



# Sunrise Sentinel

October 20, 2010

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District Governor Nominee.....	Sandra Forster, Garland

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President .....	Ray Klingensmith, Missouri, USA
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## Club Meeting Time and Location

07:30 Wednesday Morning  
Eldorado Country Club  
McKinney, TX

## Today's Program

Sponsored by Donas Cole



Chuck Keohler  
Flag Manual Fundraiser

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



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**Club Number 28762, Chartered May 22, 1992**  
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## Club Assembly

Chuck Koehler will discuss the progress of the Flag Program Manual fundraiser. The Manual is near completion and progress is being made on the data base program. We need everyone's help in suggestions to finalize the manual today and ideas to insure that the fundraiser gets off to a good start.

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## USA and Southern African Rotarians Are Answering Literacy Needs

The Rotary Clubs of Plano, Plano Sunrise and Dallas partnered together with the Dallas Independent School District to send school books to the world. In Texas, we shred a book when it is out of adoption which may be as short as three years or as long as seven years. The books can be obtained without charge from the public school systems. By participating in this program your Rotary Club can make a difference for our schools by relieving their storage, transportation, and destruction costs.

Why is there such a demand for books? The governments of Southern Africa cannot yet



Teachers selecting books

underwrite the costs of all the books needed for the rapidly growing public and private school systems. Many countries in Africa do not offer public education to all their youth. Poverty rules in these countries. Without educating their youth, they will not be able to grow a work force that can feed their people and poverty will continue to rule. Where poverty rules hate also rules. The Rotary Clubs in the USA and South Africa are addressing the needs of the impoverished schools and libraries for books and other educational materials which assist both our literacy and peace initiatives.

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## Proposed Member Approved for Publication

Bob Johnson has been approved for publication. His classification would be Financial/Insurance. Bob is the owner of Johnson Insurance & Financial and has been in business since 1969. If there are no objections by October 13th, he will be inducted into our club on October 20th.

## Young Rotarian quits job, makes service his life

Andrew Kerr came out of high school primed for success.

He took a job in real estate lending, and by the time he was 20, he had bought a house near his hometown of Cary, North Carolina, USA, furnished it with a big-screen TV, and parked a nice car in the driveway.

“I read a book that suggested joining a service club for networking opportunities,” he says. “So I went online and checked out Lions Clubs, Kiwanis, and Rotary – which seemed the coolest to me because of its commitment to community service and national networking.”

Within months of joining the Rotary Club of Research Triangle Park, Kerr had organized a 5K race. Although he'd become a Rotarian for the networking, that project helped him focus his interest in service. “I worked long hours for six months under a lot of stress, but it gave me something that was missing in my life and got me thinking that I might want to do this kind of thing for a living, although I didn't know how,” he says. He continued to volunteer for club projects, and after two years, at 24 years old, he became his club's youngest president.

By 2008, Kerr was a lending manager at a large real estate agency, but the business climate and his spirit for the work had begun to wane. Then something he read online fed into his growing affinity for community service. “The idea was volunteer vacations. I like traveling, and through Rotary I was getting into volunteering, and the two together seemed really cool,” he says.

At the end of June that year, he and a friend drove to Iowa after record-breaking floods hit the region. They spent a week tearing down and clearing out ruined houses with a nonprofit called Hands On Disaster Response. “One day, 22 members from the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids West showed up,” he says. “We dug through a nasty, muddy, gross-smelling basement, everybody pitching in, becoming friends, helping the community. And I remember one woman who said, ‘If you hadn't volunteered, I would have lost the house that I inherited from my mother, which has been in our family for 45 years.’”

Four days after he got home, Kerr asked for another week's vacation and returned to Iowa. His mind was made up. “I drove home, quit my job, stored my stuff at my parents' house, and bought a plane ticket back to Cedar Rapids,” he says. Over the next four months, along with doing physical work, he raised money through Rotary clubs and recruited volunteers so successfully that when David Campbell, the executive director of Hands On, showed up for the project's completion in October, he offered Kerr a full-time job.

