

### Upcoming Meetings:

Sept 12 - Inside Rotary: History of our Club and Membership Overview - Jim Cole & Stan DeMerritt

Sept 19 - Visit by District Governor Charles Starnes

Sept 26 - SPC Update, cont. - Dr. Satterwhite

### Rotarian Birthdays—September:

### Rotary Anniversaries—September:

Have any updates you would like to see in the Fire Ball? Contact Stan DeMerritt at stan.demerritt@yahoo.com or text at (806)790-3416.

### THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### CLUB ROSTER 2017-2018

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>
Sharla Baldridge	Judicial System
+Phelps Blume**8^	Accounting
Judy Broussard**2	Banking
Jose Cavazos*	
John Clary*	Economic Development
+Jim Cole (PDG)**8\$^~	Past Service
+Pat Cowan**2	Oil Production
Stan DeMerritt**4§	Education Administration
Shanna Donica*	Education
+Richard Ellis**3	Trucking
Ryan Gibbs*	Academic Administration
Stephen Henry**5	Newspaper Editor
Harrison W. Hill*	Banking
+K.W. Hill**3	Banking
+Amber Hinson**1	Abstracts
Tracy Jenkins**1	
Alycyn Keeling*	
Jim Mara**1	Grocery
Landon McCormack*	Banking
Tania Moody*	
+Sham Myatt**1	Accountant
Amanda Neal*	Optometry
Jeff Northern*	Superintendent
+Rick Osburn**2	City Manager
+George Payne**3	Senior Active
+Abel Perez*	Banking
Russ Pinkerton**2	CPA Accountant
Paul Quilantan*	Service Manager
Anna Ricker*	Attorney
James Rincones*	Funeral Home Director
Robin Satterwhite*	Academic Studies
Annette Smith*	Professor/Coordinator
Trey Smith*	Youth Organizations
Eric Taylor*	Writer
Bruce White*	Hospital Administration
+Steve Wright**2	Financial Advisor

\* = Paul Harris Fellow  
 § = Paul Harris Society  
 ~ = Bequest Society  
 ^ = Benefactor

+ = Past President  
 PDG = Past District Governor

Information last updated 7/31/2017

### LOCAL MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Mondays, Noon	Greater SW Lubbock	TTU Merket Alumni Center
Tuesdays, Noon	Plainview	Plainview Country Club
Wednesdays, Noon	Lubbock Rotary	First Methodist-Life Center
Thursdays, Noon	Littlefield Rotary	Lamb Healthcare Center
Fridays, 7AM	Levelland Breakfast	Taqueria Guadalajara

**Rotary**  
 Noon Club of  
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### 2017-2018 Board of Directors

#### Officers:

John Clary, President

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Steve Wright, Past President

#### Directors:

Jim Cole

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Ian Riseley

#### District 5730 Governor

Charles Starnes



# THE FIRE BALL

A Weekly Publication

Meets at 12:00 Noon on Tuesdays  
Levelland Housing Authority 14th St & Avenue J

September 5, 2017

### Today's Program:

*Classification Talks*—President John Clary and President-Elect Landon McCormack

### Our Six Causes

This is the first installment of six that will outline the six different causes that Rotary supports: Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water, Saving Mothers & Children, Supporting Education, and Growing Local Economies.

The following information was taken from the RI site at <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/saving-mothers-and-children>.

### Saving Mothers and Children

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.

### How Rotary makes help happen

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.



**Sustainable programs** - Rotary programs improve women's access to skilled health personnel: doctors, nurses, midwives, or community health care workers.

**Clean births** - Rotary members distribute clean birth kits and train health workers in safe delivery of babies.

**Keeping children alive during their first year** - Rotary members teach mothers how to breast-feed, promote immunizations and regular checkups, and distribute insecticide-treated bed nets.

Our impact on the lives of mothers and children  
The Rotary Foundation reaches mothers and children in need by giving communities the help and training they need to take control of their own maternal and infant health care.

**Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:**

**Mobile prenatal clinics** - Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.

**Cancer screening** - Rotarians provided a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness trainings around Chennai, India, where there is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis.

**Preventing injuries and deaths** - Rotary members launched a \$3 million, five-year pilot to save lives of mothers and children during home deliveries in Nigeria. Since 2005, they've also repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas — 500 more than their initial goal — restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.

Learn more about [Saving Mothers and Children](https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/saving-mothers-and-children) by going to <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/saving-mothers-and-children>.



