



Upcoming Events

Welcome Dinner for Mid-Year Meeting

1836 Steakhouse
Feb 10, 2017 7:00 PM

Mid Year Meeting / Pre-PETS

Gibbs Conference Center
Feb 11, 2017 8:30 AM

RYE Short Term

Applicant/Parent Interviews

Lone Star College - Montgomery
Feb 18, 2017

RYE 1st Long Term Outbound Orientation

Lone Star College - Montgomery
Feb 18, 2017

Rotary International 112th Anniversary

Feb 23, 2017

Lonestar PETS

DFW Hyatt
Feb 23, 2017 - Feb 26, 2017

District Governor Selection Interviews

Lone Star College-Montgomery
Mar 04, 2017
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

NAYEN Conference

Mar 09, 2017 - Mar 12, 2017

District Roll of Fame Nominations Due

Mar 15, 2017

RYE 2nd Long Term Outbound Orientation

Camp Allen
Mar 18, 2017 - Mar 19, 2017

District 5910 News

February 2017



Gig Langston

District Governor 2016-2017
Rotary District 5910

Stories

From the Governor

Rotarians and Rotary Friends:

"MY KINGDOM FOR A HORSE."

"No, No, my kingdom for some earplugs!"

Welcome to RYLA 2017, where the noise level equals the rear of a jet engine. RYLA is an anagram for Rotary Youth Leadership Award and is a scholarship awarded by Rotary clubs for District 5910 high school juniors at a weekend camp centered on building self-confidence, gaining exposure to a variety of issues and learning valuable information and career skills.

Queensland. Australia was where RYLA originated in 1959 and was officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971 and is found in Districts around the world. Our District 5910 RYLA was first organized by PDG Marcus Juneman. Rotary's Five Avenues of Service recognizes RYLA along with Interact, Rotaract and Youth Exchange as an official part of its structured programs for youths.

Bulletin Editor

[Jacque Chapman](#)

(If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor)

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Now about that jet engine; imagine close to 300 teenagers singing or chanting at the top of their lungs as they move about with hand and foot jive movements. The level of excitement starts at the front gate of the East Texas Baptist Encampment where car loads of RYLA participants, as they are dropped off, are met by counselors dressed in various costumes that designate the group they will lead. Believe me; I know firsthand for it took some convincing that Lou and I did not have any teenagers hidden in our car. The boys and girls are separated into their dorms, registration takes place, supper is served and finally all convene in the Tabernacle where the official training of the RYLA songs and chants are begun by the counselors. These counselors were themselves RYLA attendees the year before and are picked to lead the next year from the best of the best. Imagine we have 300 juniors being led by seniors and all runs like a clock. It is unfortunate that only the bad youths make the TV or newspaper because when you watch these youngsters at RYLA, you know that our country's future is in good shape.

After being divided into groups led by the counselors, the RYLA participants begin their weekend of listening to motivational speakers, learning about Rotary and its programs, challenging the ropes course (18 degrees, Saturday morning), working out ethical problems, building cardboard racers to challenge the other teams a la Ben Hur, enjoying great meals cooked by Rotarians and we cannot forget the endless supply of ice cream. Very little sleep is had either night as new friendships are formed and when they start pulling out back to their homes at three on Sunday many hugs and tears are displayed. District 5910 had succeeded once again in changing lives and providing a weekend all these teenagers will remember.

As District 5910 2016-17 Governor and on behalf of our 2,300 Rotarians, I want to thank our fellow Rotarians that give their time and talent in order to insure our RYLA excels each year in providing leadership training for our District youths and especially to Michael Perez who served as RYLA Chair.

Gig

Gig Langston

District 5910 Governor 2016-2017

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[Mid-Year/Pre-PETs Meeting](#)

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



Our Mid-year Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017, in Huntsville at the Gibbs Conference Center. This meeting and training is primarily for our 2016-2017 Club Presidents and Presidents-Elect and also Membership and Public Image Chairs, however, everyone is welcome to attend. To register please click on www.rotary5910.org and click on the Mid-Year Meeting/Pre-Pets link under Upcoming Events on left side of front page.

