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ROTARY DISTRICT 5810

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Dear Rotarians and Guests,

Jetta and I send our warmest greeting to each of you attending this 2013-14 district conference. We have enjoyed many district conferences during our time as Rotarians and we wish we could be with you for this conference, but that is just not possible. We are confident that you will enjoy a full program of Rotary information, fun and fellowship and hope you will find it inspirational and rewarding.

As you listen to the speakers, including my personal representative and participate in the various events and activities planned for the conference, I ask you to think about the rewards and opportunities of being a Rotarian and being a part of the Family of Rotary. Sharing your enthusiasm for Rotary with others is the real key to growing and strengthening Rotary membership.

Rotary has been a well-kept secret for too long. It's time for us to share the wonderful opportunities of Rotary with others. Tell a friend about your experience at this conference and about all that your club and district do throughout the year. Invite a friend to join you at a meeting or in a special event. What a wonderful way to **Engage Rotary, Change Lives!**

The more engaged we become, the greater the rewards we enjoy. What I have learned during my Rotary journey is that as I engage Rotary, the life that has changed the most has been mine. Jetta and I ask you to join us this year in sharing the good news of Rotary and actively engaging Rotary in every way possible.

Best wishes for a successful district conference.

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Sincerely,

Ron D. Burton

Ean Sullivan & Jan

District Governor 2013-2014

Rotary District 5810

Plano Rotary Club



This has been an incredible year. I have often told people that the year I spent as President of the Plano Rotary club was one of the best years of my life. Now, I must add my year as your District Governor. This year has been special for Jan and me in so many ways. Thank you for sharing it with us.

Rotary is an important part of my life and I am thankful that Jan led me to Rotary more than 25 years ago. I cannot imagine another organization that would allow me to leverage my talents like Rotary. We are able to make such a difference in our world and be a part of amazing things just because we belong to Rotary. For every ounce of effort I put into Rotary I get back a pound of benefit.

One of the special things I cherish about Rotary is the wonderful people that make up our organization. No matter what club, in what part of the world, Rotarians are the finest. Thank you for allowing me to share Rotary with you this year.

Ean



Ron Burton

Norman, Oklahoma, USA
Pres., Rotary International 2013-2014



Ron D. Burton retired as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. in 2007. He is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, the Oklahoma Bar Association, and the Cleveland County Bar Association. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the ABA Section of Taxation Exempt Organizations Committee, and the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate, and Trust Committee on Charitable Organizations. He was vice president of the Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America and received the Silver Beaver Award. He also received the Norman United Way and Junior League Volunteer of the Year Civic Award.

A Rotarian since 1979, Burton has served RI as director, president's aide, RI president's representative, committee and task force member, Rotary information counselor, zone trainer, International Assembly group discussion leader and moderator, Council on Legislation representative, and district governor. He also chaired the 2011 New Orleans Convention Committee. As director, he served as chair of the Executive, Administration, and Audit Committees.

His extensive service to The Rotary Foundation includes vice chair and member of the Foundation Trustees, vice chair of the Future Vision Committee, and member of the International PolioPlus Committee and PolioPlus Speakers Bureau. Other service includes national adviser for the Permanent Fund Initiative, member of Permanent Fund Leadership Team, and consultant to the Development Committee. In addition, he has served as a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator and moderator of the regional Rotary Foundation coordinator training program.

Burton has received the RI Service Above Self Award and the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service Award, and International Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Jetta, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Paul Harris, Bequest, and Arch C. Klumph Societies.

Robert Hall and Charlene

Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Rotary International Dir. Elect

Robert Hall was born in Charleston, SC and grew up in Savannah, GA. He graduated from Georgia Tech and received his MBA from Tulane University. After a sales and general management career with IBM, he now owns an executive and professional recruiting firm, HRH Consulting, specializing in non profit search.



A 35 year Rotarian, Robert joined his first Rotary Club in Brunswick, GA, then the Rotary Clubs of Milwaukee, WI and Baton Rouge, LA respectively. He is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody and an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta.

Robert has served District 6900 as District Governor, The Rotary Foundation Chair, COL representative, and Director Nominating Committee representative. Robert is currently Zone 34 End Polio Now Coordinator, Host Committee Chair for the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta and RI Director Elect for 2014-2016. In 2006, Robert led a team on a NID to Uttar Pradesh, India.

Robert and Charlene are Major Donors and Bequest Society members. Robert has received Rotary's Service Above Self award, The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service awards, and the Regional Polio Eradication and International Polio Eradication awards. Currently Robert is on the Board of Communities in Schools of Georgia helping at risk kids stay in school and graduate. He is a member of the Host Committee of the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates to be held in Atlanta in 2015. Robert has served as the Georgia Tech National Alumni Association President and was on the Georgia Tech Foundation board, and received the Dean Griffin Community Service award from Georgia Tech. He has served on the State of Georgia YMCA board and the Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy board. Robert has been a member of the advisory committees of Oglethorpe University and MedShare International.

