

# METRO BANNER

Lubbock Metropolitan Rotary

District 5730

November 19, 2010

## Calendar of Events

## !!!!BIG NEWS!!!!

this great and wonderful event.  
-Cesar Caro

### November 2010

13-20 Easy As Pie Fundraiser for Meals on Wheels at all United locations. Need Volunteers!! Call Lisa at M.O.W. for more information.

19 Guest Speaker, Elizabeth Regner, Executive Director, Lubbock Arts Alliance

### December 2010

2 Rotary Clubs of Lubbock present "A Holiday Tribute" at the Frasier Pavilion, TTU, 5:30-7:00



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*From our District Governor, Cesar Caro*

Rotary Greetings,  
I have wonderful news to share. Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith and Rotary International Director Noel Bajaj will be visiting our district on Saturday, January the 8th, 2011 in Lubbock, Texas. The purpose of this visit is to assist our Youth Exchange Program raise funds for their trip to the International Convention in New Orleans. I am writing this e-mail to you to ask for your assistance and to please make this a successful event for the Youth program and our district. Pass on this information to your club members and have them commit to attend, participate, and support this worthwhile event. The President of RI has make special accommodations to be here in order to support the Youth in their efforts to raise funds. It is so hard for an RI President to make special visits to Rotary Districts when asked. I would like to see the highest attendance in our district and show our RI President that this district is united in the efforts of supporting Rotary programs. More information will be made available as the plans develop.

I would like to see all 51 club presidents present at the event along with as many club members as possible. Show your clubs support by being present. Again, thank you for all that you do for Rotary and please do not pass on

## Rotary Clubs of Lubbock present "A Holiday Tribute"



There is nothing better than seeing the Rotary wheel turning toward an ultimate goal...We are fortunate enough to have three Lubbock Presidents that have a vision... UNITY within the same cause. ROTARY. The Club Presidents, Eddie McBride, Joe Garcia and Ann Graham have decided to make it their mission to work together. Their first plight is a "meet and greet" which will be held at the Frasier Pavilion on Thursday, December 2, 2010 from 5:30-7:00p.m. All members, families and guests are asked to attend. Let's find out how many of our neighbors are Rotarians! Everyone is welcome!

## The Rotary Leadership Institute



There is nothing harder than standing in front of 15 veteran Rotarians, giving a 10 minute speech in a discussion format and then having those same people critique you. Not for the faint at heart! Our club was

## NOVEMBER DRIVERS



11/19 Matt Smith & Dennis Reeves

11/26 NO MEALS SERVED

(Please send suggestions to sawierzba@yahoo.com)

well represented by Joe Garcia, Susan Wierzba, Ken Clowes, Wayne Moore, and Fernando Valle. The Rotary Leadership Institute is a program which provides Rotarians and valued guests a leadership program that will enhance their personal growth and further develop their leadership skills, through Rotary, to better serve and benefit their communities, their families & their business endeavors.

## **Don't forget to go out and buy some pies!**



Thanksgiving will be here soon, and Lubbock Meals on Wheels is once again getting ready for the "Feed a Friend . . . It's as Easy as Pie" fundraiser which is scheduled for November 13-20 at all Lubbock United Supermarkets. United customers and other Meals on Wheels supporters are encouraged to donate at least five dollars to receive a coupon for a free fresh-baked 8 inch apple or pumpkin pie from United's in-store bakeries. Donations may be given to the volunteers stationed at the stores entrances, the check outs, the customer service counter, or at the Meals on Wheels' office. The coupons are redeemable at any Lubbock United Supermarkets. All proceeds benefit Lubbock Meals on Wheels. . .

### **This is where we come in...**

Many volunteers are needed throughout the week to collect donations and hand out pie coupons at the nine area United Supermarkets. There is a sense of urgency from Meals on Wheels as all volunteer slots have not been filled. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Meals on Wheels office at 792-7971. Please support Lubbock Meals on Wheels with your time and enjoy a delicious fresh-baked pie this holiday season!

