

Rotary  
Palestine



# ROTO-VIEWS



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Chartered 1913  
Club 2026 - District 5910

## September 11, 2024

### ROTARIANS AT WORK

INVOCATION — John Lamb

SONG — Jerry Newton

PLEDGES — Paul Jones

FOUR-WAY TEST — Dollinda Toole

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### ROTARY AND COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep. 11h

PISD Athletic Director James Reyes—  
Update on PISD Athletics

Sep. 17th

Rotary Board Mtg—Noon-Rotary Bldg.  
Fireside Chat @ Rhonda's—5:30pm

Sep. 18th

Arts in our Community—Deanna Frye  
& Kristin Huggins

Sep. 21st

District Mtg—Membership, Founda-  
tion and Public Image (ZOOM)

Sep. 25th

Jr. Rotarian Speeches

### Birthday and Anniversaries

Sep. 14th—Cliff McBroom

Sep. 12th—David & Linda Brown

### Today's Program

PISD Athletic Director

Coach James Reyes



Reyes has spent the last three seasons as the athletic director and head football coach at Lumberton, going 25-11 in his three seasons with the Raiders. The Raiders, under the guidance of Coach Reyes, defeated Palestine in the playoffs in 2022 by a score of 54-29.  
An East Texas product, Coach Reyes was born in Nacogdoches and graduated from Marshall High School in 1996. He then attended Dallas Baptist University on a baseball scholarship, before graduating from Stephen F Austin State University in 2001.  
Before accepting his first AD role with Lumberton in 2021, Reyes had previous offensive coordinator at Nacogdoches, Midlothian, McKinney, Justin Northwest a Reyes and his wife of more than 17 years, Shelli, have two children; Allie and spending time with his family and friends, as well as fishing and playing golf.



SEPTEMBER IS  
BASIC EDUCATION  
AND  
LITERACY MONTH



EVERY

ROTARIAN

EVERY

YEAR





# RI PRESIDENT MESSAGE

## SEPTEMBER 2024



The Magic of Rotary is belonging, and it's a feeling that can appear when you least expect it.

Earlier this year, I was in Slovakia serving as a president's representative during a six-week trip through Europe. When I wrote to Katarina Cechova, governor of District 2240 at the time, I mentioned that my grandmother Veronica Zilka grew up in a small village in the area before settling in the U.S.

It wasn't long before Cechova tracked down my grandmother's village, Jakubova Vol'a. She even organized a visit for me, where I received an unforgettable Slovakian welcome.

When I entered the community center of Jakubova Vol'a, a small crowd of people dressed in traditional Slovakian clothing greeted me. They sang with beautiful and powerful Central European voices that reminded me of my grandmother.

A lot of families play cards or games when they get together. When I was young, my father would pick up his accordion and lead my family in song. My grandmother would sing along with her impressive voice.

When I walked into the community center and heard traditional music from my childhood — when I saw a woman play the accordion the way my dad played — I suddenly felt like a little girl sitting at my grandmother's house in Monessen, Pennsylvania. I burst into tears of joy at the memories.

But the magic didn't stop there. District Governor Cechova really outdid herself. A local genealogist worked with a videographer to make a short film about my grandmother. We watched the video together in the community center.

When the video ended, I turned around and saw a man standing in the back of the room. I quickly learned that this stranger, Frantisek Zilka, was my second cousin. His grandmother and mine had been sisters. I felt like I had been struck by lightning.

I visited my newfound cousin's home, which happens to be the home where my grandmother was born. There, he shared old photographs I had never seen of my dad, my uncle, and my grandmother.

Since then, I can't stop thinking about my family of Rotary. When I refer to you as my family, I'm not just being kind. I really think of everyone in Rotary as my family. But I never would have imagined that my Rotary family would introduce me to long-lost personal family.

Sitting in that community center listening to traditional Slovakian music from my childhood filled me with joy and a profound sense of belonging. I am so grateful to District Governor Cechova and everyone who helped create that magical experience.

As members of Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to share the same magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club — other members of our Rotary family — feel like they truly belong.



**Rotary**



**The Rotarian Minute Essentials**

Joining Rotary is a unique opportunity to make a positive impact on both local and global communities. As a member, you'll connect with like-minded individuals who are committed to service above self.

Rotary provides a platform to contribute to meaningful projects that address pressing issues like clean water, education, and disease

prevention.

It's also a fantastic way to expand your professional network and develop leadership skills. You'll find a strong sense of camaraderie and support among members, who share a passion for making a difference.

Additionally, Rotary's global presence means you can engage in international projects, broadening your perspective and understanding of diverse cultures.

By joining you'll be part of a respected organization that has a tangible impact on the world, all while forming lasting friendships and growing both personally and professionally.

It's an enriching experience that truly transforms lives, including your own.