The Halls are active members of Peachtree Presbyterian Church. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Robert enjoys golf, travel, volunteering and his grandchildren. Charlene is a member of P.E.O. International, an artist, and enjoys the grandchildren, antiques and decorating.

The Governor Team



Ean Sullivan, DG 2013-2014
Rotary Club of Plano



Sandra Forster, DG 2012-2013
Rotary Club of Garland



Bill Dendy ("Bill 14"), DG 2014-2015
Rotary Club of DeSoto



Larry Webb, DG 2015-2016
Rotary Club of Prestonwood



Bill Dendy ("Bill 16"), DG 2016-2017
Rotary eClub of District 5810

Khalil Baker

Mr. Khalil Baker is a senior at Dr. Ralph H. Poteet High School in Mesquite, Texas. He is the 2014 District 5810 Rotary Speech Contest winner. He qualified for this competition by winning the 2014 Mesquite Rotary Club Speech Contest. Mr. Baker is a



cornerstone of the Poteet Speech and Debate Team as well as the Poteet Theater Department. As a member of the Poteet Pirate Players Theater Productions, he has either starred or appeared in eight shows over the course of the last two years. He is also an active member of the Poteet Thespian Society and Poteet Rhetorical Society. He recently performed at the High School Musical Theater Awards Ceremony, where he was nominated for a \$5,000 scholarship for his work in "Shrek the Musical." Mr. Baker's passion for performance is second only to his passion for his church, Potter's Wheel Ministries. He credits his success to his faith, his family, especially his mother Ms. Tonia Baker, and his friends.





Steve Blow

Dallas Morning News
Columnist

Steve Blow joined *The Dallas Morning News* as a reporter in 1978. He has written a popular column on the Metropolitan page of *The Morning News* since 1989.

Before joining *The News*, Steve worked as a reporter at the now-departed *Fort Worth Press* and at the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*.

Steve's columns have been named the best in the state by the Dallas Press Club, the Headliners Club of Austin and the Associated Press. Both the editors and readers of *The Dallas Observer* have named his column the best in Dallas.

Steve grew up in Tyler, in East Texas. He received his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of North Texas. His wife, Lori, is a teacher in Mesquite. They have two grown children — a daughter, Ali, and a son, Corey. Both are married and now live and work in Dallas.

He is the grandfather of four beautiful grandchildren.

Most unforgettable experience on the job: Probably flying in a fighter jet with the Blue Angels. Somewhere in the midst of that looping, zooming, twirling flight, I remember thinking, "I love my job."

Something people don't know about me: In college, I worked in a funeral home. (It was more lively than you might expect.)

If I had two spare hours, I would: See a movie, preferably one with lots of laughs and not a single gun battle.

The secret of a good news column is: Introduce the reader to a person worth knowing. Or put into words the reader's own thoughts. Or best of all, offer a view that differs from the reader's, but in a way that intrigues, not antagonizes.



Amanda Wirtz

Amanda Wirtz is a Chicago native who studied in Stockholm, Sweden for a year as a Rotary Exchange Student. After high school, she graduated from the Center for Information Dominance, earning the highest recognition as top graduate before serving for six years as a Cryptologic Analyst for Naval Intelligence. She supported military, counter-narcotics and search and rescue operations in Florida, Spain, Canada, and Washington D.C. In addition, she served twice in combat in both Iraq and Yugoslavia.



During the years that followed, she faced seemingly insurmountable health challenges. Resolved to fight for her own future, she began building hope for herself and others. The crux of her journey began by asking 'the right question'.

Amanda completed her B.S. in Community Health at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign earning the highest University honors: the Bronze Tablet. She completed her Masters in Public Health in Health Promotion and Behavioral Science from San Diego State University and was recognized as 'Top Graduate Student' within the College of Health and Human Services.

Her passion for building a hope and a future has resulted in countless community outreach projects within the US and abroad. Amanda also serves on several non-profit Advisory Committees including the Trauma Resource Institute.

In Rotary, Amanda chartered and served as the first President of United Services Rotary: the first Facebook-based Rotary Club in the world to unite the world's militaries in peace through service. She has also served as a Vocational Training Team member to Uganda, Interact Chair, RYLA facilitator and speaker, and is the Chief of Staff to the 2015-16 5340 District Governor.

Amanda has played the violin for 27 years and has worked as a studio musician and live performer in the US and Canada. She now performs predominantly to support charities and other humanitarian efforts.

