



Upcoming Events

RI Dues Due

Jan 01, 2017 – Jan 31, 2017

RYLA 2017 - Volunteer Registration

Jan 05, 2017 6:00 PM –
Jan 08, 2017 3:00 PM

RYLA Weekend Retreat

Jan 06, 2017 – Jan 08, 2017

RYLA 2017 - Student Registration

Jan 06, 2017 6:00 PM –
Jan 08, 2017 3:00 PM

RYLA 2017 - Club Commitments

Jan 06, 2017 6:00 PM –
Jan 08, 2017 3:00 PM

SCRYE Winter Meeting

Jan 27, 2017 – Jan 29, 2017

Welcome Dinner for Mid-Year Meeting

1836 Steakhouse
Feb 10, 2017 7:00 PM

District Governor Nominee Selection

Feb 11, 2017

Mid Year Meeting / Pre-PETS

Gibbs Conference Center
Feb 11, 2017 8:00 AM

RYE Short Term

Applicant/Parent Interviews

Lone Star College - Montgomery
Feb 18, 2017

Bulletin Editor

District 5910 News

January 2017



Gig Langston

District Governor 2016-2017
Rotary District 5910

Stories

Update

Information submitted by the Rotary Club of Cleveland was inadvertently omitted from the first published version of the January 2017 Newsletter. Please be sure to read of the Club's activities in the article below.

From the Governor

Rotarians and Rotary Friends:

BRRRR, I WISH I HAD WORN MY LONG JOHNS!

Saturday, December 10th was the coldest day District 5910 had experienced this year. The cold, however, was perfect for providing an outdoor refrigerator for the 122,231 pounds of food that Rotarians from all five Montgomery County clubs; The Woodlands, Magnolia, Conroe, Lake Conroe and East Montgomery plus Huntsville had assembled at the Charles Traylor Park in Willis. Assisting were the Interact Clubs from The Woodlands, College Park, John Cooper, Magnolia East, Willis and Huntsville. Box vans had made three trips from the Montgomery County Food Bank to the park to unload all the foodstuff. Rotarians

[Jacque Chapman](#)

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separated and placed the various portions of food into neat double row stacks or piles that were a city block long. The stack of frozen meat, alone was several cartons wide and came up to my shoulders.

The recipients had started lining up their vehicles at 4:00 AM. Each vehicle was given a number that indicated how many families were to be served as Rotarians loaded up the trunk, back seat and PU beds with food beginning at 9:30. The cars were divided into two lines as they made their way down the food stacks. The distribution ran like clockwork as Rotarians placed three five pound bags of potatoes, a thirty three pound case of frozen meat, apples, pears, cabbage, orange juice, pasta, rice, salmon, bananas, sweet potatoes, mangoes, bread, tomato sauce, oat meal, squash, zucchini, grape fruit, cans of green beans/corns, peppers, pinto beans and onions into the vehicles.

All in all, 628 families were served. This added up to 2,296 individuals receiving food with which they could cook many healthy meals. Each Rotary club contributed \$500.00 to purchase the food through the food bank and it was amazing to see the amount of food that was given out considering what you and I pay after a quick trip to the grocery store. Our fellow Rotarians deserve a big District 5910 round of applause for planning and completing this food distribution event. It was a cold day in Montgomery County but there a hundred plus warm **ROTARY** and Interact hearts **SERVING HUMANTY.**

Happy New Year,

Gig

Gig Langston

District 5910 Governor 2016-2017

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RYLA 2017

Best Wishes to all Participants!



January 6 - 8, 2017

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January Designation



JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

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2017 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION PROMO

REGISTER NOW!



The Rotary International Convention is our biggest event of the year! In addition to celebrating all things Rotary, this year we'll also be commemorating The Rotary Foundation's centennial with a birthday party, book signing, and film festival.

Celebrate Together in Atlanta

The Rotary Foundation is turning 100! Let's celebrate together in the city where it all began in 1917. The Rotary Convention travels to Atlanta, Georgia, USA 10 -14 June 2017. We'll look back proudly over a century of "doing good in the world" — and look ahead to the challenges Rotary will tackle in the century to come. It promises to be the best and biggest party in a hundred years!

Register Now!

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Mid-Year/Pre-PETs Meeting

Make Plans to Attend the Rotary District 5910 Mid-Year Meeting



The annual Rotary District 5910 Mid-Year Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, 11 Feb 2017 at the Gibbs Conference Center in Huntsville.

