



ROTARY CLUB OF FORT WORTH HORIZON

President's Report, June 25, 2007

This will be my last letter to you as president, as I complete my term in two weeks. I extend my gratitude to the loyal members who have worked with me for the past two years. Looking back, though we have a small club, it has a very strong foundation. Looking forward, I encourage everyone to keep supporting the club, and recruit!

An important upcoming meeting is the visit of District Governor Dave Mason (read biography at the bottom of page). It will take place on July 25th, 7:00AM, in the 'group meeting room' at the Ol'South Pancake House, 1509 S University Dr. ([see map](#)).

At this meeting we will also introduce new members and also honor our past president (by then it will be your truly). Also, Conrad will read a short tribute to Joe McMurray and present his widow with a Paul Harris Fellow award. All members and prospective members please try to attend this special event.

There will be a special business meeting on July 11th, 7:00AM, at Jeff's office ([see map](#)) to discuss the preparations for the DG, and plans for the rest of the year. Jeff just provides the space and coffee. Several of us need to bring in something for a continental breakfast. A reminder will be emailed 2 days in advance.

This past month we submitted information about our projects to the district secretary, for inclusion in the July district newsletter. When it is published, I will share it with everyone. We hope it will garner some interest from a larger club to partner with us on our **hospital project**.

Please note that our website has been updated to include our latest financial statement. There is now a link on the membership page just below the dues information. [See the statement](#).

We received information this month about Honorary Member Conrad's RotaryWine project. It is quite fascinating. [Read about it](#). Consider supporting it. Also, please consider RotaryWine membership. It is a great social activity, all for only 20\$ per year. [See application](#).

Finally, we saved the best for the last, we are very pleased to welcome new member Chuifun Poon, a professional pianist.

Thanks for your interest and support.

Respectfully yours,

Glenn Nixon,
President 2005-2007

PS: Please review the ongoing reminders...

- Forward this newsletter to prospective members.
- Read our [projects page](#), to look for opportunities to achieve club goals. Actively make up at area Rotary Clubs to promote our [hospital project](#).
- Please reply to this email to provide feedback, or to submit information for the website.
- Be mindful of [our members](#) when you need a business service that they can provide.

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Meet Dave Mason, District Governor 2007-2008



Dave was born in Angol, Chile, S.A. where his parents were serving as missionaries for the Methodist Board of Missions at the time. His father was a Rotarian and served as president of his club in Angol. Dave completed most of his primary and secondary education in the Chilean school system.

He graduated with a B.S. in General Studies from Montana State University and has a Masters of Business Administration from Auburn University.

Dave retired from the United States Air Force in 1994 after a career that spanned from the Vietnam War to the first Gulf War (Desert Storm). He was a pilot flying mostly tactical airlift aircraft and served a tour as an instructor in undergraduate pilot training teaching young lieutenants how to fly jets. During his USAF career, Dave had numerous

flying, staff and command assignments throughout the United States and overseas. His professional military education included Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College. He retired as a Colonel.

Upon retirement, he worked for several years with a management training company as an instructor and facilitator. He taught courses in management, leadership and strategic planning.

Dave joined the Abilene Southwest Rotary Club in 1995 serving as its president in 1998-1999. In his club he has served on numerous committees and projects. He traveled to Eastern Russia to help charter clubs there. He was selected as Rotarian of the Year for his club, receiving the Lowell Queen award in 2001. He has served as assistant governor and traveled with the district team to Nicaragua for the "Children of the Dump" project. Dave and Vonda are Paul Harris Fellows and Dave is a benefactor.

Dave's wife Vonda is a third grade teacher and he volunteers many hours mentoring and tutoring children in her classroom. He has worked with several students teaching them English as a second language.

Dave is a life time member of the Order of Dandelions, a military pilots association, the American Legion and the Air Force Association. He is also a Mason.

Dave and Vonda have three grown children and two grandchildren.