If you arrive on Friday evening please plan to join us for a Dutch Treat dinner at the 1836 Restaurant. You will also need to register for the dinner under Upcoming Events. Hotel information is on the front page. The agenda and 836 dinner menu is attached for your convenience.

Please register as soon as possible so that we can make preparations for food and setup.

Thank you.

Emken Linton
District Trainer

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2017 District Conference

**You are invited to the
2017 Rotary District 5910 Conference**



[Click on the image above and register now!](#)

We look forward to seeing you when
"Lufkin Lights Up District 5910!"



**The Lufkin Convention & Visitors Bureau and the City
of Lufkin would like to welcome the District 5910
Rotary Conference to Lufkin, TX!
April 21-23 2017**

**REGISTER
TODAY!**



HOST HOTEL
Hampton Inn & Suites
4400 S. First Street, Lufkin
936.699.2500

\$95/Night
King or Double Queen Standard



Holiday Inn Express & Suites
4404 S. First Street, Lufkin
936.699.3000

\$95/Night
King or Double Queen Standard



Comfort Suites
4402 S. First Street, Lufkin
936.632.4949

\$85/Night
King or Double Queen Standard



Quality Inn & Suites
4306 S. First St., Lufkin
936.639.3333

\$69/Night
King or Queen Double Standard

***All hotels are on the same premises and within walking distance of each other.**

***Call each hotel directly in advance to book. When making reservations please mention the District 5910 Rotary Conference to receive the special group rates. Discounted rates are based upon availability. Special negotiated rates preclude other offers. Remember these rates are based upon availability and are subject to change.**



**Make hotel reservations by contacting
the hotel of choice by phone.
[Click on image above to open in full resolution.](#)**

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District 5910 Roll of Fame Award

Posted by Michael Casey

DISTRICT 5910 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 captmj1@gmail.com.

[Roll of Fame Nomination Criteria](#)

[Roll of Fame Nomination Form](#)

LoneStar P.E.T.S.



Rotary Lone Star Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.) is Rotary's training program for Rotary Club Presidents-elect and President-nominee throughout the State of Texas.

The goal of Lonestar PETS, as it is called, is to prepare Presidents-elect and President-nominees for their upcoming roles through provocative plenary speakers, in-depth breakout sessions, and informal fellowship and networking with Rotary peers throughout Texas. Lone Star Presidents-Elect Training Seminar is a joint effort of ten Rotary International districts in the State of Texas.

Each year, over 550 Presidents-Elect attend Lone Star PETS and leave well-prepared for their Rotary year. If you are President-Elect or President Nominee for your club, register now at: <http://lonestarpets.org/>

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SCRYE

5910 RYE at SCRYE Conference in Tulsa



Delegation getting organized.

Over the weekend of January 27-29, fourteen (14) Rotarians and all 11 of our inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Students represented District 5910 at the annual Winter Conference of South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This multidistrict Rotary organization includes 38 Rotary districts in parts of 18 states.



Rotarians attending from our district included DG Gig Langston and Lou (Angelina Lufkin), DGN John Hathaway and Nancy (The Woodlands), District RYE Committee Members PDG Ulli Budelmann (Galveston), PDG Doris Lockey (Lake Conroe), PDG Hugh Summers (Palestine), PDG Brenda Walker (Palestine), Chris Turner (Friendswood), AG Birda Gaskin (League City), Marcus and Nisa Gillespie (Huntsville), and PDG Glen and Carol Mattingly (Huntsville). There were lessons on Rotary Youth Exchange for Rotarians and fun for students.



District 5910 students with Rotarians.



Attending the conference were 173 adults and 174 students. In the photos you should be able to find the Rotarians from our district – finding our students is your challenge.

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RYLA 2017

2017 RYLA is Historical!



A total of 273 high school juniors from all over Rotary's District 5910 attended Camp Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) January 6-8, 2017. The camp took place at Piney Woods Baptist Camp in Woodlake, Texas, and was led by over 60 Rotarian volunteers from across the District. The three-day program teaches teamwork, leadership, ethics and volunteer service.



