

# ***THE ROTARY COG***

## ***Rotary Club of Texas City***

### ***Nessler Center, Captain's Room***

**July 22, 2025  
Maureen Patton  
The Grand 1894 Opera House**

Invocation – Jay Carnes  
Pledges and Four Way Test – Lonnie Cox  
Song Leader – Jay Carnes  
Introduce Guests and Visiting Rotarians – Jay Carnes



July 29, 2025 – Theresa L. Morris – Gulf Center for Sea Turtle Research, Texas A&M Galveston

August 5, 2025– Tim Culp - TC/LM Chamber of Commerce Highlights

August 12, 2025 – Leland Surovik – TCISD Athletic Update

August 19, 2025 – District 5910 Governor Charley Gilliland

August 26, 2025 – OPEN – If you have a program speaker, please let Dawn know

Big thanks to Janice Johnston for updating us on The Independence Village and for bringing resident Jolee to speak at Rotary last week! She is pictured with Jolee and Chris Delesandri.



#### **Rotary Visioning Workshop**

**Saturday, Aug. 16**

a.m. to 1 p.m.

Breakfast from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

TCISD Simpson Education Support Center  
1700 9th Avenue North, TC

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This is a chance for all of us - whether you have just joined or been here for years - to come together and talk about where our club is headed. We'll explore what matters most to us, set some big-picture goals, and map out real steps to make a bigger impact. Even strong clubs like ours should make sure we are moving forward with purpose.

Let me know if you can come. There is a place for Yes, No and Maybe) <https://forms.office.com/r/cmTDQwP5H7>



***ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN JULY***  
***More to come next week!!***



**Paul Selman – July 18** – Paul joined Rotary on January 5, 1982 and was proposed by Mike Griffin under the classification Government – Real Estate Services. Paul is a graduate of Sam Houston State University where he met his wife, Olivia. Paul and Olivia are both multiple Paul Harris Fellows and Paul is a Past President of the club and Olivia is a Past President of the Rotary Anns.



**David Swyers – July 18** – David transferred to our club on November 23, 2023 under the classification Non-Profit Salvation Army. David has been in a few other Rotary Clubs prior to joining ours. He is a third-generation Salvation Army officer and was commissioned in the year 2000. He was born in Abilene and takes great pride in being a native Texan. A graduate of the University of South Florida, and has served in four Texas locations, and three in other states. David has 6 children.



**Donnie Van Ackeren – July 20** - Donnie joined Rotary on January 14, 2020 under the classification Non-Profit – Executive Director. He is the President and CEO of the Galveston County Food Bank. Donnie is a graduate of the University of Wyoming. He was born in Boulder, CO and grew up in Hastings, Nebraska. He enjoys hunting and fishing.



**Aric Owens – July 20** – Eric joined Rotary August 9, 2022 under the classification Banking – Commercial Relationship Manager. He was proposed by Phi Roberts and is employed with Frost Bank in Texas City. Aric is a board member for Texas City Rotary Foundation. He is married to Lindsay and they have twin girls, Abigail and Madison. Aric enjoys hunting and playing golf.

**District Governor Reception**

The Rotary Anns will be hosting a reception for the District Governor, Charley Gilliland on Monday, August 18 at 6pm at the home of Sandy and Don Gartman. He will be the program speaker at the August 19 Rotary noon meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> Publication of a New Member**

Genie Jennings has proposed James Matthews, IV for membership under the classification Retail – Repair and Sales. James is Co-Owner of Matthews, Inc. in Texas City.



**Rotary Club of Texas City**  
**Organized November 23, 1927**  
**Charter No.2711, District 5910**  
**Meetings: 12:00 Noon Each Tuesday**  
**Nessler Center, Captains Room**  
**2010 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**  
**Texas City**

President, RI                      Francesco Arezzo  
District Governor                Charley Gilliland

**Officers**

President                              Dixie Sholmire  
President Elect                      Lonnie Cox  
Treasurer                            Mike Cooper  
Secretary                             Mike Griffin  
Past President                      Melissa Tortorici  
Sgt. At Arms                        Sonny Tholcken

**Directors**

<b>2024-2026</b>	<b>2025-2027</b>
Geny White	Tim Culp
Stephanie Hughes	Joe Stanton
Amber Prouty	Joe Tumbleson
Chris Sharp	Roger Whitener

**Texas City Rotary Foundation**

President – Ben Baty  
Vice President – Kitty Potter  
Secretary/Treasurer – Mike Griffin  
Directors: Phil Roberts, Aric Owens, Dixie Sholmire & Lonnie Cox  
Community Advisor – Jami Clark  
Executive Secretary – Dawn Tholcken

**Rotary Club of Texas City Website**

**[www.texascityrotary.org](http://www.texascityrotary.org)**

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**Dates to Remember**

August 5, 2025 – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Meeting – Surf Room  
August 12, 2025 – TCRF Board Meeting, 1pm, Surf  
Room  
August 18, 2025 – DG Reception, 6pm at the home  
of Sandy and Don Gartman  
August 19, 2025 – RCTC Board Meeting, 1pm, Surf  
Room  
October 11, 2025 – Walk to End Alzheimer's

