

**Rotary**  
District 5910



***People of Action***

## Upcoming Events

[RYE Long Term Applicant & Parent Interviews](#)

Lone Star College - Montgomery  
Nov 11, 2017  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[Interact District Mixer](#)

Vidor High School  
Nov 16, 2017



## District 5910 News November 2017

### Rhonda Herrington

Rotary Club of Palestine  
District Governor 2017-2018  
Rotary District 5910



## Stories

### [Monthly Designation](#)



## [DISTRICT DISASTER RELIEF GRANTS](#)

### Have you applied for Disaster Relief Foundation Funds?



The District Disaster Relief Foundation Fund Committee is currently accepting applications from Rotary Clubs in our District to aide in Hurricane Harvey relief. Applications are reviewed and a response is returned within 10 days. Please be sure to review the criteria. Please submit your application via email to Amy Killgore at [amy.killgore@gmail.com](mailto:amy.killgore@gmail.com).

Information and forms here:

[GRANT CRITERIA](#)  
[GRANT APPLICATION FORM](#)

**Clubs are also encouraged to apply for Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Donor Advised Funds. Contact your club's Assistant Governor for more information and the forms needed to complete the application for even more assistance for those in need.**

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### [District Grants 2017-18](#)

Posted by David Johnson on Nov 01, 2017

## **DISTRICT GRANTS: REVISED METHODOLOGY**

District Grant Opportunities, as of September 10:

1. District Grants are available to Clubs who have completed the necessary grants training and have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in file with the District.
2. The maximum match from the District is \$3,000 with a minimum of \$1,000, equal to the Club's contribution.
3. Clubs which applied for district grants by June 1 received grants totaling approximately \$53,000 in August.
4. Final reports are due by May 1, 2018.
5. Rotary International has recognized the devastation and destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey. We have the opportunity to revise our district grant applications. If your club's circumstances have changed and you wish to reallocate funds to a different project, or request additional funds, **Rotary has given us the latitude to revise our District Grant for the 2017-2018 year. We need to know right away if you would like to make any changes. We have an additional \$10,000 (approximately) in funds which may be used for district grant projects related to Hurricane relief.**
6. The time frame is compressed and the projects must be completed and the final report filed by May 1, 2018.
7. Grant applications need to be submitted to Dave Johnson and Walter Hinkle **ASAP**.

Walter Hinkle (new co-chair of grants) will be happy to discuss your grant and the process. Walter's contact information is – [whinkle@laseranswering.com](mailto:whinkle@laseranswering.com), office (979) 361-3301, cell 214-883-0679.

Dave Johnson  
Grants Co-Chair 2017-18  
979-775-3587  
979-219-4499 (cell)

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### Announcement for District Governor 2020-2021 Proposals

## **OFFICIAL NOTICE FOR 2020- 2021 DISTRICT GOVERNOR PROPOSALS**



This is the official notice that District Governor Rhonda Herrington has issued a request for all clubs in the district to propose individuals to serve as the District Governor-Nominee-Designate (DGN-D) position, which will determine the governor for our district during the 2020-2021 Rotary Year. As the Immediate Past District Governor, I, Gig Langston will serve as the Chair of the District Governor-Nominee Committee.

The current Governor succession is as follows:

2017-2018: Rhonda Herrington – Rotary Club of Palestine  
2018-2019: John Hathaway – Rotary Club of The Woodlands  
2019-2020: Elizabeth Robinson - Rotary Club of League City  
2020-2021: To Be Determined

*The application period for District Governor for the Rotary Year 2020-2021 is now open and will remain so through **December 31, 2017.***

[Continue reading entire document with qualifications and procedures delineated by accessing here.](#)  
[Nomination Form](#)

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### **RYE Program**

#### **Rotary Youth Exchange**

October was a busy month for Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE). On October 14, while many Rotarians attended the Membership, Foundation & Public Image District Seminar at Lone Star College, RYE held an information meeting on the same campus for students and parents interested in youth exchange. Glen and Carol Mattingly, Doris Lockey and other members of the District RYE Committee explained

to all what is involved in becoming an exchange student.



They received wonderful support from eight former Exchange Students (Rotex) who spent already a year abroad (in France, Spain, Germany, Brazil, and Belgium) and thus had hands-on experience.



October 20-22 was a fun-filled weekend in Palestine and Crystal Lake. All our 11 inbound students who currently attend high schools in our District, two Rotex, and several members of the District RYE Committee attended. The weekend started on Friday Noon at Hugh Summers' farm house where everyone enjoyed playing with the many toys that Hugh has collected over the years.



Later in the afternoon we all went out to Crystal Lake and practiced – some for the first time in their lives – kayaking, canoeing, and simply



“walking on water” (with skijaks, of course).



In the evening many of us, students and adults alike, got scared when visiting the Fright Night Haunted House. The next morning, the students participated in the annual Palestine Parade on the back of an old fire truck. In the afternoon everyone built boats using card board and tape only and then raced those boats on the lake (two of the four “boats” did not survive very long).



Believe it or not, our District Governor Rhonda Herrington had the courage to participate in that race, obviously trusting the engineering skills of some of the more experienced senior boat builders.



A big "Thank You" to Hugh Summers and the many Rotarians from the Palestine Rotary Club, as well as to the District RYE Committee, who all made this weekend possible and so fun-filled.



