

# ***THE ROTARY COG***

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

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

**July 29, 2025**

**Theresa L. Morris**

**Gulf Center for Sea Turtle Research**

**Texas A&M Galveston**

To be introduced by Darel Beene

Invocation – Amy Walker

Pledges and Four Way Test – Lonnie Cox

Song Leader – Lonnie Cox

Introduce Guests and Visiting Rotarians – Darel Beene



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

Pictured with Rotarian Jay Carnes and President Dixie Sholmire are Maureen Patton and Chris Aucoin. Maureen and Chris are with The Grand 1984 Opera House. They gave a program last week on upcoming events and the history of the Opera House.



#### **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*



**Sonny Tholcken – July 25** – Sonny joined Rotary on May 17, 1983 under the classification Construction – Industrial. He was proposed by Dick Wiley and is a multiple PHF and HLF. Sonny recently retired from Trey Industries. Sonny was a recipient of the District Roll of Fame and the club's Vocational Service Award and serves as the Sgt. At Arms. He is married to Dawn and loves to spend time with all his family and friends.



**Chris Delesandri – July 26** – Chris joined Rotary on January 30, 2007 and was proposed by Jim Kelly. He is classified as Past Service – Retired and is a Past President of the club. He is a recipient of the Club's Vocational Service Award and the District Roll of Fame. He loves to cook and enjoys sharing his delicious cuisine with all!!

### **Newest Member of the Club**

Please welcome Mary Goldner as the newest member of the club. She was proposed by Kitty Potter and is the Director of Fine Arts for Texas City ISD.



### **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.

### **2<sup>nd</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
GOLDNER, MARY	PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FINE ARTS DIRECTOR
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
NEWDING, DONNA	REAL ESTATE - GENERAL
NURDIN, DON	PRINTING SPECIALIST - OWNER
OWENS, ARIC	BANKING – COMMERCIAL PARTERSHIP 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**