



Frank Nance, left, president of the Rotary Club of La Porte, thanks Brandon Lunsford and Kelly Hyslep of Garden of Eden Floral and Tea Room for their hospitality in hosting the Rotary Club for the past seven months.

Rotarians: Please watch for an email to RSVP for each week's meeting. Thank you for responding so that we are prepared to serve everyone in attendance. We understand that plans may change, but this will help us to have a good estimate of how many members to expect. Guests are always welcome!

La Porte Rotary Club moves to Fridays at Houston Yacht Club

The Rotary Club of La Porte moved to a new location on a new meeting day as of April 23. Club members voted on April 6 to meet at the Houston Yacht Club, 3620 Miramar Dr. in Shoreacres, on Fridays for at least the next six months.

Prior to the Covid-19 outbreak, the club met at St. John's Episcopal Church for many years. When the church implemented safety measures that kept outside groups from meeting there, the club moved to the banquet room at Garden of Eden Floral and Tea Room for the next seven months. Although the banquet room was not large enough for the full membership of the club, many of the members attended by Zoom during that time. Because the Houston Yacht Club was not available on Tuesdays, the meeting day was changed to Friday.

LA PORTE ROTARIANS ATTEND DISTRICT 5890 CONFERENCE

Three La Porte Rotarians were among hundreds of others from District 5890 clubs attending the annual conference at the Horseshoe Bay Resort April 15 through 18.

Sonja Baumgardner, Mason Peres and Bob Pizzitola participated in the "Serve Like a Champion" event at the hotel on Lake LBJ in the Texas Hill Country. The first activity was a welcome dinner for all attendees the evening of April 15.

April 16 activities included a "State of the District" session led by District Governor Scott Rainey as well as addresses by motivational speaker Damon West and Rotary International director Suzi Howe. Speakers for that afternoon included Past District Governors Rhonda Kennedy and Bob Gerhard.

Day 2 included speakers Kerri Taylor on human trafficking, Larry Payne and Vicki Brentin on critical conversations, and Jerry Kramer on refugees and Rotary in Iraq.

The conference also included a wide variety of fun activities for participants, spouses and family members.



Rotarians, from left, Bob Pizzitola, Mason Peres and Sonja Baumgardner take a selfie as they gather at the District 5890 conference at the Horseshoe Bay Resort.

May Programs and Events

May 7—Jennifer Lawrence, President, Chemic Engineers

May 14—Bob Asaf, Consultant, Dale Carnegie Training

May 21—Amanda Fenwick, Marketing/Media Relations, and Jose DeJesus Gil, Recruiting/Community Outreach, San Jacinto College

May 28—Mary Beth Trevino, Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol

The Rotary Club of La Porte meets on Fridays at the Houston Yacht Club, 3620 Miramar Dr., in Shoreacres, Texas. Meetings are held at noon. We welcome visitors! For additional information, email laporterotaryclub@gmail.com.

ROTARY RECOGNIZES SEVEN PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Rotary Club of La Porte President Frank Nance recognized seven new Paul Harris Fellow qualifiers at the April 23 and April 30 meetings of the club.

“These awards represent their commitment to both Service Above Self and also to the initiatives of Rotary International,” Nance said.

The seven Rotarians who were recognized and their individual Paul Harris designations are listed below the photos taken at the presentations.



In the photos above, Rotary President Frank Nance presents Rotarians as Paul Harris Fellows. In the top row Brian Kinkopf, left, was honored as an eight-time Paul Harris Fellow. Jason Weeks, middle, and Sonja Baumgardner were recognized as first-time Paul Harris Fellows. On the bottom row, Rick Helton, left, and Terri Cook, second from left, were two-time honorees, and Derick Meadows, second from right, and Lisa Camp were first-time honorees.

NEW ROTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE INDUCTED JUNE 23 AT HYC

At the April 6 meeting of the Rotary Club of La Porte, members unanimously approved the incoming Board of Directors and Committee Chairs as proposed by 2021-22 President Jason Weeks. The new board will be installed at the June 23 induction banquet to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Houston Yacht Club.

In addition to Weeks, the board will include Brian Kinkopf, president-elect; Frank Nance, past president; Mason Peres, vice president; Crystal Redden, secretary; Rick Helton, treasurer; Jayo Washington, sergeant-at-arms; Lisa Camp, director, community service; Derick Meadows, director, vocational service; Terri Cook, director, club service/bulletin; Crystal Redden, Rotary Foundation chair; and Sonja Baumgardner, membership chair.

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events!

June 7—Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Blood Drive, La Porte Community Church

June 23—Annual Installation Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Houston Yacht Club

June 26—Rotary Fish Fry, City of La Porte SPORT Center

2020-21 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

Frank Nance, President
 Jason Weeks, President-Elect
 Jeffrey Martin, Past President
 Rick Helton, Vice President
 Crystal Redden, Secretary
 Brian Kinkopf, Treasurer
 Jayo Washington, Sergeant-at-Arms
 Lisa Camp, Director, Community Service
 Derick Meadows, Director, Vocational Service
 Terri Cook, Director, Club Service/Bulletin
 Crystal Redden, Club Rotary Foundation Chair
 Frank Nance, Public Relations Chair
 Sonja Baumgardner, Membership Chair

Rotary Celebrations in May

Member Birthdays

Jeff Martin	May 7
Derick Meadows	May 11
Brenda Thompson	May 15
Crystal Redden	May 23

Spouse Birthdays

Kelly Deardorff	May 24
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Wedding Anniversaries

Frank and Michele Nance	May 9
Beth and David Brady	May 16

Rotary Anniversaries

Fred Gintert	22 years
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