"This is an excellent opportunity for young people to develop their leadership skills," said District RYLA Director Michael Perez. Activities include a team-building challenge course, an ethics scenario program, leadership development games, motivational speakers and informational sessions about Rotary programs that can help them throughout high school, college and their young professional careers.

"These young people get a tremendous boost to their value system," said Perez. "When they come to RYLA, they see that there are other students from across the state that also value leadership, character and ethics. You don't have to look or sound like one another in order to share values and hold each other to high standards. Rotarians reach across divides to do so every day from all corners of the globe in order to make the world a better place."

[Pictures from 2017 RYLA can be enjoyed as a photo album on the RYLA page of the District website.](#)

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CLUB FUNDRAISER: Vidor

Come Pass a Good Time with Vidor Rotary!

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CLUB NEWS: East Montgomery County

East Montgomery County Club Marks Milestone

Rotary Club of East Montgomery County

20th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, March 25, 2017

11:00 A.M.

Tickets: \$40 each; \$320 for a Table of 8
New Caney ISD Stadium Community Room

Make check payable to the Rotary Club of East Montgomery County. Send check and guest list to P.O. Box 29, Porter, TX 77365.

For more information, contact PDG Rose Austin at roseaustin5910@yahoo.com or 713-502-9188.

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CLUB NEWS: Angelina**Angelina Rotary Goes to the Museum**

Members held a club meeting at the Naranjo Museum of Natural History. They were given a private tour by Dr. Neal Naranjo, owner of the museum. Angelina Rotary Club is looking forward to sharing wonderful exhibits like this in our community with the Rotarians of District 5910 during the District Conference!

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CLUB NEWS: Cleveland**Cleveland Rotary Hears About Upcoming Dairy Day Events**

Members of the Cleveland Rotary Club learned about the plans for the 2017 Cleveland Livestock Show and Dairy Day. Donny Haltom, local attorney and Dairy Day Auction and Carnival Chairman, highlighted Dairy Day's history of supporting the youth of the community. The growth of the event and the development along Peach Avenue have made space tight, causing the group to look at possible expansion scenarios. Tentative dates are March 23 through April 14, with the all-important Youth Auction on Friday, April 7. The Rodeo will also return in 2017 as part of the Dairy Day activities. Anyone interested in volunteering with this great cause should visit their website at www.clevelandlivestockshowdairyday.com. Rotary was also visited by Shelby Belt, student at Sam Houston State University, who talked about her sorority Alpha Delta Pi's 5K Run on April 22 to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

Pictured (left to right): Rotary President Eisha Jones, Dairy Day Auction and Carnival Chairman Donny Haltom, speaker host Rotarian Jennifer Bergman, Rotarian Ernestine Belt, and Shelby Belt of Alpha Delta Pi at SHSU.

Rotary Learns to Ask AgriLife Extension Service First

Members of the Cleveland Rotary Club welcomed Alexis Cordova, County Department Head and extension Agent for Family & Consumer Service of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for Liberty County. Everyone knows them as a resource for agriculture and 4-H question, but they also offer information in a complete range of topics – health, nutrition, environmental, family and child services, natural resources, as well as community and economic development. The AgriLife Extension Service also fosters leadership development and encourages volunteers to help Liberty County. For more information, visit them at liberty.agrilife.org.

Pictured (left to right): Rotarian and speaker host Amanda Brooks (County Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development at AgriLife Extension Service), Rotarian and speaker Alexis Cordova, and Rotary President Eisha Jones.

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Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference Inspires Local Teens

Students from the 11th Grade at both Cleveland and Tarkington High Schools attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference at the Woodlake, Texas Piney Woods Baptist Encampment the first week of January, braving low temperatures to learn leadership skills in a fun environment. Sponsored by the Cleveland Rotary Club, five students from each school – plus a 12th Grade student who returned as a counselor – gathered for encouraging and inspiring speeches and projects developed to instruct students on working together as a group to build the future stronger.

