



ROTARY CLEANS BEACHES WITH CLUBS FROM JAPAN



Left: Rotarians and friends gather to start the beach clean-up on Sept. 12. From left are Beth Brady, Donna O’Conner, Brian Kinkopf, Lisa Camp, Sonja Baumgardner, Jason Weeks, Bob Pizzitola, Rhonda Weeks and Terri Cook. The group split into teams to pick up trash at Sylvan Beach, Seabreeze Park, Klein Park and the beach at Morgan’s Point.



Above: With a truckload of bags of debris collected from La Porte area beaches, Rotarians and friends and family members end the morning on a high note. In front from left are Beth Brady, Bob Pizzitola, Sonja Baumgardner, Kim Helton, Jason Weeks, Jocelyn Langford, Breanna Langford, Susan Passmore, Brian Kinkopf, Nicole Langford, Lisa Camp and Donna O’Conner. In back are Rhonda Weeks and Rick Helton. The Langford family represented Agape Centric, Inc., while O’Conner is a long-time Friend of Rotary and the 2021 Non-Rotarian Citizen of the Year.

Rotarians from La Porte joined others from Rotary District 5890 on Saturday, Sept. 12, for a “Think Globally, Act Locally” beach clean-up project in conjunction with Rotary Clubs in Japan.

The La Porte club was assisted by representatives from Agape Centric and the La Porte High School Interact Club in cleaning up beaches at Morgan’s Point, Klein Park, Sylvan Beach Park and Seabreeze Park.

“Thank you for participating in the global project,” Kazuo Arai, District Governor of D2820 in Japan, wrote on the Rotary Club of La Porte Facebook. “Thank you very much for the outstanding activity of RC La Porte. I am looking forward to seeing you all in Houston!”

The next service project will be “Treats on the Trail” on Oct. 23 at Little Cedar Bayou Park.



Above: Rotarian Rick Helton and his wife, Kim, work as a team cleaning up debris at the Morgan’s Point beach.



Above Left: Rotarians Lisa Camp and Susan Passmore pick up trash at Klein Park.

Left: Beth Brady carries a piece of driftwood back to the check-in point after cleaning up Klein Park with her team.

Upcoming Programs and Events

- Oct. 1 —All-Club Meeting
- Oct. 8—Salute to Industry Presentation
- Oct. 15—La Porte Animal Shelter and “Wheels of Hope”
- Oct. 22—The Rose
- Oct. 23—Treats on the Trail, 6 to 8 p.m., Little Cedar Bayou Park
- Oct. 25—Rotary Recognition at La Porte City Council, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 29—Presidential Citation Presentation and “Pie the President”



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NEW ROTARIANS WELCOMED AT ORIENTATION

The Rotary Club of La Porte welcomed seven new members at the club's 2021 orientation session held on Sept. 24. The event was hosted by Rotarian Bob Pizzitola at his company, Bayshore Financial Advisors.

New members include Melissa Crutcher, Johnny Guadarrama, Marie Kilbourn, Susan Passmore, Kent Rimmel, Nelson Rodriguez and John Stauffer.

Long-time Rotarians Crystal Redden and Pizzitola led the orientation, explaining the various projects and expectations of the organization. All members of the club and their spouses were invited to the happy hour prior to the event.



Above: Jason Weeks, left, and Jayo Washington enjoy time to visit at the orientation session for new members Sept. 24.



Right: Dow Pizzitola and Sonja Baumgardner enjoy catching up at the happy hour prior to the orientation.



New members of the Rotary Club of La Porte share a laugh with Rotarians Bob Pizzitola and Crystal Redden as their photo is taken at the start of the orientation session. In front from left are John Stauffer, Melissa Crutcher, Susan Passmore and Marie Kilbourn, and in back are Kent Rimmel, Pizzitola, Redden and Nelson Rodriguez. New member Johnny Guadarrama was unable to attend the event. Pizzitola and Redden led the session for the new Rotarians.

GAUTHIER RECOGNIZED AT SEPT. 24 ROTARY MEETING



Derick Meadows, left, Rotary vocational service director, presents Kristin Gauthier with a certificate of appreciation for her work as La Porte's emergency management coordinator. Gauthier shared with the club the services that the Office of Emergency Management provides to the community.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS SHOWCASE AREA PROGRAMS



Representatives from Arrow Child and Family Ministries shared information on human trafficking in the Houston metro area at the Sept. 10 meeting. From left are Rotarian Derick Meadows, Debi Tengler, Paige Lines and Rotary President Jason Weeks.



On Sept. 17 the club hosted Whitney Strickland, Lanier Young and Mitch Rembert from The Wheelhouse. Their mission is to provide a supportive environment and recovery tools for men dealing with alcohol and drug addiction. At left is Rotarian Derick Meadows, and at right is President Jason Weeks.

Mark your calendars for the Reverse Draw—March 24, 2022

Rotary Celebrations in October

Member Birthdays

Lou Ann Martin	Oct. 5
Terri Cook	Oct. 11
Fred Gintert	Oct. 11

Spouse Birthdays

Rhonda Weeks	Oct. 9
Shauna Askins	Oct. 10
Kim Helton	Oct. 27

Wedding Anniversaries

Corey and Lynley Marlar	Oct. 11
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Rotary Anniversaries

Mason Peres	1 year
Vince D'Ippolito	7 years
Victor Peres	9 years

The Texas Pledge

Honor the Texas flag;
I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
one state under God,
one and indivisible.