Please Join Us For the  
Rotary District 5910

# Foundation Celebration

Honoring  
*Chuck & Becky Mason*

Featuring Keynote Speaker:  
Past RI President and Trustee  
*Jennifer Jones*

**November 2, 2024**

5:45 pm Cocktail Social  
6:30 pm Dinner

Crowne Plaza The Woodlands  
19333 David Memorial Dr.  
Cocktail Attire Requested

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# Adventure con Carolina

## WEEK 4

Friday Night Lights

1st Rotary Meeting

School Pep Rally

Maroon Mob

Dogwood Jamboree

# Rotary Timeline

**1911** **The Rotarian Magazine**  
Rotary publishes the first issue of *The Rotarian* magazine in January 1911, with the purpose of delivering standard messages to all clubs and sharing news from clubs and members. The magazine's name changes to *Rotary* in 2020.

**1911** **Our Motto**  
The Rotarians at the 1911 convention embrace an early version of our primary motto, *Service Above Self*. They also adopt an early version of our secondary motto, *One Profits Most Who Serves Best*. Two slogans were formally approved as official mottos in 1950: *He Profits Most Who Serves Best* and *Service Above Self*.

**1912** **Rotary Becomes International**  
Rotary becomes an international organization with the chartering of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in April 1912. To reflect this, the organization changes its name to the International Association of Rotary Clubs. The name *Rotary International* is adopted in 1922.

# Rotary Club of Palestine

## SEPTEMBER JR. ROTARIANS

<b>Lissett Ayala</b> Palestine HS	<b>Claire Ormand</b> Elkhart HS	<b>Lilli Oatman</b> Weswood HS
<b>Ben David Knox</b> Palestine HS	<b>Claire Ormand</b> Elkhart HS	<b>Brylee Mitchell</b> Weswood HS
	<b>Kelly McDonald</b> University Academy	

Only those who are happy  
can distribute happiness

*Paulo Coelho*

**We are Rotary**  
PEOPLE OF ACTION

**GROW ROTARY**

Increase **IMPACT**

Enhance **ENGAGEMENT**
































Expand **REACH**

Adapt **ADAPT**

## ROTARY CLUB OF PALESTINE FOUNDED JUNE 1913

### 2024-2025 CLUB OFFICERS

President – Michael Gorby	President Elect – Greg Lindsey	Secretary – LeeAnn Martine	Treasurer – Rhonda Herrington
Membership Director – Chris Keller	Public Image Director – Angela Howell-Fields	Director at Large – Hugh Summers	Service Director – Bill Kimla
Youth Service Director – Richard Rutledge	Foundation Director – Brett Weisenburn		
RI President – Stephanie Urchick	5910 District Governor – Leon Willhite	Asst Governor – Karen Chapman	