The Mid-Year Meeting is open to all Rotarians, with Club Presidents, President-Elects and current club Officers expected to be in attendance at this one-day annual meeting. It is critical that Rotarians and Leaders stay focused on District and Club goals. This meeting / training will provide critical information to keep leaders accountable and motivated in order to finish the Rotary year strong. For Club Presidents-Elect this meeting serves also as a Pre-PETS briefing.

This event is listed on the District website (under EVENTS) and registration is open now. The cost is \$30 per person.

More information will be forthcoming from Emken Linton, District Trainer & Meetings Chair, and Coordinator Marjolein Lemmon.

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District 5910 Roll of Fame Award

Posted by Michael Casey

DISTRICT ROLL OF FAME

We are well into our Rotary Year and it is time to begin thinking about nominating a deserving member in your club for the District 5910 Roll of Fame. Through the links below you will find the Nomination Form and the Requirements for nomination. Deadline to submit the application is **March 15, 2017**.

If you have any questions about the nominating process, kindly do not hesitate to contact Michael Casey at captmjc1@gmail.com.

[Roll of Fame Nomination Criteria](#)

[Roll of Fame Nomination Form](#)

Rotary Group Effort in Huge Food Distribution

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Working Together Multiplies Benefits



The five Rotary Clubs in Montgomery County and the Rotary Club of Huntsville put together a huge food drive to benefit the hungry in Montgomery County and surrounding areas. Each of the six Clubs contributed \$500 each plus volunteers to make up a volunteer force of over 200.



Governor Gig Langston and his wife helped with providing food with the volunteers from these six Rotary Clubs, Interact Clubs, and Rotaract Club on Saturday, December 10, 2016. This food drive is the largest food distribution drive of each year, being between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Clubs engaged in a united effort to help stomp out hunger in the area north of Houston. Rotarians all agreed they would make this event an annual event.



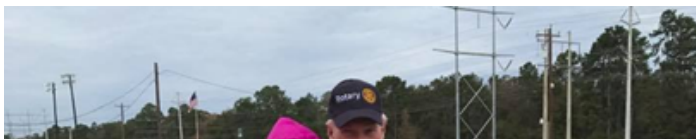
President Ron Saikowski of the Rotary Club of Conroe assisted in this food distribution.



The participating Rotary Clubs included in alphabetical order:

1. Rotary Club of Conroe
2. Rotary Club of East Montgomery County
3. Rotary Club of Huntsville
4. Rotary Club of Lake Conroe
5. Rotary Club of Magnolia
6. Rotary Club of The Woodlands

The Montgomery County Food Bank used the \$3,000 donated by the Rotary Club to purchase almost 20 tons of food for this food distribution drive. Distributed foods included meats, fresh/canned fruits and vegetables, bread, pastries, and even birthday cakes to recipients who had birthdays during the months of November and December. The ultimate success of this food distribution was seen in the eyes of the hungry and less fortunate as they drove through the two drive-thru food distribution lines picking up foods along the two hundred foot lines with volunteers packing cars and trucks with badly needed foods. This food drive took weeks of planning with the Montgomery County Food Bank and was well worth the organization efforts with many "thank you's" received along the lines of volunteer. Entire Rotary families participated in this huge endeavor which helped almost 1,000 families in the area.



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CLUB NEWS: Angelina

Angelina Rotary Shares Holiday Spirit

Angelina Rotary Club
partnered with Lufkin
Rotary Club to sponsor a
Rotary tree at the
Museum of East Texas
Festival of Trees.



Welcome new Rotarian Jennifer Appleman!

President Michelle Briley presented Diboll Interact Club President Alec Reyes a framed copy of the article featured in the Lufkin Daily News which highlighted Reyes.

Angelina College Rotaract, with President Leslie Durham in the lead, volunteered with CISC (Christian Information Service Center) to sort and pack food for needy families in Angelina County as one of their community service projects.

Members volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army representing our club at Belk.

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CLUB NEWS: Beaumont

Beaumont Club's Service Continued



Despite the busy holiday week activities, Rotarians and friends turned out to spend the better part of two days painting and refurbishing a community room at the local Women's & Children's Shelter. Not only is working together fun, it is rewarding to know that the residents are enjoying the facility even more now.



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CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

Giving Back to Community Highlighted at Rotary Club of Cleveland

Rotarian Scott Shuff's program for the Rotary Club of Cleveland meeting was a perfect lead-in for the holiday season. Scott is involved with the Kindness Revolution – a pay-it-forward method encouraging everyone to show kindness in daily life. When you witness someone doing or saying something nice, thank them. The program provides wristbands you can give the person you witness, who then passes the wristband to someone they witness. Contact Scott at Suff.TheKindnessRevolution.org for more information. Visitors Peggy Huson and Ray Gearing of the Livingston Rotary Club made a presentation about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library – started by her foundation to provide books each month to children from birth to age 5 to encourage a love of reading.

