

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

July 30, 2012



Governor's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

This issue focuses on service to our communities. At some point our work on earth is finished and what better way to leave a lasting legacy than to consider becoming a Rotary Foundation Benefactor. You may become a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation by making the Permanent Fund a beneficiary in your estate plans and notifying the Foundation in writing or by donating US\$1,000 or more outright to the Permanent Fund.

Benefactors will be presented with:

A commemorative certificate

- An insignia that may be attached to a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin
- A letter of appreciation Benefactors are recognized at the time of their first gift and will receive a letter of appreciation for subsequent donations to the Permanent Fund.

For additional information visit www.rotary.org or email our Foundation Chair Ann Bragg at annsbragg@comcast.net.



**SUPPORT THE ROTARY
FOUNDATION**

LEAGUE CITY ROTARY CLUB

L-R: President Kim Buttrum,

Benefactor Ed Richards,

Foundation Chair Ed Hartman

WELCOME NEW ROTARIANS!

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Pictured L-R: President Sally Andrews, Sponsor Tim Andrews, new Rotarian **Timothy Andrews (Draftsman)**, new Rotarians's **Principal James McDowell**, **Principal Jeff Leger**, and their sponsor, Superintendent Dr. Jay Killgo.

SANTA FE-HITCHCOCK



L-R: **Kathy Potts (Catering Services)** and her sponsor Past President Jason Tabor.

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.



BEAUMONT-SPINDLETOP



L-R: AG Roschelle Springfield, new member **Angela Bryant (Investment Broker)** and President Elizabeth Robinson sponsor.

PALESTINE



L-R: Paula & **John McAughan (Project Engineer-Retired)**.



NOTICE

GSE TEAM LEADER INTERVIEWS

DATE CHANGE

District 5910 is looking for a Group Study Exchange Leader and it could be you! The Rotarian team leader will travel with our GSE team to District 7020 in the beautiful Caribbean. The exchange begins in the BVI [British Virgin Islands] where you will spend one week. You will then travel via ferry to St. Thomas, USVI [U.S. Virgin Islands] where you will spend another week. Week three will find you hopping a plane to St. Croix, USVI. The last leg of the journey will take the team to St. Martin, Anguilla and St. Baths [St. Barts] for week four. Quite a bit of island hopping by both ferry and plane but what an experience! Applications are available at www.rotary5910.org and must be submitted to our GSE Chairman John Delaney at j_delaney@verizon.net. Applications must be received by **August 10, 2012**. Interviews will be held at Lone Star College in Montgomery on **August 25, 2012**. For additional details please visit the district website or contact John.

BEAUMONT-SPINDLETOP

BEAUMONT-SPINDLETOP MEMBERS DONATED \$500 TO THE GIVING FIELDS FOOD PROJECT AND WILL OVERSEE A VEGETABLE BED (WITH THE HELP OF THE ST ANNE'S SCHOOL 4TH GRADERS)



L-R: President Liz Robinson, Giving Fields representatives Mary Mahile and Sharon Begnaud.

VIDOR INTERACT



Vidor High School Interact President Sharice Fontenot, Treasurer Kinnedy Mitchell, and member Julian VanDevender addressed the Vidor Rotary Club about their projects. They have worked at the Vidor Public Library's Summer Reading Program this summer, reading to children. In addition, they serve meals and help children check out books each Wednesday at 12:30 at Waterfall Apartments. For this project, they have sorted and tagged more than 2,000 books! They will help with Vidor ISD's Fill the Bus program, joining Rotary to collect new or gently used jeans or coats for distribution to needy students. This club, just established in April, also has a Face book page.



BEAUMONT PLANS CENTENNIAL PROJECT

A new playground in downtown Beaumont could start taking shape this October if the Beaumont Rotary Club can raise enough money to build it, club president Becky Mason said. Club members envision a "barrier-free" playground to ensure that all children, regardless of physical ability, have an opportunity to play there, Mason said. It would be built next to what will become the Beaumont Children's Museum at Crockett and Neches streets, on museum property leased from the city. The location is on the east side of the city's new Event Centre between Neches Street and the lake, accessible from the west by Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and about a block from the Henry Dannerbaum Bus Transfer Station. In all, the value of the playground would be about \$325,000. Rotary wanted a project to celebrate its 100th year - the club's Beaumont chapter was founded in 1913 - and sifted through about 25 proposals, Mason said.



My recollection of a "Simplified" grant.

It's Worth the Effort!

Nederland President Tracie Killion presented Bobby Simon with a facetious picture after honoring him for his work on fountains installed in Nederland Park. The project was supported by a District Simplified grant.

Service Above Self

Service Above Self was adopted as an official Rotary motto at the 1950 RI Convention.

The phrase Service Above Self dates back to the 1911 convention in Portland, Oregon, USA. Paul Harris asked Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, to address the convention after Collins told him that the Minneapolis club had adopted Service, Not Self, as its guiding principle.

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Summer Fun with Bike Safety
A District Simplified Grant Project



District Interact to Meet August 18th

Do your part to spread the word and assist our Interact High School Officers to attend this meeting! Register at www.rotary5910.org.

**ALL INTERACT OFFICERS, ROTARY ADVISORS AND FACULTY REPS...
YOU ARE INVITED!!!!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

DATE: 08/18/2012

INTERACT OFFICER TRAINING

Plan on attending this exciting and fun training . A must for Interact Officers, Faculty Reps and Rotary Advisors. Strengthen your Club, get ideas for successful projects, get the Rotary Interact Handbook and learn more of what Rotary offers for Interact.

Location: Willis High School
1201 FM 830
Willis, Texas 77378

Contact: Michael McBride, Interact District Chair
michaelrdc@aol.com Cell 936.524.3659

TIME: 9:00 AM—2:30 PM

Register on the District Website at www.rotary5910.org
Go to the calendar of events, click on this event. ROTARIAN ADVISORS—register as "member" and then register Interactors and School Rep as "guests".

