

Rotary
District 5910



People of Action

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Rhonda Herrington

Rotary Club of Palestine
District Governor 2017-2018
Rotary District 5910



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MAY DESIGNATION IS



YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

"If you really want to change the world you have to inspire young people. That's how you change the world."
Joe Rogan

Rotary

TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary. Change Lives

Family of Rotary

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Family of Rotary invites you to join Rotary Members from District 5910 to see the Astros v. Red Sox game for a 6:35 pm game, Sunday, June 3rd.



Invite family and friends to join District 5910 Rotarians to cheer on the Astros and have a good time.

To obtain tickets and further information contact:

Jayne McCurry

Jaynemccurry@icloud.com



DEADLINE for ticket payment is May 14th. Late payments will strike out!

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DISTRICT GRANT REQUESTS

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District Grants for 2018-2019

It is time to put your District Grant request together! **The deadline for submitting your district grant request for 2018-19 is June 1.**

The total DDF available for District Grants is approximately \$60,000. The maximum match from the district is \$3,000, with a minimum of \$1,000, equal to the club contribution. Announcement of awards and recipient clubs will be made in July.

In order to apply for a District Grant, Club leaders must have completed the necessary grants training, must have an MOU

(Memorandum of Understanding) on file with the District.



Please link here to read the Grant Guidelines and find the form to use to submit a grant request by **1 June 2018** for the 2018-19 year: There is a Microsoft Word document available on the link above and on the District Grant page for submission of your requests. If you submit the grant request using the Word document, you will need to have it signed, and then scanned and sent in.

[District Grant Guidelines](#)
[Grant Application Form](#)

TIMELINE

1 June 2018 - Grant Requests for 2018-2019 due
1 May 2019 - Project reports due

For information about the Grant process, please contact:

Walter Hinkle

Phone: (855)775-4800

Direct: (979)361-3301

Email: whinkle@laseranswering.com

Address: 2405 Texas Avenue South, Suite 306 College Station, TX 77840

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2018 Membership Foundation and PI Seminar



You are invited to

**District 5910 Membership, Foundation,
and Public Image Seminar**

**Saturday, August 25, 2018
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
UTMB campus in Galveston**

**Club board members, officers, committee chairs,
and all interested Rotarians are encouraged to attend.**

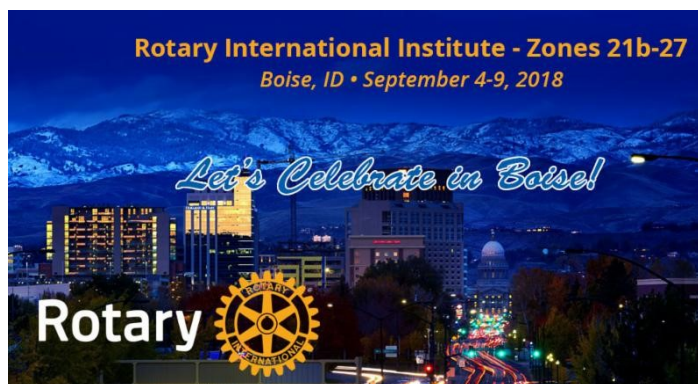
The Galveston club is working on special hotel rates to encourage you to make a weekend of it. So plan to bring the family for some late summer fun!

More details will follow, but please put this on your calendar now.

The newly formed district training committee is planning a lively and informative seminar for you!

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Zone Institute



2018 Rotary Institute Zones 21B-27 September 4-9, 2018 Boise, Idaho

Don't miss the final Institute in our current Zone structure! Come and celebrate the great things we have accomplished and the wonderful fellowship we have shared!

As always, the institute will provide training for emerging, upcoming, and current Rotary leaders. Past district governors will also have their chance to provide feedback and share ideas with Rotary senior leaders. Attendees will hear some of the finest speakers in Rotary as they inspire us with their amazing stories.

We hope to see you in beautiful Boise, Idaho!

***Larry and Lois Dimmitt
Rotary International Director 2018-2020***

If you would like to receive registration information and updates on the Institute, email BeckyLMason@mac.com to be added to the mailing list.

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Year End All Club Training

The District Year End All Club Training took place on April 7, 2017 in Dickinson. If you would like to see photos or watch the session as recorded please click on the link below to go to the webpage.



Year End All Club Training on April 7, 2018

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2018 District Conference

Postcards from S'More Camp!



