

# ***THE DISTRICT***

**A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker**

**August 13, 2012**



Fellow Rotarians,

Each year our clubs nominate outstanding Rotarians to receive the District 5910 Roll of Fame Award. It's not too early to start thinking about qualified candidates. Roll of Fame awards will be presented to recipients at the District Conference May 4th in Palestine. Mike Casey is our ROF Chair and will be sending out nomination forms and information in December. Eligibility criteria:

1. Honoree must have served as an officer or director of a Rotary Club and must have been a Rotarian in one (1) or more clubs for five (5) years prior to submission of the honoree's name.
2. Honoree must have an above average attendance record.
3. Honoree should have attended Rotary clubs other than the club of the honoree, and must have attended at least one (1) District Conference and one (1) District Assembly.
4. Honoree should have chaired or actively served on several club committees in more than (1) of the four avenues of service.
5. Outstanding service in Rotary shall be the primary consideration.

Peace Through Service,

Brenda

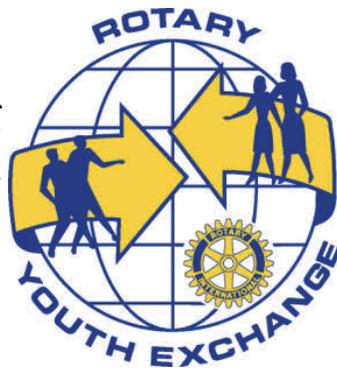




L-R: Dr. Dennis White, Carol & Glen Mattingly, Doris Lockey.

## ***COMING HOME***

Youth Exchange committee members attended the “Rebound Meeting” August 3-5 in Tulsa. The purpose of the meeting is to assist returning Rotary Exchange Students adjust to being home again. The “reverse culture shock” is often more difficult than the shock of adjusting to the culture of their host country. Dennis, a Professor of Psychology from Wisconsin, is an internationally recognized authority on culture shock on both ends of an exchange. He was at this meeting not only to help students learn to deal with the adjustment of returning home, but also to teach participating Rotarians successful methods of doing this job themselves.



# WELCOME TO ROTARY



## HUNTSVILLE

**L-R: President Tyler Johns, new member Mac Woodward (Museum Director), AG Rhonda Ellisor and PDG Dan Davis. Mac is the Mayor of Huntsville and Director of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum at Sam Houston State University.**



## SAN AUGUSTINE

**Judy Humphrey—Real Estate**

## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

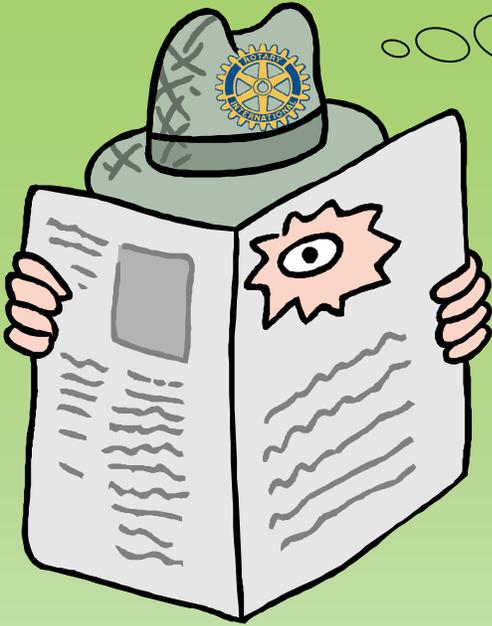


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### ***HELPS SPREAD THE WORD***

GSE is utilizing a variety of media formats to find four adult team members to represent District 5910 on next year's GSE trip to District 7020 in the Caribbean. The trip scheduled for May 11-June 8, 2013 will take the team to Tortola, British Virgin Islands and other islands in D7020. All expenses for travel, meals, lodging, and entertainment are provided by Rotary or local Rotarians. To qualify you must be 25-40 (at time of application), employed in some business or profession, not be a Rotarian or the spouse, child or grandchild of a Rotarian, and must live or work in Rotary District 5910. Team members can not be accompanied by spouses or friends, but may extend their visit in the district after the exchange trip if desired. Applications are due by September 30, 2012. Visit our district website ([www.rotary5910.org](http://www.rotary5910.org)) to obtain an application. It must be endorsed by a local Rotary Club and submitted to the District GSE Chair, John Delaney of the Rotary Club of Bryan. [J\\_delaney@verizon.net](mailto:J_delaney@verizon.net). Interviews will be held on October 20, 2012. Research GSE on the website and then feel free to email John with any questions. "GSE alumni" call these exchange trips the "experience of a lifetime".

***Some people swallow the universe like a pill; they travel on through the world like smiling images pushed from behind - Robert Louis Stevenson***



**Kris McBride  
walks the talk...**

#### **CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF ROTARY NEWS**

**Rotarian Kris McBride began writing a weekly Rotary column for *The Courier* ten years ago today. The column covers the five Rotary clubs in Montgomery County. Congratulations Kris! You are a shining example of Service Above Self. Below is an excerpt from today's column and the online version may be viewed at their online version each week at:**

<http://www.yourhoustonnews.com>.

August 19, 2002. It was a Monday, a really special one for me and, I hope, for Rotary in Montgomery County. It was on that day ten years ago that *The Courier* debuted the Club News page and our Rotary column. The paper gave us almost the entire page that day; we had one article about the new page and introducing the four Rotary columns in Montgomery County to the reading public (the Rotary Club of Magnolia, the 5<sup>th</sup> club in MC, was not in existence yet); there was a large block ad that listed the contact information for all of the Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis Clubs in the county; and then we had our first "A Rotary Moment" column. It was five hundred words and it took me the better part of three days to write it; I was so nervous. Lesson one, fact checking, came quickly. I blew it immediately in that first piece, incorrectly identifying a woman in a photo as a Rotarian's wife; the well known man's wife had passed away many years before. I was mortified.

The Lion's Club column joined us on the Club News page a year or so later and between our two columns, the community is able to get a feel for the broad scope of work being done by the service clubs in the county. We thank our Lion's Club friends for joining us on the Club News page and for all they do to make MC a better place to live.

As Rotarians commemorate 10 years of "A Rotary Moment", we celebrate the diversity of Rotary in Montgomery County. Each club is different, with a unique approach to its work, and its own personality – The Rotary Club of Conroe, the original club of MC; The Woodlands RC, located in a large corporate community with dynamic growth and strength; The RC of Lake Conroe, known as "The Little Club That Can" ; The RC of East Montgomery, a small club that has really found its voice in the last few years; and The RC of Magnolia, a young club that has quickly become an important community partner there. It's been such a pleasure to share the work of these fine Rotarians with you.

I'd like to again thank the community and *The Courier* for 10 wonderful years. I have met so many amazing people through this column. It's been a team effort with Rotarians in each of the 5 clubs helping along the way; at times it has been a struggle to gather the news in the midst of business deadlines and family trauma, but each week has been an adventure, and I am honored to represent The Family of Rotary each week on this page. It's been "A Beautiful Thing".