**MEMBERS OF THE CLUB**

BATY, Jr. BEN .....	PAST SERVICE - RETIRED
BEENE DAREL.....	AUTO INDUSTRY-TOWING & RECOVERY
BOWIE, THELMA.....	PAST SERVICE - RETIRED
BREWER, HELEN.....	EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGE – STUDENT SERVICES
BROILES KIRK.....	SALES - SPECIALTY CLOTHING
BURKETT, DIANE.....	EDUCATION – COM COLLEGE – MARK/PR
CARNES JAY .....	FUNERAL HOMES AND DIRECTORS
CHAPA, RICHARD.....	PAST SERVICE - RETIRED
CHAPMAN, SUMMER.....	FINANCE – CREDIT UNION CHIEF EXEC. ASSISTANT
CLARK, JAMI.....	ELECTED OFFICIAL – CITY COMMISSIONER
COOK KEDGE .....	AUTOMOBILE - RETAIL
COOPER MIKE.....	FULL-SERVICE BANKING
COX, ALISON.....	PAST SERVICE RETIRED
COX, LONNIE.....	ELECTED OFFICIAL – DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
CULP, TIM.....	ASSOCIATIONS – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DAVENPORT PEGGY.....	PAST SERVICE RETIRED
DAY SHANE.....	WASTE SERVICES - SALES MANAGEMENT
DELESANDRI CHRIS.....	PAST SERVICE RETIRED
DELGADO, JASON.....	FINANCE – COMMODITY TRADING
DEVRIES, CHRIS.....	STEEL DISTRIBUTION
DIETEL RANDY .....	MARINE CONSTRUCTION
DUARTE, MELISSA.....	EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS - SUPERINTENDENT
EDWARDS, KRISTIN.....	GOVERNMENT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FATTIG, HAROLD.....	HEALTHCARE – MARKETING
FLESHMAN, LACEY.....	ATTORNEY – ESTATE PLANNING & PROBATE
GARTMAN DON.....	PAST SERVICE RETIRED
GRIFFIN MIKE .....	PAST SERVICE RETIRED
HALE STEVE .....	GENERAL DENTISTRY
HARA, MESCHEL.....	RELIGION - EDUCATION
HOOVER JOE.....	ARCHITECTURE - COMMERCIAL
HUGHES, STEPHANIE.....	RELIGION - PROTESTANT
HYPOLITE, LINCOLN.....	EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PRINCIPAL
JENNINGS, GENIE.....	REAL ESTATE - OWNER
JOHNSON, AMANDA.....	ATTORNEY – PROBATE
JOHNSON, MANUEL.....	GOVERNMENT – ASST. POLICE CHIEF
JOHNSTON, JANICE.....	NON-PROFIT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEBLANC JERRY.....	REAL ESTATE - DEVELOPMENT
LINTON PDG EMKEN .....	FUNERAL HOMES AND DIRECTORS
LOVING, TERRY.....	FUNERAL DIRECTOR
MANNIE, AMY.....	ACCOUNTING SERVICES – CPA
MCKINNEY, KRISTAL.....	DEPUTY CHIEF APPRAISER - COUNTY
MOSS DAVID .....	FINANCE – CONSULTANT
NEWDDING, DONNA.....	REAL ESTATE - GENERAL
NURDIN, DON.....	PRINTING SPECIALIST - OWNER
OWENS, ARIC.....	BANKING – COMMERCIAL PARTNERSHIP MGR.
POTTER KITTY .....	PAST SERVICE RETIRED
PROUTY, AMBER.....	CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING
PROUTY JEFF .....	CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING
ROBERTS PHIL.....	ATTORNEY - ESTATE PLANNING
SEABOLT, ERIN.....	MEDICAL - CHIROPRACTOR
SCOGGIN, GARY.....	ENVIRONMENTAL - MANAGEMENT
SCRUGGS, CHARLES.....	ORAL SURGEON
SELMAN, PAUL.....	PAST SERVICE - RETIRED
SHARP, CHRIS.....	AUTOMOTIVE – STATE INSPECTIONS
SHOLMIRE, DIXIE.....	REAL ESTATE – GENERAL
SKIPPER LEE .....	INVESTMENTS - FINANCIAL PLANNING
SMITH, ALBERT.....	PAST SERVICE – RETIRED
STANTON, JOE.....	PAST SERVICE - RETIRED
SUROVIK LELAND .....	EDUCATION - ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
SWYERS, DAVID.....	NON-PROFIT – SALVATION ARMY
TELLO, COURTNI.....	GENERAL DENTISTRY
THOLCKEN SONNY.....	CONSTRUCTION – INDUSTRIAL
TORTORICI MELISSA .....	ED - PUB SCHOOLS - COMMUNICATIONS
TUCKER, BARBIE.....	REAL ESTATE - SALES
TUMBLESON, JOE.....	GOVERNMENT – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
VAN ACKEREN.....	NON-PROFIT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
WALKER, AMY.....	NON-PROFIT – PROGRAM FACILITATOR
WHITE, BARBARA.....	PAST SERVICE RETIRED
WHITE, GENY.....	EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS - FOUNDATION
WHITENER ROGER.....	CONSTRUCTION IND.-COMM BLDG-RENO
ZAVALA, NOAH.....	OPTOMETRY – MEDICAL & RETAIL
YOUNG, MARC.....	ATTORNEY
WILLIAMS R. C.....	JANITOR-COMMERCIAL
CLAWSON, BRUCE.....	HONORARY MEMBER
FULLER, BECKY.....	HONORARY MEMBER
LAINE, DALE.....	HONORARY MEMBER
LAINE, DAVID.....	HONORARY MEMBER
REED, LYMAN.....	HONORARY MEMBER

**New Members for 2025-2026 Highlighted**