

# ROTARY CLUB OF ABILENE

## The Rotator

Service Above Self

THIS WEEK: Nov. 9, 2018 - Sam Nichols - Basketball Smiles



In May 2007, Sam Nichols retired from 33 years coaching Women's Basketball. The last 12 years were spent as the Head Women's Basketball Coach at McMurry University. He retired from McMurry, as the all-time winningest Women's Basketball Coach in

McMurry University history. Under Nichols' leadership, McMurry Women's Basketball teams reached several milestones including: Four NCAA Post-season appearances, including making the "Sweet 16" in 2000

- 2006 American Southwest Conference Champions
- Developed Four All-Americans
- Set over 33 school records
- 100% Graduation among his players in 12 yrs. at McMurry

In 2006, Nichols was inducted into the Women's Basketball Coaches Association 600 Victory Club, and has a 70% career winning percentage during his 32 years. In September 2017, he was inducted into the McMurry University Athletic Hall of Honor.

Nichols is Founder and President of Basketball Smiles, a program of free basketball camps in the inner city neighborhoods of the Bahamas. For his efforts, he was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of East Nassau in the Bahamas.

A veteran clinician, Nichols is still in demand, and speaks at basketball clinics and camps around the United States. He has conducted clinics in Russia and Africa, along with the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

Currently, he is Chief Meteorologist for KTAB-TV.

LAST MEETING: Nov. 2, 2018 - Kenneth Hobbs, Beekeeping

Kenneth Hobbs and his wife have lived just outside of Abilene for about 12 years.

The duo became interested in bees while tending their garden. Kenneth noticed his blooms weren't visited by many pollinators, and he wondered why. That curiosity led to he and his wife purchasing two hives three years ago. The couple now own four hives and continue to grow their apiary. Learning about bees and what affects them has made them more conscientious about our environment and what we eat.

## ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK



**PAUL THOMAS**

Paul Anthony Thomas was born at Hendrick Hospital to a professional geologist father who was a numismatist and investment advisor and to a chiropractor mother who was a professional bowler. Both parents were life masters in bridge. Paul graduated from Abilene High, A&M, and Hardin Simmons with some classes at SMU and TCU. Paul's three children, Emily, Laura, and Seth, are all in college.

Work experience began early, at thirteen, as an investment analyst for his father. He was an independent oil and gas geologist fifteen years, seven years USEPA Dallas hazardous waste specialist. For ten years he was money manager for private clients, then a principal at Oil States Trading, LLC and Farpoint Private Equity Advisors and Managers. He still and active investor and money manager and



**NEXT WEEK: Nov. 16, 2018 - Bill Minter, Heritage Square Project**



Bill Minter is a native of Abilene. He grew up in a department store family. After graduating from SMU he studied advertising at U.T. He started a communications company located in Abilene's 1909 Weather Bureau building.

In 2001 he received a degree in Technology Commercialization from McCombs School of Business at U.T., after which he was an officer in two technology companies.

From 2006 until 2016 he was executive director of the Abilene

Preservation League He now is a consultant. Bill and his wife Lindsay have a daughter who does political consulting and fundraising and lives in Houston, and a son who works for the fashion eyewear company Warby Parker in New York City.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov. 9, 2018 - Sam Nichols - Basketball Smiles and Rotary
- Nov. 9, 2018 - Board Meeting
- Nov. 16, 2018 - Bill Minter - Heritage Square Project
- Nov. 23, 2018 - No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov. 30, 2018 - Paige Schneider - KAB/Stormwater Education

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

at large member of the CFA Institute.

Paul is immediate past president of our club.

**MAKE-UPS**

**WEDNESDAY ROTARY**

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**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://rotaryclubone.org/>

**CLUB SERVICE**

**November 2, 2018**

Registration:

Chris Meeks

Invocation:

Silent Prayer

Singing/Pledge:

Riley Griffith

Introductions:

Mike Sadler

Dealing for Dollars:

Bruce Bixby

**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
- Frank Dlugas
- Don Drennan
- Peter Fox
- Renee Gaskin



Kate Alvarez, club president, welcomes our newest member, Rangel Cesar. Cesar, a former member, is the owner of El Chico restaurant in the mall.

### BOARD MEETING

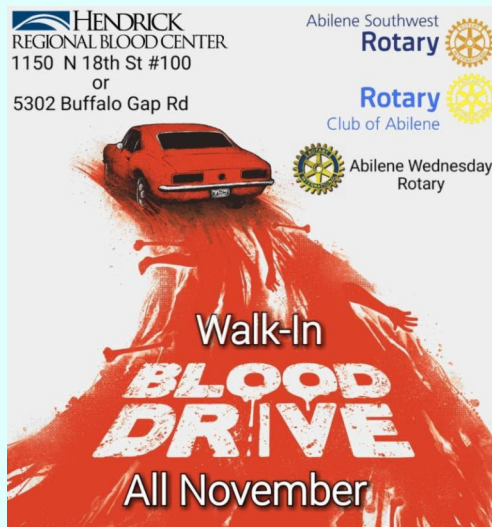
Board members, don't forget...there will be a board meeting immediately following our regular meeting this Friday, Nov. 9.

### VETERANS DAY

In honor of Veterans Day which is Sunday, November 11, the Wylie 2nd grade is presenting a Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 9, and you're invited. The program is at **2pm in the Wylie Elementary Cafeteria located at 7650 Hardwick Road.**

### UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

**As we ready for the holidays, the blood center is always needing donations due to more accidents and the usual hospital visits. Should you decide to help out, please let the techs know you are with the Rotary Club of Abilene so our club can get credit...and maybe, just maybe, win this challenge against the other two Abilene Rotary clubs.**



### HEADS UP

If you fall into any/or all of the following categories, please let Mary Beth know so you can get make-up credit:

- 1) Attended the club picnic on Saturday, October 27;
- 2) Volunteered in the Rotary booth during the ASSLC Fall Festival.

### 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.

Craig Haterius  
 Betty Hukill  
 Erik Johnson  
 Mary Beth Kilgore  
 Shaun Martin  
 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  
 Shaun Martin  
 Debbie Moot  
 Erik Presley  
 Richard Rolison  
 Barbara Rollins  
 Mike Sadler  
 Hannah Wiginton

## **\*\*NEW MEMBER LUNCH POLICY\*\***

The Rotarian bringing or sponsoring a prospective new member and asking him/her to a meeting is responsible for paying for his/her lunch. Or, telling the prospective new member the cost of lunch is \$15...thereby negating any misunderstanding at the registration table when the person arrives. 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**

November 2, 2018 meeting

33 members out of 73 for an attendance rate of 45%.

## **DEALING FOR DOLLARS**

Friday our pot will start out at \$520.00

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## **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.