Through the organization, Kerr has responded to flooding in New York State, tornadoes in Arkansas and Missouri, and earthquakes in Sumatra, Indonesia. “Sometimes it's overwhelming,” he says. “But it's fun too. You're out there with volunteers from around the world, living, eating, working with them for 24 hours a day, and you bond quickly with them and with the communities you're working in. It's a great feeling.”



After gutting flooded homes in Cedar Rapids, Kerr helps reframe damaged walls.

As development coordinator, Kerr's duties include fundraising, grant writing, public speaking, and supporting staff in the field. Since January, he's spent several months in Haiti, where Hands On has two full-time employees and a base that houses 100 volunteers. "We do rubble removal – a lot of it has to be removed by hand, so you can salvage as much as possible," he says. "There's a field hospital where we built shelves for the supplies that volunteers bring in; we categorize everything and provide runners when doctors or nurses need something. We try to find where the gaps are and fill them in."

Kerr, who's now 28, has spoken to more than 60 Rotary clubs about fundraising, promoting volunteerism, and attracting younger members. Rotarians have responded by donating their money and time to Hands On projects. As for Kerr, he doesn't see himself turning back.

"It takes a little getting used to, living in a bunk space, just taking along what you need, but you find out you don't need a big wardrobe or a fancy car," he says. "It's been crazy. It's a really cool adventure; I absolutely love it. I travel all over the United States, all over the world. It's a dream come true that I don't think would have ever happened if I hadn't joined Rotary at 22 years old."

## Area Meeting Makeup Locations

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<p><b>11:45</b> Farmers Branch Rotary Club, Holiday Inn Select Galleria Area 2645 LBJ Freeway Dallas, Texas</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Richardson Rotary Club Canyon Creek Country Club 625 Lookout Drive</p>	<p><b>7:30 AM</b> Frisco Sunrise Rotary Club Embassy Suites, Gaylord &amp; Parkwood</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Farmersville Rotary Club O.E. Carlisle Civic Center 201 Orange St. @ Hill Street</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Plano West Rotary Club Greek Isle Rest. @ 3309 N. Central Expressway</p>	<p><b>Noon</b> Allen Rotary Club Chase Oaks Golf Club @ 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Plano Metro Rotary Club Glen Eagles Country Club 5401 W. Park Blvd.</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Prestonwood Rotary Club Prestonwood Country Club 15909 Preston Rd., Dallas</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Richardson East Rotary Club Canyon Creek Country Club 625 Lookout Drive.</p>	<p><b>Noon</b> Frisco Rotary Club Dallas Baptist Univ. at Frisco 3211 Internet Blvd.</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Hurricane Creek Rotary Club Hurricane Creek Country Club 1800 Fairway Lane, Anna</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Plano Rotary Club Southfork Hotel 1600 N. Central Expressway</p>	<p><b>7 AM</b> Plano Sunrise Rotary Club Tino's Two Restaurant 2205 Avenue K</p> <p><b>Noon</b> McKinney Rotary Club Ricks Chop House 107 N. Kentucky St.</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Richardson Central Rotary Club Richardson Hotel 701 E. Campbell</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Park Cities Rotary Club Maggiano's Little Italy 205 North Park Center, Dallas</p>
<p><b>Online Makeup</b> <a href="http://www.rotaryclubone.org">www.rotaryclubone.org</a></p>				
<p>Edited 04/01/08</p>				



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## Heads Up! Programs and Events

October 20-----Club Assembly – Flag Manual Fundraiser Discussion  
October 25-----Board Meeting – Market Street Culinary School  
October 27-----Robert Ridgeway  
November 3-----Jim Gilmore  
November 10-----Brian Loughmiller  
November 17-----Trevor Castilla  
November 24-----Dark  
December 1-----Jim Pearson

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## Today's Thoughts in Honor of ....