She is a nationally renowned speaker and performer who continues to share her story of hope, inspiring others to ask 'the right question'; her outreach to the world continues to be her greatest passion. She also works as a research scientist, consultant, and is scheduled to release her first book in 2015.

Amanda has received numerous awards including the 2011 California State Assembly Veteran of the Year for the 76th District.

Thursday, May 8

- 2:00 pm** Conference registration opens/Credential Check-In begins
- 3:00 p.m.** Hotel check-in opens
- 6:00 p.m.** RI President's Representative Reception—Pre-Function West
- Greeting by DG Ean Sullivan and introduction of RI President's Representative
 - Remarks by RIDE Robert Hall
- 7:00 p.m.** Concert in the Park with fireworks. Rotary participants have exclusive seating on the Hotel patio.

Friday Morning, May 8

(Boring Rotary Stuff)

- 8:00** Conference registration opens/Credential Check-In begins
- 9:00** District MOP revisions
- 9:45** Break
- 10:00** Vote on district representative to Council on Legislation
- 10:15** Getting involved with Rotary beyond the club level.
- Why would I want to?
 - How much is expected?
 - How much does it cost?
- 10:30** Break
- 10:45** So you want to be a District Governor. Panel discussion with the Governor Team and Q&A from the floor.



Friday, May 8

All-Club Luncheon

12:00 Lunch Hosted by Park Cities Rotary club

- Entertainment by Faith Family Academy Choir
- Welcome by Cleve Clinton, President Park Cities Rotary club.
- Ringing the Rotary Bells. All Rotary club presidents have been requested to bring their club bells for a mass ringing.
- National Anthem performed by Faith Family Academy Choir
- Invocation
- Flag Presentation by Exchange Students
- Introduction and remarks—DG Ean Sullivan
- RI President Ron Burton's Representative RIDE Robert Hall Current Developments in Rotary
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker—Cleve Clinton
- Keynote Speaker Steve Blow
- Wrap-up and description of Friday Night events
- 4-Way Test



Friday , May 8 Afternoon Activities

No planned Rotary activities . Instead, please take the opportunity to explore the fun activities available in Rockwall. The Rotary Clubs in Rockwall have arranged many possibilities including::

- ◆ KE Cellers Winery
- ◆ San Martino Winery
- ◆ Rockwall County Master Gardener
- ◆ Purple Ranch Lavender Farm
- ◆ Parasailing
- ◆ Sail with Scott
- ◆ Shenaniganz
- ◆ Fishing Guides
- ◆ Paintball
- ◆ Golf at Buffalo Creek or Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club

Friday, May 9, Evening Hospitality Suites

6:00 pm Hospitality suites in individual club suites plus the Governor Team suites plus the Harborview Room which will have 2 clubs and entertainment by Ellis Island. The evening will end when all the food and drink is gone or whenever the last Rotarian leaves, whichever comes first.



Roll up your sleeves and **give!**



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**Saturday, May 10 Morning
District Leadership Assembly**

- 7:00 am Registration Opens
- 7:30 am Fellowship and coffee
- 8:00 am Welcome by DGE Bill Dendy
- 8:30 am Break-out session 1

ROOM	SESSION 1
Compass Rose	GateWay
Ballroom "A"	Club Presidents (2015-16)
Ballroom "B"	Club Treasurers
Ballroom "C"	Club Foundation Chairs
Ballroom "D1"	Youth Services
Ballroom "D2"	Service Projects Chairs
Ballroom "E1"	Public Awareness Chairs
Ballroom "E2"	Club Administration
Schooner	Club Presidents (2014-15)
Windjammer	Understanding Foundation Recognition Points
Galleon	Blood Drive

- 9:40 am Break-out session 2

ROOM	SESSION 2
Compass Rose	End Polio Now
Ballroom "A"	Club Secretaries
Ballroom "B"	Club Treasurers
Ballroom "C"	Matching Grant Cert. Part 1 of 2
Ballroom "D1"	Youth Services
Ballroom "D2"	Service Projects Chairs
Ballroom "E1"	Public Awareness Chairs
Ballroom "E2"	Rotary University
Schooner	Club Presidents (2014-15) & A.G.'s
Windjammer	Understanding Foundation Recognition Points
Galleon	Blood Drive

Saturday, May 10 Morning
District Leadership Assembly
Continued

10:50 am Break-out session 3

ROOM	SESSION 3
Compass Rose	Peace Symposium
Ballroom "A"	Club Secretaries
Ballroom "B"	Networking
Ballroom "C"	Matching Grant Cert. Part 2 of 2
Ballroom "D1"	Youth Services
Ballroom "D2"	Project Hand Up
Ballroom "E1"	Rotary International Leader- ship Institute (RILI)
Ballroom "E2"	Club Administration
Schooner	Assistant Governors
Windjammer	Understanding Foundation Recognition Points
Galleon	Blood Drive



