



What do we do?

In addition to Rotary International projects that we get involved in such as eradicating Polio, Shelter Box relief for natural disasters in the Philippines, toilet projects for school girls in India...did you know our club does the following things right here in Fredericksburg?

1. **Early Childhood Literacy Program** - We provide new books for every family that delivers a child at Hill Country Memorial as well as through different programs such as Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Toys for Tots recipients. Reading to a child as a baby can change their academic trajectory.
2. **Toys for Tots** - We collect, wrap, and deliver Christmas presents to needy children all over Gillespie County. Last year we delivered over 800 toys to more than 200 families.
3. **Reading Rodeo at FES** - Rotarians go to the elementary school and read to school children. This develops bonds with adults as well as helping with children's literacy.
4. **Donate Books to FES Library** - We donate a book a week to our local elementary school in honor of our guest speakers—nearly 50 books a year.
5. **Highway Beautification** - We have two miles on 290 West towards Harper and get it cleaned up at least four times a year.
6. **Sponsor Interact at FHS**- This is an important way to grow leaders among high school youth and teach them Rotarian values such as the Four-Way Test.
7. **Sponsor RYLA Students** - We help send student to Rotary Youth Leadership training. This is an important program and helps develop leadership skills in our youth.
8. **College Scholarships** - We provide postsecondary scholarships to students every year. This is why our fundraising efforts such as the FHS Homecoming Party and our annual Valentine's Dinner are so important.
9. **Hans Hannemann Vocational Service Award** - This is an award we give to a non-Rotarian in the community who exemplifies Rotarian ideals of "Service Above Self" in their vocational and community service.
10. **Outbound Exchange** - Every year we help at least one outbound student go overseas as part of Rotary's student exchange program. We've sponsored a National Merit Finalist that spent her year in Spain. Last year's student spent the year in Italy. This year Seth Cook will be in Spain.
11. **Inbound Exchange** - We host an inbound student for the year, providing a life-changing opportunity for a student sponsored by a Rotary Club from another country. Our 2015-16 student is from Germany. Last year's student was from the Faroe Islands. This year we've host Mathis Louvier from France.