### National Nut Day – October 22



### Make a Difference Day – October 23

"Both optimists and pessimists contribute to our society. The optimist invents the airplane and the pessimist the parachute."

- **G. B. Stern (1890 – 1973)**

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A college student at a recent football game challenged a senior citizen sitting next to him, saying it was impossible for their generation to understand his.

"You grew up in a different world," the student said loud enough for the whole crowd to hear. "Today we have television, jet planes, space travel, man has walked on the moon, our spaceships have visited Mars, we even have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers with light-speed processing ... and uh...."

Taking advantage of a pause in the student's litany, the old geezer said, "You're right. We didn't have those things when we were young; so we invented them, you little twit! What are YOU doing for the next generation?"



<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Work</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>Classification</b>
Scott Becker	972-548-3613	972-984-1817	817-269-0889	District Judge
Bill Bilyeu	972-548-4698	214-686-1329	214-686-1329	Collin Co. Admin
Jeff Caserotti	972-548-1199	972-562-7249	214-850-4841	Auto Insurance
Trevor Castilla	972-569-9193	972-529-6534	469-371-5409	Civil Engineer
Donas Cole	972-548-5482	972-548-6908	214-592-5279	Hospital Admin
Weldon Copeland	972-548-3811	972-562-0838		Judge – Probate
Ronald Danforth	972-562-4112	972-562-9790	469-233-3871	Atty – Crim. Law
Phyllis Davis			972-658-5800	Real Estate Broker
Kris Falvo	972-529-2559	214-548-4928	214733-9558	YMCA Exec Director
Lyle Froese	972-523-8350	972-569-8843	972-523-8350	Ed Admin
Sandi Froese	903-815-4779	972-569-8843	903-815-4779	Ed Admin
Gretchen Gayowski	972-548-3616	972-562-5306	214-669-5091	Consultant
Steve Goodman	972-548-3616		214-226-2901	Criminal Investigation
Jim Gilmore	972-562-6950	214-544-1361	972-529-8503	Residential Ins
Larry Jones	972-548-4532		214-733-9211	IT Architect
Stacey Kemp	972-548-4136	972-837-2534	214-356-4808	County Govt. Admin.
Tim Kocsis	972-547-6404	972-838-1808	972-670-3850	Comp. Programmer
Chuck Koehler		972-529-1110	214-796-0504	Financial Mgmt
Mark Lowe	972-540-2152	972-377-6688	214-870-5959	Trust Officer
Brian Loughmiller	972-529-5554	972-529-9030	214-924-6900	Atty – Family Law
Ed Miles		972-540-1541	214-673-5284	Psychologist
Steve Mitas	972-547-6404	972-838-1807	972-670-1197	Comp. Software
Bryan Northington	972-569-0170	972-547-4958	469-569-6814	Auto Collision Mgr.
Tom Parker	972-540-2180	972-540-2180	972-832-5590	Ed. Admin – Pers.
Jim Pearson	972-562-9787	214-533-2787	214-533-2787	Real Estate App.
Robert Ridgeway	972-529-7071	903-892-0637	903-744-0629	General Law Practice
Robert Rusoff	972-547-1672	972-547-1672	214-504-5133	Procurement
Juli Smith	972-562-6996	972-562-1866	972-658-9977	Non-Profit
Bill Smith	972-731-4000	972-569-8811	985-774-4048	Financial
Gary Taylor	972-548-5140	972-984-1052	972-984-0661	Groc. Store Mgmt
Linda Terry	972-542-5561	972-548-0091	469-450-4100	Fire & Casualty Ins
Nathan White	972-979-9204	972-562-6445	972-979-9204	Judiciary
Connie Yeager	972-529-1351	972-529-1351	214-693-2510	Health Ins. – Ret.
Pamela Zeigler-Petty	972-398-4027	972-540-5383		Bank Mgt – Bus. Banking
<b>Honorary Member</b>				
Mary Lou Lee				Printing – Ret. - Honorary
Paul Yeager				City Council – Ret.- Honor

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