The 2018 District Conference was outstanding and thoroughly enjoyable. Photos and reports will be available soon and will be posted to a website page. Rotarians will be able to view and enjoy at your leisure. Some of the speakers are sending their Powerpoints to be used and perhaps shared with Club members

too.

Photos and/or Powerpoints can be shared to admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org and will be added to the website page under Our District and District Conferences.

Please come back and check for your postcards from Camp!

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Rotary Youth Exchange

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All our 11 inbound exchange students and 9 Rotarians (Glen & Carol Mattingly, Doris & Wally Lockey, Marcus & Nisa Gillespie, Hugh Summers, Chris Turner, and Ulli Budelmann) spent a wonderful weekend together, this time in the Texas Hill Country near Fredericksburg. Thanks to the generosity of Beaumont's Mason Family we enjoyed a weekend (April 13-15) at the Star-M-Ranch near Harper and experienced what Texas country life is all about.

Everyone had to get up early (some already before 4:30 a.m.) to make it in time to the rendezvous point at Buc-ee's in Bastrop; from there in a convoy we continued to Fredericksburg for lunch. On the way to the ranch, we stopped at the "Enchanted Rock" and climbed up this pink granite mountain, the students, of course, far ahead of at least some of the adults.



We arrived at the Star-M-Ranch in the late afternoon and first relaxed for a while, the adults enjoying the beautiful weather (with a glass of wine) while the students cooled off and had fun in the swimming pool.



Already before and also after dinner (prepared by our wonderful chefs Wally and Doris Lockey), we had our first look at the beautiful country side surrounding the ranch, not walking, of course, but driving 4-wheelers and a truck that took us to almost wherever we wanted to go.



On Saturday morning and early afternoon we continued to visit all the wonderful places that the ranch has to offer and that we, the adults, have enjoyed now for the past 10 years.



Later in the afternoon we met with Rolando Mujica and his son, who showed the students how to ride a horse. A few had to overcome a little fear but all students did ride, some for the first time in their lives. Certainly with pride they will show their friends photos of themselves on a horse when they are back in their home countries later this year.





It is always a sad moment when we leave the ranch on Sunday morning; everyone would have liked to stay there a little longer. But the weekend was not over yet. We continued to San Antonio, where we briefly enjoyed the Mexican Market before we had lunch at the famous Tex-Mex Restaurant “Mi Tierra”.



When everyone arrived at home late Sunday afternoon or evening, we were a bit “exhausted” but for sure all noticed how much we enjoyed that weekend.

A big “Thank You” to Wally and Doris Lockey for having fed us so well at the ranch, and specifically to the Mason Family, Chuck and Becky Mason, Brad Mason and Mary Beth Townsend, who so generously allow our students and us to visit their ranch every year.

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Rotary in The News



As a reminder, I collect quarterly publicity items from around Rotary District 5910 and prepare an internal report on behalf of DG Rhonda to submit to our Zone Coordinator to share with Rotary International.

Has your Rotary club gotten any good publicity during January/February/March 2018? Please scan and email items or copy and paste web links showcased in your local newspaper or on a local TV or radio broadcast to bunny@bcins.net.

If you have a notable project or program you want to share with the Rotary family, remember to upload info and images to **Rotary Showcase**, which is accessible through your personal login to MyRotary.org. Let me know if you would like help!

Need an idea? Prepare a profile story about your Club's recent service project. Personalize it. Include a quality photo and quotes from the recipients about their experience. Send it to your local news outlet(s) with a short What, When, Where, & Why. If it gets published or broadcast, send me a copy.

Also, continue posting stories on your website and social media pages with these different hashtags to promote #Rotary #PeopleOfAction:

#TogetherWe,

#Connect

#Inspire

#Transform

#EndPolioNow

Use the MyRotary brand center to customize your photos with these buzz words. Ask me for the recorded how-to webinar!

Thank you for your commitment to make a difference through Rotary this year!

Best Regards,
Bunny Pratt | D5910 Public Image Chair | bunny@bcins.net |
[979.571.9826](tel:979.571.9826)

CLUB NEWS: Beaumont

Research has determined that lower income children often cannot keep pace with their peers in reading skills during the summer recess as compared to children of middle-income families who may have easier access to books in their homes and visits to the local library, Beaumont Rotarians decided to make a difference by providing summer reading to every child in the first grade at Martin Elementary School.



With counsel from the school principal and assistant principal, and a great deal of interest from the teachers, the Rotarians were allowed to work one-on-one with all the first grade students and allow them to "shop" through an assortment of sample books appropriate to their reading level. The children were able to indicate the books they would like to own and Rotarians helped the children to make appropriate choices.