"If mothers are empowered and healthy, so are their families, leading to an alleviation of poverty and hunger." Robert Zinser, co-founder of the Rotarian Action Group for Population and Development and retired president for Asia at chemical giant BASF

**AT THE AUGUST 29, 2017 MEETING...**

- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pat Cowan
- Prayer was led by Steven Wright
- Tania Moody led the group in a patriotic verse of *America, The Beautiful*
- Brags:
  - Jim Cole bragged on club president John Clary for bringing NextEra Wind Farm visitors to the club a couple of weeks ago. On Friday, the company sent Rotary a check for \$750 to help sponsor the Home for the Holidays Show.
  - President John Clary paid \$5 to brag on all of his and his wife's children, four of whom are enrolled in college classes and one, a son, who has signed papers to buy his first home in Boise City.
  - George Payne bragged on traveling to Wyoming to visit a sister and to watch the solar eclipse. He reported the total population of that state is just 520,000 and over 550,000 out-of-state visitors had come to watch the eclipse and all tried to leave at the same time. He said the eclipse was "an incredible experience."
  - Richard Ellis reported that Dr. Don Kennedy, a former Rotary Club member and president, had died Tuesday morning and that services will be held Saturday.
  - Tania Moody reported that her daughter had started the first day of her last year in college and bragged on the community for helping First Baptist Church in filling a truck with supplies to be taken to former local pastor Brian Hill's church in Corpus Christi.

Club president John Clary said "I think we need to do something as a club to help victims of Hurricane Harvey." He reported that the area hit is actually covered by three different Rotary districts, providing a map. It was recommended that the club make a donation in Ted Holder's name and members were agreeable. Another recommendation was to make the donation directly to a club in that area. A decision will be made at next week's meeting.

Club member and South Plains College President Dr. Robin Satterwhite presented the program. He said South Plains College is "really a very special place," and stressed that it is "your college." "It ain't so little," he said, pointing out that enrollment as of Tuesday was over 9,000 with Monday being the first day of classes. He expected another 500 by the end of the week.

Only a couple of universities west of I-35 are larger. "Us and Amarillo College have larger enrollments than West Texas A&M and Angelo State," he stated. "We're growing because of the quality of South Plains College people," he stated, adding the faculty is second to none. "We have a lot of really, really talented people."

SPC offers over 100 academic programs. He reported there are over 4,000 students on the South Plains College campus of which 760 live on campus and another 3,600 living in Levelland or commuting into the community daily. The population of Levelland swells when SPC begins.

He also reported, 2,500 students attending classes at Reese Center, 788 on the new Lubbock campus and 1,700 dual credit classes with area high schools. The college also has 2,500 students enrolled in online classes. He said less than eight percent of the students attending SPC are from the SPC district and 53 percent are from Lubbock County. The rest are distributed across the 15 county service area.

One of the concerns he has is that just 49 percent of the high school graduates in Texas actually go to college. Of those graduating in this area, less than 50 percent attend South Plains College. A concern is that the population of the rural communities served by SPC is declining resulting in fewer and fewer high school graduates. As a result, SPC must market itself. "South Plains College is a tremendous value," Satterwhite stated.

He said the cost of attending Texas Tech University for

a year is \$25,000. The estimated cost of attending South Plains College, including room and board, is \$13,000 annually. Out-of-district tuition and fees is \$2,100 per semester. If a student attends SPC for two years for transferring to a four-year university, they will save approximately \$25,000. "That's a lot of money," the president said. He said the cost of attending a private university like Lubbock Christian is about \$11,000 per semester. "Every one of our credits will transfer to Texas Tech, A&M or UT," Satterwhite continued.

"South Plains College offers an outstanding cost and our quality is second to none," he stated. "If someone gets an associate degree from South Plains College, 90 percent will maintain all passing and 60 percent will have all A's and B's. If you earn a 3.5 grade point average at South Plains College, Texas Tech will award you a scholarship for \$13,000 at Texas Tech or \$6,500 per year. They have determined that a South Plains College graduate will be more successful at Texas Tech. A successful student is like gold to Texas Tech." he said.

"I think we have that cost advantage and that quality for it's a hard sale because going to a community college is not as popular as going to a university," Satterwhite said.

Out of time, he offered to continue to talk about South Plains College at a future meeting, being invited to finish his program at a mid-September meeting.

**CLUB HAPPENINGS:**

Home for the Holidays is just around the corner! Forward anyone you might know who would like to be a vendor or event sponsor to the following site for more information.  
<http://www.levellandrotary.com/ArtsCraftsFestival.cfm>



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