## **Our Guest Speaker, Elizabeth Regner, Executive Director of the Lubbock Arts Alliance**



Elizabeth Regner has been the Executive Director of the Lubbock Arts Alliance since 2004. Under her leadership, the organization has dramatically grown both administratively and programmatically. Membership has tripled and annual attendance at the Lubbock Arts Festival has increased from 7,500 in 2004 to 28,000 in 2010. The Arts Alliance spearheaded the effort for Lubbock to become one of twelve cities to obtain the State of Texas Cultural District Designation as awarded by the Texas Commission on the Arts. Regner facilitated the first and only visit of the National Endowment for the Arts to Lubbock and the organization has also received three consecutive grant awards from the National Endowment for the Arts ("Access to Artistic Excellence" and "Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Grants"). She has served as a community grant panelist, mini-grant panelist, and recovery grant panelist for the Texas Commission on the Arts. Prior to coming to the Lubbock Arts Alliance, Regner served as the Assistant City Manager. In this capacity, she had oversight of an \$18 million dollar budget and six different municipal departments.

From the Desk of el

## **Presidente**



*"How quickly a truly benevolent act is repaid by the consequences of having done it" Hosea Ballou*

Fellow Rotarians, the dynamic Rotary Wheel keeps churning away. Experienced a wonderful week with Rotary. Monday begin with a meeting with the Miller Girls. Joey and I attended their evening meeting, a total of 87 members were present, quite impressive. The Miller Girls and Rotoract representatives will attend this Friday's meeting to receive funding awards. Tuesday we had one of the most successful board meetings that I have ever experienced. New projects will be implemented soon, grant writing was a major topic discussed, local clubs joint membership drive taking place on Dec 2 and this past Saturday's Rotary Leadership Institute training were other subjects of discussion. Thursday night we hosted a dinner for the District Governor and the Assistant District Governor. During said event board members/committee chairs made factual reports to the DG. As he said Friday morning "I was blown away" by your reports and club activities. We continue on the right Rotary path, "Service Above Self."

Friday evening the Downtown Lubbock Rotary Club president, Ann Graham, hosted a dinner at her home for all Rotarians but mainly for those that planned on attending Saturdays, RLI conference. What a grand affair to encourage club membership to get acquainted and combine local Rotary efforts. We are on the path to "solidarity" in Rotary.

Saturday was an eventful day for local Rotarians who attended Rotary Leadership Institute for 8 1/2 hours. This was time well invested in Metro

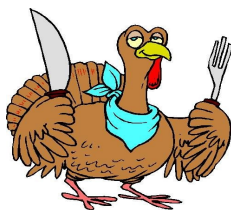
Lubbock's future. This class was attend by five of our members: Joe Garcia, Ken Clowes, Susan Wierzba, Wayne Moore and Fernando Valle. These attendees are our club's future leadership . Our level of commitment to our club is beyond reproach. We did not give up our Saturday, we invested our Saturday in a Rotary event that will pay dividends for many years to come. "Service Above Self"

Joe Garcia

## Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving?

**A note from the Editor:** Our country was founded by men and women who realized that their mere survival depended upon their fellow man and were humbled by providence and grace. The early explorers and settlers who arrived in this land, gave thanks for protection and for the extraordinary natural abundance that they had found here. Since the first National Day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed by President George Washington, all Americans have come together to offer thanks for our many blessings. We should all recall what a great privilege it is to live in a land where freedom is the right of every person and where all can pursue their dreams. We should express our deep appreciation for the sacrifices of the honorable men and women in uniform who defend that liberty everyday. As our soldiers work to advance our cause of freedom, our Nation keeps these brave individuals and their families in our thoughts, and we pray for their safe return. While Thanksgiving is a time to gather in a spirit of gratitude with family, friends, it is also an opportunity to serve others and to share our blessings with those in need. By answering the universal call "to love thy neighbor as we want to be loved ourselves," we make our Nation a more hopeful and caring place. This Thanksgiving, may we reflect upon the past year with gratefulness and look toward the future with hope. Let us give thanks

for all we have been given and ask God to continue to bless our families and our Nation.-Susan Wierzba



## Cartoon of the Week

