

July 17, 2024













JULY—Maternal & Child Health Month

Rotary Impact on the Lives of Mothers and Children

The Rotary Foundation reaches mothers and children in need by giving communities the help and training they need to take control of their own maternal and infant health care.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Mobile prenatal clinics

Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.

MATER MAI AND CHILD HEALTH We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future." Past RI President James L. Lacy, 1986-99 Rotary TAKE ACTION: Jon Rotary, Get Involved

Cancer screening

Rotarians provided a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness trainings around Chennai, India, where there is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis.

Preventing injuries and deaths

Rotary members launched a \$3 million, five-year pilot to save lives of mothers and children during home deliveries in Nigeria. Since 2005, they've also repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas — 500 more than their initial goal — restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.

DG Amy Kilgore Final Farwell

The big top is down, the clown car is packed and all the trash is at the curb. In 11 hours and 15 minutes, our year together will end but fear not, the Magic of Rotary led by our own Magician DG Leon Willhite will begin! I have enjoyed our time together and look forward to the new year, new ideas, and new aspirations. At the beginning of our journey together, I quoted from The Greatest Showman, "Comfort is the enemy of progress..." We have made some uncomfortable this year, but we are better for it and have moved our organization forward!



We have 16 clubs that have earned the Rotary Citation! These clubs set and met a minimum of 13 goals in the Goal Center! Congratulations to: Aggieland, Cleveland, College Station, Downtown Palestine, East

Montgomery, Friendswood, Galveston, Huntsville, Lake Conroe, League City, Lufkin, Fredonia, Nederland, Port Arthur, Texas City, and The Woodlands!!

While there is still time to get in your last-minute donations via credit card, our clubs and District have collectively contributed \$224,533 to the Annual Fund (SHARE) and \$239,930 to Polio Plus! Consider making a small donation today to the Annual Fund to celebrate the end of the year and the start of the New Year! rotary.org/donate Thank you to PDG and Foundation Chair Brenda Walker and Polio Chair Jay Wilson for encouraging our donations to change lives across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves!

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Riding my elephant into the sunset!

Amy

ROTARY CLUB OF PALESTINE FOUNDED JUNE 1913

2024-2025 CLUB OFFICERS

President – Michael Gorby President Elect – Greg Lindsey Secretary – LeeAnn Martine Treasurer – Rhonda Herrington
Immediate Past President – Mary Raum Director at Large—Hugh Summers

Membership Director – Chris Keller Public Image Director – Angela Howell-Fields Service Director – Bill Kimla

Youth Service Director – Richard Rutledge Foundation Director – Brett Weisenburn





Bailey Thomas ♦PH 1962 (Ann Lynn)	Funeral Home Director
Bender, Darlene 2023 (Jason)	
Brown, David 2023 (Linda)	
Byrd, Jordan PH 2020 (Stevie)	Christian Minister
Campbell, Harold PH 2006 (Deb)	
Champagne, Gregory 2021 (Patricia)	
Clark, Krissy 2022 (Randy)	Paralegal
Crutcher, Kasey 2020 (Jessica)	
Davis Dan ♦ PH 1986 (Ruth)	
Davis, Jodi PH 2022 (Mark)	
Davis, Mark ♦ PH 1998 (Jodi)	
Davis, Michael ♦ PH 2009 (Sandy)	
Doran, Jeff рн 1998 (Cheryl)	
Florence Justin 2021 (Julie)	
Flores, Rudy PH 2018 (Becky)	
Fontaine, Jerry PH 2007	
Gorby, Mike PH 1994 (Carolyn)	
Grayson, Kimberly PH 2009 (John)	
Ham, Cassie 2024(Tim)	
Harcrow, Mark 2019	
Henderson Mark PH 1996 (Sheila)	
Herrington Rhonda ♦PH 1998	
Hollie, Lillian 2022 (Marvin)	Bookkeeper
Howell-Fields, Angela PH 2011	
Johnson, Juanita 2023	Nursing Home Administration
Johnson, Phil 2021(Mona)	
Johnston Robert PH 2009 (Brenda)	Agriculture: Ranching
Jones, Paul 2022 (Sharron)	Church Minister
Keller, Chris 2021 (Allison)	Restaurateur
Kennedy, Tim 2024 (Shawn)	Teacher
Kimla, Bill 2023 (Josette)	Chemical Dis. Manager
Kozik, Tim 2006 PH (Leah)	Home for Aged Mgmt.
Lamb, John PH 2023 (Kathy)	Venue Owner
La Rue, Rusty PH 1989 (Ellen)	Casuality Insurance
Lindsey, Greg PH 2013	Auto Dealership
Link, Edwin PH 2013 (Kerran)	Commercial Insurance
Little, Andrew 2022 (Brittany)	Hospital Administration
Loveless, Larissa 2019 (Lee)	
Magdziak, Schyler 2014 (Cody)	
Marshall, Jason PH 2011 (Shanna)	Education: Administration
Martine, LeeAnn PH 2010 (Paul)	-
McAughan, John PH 2012 (Paula)	
McBroom, Cliff 2023	
McGuire, Amy 2019 (Jon)	
McKee, Randy PH 2019 (Krissy)	
Newton, Jerry ◆PH 1984 (Kathrine)	Medicine: Urology

Parsons, James PH1997 (Karen)	
Patel, Shweta 2023	
Piersol, Cindy PH 2015 (John)	
Polster, Celia 2019 (Wayne)	
Polster, Wayne 2019 (Celia)	
Pulver, Josh 2019	
(Shane)	
Ray, Jordan 2023 (Lindsey)	
Rhone, Benjamin PH 2019 (Kari)	
Roberson, Jeffrey PH 2012	
Rutledge, Becky 2022 (Richard)	•
Rutledge, Richard PH 2018 (Becky)	
ॐ Selden, Jack ◆PH (1972)	Civil Trial Assistant
Shipman, Karen 2023 2022 (Randy)	TVCC Director
Smalley, Alyson 2022 (Kevin)	
Stanford, Wade PH 2016	Education: Administration
Stewart, Robb 2020	Oilfield Exploration
Summers, Hugh ◆PH 1974 (Ahnise)	
Tang, Mark 2024 (Lisa)	Nursing Home Admin
Thomason, Mike ◆PH 1994 (Judy)	A Service and Repair
Thompson, Scott PH 1999 (Paula)	Investment Broker
Thorn, Terry PH 2000 (Jesse)	Law: Real Estate
Tidrow, Kenny PH 2017 (Tracy)	Financial Advisor
Toole, Dolinda2023	
Torrez, Katrina 2023	
Trahan, Christophe 2023	EDC Director
Triplett, Timothy PH 2012 (Elaine)	Engineering: Automation
Triplett, Elaine 2023 (Timothy)	Evangelist
Varela, Fernando PH 1995 (Alena)	Automobile Retailing
Wallace, Elaine 2024 (Phillip)	Nursing School Director
Weber, Larry PH 2001 (Ellen)	
Weisenburn, Brett ◆PH 2013 (Laura)	
Willhite, Leon ♦ PH 2004 (Lynn)	
Willhite, Lynn PH 2023 (Leon)	
Williams, Ernie PH 2021 (Vanessa)	
Winchester, Matt 2022 (Lori)	



Past President

PH Paul Harris Fellow



Polio Plus Society