<b>Bailey Thomas</b> ♦ PH 1962 (Ann Lynn) .....	Funeral Home Director
<b>Bender, Darlene</b> 2023 (Jason) .....	Gifts & Entertainment
<b>Brown, David</b> 2023 (Linda) .....	Commercial Landscaping
<b>Byrd, Jordan</b> PH 2020 (Stevie) .....	Christian Minister
 <b>Campbell, Harold</b> PH 2006 (Deb) .....	Multi Line Insurance
<b>Champagne, Gregory</b> 2021 (Patricia) .....	Pool and Spa Sales
 <b>Clark, Krissy</b> 2022 (Randy) .....	Paralegal
<b>Crutcher, Kasey</b> 2020 (Jessica) .....	Multi Line Insurance
<b>Davis, Amelia</b> 2024 (Charles) .....	Marketing
<b>Davis Dan</b> ♦ PH 1986 (Ruth) .....	Real Estate Agency
 <b>Davis, Jodi</b> PH 2022 (Mark) .....	Realtor
 <b>Davis, Mark</b> ♦ PH 1998 (Jodi) .....	Finance: Banking
<b>Davis, Michael</b> ♦ PH 2009 (Sandy) .....	Law: Civil
 <b>Doran, Jeff</b> PH 1998 (Cheryl) .....	Corporate Law
<b>Flores, Rudy</b> PH 2018 (Becky) .....	Law Enforcement
<b>Fontaine, Jerry</b> PH 2007 .....	Civil Engineering
 <b>Gorby, Mike</b> PH 1994 (Carolyn) .....	Medicine: Internal
<b>Ham, Cassie</b> 2024 (Tim) .....	Tourism/Marketing
<b>Harcrow, Mark</b> 2019 .....	Law Enforcement: Police
 <b>Henderson Mark</b> PH 1996 (Sheila) .....	Electric Motor Repair
 <b>Herrington Rhonda</b> ♦ PH 1998 .....	Education: Curriculum Director
<b>Hollie, Lillian</b> 2022 (Marvin) .....	Bookkeeper
 <b>Howell-Fields, Angela</b> PH 2011 .....	Wholesale Beverage
<b>Jackson, Mattie</b> 2024 .....	Logistics
<b>Johnson, Juanita</b> 2023 .....	Nursing Home Administration
<b>Johnson, Phil</b> 2021 (Mona) .....	Copy and Print Services
<b>Johnston Robert</b> PH 2009 (Brenda) .....	Agriculture: Ranching
<b>Jones, Paul</b> 2022 (Sharron) .....	Church Minister
 <b>Keller, Chris</b> 2021 (Allison) .....	Restaurateur
<b>Kennedy, Tim</b> 2024 (Shawn) .....	Teacher
<b>Kimla, Bill</b> 2023 (Josette) .....	Chemical Dis. Manager
<b>Kozik, Tim</b> 2006 PH (Leah) .....	Home for Aged Mgmt.
<b>Lamb, John</b> PH 2023 (Kathy) .....	Venue Owner
<b>La Rue, Rusty</b> ♦ PH 1989 (Ellen) .....	Casualty Insurance
 <b>Lindsey, Greg</b> PH 2013 .....	Auto Dealership
<b>Link, Edwin</b> PH 2013 (Kerran) .....	Commercial Insurance
 <b>Little, Andrew</b> 2022 (Brittany) .....	Hospital Administration
<b>Loveless, Larissa</b> 2019 (Lee) .....	Public Relations
 <b>Magdziak, Schyler</b> 2014 (Cody) .....	Bank Loan Officer
<b>Marshall, Jason</b> PH 2011 (Shanna) .....	Education: Administration
 <b>Martine, LeeAnn</b> PH 2010 (Paul) .....	Heating and Air Conditioning
<b>McAughan, John</b> PH 2012 (Paula) .....	Project Engineer: Retired
<b>McBroom, Cliff</b> 2023 .....	Pest Control
 <b>McGuire, Amy</b> 2019 (Jon) .....	Teacher
 <b>McKee, Randy</b> PH 2019 (Krissy) .....	IT Consultant
 <b>Newton, Jerry</b> ♦ PH 1984 (Kathrine) .....	Medicine: Urology
<b>Parsons, James</b> PH 1997 (Karen) .....	Civil Trial Law
<b>Patel, Shweta</b> 2023 .....	Restaurateur
 <b>Piersol, Cindy</b> ♦ PH 2015 (John) .....	YMCA Director
<b>Polster, Celia</b> 2019 (Wayne) .....	Business Consultant
<b>Polster, Wayne</b> 2019 (Celia) .....	Business Consultant
<b>Pulver, Josh</b> 2019 .....	Lakeview Center CEO
 <b>Raum, Mary</b> PH 2017 (Shane) .....	Tourism Marketing
<b>Ray, Jordan</b> 2023 (LIndsey) .....	Financial Advisor
 <b>Rhone, Benjamin</b> PH 2019 (Kari) .....	Funeral Home Director
<b>Roberson, Jeffrey</b> PH 2012 .....	Photography
 <b>Rutledge, Becky</b> 2022 (Richard) .....	Reg. Dir. Responsive Education
 <b>Rutledge, Richard</b> PH 2018 (Becky) .....	Auto Sales
 <b>Selden, Jack</b> ♦ PH (1972) .....	Civil Trial Assistant
<b>Shipman, Karen</b> 2023 2022 (Randy) .....	TVCC Director
<b>Smalley, Alyson</b> 2022 (Kevin) .....	Insurance Sales
<b>Stanford, Wade</b> PH 2016 .....	Education: Administration
<b>Stewart, Robb</b> 2020 .....	Oilfield Exploration
 <b>Summers, Hugh</b> ♦ PH 1974 (Ahnise) .....	Real Estate Law
<b>Tang, Mark</b> 2024 (Lisa) .....	Nursing Home Admin
<b>Thomason, Mike</b> ♦ PH 1994 (Judy) .....	A Service and Repair
<b>Thompson, Scott</b> PH 1999 (Paula) .....	Investment Broker
<b>Thorn, Terry</b> PH 2000 (Jesse) .....	Law: Real Estate
 <b>Tidrow, Kenny</b> PH 2017 (Tracy) .....	Financial Advisor
<b>Toole, Dolinda</b> 2023 .....	Banking
<b>Torrez, Katrina</b> 2023 .....	Crisis Center Director
<b>Trahan, Christophe</b> 2023 .....	EDC Director
 <b>Triplett, Timothy</b> PH 2012 (Elaine) .....	Engineering: Automation
 <b>Triplett, Elaine</b> 2023 (Timothy) .....	Evangelist
<b>Varela, Fernando</b> PH 1995 (Alena) .....	Automobile Retailing
<b>Wallace, Elaine</b> 2024 (Phillip) .....	Nursing School Director
<b>Weber, Larry</b> PH 2001 (Ellen) .....	Bus. Services Income Tax
 <b>Weisenburn, Brett</b> ♦ PH 2013 (Laura) .....	Insurance: Property
 <b>Willhite, Leon</b> ♦ PH 2004 (Lynn) .....	Gov't Planning Service
 <b>Willhite, Lynn</b> PH 2023 (Leon) .....	CEO- We Care Palestine
 <b>Williams, Ernie</b> PH 2021 (Vanessa) .....	General Insurance
<b>Winchester, Matt</b> 2022 (Lori) .....	Oncor Manager

♦ **Past President**

PH **Paul Harris Fellow**

 **Polio Plus Society**