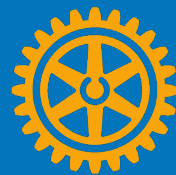
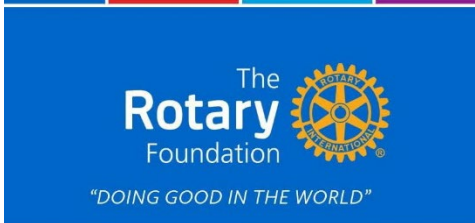


July 2025

Rotary  
District 5910



# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR Dr. Charles Gilliland

Rotarians assembled in Calgary for a Youth Exchange Pre-Convention where they celebrated 50 years as a premier program fostering international cooperation to promote cultural understanding and peace. This district-to-district program has created and fostered a vibrant, worldwide network of Rotary Districts collaborating to identify and train candidates for successful opportunities to live and study abroad for a short-term (a few weeks) or long-term (an academic year) exchange.

The long-term program gives young people a chance to experience new cultures, languages, and lifestyles by living as a member of three different families in their host country. In District 5910, the Youth Exchange Committee, chaired and managed by Carol Mattingly (Huntsville), accepts applications from potential outbound students, and instructs them in several orientations sessions to prepare them to live in another country. She also maintains ongoing contacts with host Rotary districts abroad to provide homes for students.

The program operates a system governed by the Department of State, Rotary International, and several other organizations. Districts organize and conduct the program, but individual clubs participate in two ways. First, local clubs sponsor outbound students from their community to enter the program. Second, local clubs volunteer to provide homes for an inbound student for an academic year.

Rotary clubs and districts act to reduce a significant portion of some costs of an exchange. Although students' families pay a flat fee that covers some program expenses, local club volunteers provide support by identifying host families, assisting the student school registration, monitoring student wellbeing, providing a modest allowance for the student, and arranging transportation to Rotary events. Host families provide a home including meals for the students. This support is freely provided to the student. The program is not-for-profit, making it more affordable than many other exchange programs.

To find out more about how to participate in this program, contact Carol Mattingly (email: [5910rye@gmail.com](mailto:5910rye@gmail.com)).

Clubs can participate in this worthy program by:

1. Informing students in their community about outbound opportunities, both short-term and long-term exchanges.
2. Sponsoring an outbound student. There is no cost to the club for sponsoring a student.
3. Hosting an inbound student.

### A message from D5910 Membership Chair Amy Killgore: Welcome new members!

As of July 10 and only 10 days into the new Rotary year, we are excited to share that we have eight new members!

Please help us welcome the new Rotarians from the Galveston, Galveston Island and Palestine Clubs!



CLUB DISTRICT DUES INVOICE  
COMING SOON TO AN  
INBOX NEAR YOU



## Spotlight on...supporting Texans in need

### Helping those who have been impacted by the devastating Hill Country floods

Our hearts go out to those suffering through the disaster that struck Kerr County and West Texas on July 4. Among those lost were John and Julia Burgess of the East Montgomery County Rotary Club – John was the Club's President-Elect. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and Club.

Rotarians always respond by acting to ease suffering and repair damage. While volunteers were discouraged from traveling to stricken areas as increased presence could hinder search and rescue efforts, Rotary has been responding. Craig Hardy, Governor of Rotary District 5840, which includes most of the hard-hit territory is preparing to request disaster assistance from the Rotary Foundation. In the meantime, all Rotarians can donate to [DisasterAid \(DAUSA\)](#), and specify that they would like their donation to be ear-marked for the Texas floods (as of July 15, more than \$28,000 has been raised). DAUSA is a 501(c)(3) charity primarily partnered and supported by Rotarians and Rotary Clubs. As volunteers are needed in the disaster area, DAUSA will organize to send volunteers where they are needed. When you volunteer through them, you are covered by their insurance policy. If you have questions about DAUSA, contact Patrick Lesley at [patrick.rotary1@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.rotary1@gmail.com) or 713-502-1106.

#### Other ways to donate:

##### Rotary District 5840 - South Central Texas


- By Credit Card: Make a secure online donation via credit card at <https://rotary5840.org/donate/district-5840-disaster-relief/>
  - By Check: Make checks payable to Rotary District 5840 Foundation  
Memo: Disaster Relief  
Mail to: Rotary District 5840 Foundation, P.O. Box 13, Boerne, TX 78006
  - By Zelle Payment: Direct to [D5840floodrelief2025@gmail.com](mailto:D5840floodrelief2025@gmail.com)  
Memo: Disaster Relief
- Please add your email address or contact information if you need a tax receipt

##### Rotary District 5870 - Central Texas

- By Credit Card: [Support flood victims](#) by donating to the tax-deductible District 5870 Keyway Fund at [5870Keyway.org](http://5870Keyway.org).
- By Check: Make checks payable to District 5870 Keyway, Inc.  
c/o Bruce Golden, Treasurer  
6603 Vallecito Dr, Austin, TX 78759



While Rotarians across the district have sent donations, the Friendswood Club also assembled 'Flood buckets' filled with essentials for the Hill Country.

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**Texas Floods Response**

Our hearts are with the families and friends impacted by the horrific floods in central Texas. We encourage personal and club giving to help relief efforts.

**Rotary District 5840  
Rotary District 5870  
Disaster Aid USA**



The Rotary Club of Livingston's Board of Directors voted to contribute \$500 to District 5840's Disaster Relief Fund.

