steering committee.

She will tell us about the new Work Again West Texas program and its goals for Abilene's less privileged citizens.

LAST MEETING: Sept. 21, 2018 - John Hill - The Abilene Index

Dr. John Hill, professor of economics, was employed by Hardin-Simmons University in 1998. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in economics from Baylor University. He earned a Master of Arts degree in economics from Texas Christian University and completed his graduate studies at the University of Tennessee with a Ph.D. in economics.

Prior to arriving at HSU, he was an assistant professor of economics for two years at



ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK



JIM BENNINGTON

Col. James (Jim) H. Bennington, USAF, Ret., was born in Aldino, Maryland in 1932. Growing up in Aberdeen, Maryland, he was Student Council President as well as Senior Class President. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Agriculture Education then got an M.B.A. from Central Michigan University.

Jim served in the USAF from 1953 to 1982. He was a fighter pilot in F-84G and F-100s spending five years in the Far East. Then he flew the KC-135 with the Strategic Air Command

Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and a visiting professor of economics at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Hill is a real estate investor and owns multifamily and commercial real estate in Abilene. He is a real estate broker and co-owner of Barnett & Hill Real Estate. His brokerage often employs students from Hardin-Simmons and provides them real-world exposure to real estate.

Outside of his work life, Hill serves as a trustee at the University of the South at Sewanee, a volunteer at Breakfast on Beech Street, and is an usher at the Church of the Heavenly Rest.

NEXT WEEK: Oct. 5, 2018 - Keith O'Dell



Keith O'Dell has lived in Abilene for the past eight years and aptly calls Abilene "home". Keith's hometown is "everywhere" as his family traveled the globe due to their service with the US Army.

Keith is retired from the US Air Force and currently drives routes for Midstate Environmental Services. With his bride of 20 years, Robin, they have two

children, Nathan, 12, in seventh Grade at Wylie Jr. High and Destiny 20 - who is currently in her 2nd year at Texas A&M. Keith considers himself a Christian family man who can be found singing and/or playing his guitar around the campfire, at church or simply with his family at home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 28, 2018 - Megan Dobbs, Work Again Program for Homeless

Oct. 5, 2018 - Keith O'Dell - Singer

Oct 27, 2018 - The Mayor's Cup at Will Hair Park - 8am-3pm

Oct 27, 2018 - Club Picnic

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPEAKERS NEEDED FOR 2019

Kelly Thompson, this year's program chair, is on the hunt for some **dynamicspeakers** and **entertainment**. She has designed a flyer for you to present to your prospective speakers that should answer many questions, i.e., we cover the cost of their meal plus ONE. We have a projector but they must bring their own computer, etc.

At this time we are booked through the end of 2018. However, the calendar is wide open beginning the first of 2019.

DUES

Statements for July - December 2018 were mailed in July. If you have any questions, please contact our treasurer, Peter Agnell. **The statement includes a breakout of the \$130 dues.**

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.

20 years. He was the first 1st Lt. Aircraft Commander in SAC. He served as Base Commander of Dyess AFB 1979-1982.

After Air Force retirement Jim worked in oil and gas exploration, custom home-building, and insurance.

Jim married Ft. Worth native Valarie May 16, 1959, and hobbies include golf, gardening and travel.

He joined Rotary in Omaha, Nebraska in 1974 and our club October 19, 2019. He is a Paul Harris Fellow. Jim participates in golf events, Taste of Abilene, and rates our guest introduction efforts.

MAKE-UPS

SOUTHWEST ROTARY

Robert Laird

Marty Pothier

Richard Rollison

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/>

CLUB SERVICE September 21, 2018

Registration:

Mary Beth Kilgore

Invocation:

Austin King

Singing/Pledge:

Barbara Rollins

Introductions:

Dealing for Dollars:

Chris Meeks

CLUB ATTENDANCE

September 21 2018 meeting

37 members out of 72 for an attendance rate of 49%.

DEALING FOR DOLLARS

Friday our pot will start out at \$446.

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Kate Alvarez
President-Elect	Shaun Martin
Secretary	Mary Beth Kilgore
Treasurer	Peter Agnell
Directors	Donna Albus Kevin Bradford Myra Dean Keith Carroll Chris Meeks Becky Spargo
Sergeant at Arms	Marty Pothier Asst: Charlie Kitchell
Immediate Past President	Paul Thomas

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.

POLIO PLUS CONTRIBUTORS

for the 2018-2019 Rotary Year.

All members are asked to contribute \$25 towards the 2018-2019 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
Bruce Bixby
Dave Boyll
J. T. Box
Ed Brokaw
Kayla Christianson
Myra Dean
Don Drennan
Peter Fox
Renee Gaskin
Craig Haterius
Betty Hukill
Erik Johnson
Mary Beth Kilgore
Debbie Moot
Vickie Pelton
Erik Presley
Richard Rolison
Barbara Rollins
Mike Sadler
Mike Schweikhard
Kelly Thompson

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR (EREY)

Congratulations to the following who have contributed to the 2018-2019 EREY program.

Ed Brokaw
Kayla Christianson
Debbie Moot
Erik Presley
Richard Rolison
Barbara Rollins
Mike Sadler
Hannah Wiginton