

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

July 23, 2012



Governor's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

Over the weekend I attended the South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) summer meeting in Kansas City, Mo. SCRYE is comprised of Rotarians dedicated to promoting cultural understanding through youth exchange and covers 36 districts and 15 states in the south and central United States. On Saturday evening we attended a Rotary backyard barbeque sponsored by the Atchison Kansas Rotary Club. An outstanding fireworks display honoring Amelia Earhart (born in Atchison) culminated the event

It is a commitment to host a Youth Exchange student and until you have hosted you cannot fully appreciate those who open their homes and hearts to someone else's child. Our district will be hosting 13 foreign exchange students in 2012-2013 for the school year, and I urge you to spend some time with your student! Consider asking the student over for dinner or to a sporting event or make a point to sit next to him/her at the weekly meeting. Spending a few hours with your student will enrich your life and will allow the host parents a little down time. I applaud all Rotarians and non-Rotarians who have hosted a YE student and especially District 5910 YE Chairman Glen Mattingly and his wife Carol for the years of service to our Youth Exchange program.



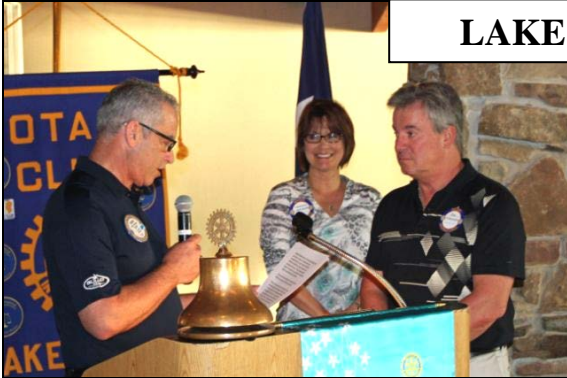
L-R: YE Chair Glen Mattingly, DG Brenda, Carol Mattingly and PDG Ulli Budelmann.



Fireworks grace the night sky at the Amelia Earhart Festival Atchison, Kansas.

WELCOME NEW ROTARIANS!

LAKE CONROE



L-R: President Mark Stevens, Teresa Schrock, **Don Schrock** (General Contractor)



Donna Quinlan (Manufacturing)

FRIENDSWOOD



L-R: **Jody Smith** and President Allan Rasmussen

BEAUMONT-SPINDLETOP



L-R: President Liz Robinson, sponsor Betsy Henslee and **Amanda Carroll** (Employment Services), new member



THE WOODLANDS

L-R: Todd Bryant, new member **Mark Cochran**, new member **Vajih Khan**, Ann Wolford, **Rick Raanes**, sponsor Sherry Smith.

LEADERSHIP DUO



L-R: President Mary Matteson-Parrish and husband Norman will be the first husband/wife team to have served as President in The Woodlands club.

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS

Application period is July 15th to AUG. 27TH, 2012



Congratulations to the 21 Clubs who received grants for the 2011-2012 Year. \$33,957.00 - a record number and record dollar amount in grants were awarded for the year.

For additional information go to www.rotary5910.org or email DSG Chair Barb Emery Email: emerybarb@hotmail.com

SURPRISE AMIGO!



Past RI President (2000-2001) Frank Devlyn vacationed in The Woodlands and visited The Rotary Club of Conroe. Frank resides in Mexico City and is president of the Devlyn Optical Group of Mexico, a manufacturer, distributor and retailer of optical products. He is also a motivational speaker and has authored a series of "Frank Talk" books. Visit www.frankdevelyn.org for additional information.

LOOKING FOR A SIMPLE SERVICE PROJECT?

LAKE CONROE HAS IT GOING!

Don't Forget

The first Thursday of each Month is SOS - Save Our Stuff - Collection Day

Bring the items you have saved to donate to the appropriate agency that our club sponsors. The Rotarians listed will collect the items and distribute them to that that agency.

Toilet paper rolls & hard candy – Candy for Mexico Project – Mike Landes, Mike McBride

Books – Literacy Volunteers of America and Books for Africa – Linda Ricketts

Small pieces of luggage (back packs, gym bags etc.) – Children's Protective Services – Marie Underdown

Small toiletry items and used cell phones – Montgomery County Women's Center – Linda Ricketts

Used white or light colored towels – SPCA PETS SNAP of Montgomery County – Marie Underdown

Eyeglasses – Conroe Noon Lion's Club – Richard Martin

Aluminum can tabs – Montgomery High School Interact – Rick Adams

Comic pages from newspapers – Boxes for troops – Charlie Parada

Hearing Aids for Latin America – Marie Underdown

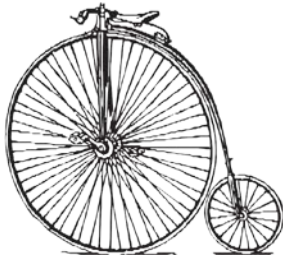


Rainbow Room – Back Packs & Bags



Interact Candy Rolls for Mexico

"Imagine all the people living life in Peace.
You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one.
I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will live as one"
John Lennon



ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

MAY 3-5 PALESTINE, TEXAS



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

JUNE 23-26, 2013 LISBON, PORTUGAL

REGISTER AT WWW.ROTARY.ORG

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

ROTARY TEAM LEADER APPLICATIONS WANTED!

HERE'S WHAT'S IN STORE FOR ONE LUCKY ROTARIAN.

APPLICATIONS AND DETAILS MAY BE DOWNLOADED AT WWW.ROTARY5910.ORG

APPLICATION DEADLINE [AUGUST 10, 2012.](#)

INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED [AUGUST 18, 2012.](#)

Tentative Travel Plan for the Outbound Team, from the Inbound Coordinator in District 7020:

"The Texas GSE Team will start the exchange in the BVI [British Virgin Islands] where they will spend one week. They will then travel, via ferry, to our neighbors to the south, St. Thomas, USVI [U.S. Virgin Islands] where they will spend another week. Following that, they will hop a plane to St. Croix, USVI for week three. The last leg of the journey will take the team to St. Martin, Anguilla and St. Baths [St. Barts] for week four. Quite a bit of island hopping, by both ferry and plane, if I may say so myself.

We have hosted many GSE teams here in the BVI over the past years and look forward to hosting the Texas team with great anticipation.

We are known for our hospitality and wonderful weather, culture and waters. The BVI is known as the sailing capital of the world. We also boast beautiful dive sites in the BVI and hosted a Rotary Fellowship Dive Group from Canada and the US earlier this year.

We make it a point to introduce our guests to our beautiful islands when they visit and the Texas GSE team will be considered and treated as our very special guests."

Questions? Contact JOHN DELANEY j_delaney@verizon.net.