Pictured (left to right): Rotarian Peggy Huson from Livingston Rotary Club; Cleveland Rotarian and speaker Scott Shuff; Cleveland Rotary President Eisha Jones; and Livingston Rotarian Ray Gearing.

Representative-Elect Ernest Bailes Visits His Home Rotary Club

Members of the Cleveland Rotary Club were proud to welcome Texas House District 18 Representative-Elect and their own Rotary Club member Ernest Bailes as speaker. Mr. Bailes outlined the steps he is taking to set up his new offices both in Austin and in his district, with education, mental health, and child protective service as top priorities. His words to live by include knowing who to ask, how to ask them, and always listening.

Pictured (left to right): Larry Middleton, Claire Garrett, Ernestine Belt, Tommie Daniel, President Eisha Jones, Scott Lambert, James Leach, Representative-Elect Ernest Bailes, Jack Carnes, and Bob Coleman.

Hope for Cleveland Committee Visits

The Cleveland Rotary Club welcomed speakers Susan Ard, Cleveland ISD Communications Director and founder of the Hope for Cleveland Committee, along with committee member and local attorney Mollie Lambert. The Hope of Cleveland committee stresses working together with the collective purpose of educating everyone about local potential and encouraging big companies to take stock of what Cleveland has to offer as a future investment. Cleveland needs to become a place to settle down and develop, not just a stepping stone to other opportunities. Cleveland Rotary members will once again sponsor the upcoming Don't Meth Wit Me Program on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 for both Cleveland's Eastside and Tarkington's Intermediate School fifth grade classes. The program is

developed for ongoing education of children about the effects of meth addiction.

Pictured (left to right): Rotarian and program host Scott Lambert; Hope for Cleveland Committee members Mollie Lambert and Susan Ard; Rotary President Eisha Jones.

Rotary Club Checks Out Future for Cleveland ISD

Members of the Cleveland Rotary Club welcomed speaker Jeff Martin of LandPlan Engineering who brought a map showing the changes within the Cleveland ISD District boundary. The map showed both completely sold and on-the marking subdivisions, as well as plans for a shopping center where Cleveland ISD District meets the Grand Parkway south of Plum Grove. Also, that day Rotary members rang the bell for the Salvation Army at the Cleveland Walmart. All participants felt the Christmas spirit while witnessing the generosity of the shoppers. The donations are for the Cleveland area and are greatly needed and appreciated. Check out the updated website at www.rotaryclevelandtx.wix.com/rotaryclevelandtx.

Pictured (left to right): Rotarian Scott Lambert; Jeff Martin of LandPlan Engineering; Rotarian and program host Tommie Daniel.

On January 6-8, 2017, the Cleveland Rotary Club will be sending 8 students to RYLA. The next two events for the club are the Don't Meth With Me – 5th grade program on Tuesday, January 24 and the Rotary Club of Cleveland 33rd Annual Rotary Baseball/Softball Tournament on March 2-4.

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CLUB NEWS: Conroe

Conroe Club Supports Red Kettle Drive

The Salvation Army benefitted from the all-day Saturday Bell Ringing by the Rotary Club of Conroe, the Conroe High School Interact Club, and the Lone Star College Rotaract Club at the Kroger's Store on the north side of Conroe on December 17, 2016. Proceeds from the bell ringing were used by the Salvation Army in purchasing Christmas presents and helping Seniors during the Christmas Season.

Past President Thomas Stewart and his son rang the bells together.

Rotarian Dave Bartlow and Lone Start College Rotaract President Chris Williams also helped to fill the Salvation Army till. The year 2016 is one of many years that the Rotary Club of Conroe assisted the Salvation Army.

The Rotary Club of Conroe held their Christmas Party in



the Conroe Art League Gallery located in the historic Madeley Building in downtown Conroe. The Art Gallery was festooned out in Christmas decorations and outstanding art works on the walls and on pedestals. Rotarians and their spouses visited and talked about the year past and of things to come, making this an enjoyable social event.

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CLUB NEWS: Dickinson

Dickinson Rotary Sponsors Christmas Parade

The Rotary Club of Dickinson sponsored the annual Dickinson Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 8th. The theme for the parade was "A Star Spangled Christmas." Jim Barry, Dickinson Rotary President, served as the Parade Marshall.

Many local businesses, churches, and community organizations participated in the parade.

Bill Gaffey, Santa (Earl Mills), Betty Lessert and Bob Bragg

Dickinson High School Interact students carried the Rotary banner at the front of the parade.

