

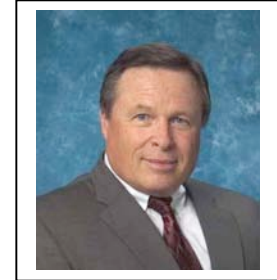
Oak Ridge Rotary Club

History 2001 - 2002

OFFICERS

President
Vice President & Director Club Service
Secretary
Treasurer
President Elect & Director Club Service
Past President & Director Club Service
Director, International Service
Director, Community Service
Director, Vocational Service

Ted Fox
Tom Tuck
Gary Denton
Jennifer Hackett
Larry Beeman
Mark Denton
Fred Heitman
Tom Row
Jeff Phillips



NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Don Roe, Ken Krushenski, James Byrd, Joe Valentino, Missy Acosta, Lisa Robbins, R Boyd Carter, Scott Hood, Jeff Zollar, James Scott, Sandra Plant, Bill Wilcox, Ali Yazdi, Lester Fox., Robert Elwood, and Beth Fee.

MEMBERS LOST

Ira Lew, Andy Loebel, Joe LaGrone, Dwyn Monger, Jewel Stallion, Kaye Johnson, John McKittrick, Dave Duncan, Hank Sauer, Charles Laine, Roy Thoma, T. J. Butcher, Rick Chinn, David Page, George Jasny, Jan Haerer, Cyndi Lundy, John Dempsey, David Beall, and Keith Powers.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

The club attendance for the year was 78%. The year ended with 166 members plus one honorary member.

CLUB HONORS RECEIVED

Barbara Ashdown won the RI Award for Membership for a club with most new members in a district. Hanna Shapiro won an award at the Rotary International Convention in San Antonio for the best Rotary web site in Zone 30. The club won 3 awards at the District Conference. Fred Heitman accepted a plaque for 1st place for International Service Project for 3 projects with Mexico; Hanna Shapira accepted a plaque for 1st place for best 6780 club bulletin; and Ruth Pardue accepted a plaque for 2nd place for Community Service for the daffodil beautification project. Virginia Jones was presented the club's Service Above Self Award for her efforts to initiate and implement the stop teen smoking initiative as well as her cumulative dedication to the club over the past years.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Although the ground was hard the club successfully planted another 25,000 tulip bulbs. This time they grace the Bethel Valley Road entrance to Oak Ridge. It took several tries but as always we refused to be stopped by inclement weather.

A black-and-white chalk portrait of Albert Einstein by Katie Terpstra placed first in the amateur artists category and won the people's choice award in the third annual Oak Ridge Street Painting Festival competition created and sponsored by the Oak Ridge Rotary Club. More than 100 amateur and professional artists of all ages participated in the festival, which raised more than \$20,000 for scholarships for students at Roane State Community College (RSCC).

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS

Dr. Bob Overholt, physician and television personality, offered advice on how to stay healthy and live the good life.

Our own Ruth Pardue gave a hilarious mini-talk on "Trailer Trash Gardening"

Don Lindsey of the American Automobile Association (AAA) delivered what was a surprisingly controversial talk. AAA is lobbying for NAFTA truck safety issues because: "members consistently tell us they're nervous about driving with trucks". It turns out many in our membership are very sensitive to the issue of inspecting Mexican trucks.

John Hoel, Director, State Government Affairs, Philip Morris Companies gave another interesting discussion. Mr. Hoel gave us a brief description of the company's products, what the company is doing to improve its reputation and touched on some programs that "give back to society"

Jack Richard, District Governor of Rotary District 6780 and former president of our club, asked our members "to involve yourselves in at least one aspect of Rotary's work with participation in at least one new club project." He also asked the club to help carry out Rotary's Global Quest to strengthen Rotary's numbers (which had declined from 1.5 million to 1.2 million until 26,000 new members were added last year) by bringing in at least one new member every month.

Landrom Bolling, the director at large of Mercy Corps International, a nonprofit organization based in the United States and Scotland was a guest speaker. Bolling has served as a diplomatic resource for communications between political leaders and governments since the Carter administration. He discussed many aspects of U. S. foreign relationships, their causes and consequences.

Mira Kimmelman, a holocaust survivor talked about her experience in Europe during WWII. During World War II, she spent five and a half years in ghettos and concentration camps including the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau. As a result of Nazi efforts, she lost almost her

entire family; out of eighteen family members only she and her father survived. Her experience taught lessons about survival and tolerance. "Our role is to teach the young about tolerance, acceptance of difference, and avoidance of hate".

Our own club member Bill Wilcox, retired technical director of the Y-12 and K-25 plants, spoke about the Manhattan Project and why it succeeded giving seven reasons for the project's success.

Past RI President Jim Lacey, also Vice-Chairman-elect of the trustees of The Rotary Foundation, gave us many stories and personal reasons to be proud of, and supportive of the Foundation.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES/ ROTARY FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES

Jack Richard reported that there was a great gathering for the 2nd U. S. - Mexican Friendship Conference which was held the first week of November in Pueblo. Jack, Bill Martin, Keith Kahl, and Charlie Whittle participated from our club. During the conference, participants prepared a package of grant applications which totaled \$350,000.

Over 150 people attended and during the conference, participants agreed to 36 projects. District 6780 committed to 15 of these projects totaling approximately \$175,000. Our club committed to lead 3 of the projects which focus on the needs of children.

Top club for annual giving to the RI Foundation was McMinnville. Our club was 6th with \$14,638 and was the top club with restricted giving with \$6,685.00.

This year's District Conference was very special for the club. As the home club for the District Governor, Jack Richard, it was our responsibility to organize and operate the conference. Many people contributed but of specific note were: Bill Martin (General Chair), Keith Kahl (Program Chair), Karl Rapp (Treasurer), Chuck Frew (Registrar) Conner Matthews (Operations), Bonnie Bruton (Decorations), Rick Chinn (Protocol/Flag Parade), Charlie Kuykendall (Sargent at Arms), Carol Johnson and Larry Beeman (Concierge/Tour Desk), Fred Heitman (Hospitality Room), Dan Conrad and Fred Heitman (Polio Plus), and Ted Fox, Bill Sergeant, Tom Row, and Ruth Pardue (participation in programs). Approximately, 570 people participated (Rotarians, spouses, Interact club members, and exchange students). Thanks to the club's participation we won the challenge with the Breakfast Club. We had 78 club members and spouses versus their 14 members and spouses. The president of the winning club was to have his car washed by the losing president. Rather than forcing them to wash President Ted's very dirty and rather old Toyota Celica he suggested that the Breakfast Club could donate \$200 to the Foundation in our club's name. During the conference ~\$17,000 was raised for Polio Plus.