Rotarians will return to the school, add a personalized label in each book and package them into a book bag for each child. The children will leave school in June for the summer with their own personal library to read and enjoy! When the students return to school in the fall, the Club members are planning to return to the school and have a reading party with them so each child can bring back their favorite book of the summer and read to the Rotarians. The school is eager to

follow the progress of the children and see the results of Rotary Goes to School!

The Rotary Club of Beaumont is grateful to have received a District Grant to assist with purchasing the books for this project. Additionally, the Rotary Club of Fair Park, Dallas donated funds for this project.

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CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

“Let’s Play Ball!”



The 34th Annual Rotary Club of Cleveland Baseball/Softball tournament was a huge success! The continued success of our tournament is due in large to the tremendous support of our community,

wonderful participants, and spectators. With cooperating good weather, a great lineup of teams from the surrounding area gained experience and prepared for future district games and post-season play. This year Westbury Christian Wildcats and Coldspring-Oakhurst Trojans were co-champions.

Every year, the Club holds the tournament to raise funds for its scholarship program and other programs including “Don’t Meth with Me” designed to teach young students the dangers of using methamphetamine, and Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA). Advertisements purchased in our program are a vital part of the Rotary Club of Cleveland’s sponsorship of charitable programs, local and global service projects, and our local youth.

Whether your support involved purchasing an advertisement, entering a team, visiting our concession stand, umpiring a game, or simply supporting the teams as a spectator, you played a key part in the tournament’s success! You all truly hit a “home run” with the Rotary Club of Cleveland.

We look forward to the 35th Annual Rotary Club of Cleveland Baseball/Softball tournament and hearing “Let’s Play Ball!”

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CLUB NEWS: Dickinson

Melvin Mason was inducted as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Dickinson on April 18th. Melvin was sponsored by Nancy Click and he has 32 years of law enforcement experience. He is currently Administrative Captain for the Dickinson Police Department.



Pictured from left: Rotary President, Carla Voelkel; Rotarian, Nancy Click; and new Rotarian, Melvin Mason

Working with the City of Dickinson, Good Government Day was provided for sixteen Dickinson High School students on April 18th. Coordinated by Rotarians, Angela Forbes and Tammy Dowdy and City Management Assistant, Gabby Barnel, students spent the morning with city leaders learning about the operations of city government. This included the Mayor of Dickinson, Julie Masters; City Administrator, Chris Heard, Police Captain, Melvin Mason, city managers and city councilmen. Students and city leaders joined Rotarians for their noon meeting, and during the meeting, they presented a “mock” city council meeting. The students were given a \$500,000 budget and committee representatives presented their arguments for supporting special projects to improve the City of Dickinson to the Mayor and City Council. It was a fun and memorable learning experience for all involved!



Front: Mayor, Julie Masters; Rotarian and Economic Development Director, Angela Forbes; DHS students and on the end of front row, City Management Assistant, Gabby Barnel

Back: DHS students; City Administrator, Chris Heard and Administrative Police Captain, Melvin Mason.

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CLUB NEWS: East Montgomery County

The Rotary Club of EMC held its annual Project Connection on April 16th. The club was able to fund 32 scholarships to seniors attending high schools in its service area.



Eight scholarships of \$250 each were awarded to students at each of four high schools. Some students won door prizes as well.



The Rotary Club of East Montgomery County held its 22nd Annual Golf Classic on Friday, April 6th at Oakhurst Golf Club. There were 35 teams in the tournament. The tournament is the club's major fundraiser for projects and scholarships. This year's tournament raised approximately \$35,000.

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CLUB NEWS: Fredonia Club



Joe Aguilar arranged for the Honorable Travis Clardy, State Representative for Texas House District 11 to share about the 2018 Lone Star Legislative Summit in Nacogdoches.

The Lone Star Legislative Summit, took place on April 12 and 13, 2018 and was presented by Texas Health Care Association brings Austin and Washington to East Texas. The event was co-hosted by Senator Robert Nichols and Representative Travis Clardy and produced by the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce with programs and panel discussions at The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center and on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University. Topics included healthcare, energy, tourism, and education.



Happy Anniversary to President Mary Frances Bradford on 11 years of service to the Fredonia Rotary Club of Nacogdoches!

On your mark! Get set! RACE!



Racers prepare for the start of the Fredonia 5/10K May 2016. This year's celebrity runners will be member of Central Heights Cross Country team.