## Upcoming around D5910

**2025 SFA FOOTBALL**  
**MEET THE JACKS**



Date & Time:  
Thursday, August 21  
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location:  
Homer Bryce Stadium

What to expect:


- ♦ Autographs
- ♦ Water Activities
- ♦ Inflatables
- ♦ Food

FREE & OPEN TO ALL FANS  
Presented by The Fredonia Rotary Club



**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**  
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

**ROTARY CLUB OF TEXAS CITY**  
**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**



**OCTOBER 11, 2025**  
8:30a- Registration | 9a-Walk  
Blocker Middle School Gym  
1800 9th Ave N, Texas City, TX 77590  
Join us for the Fourth Annual Texas City Walk to End Alzheimer's!  
Grow your team, raise funds, and join us for the Walk!  
Family Friendly!

Questions? Contact Barbara White | [mrsingaree@gmail.com](mailto:mrsingaree@gmail.com)  
or Stephanie Fitzgerald | [sfitzgerald@alz.org](mailto:sfitzgerald@alz.org)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
"TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS"  
OCT 17, 2025 - BABE ZAHARIAS GOLF COURSE  
benefiting the community service projects of  
**Rotary Club of Port Arthur**  
and Everlasting Changes

**Rotary**  
Port Arthur

**TEAMS \$500, TEE SIGNS \$200**  
**SPECIALTY SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**  
TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFO  
TEXT 409-719-3949

**SAVE THE DATE: DISTRICT 5910**  
**foundation celebration**  
HONORING  
**hugh summers**  
nov 15, 2025  
houston marriott north  
WITH SPECIAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
PAST RI PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE  
**John Germ**  
**Rotary**  
District 5910







## District 5910 gathers in Calgary

Rotarians from across D5910 traveled to Calgary in June to attend the International Convention alongside more than 15,000 Rotarians from over 120 countries.

In addition to our attendance, our own Luanne Triolo Newman, Past President of the League City Club, was a featured speaker in her role as President of the Fellowship of Rotarian Genealogists. We are so proud of Luanne!

Don't miss the [2026 Convention in Taipei](#) – details are out now.

## District 5910 Executives 2025-2026

**District Governor:** Charley Gilliland (Bryan)  
**District Governor Elect:** Philip Shackelford (Aggieland)  
**Immediate Past District Governor:** Leon Willhite (Palestine)  
**Vice Governor:** Demetress Harrell (Angelina)  
**District Treasurer:** Sloan Shuffler (Downtown Palestine)  
**District Secretary:** Michelle Lyons (Huntsville)  
**District Governor Nominee:** Dana Espinal (Port Arthur)

## District 5910 Officers and Directors 2025-2026

**Assistant Governor Coordinator:** Amy Supak (Aggieland)  
**Club Visioning:** Hannah Wilner (The Woodlands)  
**District Grants/DEI Chair:** Ruth Suhler (Galveston)  
**District Finance/Membership Chair:** Amy Killgore (League City)  
**District Learning Facilitator:** Karen Chapman (Lone Star eClub)  
**District Peace Committee:** Michael Hayes (Conroe)  
**Empowering Girls Chair:** Patricia McKenzie (Angelina)  
**Endowment/Major Gifts:** Sherry Bogus (Lake Conroe)  
**Endowment/Major Gifts Special Advisor:** Hugh Summers (Palestine)  
**Global Grants Chair:** Real Provencher (Magnolia)  
**Global Scholar/Public Image Chair:** Rebekah Maxwell (Beaumont)  
**Interact Chair:** Bunny Pratt (Bryan)  
**Lone Star PETS Representative:** Rhonda Herrington (Palestine)  
**Paul Harris Society Coordinator:** Barbara Winburn (Galveston)  
**PolioPlus Chair:** Jay Wilson (Beaumont)  
**Roll of Fame:** Glen Brewer (Aggieland)  
**Rotaract Chair:** Birda Gaskin (Lone Star eClub)  
**Rotaract Representative:** Andres Briceño Mendoza (The Woodlands Rotaract)  
**Rotary Foundation Chair:** Bobby Chapman (Lone Star eClub)  
**RYLA Chair:** Michael Perez (Beaumont)  
**Youth Exchange Chair:** Carol Mattingly (Huntsville)  
**Youth Protection Officer:** Chris Turner (Friendswood)

*Have an item for the newsletter? Send it to [District Secretary Michelle Lyons](#) so we can include it!*



On the morning of July 12, everyone involved in **Rotary Youth Exchange** (the District Youth Exchange Committee Members, and the Club Youth Exchange Officers and RYE Club Counselors), received their annual required training at SHSU – The Woodlands Center.

In the afternoon, 2025-26 Outbound students (and their parents) got their final instructions for their year ahead living in another country and their role as ambassadors for Rotary and the United States. Now they are well prepared and ready to go!

DG Charley, a member of the District Youth Exchange Committee, bid farewell to our four Texas students: Regina (sponsored by the Lake Conroe Club) going to France, Rylie (sponsored by the Bryan Club) going to Spain, Luke (sponsored by the Galveston Club) going to Thailand, and Alise (also sponsored by the Bryan Club) going to Italy. They will certainly have a life-changing experience living abroad with 2-3 host families for a full school year.