Dean Rounds and Jack Matkin, Rotary Vice President and Parade Coordinator

Parade floats

Parade judges - Ann Bragg, Tammy Dowdy and Laura Koehler

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CLUB NEWS: Friendswood

Friendswood Club Grows Steadily

Rotary Club of Friendswood welcomed new member David O'Farrell. David and his family own O'Farrell Realty and are very involved in the community. Pictured along with David are club members David Smith, Sally Branson and club President Jerry Ericsson.

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CLUB NEWS: Lake Conroe

Lake Conroe Holds Memory Park Donor and Volunteer Recognition Evening

More than a hundred people gathered at Walden Yacht Club on September 15th for the first **Memory Park Donor and Volunteer Recognition Evening**. Guests enjoyed a casual, relaxed atmosphere as they socialized and visited the park displays set up around the perimeter of the room. Mayor of The City of Montgomery, proclaimed September 15th "Memory Park Donor and Volunteer Recognition Day" in the city.

The evening was all about saying Thank You! to all who have made the park special. The first part of the night was dedicated to park donors, with photos to showcase all of the park projects, from first to most recent. The first project was a bridge built by Eagle Scout Chris Ammons completed just in time for the park's Dedication Celebration on June 28, 2008. This was the first of eight Eagle Scout Projects now in the park, all highlighted during the evening.

Alfred and Dollie Anderson have funded the park's newest project, the gorgeous "Anderson's Bocage" Island.

The second part of the evening was dedicated to park volunteers. Members of The Blue Bell Garden Club, The Friends of The Charles B Stewart Library and other organizations were in the audience and thanked for their efforts. Then four Non-Rotarian Volunteers were awarded Paul Harris Fellowships, one of Rotary International's highest honors. Randy Burleigh was honored for his efforts in park maintenance and irrigation. Mike Curry,

Montgomery County Adult Probation Department, was honored for his years of work in the park with the probationers. Margie Barlow, Master Gardner and owner of Garden Angel Landscaping, was honored for her fabulous work with plantings and garden upkeep. And Girl Scout Troop Leader Samantha Barnett was honored for her work with Vannessa and Makalyn on The Butterfly Garden, inspiring the girls each step of the way to work harder and longer than anyone thought possible. A surprise gift was presented to Don Carter - an engraved stone - to thank him for his unending work in the park!

As we worked our way around the room to thank each person in attendance for their contributions of time, talent and treasure, it was so gratifying to see all the familiar faces, some of whom we had not seen in years, and remembering the conversations that started each project, the hearts that were touched, and the memories that have been made.

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Linda Ricketts Literacy Scholarship Presented

The 3rd Linda Ricketts Literacy Scholarship was presented to Robyn Droddy at the New Caney Branch of The Montgomery County Library, where she is an employee. This graduate level scholarship is awarded annually to a library employee seeking an advanced degree in Library Sciences, which is needed to advance in the library system. This 2500.00 scholarship will allow Robyn to complete her graduate studies.

PDG Doris is pictured here with Robyn and the library staff.

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CLUB NEWS: Nacogdoches

Nacogdoches Expands Plans to Serve Many More

The Rotary Club of Nacogdoches' original plan was to install one canopy shade structure for a splash park in the city of Nacogdoches. We received some help through a District Grant. There is currently no shade, seating, or tables. Our district grant included providing a canvas shade structure for one area, and the city would supply a picnic table. Architect and Rotarian designed a permanent structure and another Rotarian whom is a steel manufacturer constructed 3 shades for a park in one of the poorest districts in Nacogdoches. The Parks Advocacy League (PAL) partnered with us through the city to provide fencing and tables through donations. The Nacogdoches Jaycees partnered to provide cost for one shade, and Rotary provided two. While the cost is much more than original plan, these will last a lifetime! Club paid for overage. Parents can now enjoy shade while children play, and we foresee many more users of and plans for this great facility!

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CLUB NEWS: Rusk

Rusk Builds Pavilion to Honor Founder

The Rusk Rotary Club has started the Houston White Rotary Pavilion in honor of our founding member Houston White. He will turn 104 on January 12, 2017.

This picture is of Houston enjoying his 103 birthday party and below are pictures of the pavilion construction so far.

We stamped the concrete with the Rotary wheel

emblem. We are very excited to complete the project and have our dedication ceremony.

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CLUB NEWS: Woodville

Woodville Raises Funds for Salvation Army

For over ten years the Woodville Rotary has partnered with the Tyler County Salvation Army to ring the bell for the red kettle.

This year **over \$4,000** was raised for the Salvation Army red kettle drive. All proceeds that are raised stay in Tyler county.

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Website Help

Posted by Brenda Walker on Nov 01, 2016

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