Pictured are the students with Rotarian and Attendee Ernestine Belt posed in front of a photo of the bus that transported them, courtesy of the generosity of Rotarian and Ford Dealership Owner Alfred Anderson.

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Area 5th Graders Encouraged To Avoid Methamphetamines

Cleveland Rotary Club presented their annual “Don’t Meth with Me” program originally developed by Livingston Rotary Club to all 5th grade students at Cleveland Eastside and Tarkington Intermediate Schools on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. Rotary members Ernestine Belt, Jennifer Bergman, and Scott Lambert led the students in the slogan “I am the future – Don’t Meth with Me” and illustrated what can happen after using methamphetamines only once – it destroys hopes and dreams. Family members of drug users gave their personal testimonials. The students were given t-shirts, wrist bands, pencils, and pledge cards to remind them to avoid drugs.

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CLUB NEWS: Conroe**Conroe Club Reports on January Activities**

The Rotary Club of Conroe was big into Law Enforcement during the month of January. We visited the new facilities of the Conroe Police Department on January 17th for a two hour tour.

Police Chief Dupris and Rotarian Ed Kelly visit about Conroe Police.

Police Chief Phil Dupris hosted the Rotary Club of Conroe with a special emphasis on the use of police personnel and facilities in leveraging the war on crime. Rotarians were in awe of the sophistication of how laws are enforced and the high degree of education each police officer goes through to become a police officer.

Rotarians inspecting the SWAT Police Vehicle

There's a new Sheriff in town with Sheriff Tommy Gage retiring. Sheriff Rand Henderson told Rotarians on January 24th about his re-organization and updating of the sheriff's Office. Rotarians were invited to go through his jail facilities on June 14th and meet his staff. Perhaps we will have our noon lunch with the inmates in jail.

Tuesday, January 31st, Rotarians heard about domestic abuse and what is being done to decrease the rising trends of domestic abuse. Even the Conroe High School Interact Club is involved by sponsoring a Christmas Party for the moms and their children at the Montgomery County Women's Center.

The Rotary Club of Conroe lost a community pillar. John Wiesner died at age 88, leaving a successful automotive business and a family of love. John exemplified community involvement and a generous heart. His business continues in his family's hand, continuing the Wiesner tradition of hard work, compassion, and community involvement.

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CLUB NEWS: Friendswood**Friendswood Club Welcomes New Member**

The Rotary Club of Friendswood is proud to announce Keith Shirk as a new member. Celebrating this special day along with Keith are

Incoming Club President Luis Briones, Club Member DJ Jacobs and Club Membership Coordinator Dave Smith.

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CLUB NEWS: Galveston

Rotary Club of Galveston Contributes \$100,000 as Club's Centennial Project

Locals and visitors alike enjoying a relaxing sunny afternoon at the newly-renovated Park. The Rotary Club of Galveston's \$100,000 gift to the Lee and Joe Jamail Bay Park in celebration of the Club's 100th Anniversary was the catalyst for the Jamail Foundation to donate almost \$2.5 million towards the completion of the project.

A city employee putting (literally!) the finishing touches on the new signage.

This is one of two pavilion/picnic areas - created and constructed -as a result of the Club's generous gift.

*~ Robyn R. Bushong, Editor/Advertising Director
The American Express Travel Services Newsletter -*

DESTINATIONS

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Rotary Club of Galveston Supports Meals On Wheels

Each year, during the Rotary Club of Galveston's Annual Holiday Luncheon, the membership participates by making monetary contributions to the Galveston Meals on Wheels program and by bringing un-wrapped toys for the Toys for Tots project, sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corp, stationed in Galveston. This year, during the club's luncheon meeting, \$7,720 was pledged and collected for Meals on Wheels - an all-time record! Presenting the check to Ray Pinard (right), Rotarian and executive director for Meals on Wheels, is Club President, John Zendt. (courtesy photo Robyn Bushong.)

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CLUB NEWS: Livingston

Livingston Club in News About R.E.A.D.

~ from the Polk County Enterprise

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Website Help

Posted by Brenda Walker on Nov 01, 2016

**District 5910
Website Team**

If you need help with Club
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