Central Heights Track/Cross Country team will lead off the 29th Annual Fredonia 5/10K Saturday, May 5th. "We have 10 graduating seniors and they are excited to have this be their final run," said Central Heights Cross Country Coach Shelly Binford.

"It's all about the kids," said event chairperson Wes Jensen. "We are excited to feature the Central Heights Cross Country members as our celebrity runners to lead off this year's run."

The race, hosted by the Fredonia Rotary Club of Nacogdoches, is a flat fast event from The Fredonia Hotel through SFASU campus to the Lanana Creek trail (10k only) and back. Proceeds benefit the Fredonia Foundation Scholarship Fund a local charity of the Fredonia Rotary Club.



A Central Heights Cross Country runner sets her pace.

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CLUB NEWS: Galveston

ROTARY CLUB OF GALVESTON HOSTS CENTENNIAL

PAVILION DEDICATION

The Rotary Club of Galveston hosted its Centennial Pavilion Project Dedication Ceremony Wednesday, April 18, during a special noon luncheon meeting at the Lee and Joe Jamail Bay Park (fka Washington Park), 61st Street, Galveston. Special guests for this dedication included invited officials from Galveston County, the City of Galveston, the Jamail Foundation, as well as other special guests.

This dedication of the three Picnic Pavilions at the Park was the culmination of a \$100,000 pledge/contribution that the Rotary Club of Galveston's membership approved as the club's special Centennial Project in 2013. The club voted to replace the picnic pavilions that were destroyed during Hurricane Ike in 2008 as the club's Centennial gift to the Galveston community. "This contribution was the largest single donation the Rotary Club of Galveston's Galveston Rotary Foundation, Inc. has ever made, and it served as a vital and important catalyst in the overall renovation and rebuilding of the former Washington Park," explained Centennial Committee chair and Past President, Brett Kirkpatrick. "Although the restoration and expansion took longer than anticipated, we were extremely pleased to be able to celebrate this gift and dedicate the pavilions to our Galveston residents and visitors alike.

"We're very proud of this project and very proud to have been able to make this investment in our community. We're also extremely grateful for the excellent working relationship we've enjoyed with both County and City officials and staff," noted Club President, Kristen Carlson. "Most of all," Carlson concluded, "We excited to share this beautiful environmental and recreational park with so many people who can enjoy this facility for generations to come."



This is one of the three picnic pavilions at the Lee & Joe Jamail Park that was replaced after Hurricane Ike as the Rotary Club of Galveston's Centennial gift to the Galveston community. The club's \$100,000 pledge/contribution was the largest single donation the Rotary Club of Galveston's Galveston Rotary Foundation, Inc. had ever made and it served as a catalyst in the overall renovation and rebuilding of the former Washington Park.



Past President and Centennial Committee Chair, Brett Kirkpatrick.



Past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Galveston speaking during the Club's Centennial Pavilion Dedication are from left Lonnie Cox, Randy Klibert, Brett Kirkpatrick, and Bets Anderson.

Club members and guests enjoying lunch and listening to the pavilion dedication program.

Kristen Carlson, President, Rotary Club of Galveston.

The Rotary Club of Galveston is proud to share this beautiful environmental and recreational park with so many people who will enjoy this facility for generations to come.

(All photos by Robyn Bushong, PR Chair, Rotary Club of Galveston.)

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CLUB NEWS: League City

More than 8,000 homes lacking flood insurance were completely flooded in Dickinson, Texas City, and other Galveston Counties in the wake of the storm. The League City Rotary Club has donated two major appliances to Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Dickinson. The appliances are being used at the church to help feed

the volunteers who are coming from Texas and other states to help with the continuing recovery effort.

In addition, the Rotary Club has donated 78 major appliances to homeowners around Galveston County. Also, for many years the Rotary Club has provided monthly food for the needy. Last month 170 families were served.

In the picture are League City Rotary President Ava Sloan and Pastor Amous Slowel , pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Dickinson.