Saturday, May 10 Awards Luncheon

Hosted by the Rotary club of Rockwall

12:00 Welcome and introduction by Jon Bailey,
President of the Rockwall Noon Rotary Club

- Invocation
- Pledge
- 4 Way Test
- Scott Buzzell, Addison Midday Rotary Club,
Awards Chair

1:30 pm Adjourn

Saturday Afternoon May 10

Membership Forum

2:00 pm Membership Forum—Howard Templin,
Dallas Rotary Club.

4:00 pm Adjourn

Saturday Evening, May 10 Banquet

5:30—6:30 pm Major Donor and Paul Harris Society
Reception (Invitation only in DG Ean
Sullivan's Suite)

5:30 pm Reception with Cash Bar

6:30 pm Welcome and introduction of Emcee—
John Ernst, Conference Chair.

- Formal Presentation of Club Presidents and
Presidents-Elect
- Invocation
- Pledge
- Dinner is served
- 4 Way Test Speech Contest Winner—Khalil
Baker
- Remarks by Emcee David Sweet, Mayor of
Rockwall and member of the Rockwall Rotary
Club

- Presentation of Major District Awards
 - Club of the Year
 - Service above Self
 - Rotarian of the Year
- Presentation of RI Service Above Self award—
DG Ean Sullivan and IPDG Sandra Forster
- Remarks by DG Ean Sullivan and Jan
- Introduction of RI President's
Representative—Ean Sullivan
- State of Rotary—RIDE Robert Hall
- Intro of Keynote Speaker—DGE Bill Dendy
- Keynote Speaker—Amanda Wirtz
- Conference Chair final remarks
- Close of Evening—District Governor Ean
Sullivan.

Fellowship to be continued in the Governor Team Suites.

Sunday, May 11

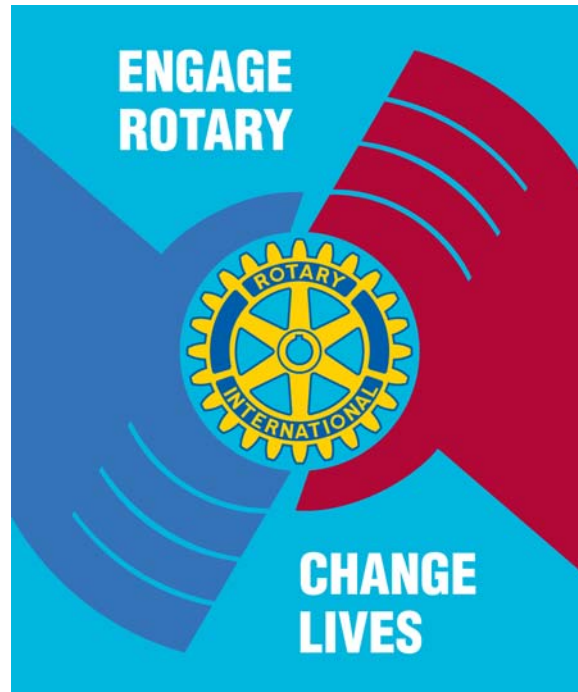
9:30 am Interfaith Worship and In Memoriam
service

- Welcome—DG Ean Sullivan
- In Memoriam—Video Presentation
- Interfaith Service—Rev. Jan Sullivan
- Introduction of RI President's
Representative—DG Ean Sullivan
- Closing Thoughts—Robert Hall, RIDE, PDG
D6900
- Closing Remarks—DG Ean Sullivan



Special Thanks to the 2014 District Conference Committee

- ◆ John Ernst, Chair
- ◆ Courtenay Tanner, District 5810 Dream Team
- ◆ Trenton Cornehl, President Rockwall Breakfast Rotary
- ◆ Jon Bailey, President Rockwall Rotary
- ◆ PDG Zee Zee Kamruddin, Dallas Uptown Rotary
- ◆ Rick Pietrykowski, Rockwall Breakfast Rotary
- ◆ Krista Hartman, Dallas Uptown Rotary
- ◆ Duncan Gilman, Prestonwood Rotary
- ◆ Glen McCrary, Grand Prairie Metro Rotary
- ◆ Beverly Grogan, Grand Prairie Metro Rotary
- ◆ Daniel Long, Plano West Rotary
- ◆ Sandra Moudy, Richardson Rotary
- ◆ Nancy Runge, Rockwall Breakfast Rotary



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