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CLUB NEWS: Nacogdoches

Melinda Wiebold, Principal and Holly Elder, Parent-Community Liaison at Fredonia Elementary School were guest speakers at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Mss. Wiebold and Elder's presentation covered the Fredonia Elementary Student Reading Program. The Nacogdoches Rotary Club is a mainstay participant in this program with many club members providing weekly one on one and community reading activities with Fredonia Elementary students. The program is led by club member Jimmy Partin and is nearing completion of its second full year. The presentation was educational and appreciated by all in attendance. Dr. Paula Griffin, Ms. Rachel Stewart and Ms. Hannah Rodriguez, Executive Council Members of the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society for Education at Stephen F. Austin State University presented a gift of over 300 books to the club for use in its upcoming Summer Mobile Library Program. Milton Moorner, Chairman of the Rotary Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup program provided an update and notice of an upcoming work day for the club on Highway 21 West in Nacogdoches. Sam Smith, club member and Director of Student Services at the Baker Pattillo Student Center at Stephen F. Austin State University was recognized for his leadership role in Aramark's upcoming receipt of the Ebby Halliday and Maurice Acers Business/Industry Award. The award recognizes businesses which promote sound environmental principals and programs supporting the Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep Nacogdoches Beautiful mission and will be presented at their 51st annual conference in June.

Pictured left to right are: Dr. Miles McCall, Rotary Literacy Committee Chairman, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Stewart, Dr. Griffin, Mr. Partin, Ms. Elder, Ms. Wiebold, Francis Spruiell, Program Chairman, Gregg Nichols, Club President, Mr. Smith and Mr. Moorner.

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CLUB NEWS: Orange

Orange Rotary joined with the Interact Club at Little Cypress-- Mauriceville High School for a fund-raiser.

The Clubs cooperated on a Link Sale to benefit the Stay and Play playground for Special Needs students located at Little Cypress Intermediate School. The Link Sale and donations raised over \$2000 for a canopy at the playground. During April, Orange Rotary inducted three new members as part of its membership campaign and had several interesting programs on topics such as business development and the local events of the American Cancer Society.

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CLUB NEWS: Spindletop

New Member Sherry Barrow with her sponsor Cheryl Kizer

Baptist Hospital hosted Spindletop Rotary for our weekly meeting on April 17th. Rotarians were able to enjoy a great lunch and then tour the Emergency Departments for adults and pediatrics. Rotarians learned a great deal about the stroke 'robot' even getting a brief demonstration. The tour continued outside to an informative demonstration of one of the Acadian ambulances including a new \$30,000 piece of life saving equipment.

The tour concluded with a presentation by the crew of the medical helicopter where Karen Chapman managed to be in two places at once! Special thanks to Rene' Latiolais & Mary Poole with Baptist Hospital for hosting our club.

Demonstrating the Stroke Robot

Over 66 million primary school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world. In response to this alarming statistic Spindletop Rotary, Beaumont Rotary members, Lamar University Rotaract, Interactors, and friends came together on the evening of April 19th to package well over 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. This service event was made financially possible by a district grant.

President-Elect Jade Rayburn, Past President Karen Chapman and LU Rotaract members

Rotarians Jo Bienvieu & Heather Kugler packed the boxes alongside friends and family of Rotarians
Rotarians Bobby Chapman & Shannon Garrod joined by friends & family

President Sherry Wells, Rotarian Heather Kugler, & Lamar University Rotaract member weighed and sealed the meal bags.

Vice-President Rene' Latiolais with her mom and her daughters making a difference through service!

Rotarian Micah Leigh filled bags with Lamar University Rotaract and Beaumont Rotarian volunteers.

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Interact Mixer

INTERACT Supports Humane Society

Area Interact clubs held a mixer on April 12 at West Brook High School.

Guest speaker was Amy Bean, president of the board of directors of the Humane Society of Southeast Texas.

Students collected pet food, bedding, shredded paper, newspapers, and animal toys to donate to the Humane Society, then had a great time playing a game during which they collected \$200 in change to donate to the shelter. Interacts participating were from the following high schools: Westbrook, Central, Ozen, Bob Hope, Vidor, Lumberton, Monsignor Kelly, Orangefield, and the newly-forming Legacy Christian. Also on hand were Rotarians from Beaumont and Vidor Rotary Clubs, as well as Rotaract representative Rebekah Maxwell. The mixers encourage the high school students to consider Rotaract upon graduation, then Rotary membership down the road.

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Interact Training



Interact officer training will be on **Saturday, August 11** at Lone Star College in The Woodlands beginning at 9:00 a.m. (No breakfast will be served.) The training will adjourn at 2:00 p.m. or perhaps earlier. Lunch will be provided.

Please plan to bring the Club's 2018-19 officers. There will also be a session for

sponsors. **Come one, come all!**

District Interact Chair Sally Andrews will ask later how many will be in attendance in order to make arrangements for lunch. When you know your count, you can submit at any time.

See you in a few months! It's really helpful and a great way to start the year.

Don't miss it!

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