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## 2018 District Conference



### **Attention Campers!!! Start Packing your Gear!**

No doubt you've heard something about the 2018 District Conference April 27-29, 2018, and want to know more! You're in luck, just check out our website: [5910conference.org](http://5910conference.org).

To begin with, however, you need to register ([click here to register](#)).

If you plan to stay onsite, be aware, we are severely limited on rooms.

Rooms must be paid for by registering online with a credit card. [Click here to book a room.](#)

If you would like to consider "bunking it", the room cost is cheaper, and you'll get a different experience. Check out the "Camp Hearn Dorm Rooms" [here](#).

Looking forward to seeing you in Palestine in April!

Sloan Shuffler  
Conference Chair  
[sloan@sloancpa.com](mailto:sloan@sloancpa.com)

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## CLUB NEWS: Angelina





Check out the October activities and events of the [Angelina \(Lufkin\) Club](#) in the action-packed album.

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### **CLUB NEWS: Beaumont**

The October issue of the newsletter had an article showing Beaumont Rotarians measuring feet and preparing to make a huge purchase of shoes for children of Martin Elementary, located in an area of town that was among several left with severe damage in the aftermath of the Harvey deluge and flooding.



**The measuring day was fun, but being a part of delivering a new pair of athletic shoes to every child in the school is a memory that will long be remembered.**



**Partnering with several other agencies which supplied backpacks, school supplies, socks and other items grew the gift too, making nearly 700 youngsters very happy.**

The Club is grateful to **sears**® for being a partner and helping to make this project possible.





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### **CLUB NEWS: Cleveland**

Rotarian Kelly Jenkel-Axton, a member of the Cleveland Independent School District Board, introduced the Cleveland Rotary Club lunch speakers – Richard Crump and Will Clayton of the Claycomb Associates Architects of Houston who shared an update on the plans for the Cleveland ISD construction. A thorough slide presentation reviewed changes to Eastside Elementary, Cleveland Middle, and Cleveland High schools. There will also be a new district service center that will house maintenance, transportation, food service, and other District wide departments. There is also a proposed layout of a new elementary school whose location has not been decided. Emphasis on design and construction is centered on what is best for the students – maximum capacity, increased food service areas, and larger commons areas for all students to use. Everyone should be proud of the CISD schools and the attention being given to judicious use of the bond election funding.



Pictured (left to right): Claycomb Associates Architects speakers VP Richard Crump and Will Clayton; Rotarian and speaker host Kelly Jenkel-Axton, Rotary President Scott Lambert, and Rotarian and Cleveland ISD Superintendent Darrell Myers.

Rotary International has long fought for the eradication of polio. In recognition of this determined effort, members of the Cleveland Rotary Club highlighted World Polio Day with an informative and inspiring presentation from a polio survivor. Lady Elizabeth Dalton, sister of Rotarian Ernestine Belt, gave a fascinating account of her journey with bulbo-spinal polio, which she contracted in the seventh grade, and affects primarily her neck and throat area to this day. She was hospitalized at the time, experienced the need to relearn to walk, and trained her unaffected muscles to take up the slack for her weakened muscles. Cleveland Rotary raised over \$600 that is matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation -- successfully limiting polio to less than 10 cases reported worldwide this year.



Pictured (left to right): Rotarians Tommie Daniel and Claire Garrett; Rotary Speaker host and proud sister Ernestine Belt; speaker and polio survivor Lady Elizabeth Dalton.

On World Polio Day, October 24, 2017, President Scott Lambert, Foundation Chair Ernestine Belt, Secretary Tommie Daniel and Charlie Rice of the Rotary Club of Cleveland were on radio station KORG 95.3FM sharing polio awareness and the End Polio NOW campaign by Rotary International. We are "this close" to eradicating

polio throughout the world. During the day, the Rotary Club of Cleveland collected donations totaling \$635; matched by Bill and Melinda Gates, the \$635 becomes \$1905 and that equals 1905 doses of the polio vaccine available.

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### CLUB NEWS: Conroe

The Rotary Club of Conroe hosted their annual "Spirits of Texas" Fundraiser on World Polio Day, with a portion of the night's proceeds going to The End Polio Now Campaign, including 5.00 from each ticket sold. The club was the first to use the district's new Rotary photo backdrop (thank you District PR Chair Bunny Pratt!), setting up a photo booth with the *#End Polio Now* and *#We Are This Close* slogans prominently displayed for posting on social media.



Two weeks prior to the event, new club member Margie Taylor invited club members Sarah Tillman and Kris Nordstrom McBride to be guests on her internet radio show on Lone Star Community Radio in Conroe, to talk about World Polio Day, Rotary's Polio Eradication Campaign and RC Conroe's 85 year history of service to the community.





The Spirits of Texas is a Taste and Stroll evening of great Texas foods, wines, craft beers and distilled spirits. The evening was a great success and a true team effort by club members and their families.

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[Read more...](#)

### **CLUB NEWS: Dickinson**

The Rotary Club of Dickinson participated with local churches and organizations in the community-wide Trunk or Treat on Halloween night. It was held in the parking lot at Dickinson High School, and it was a fun and safe alternative for families.



Many children participated and had a great time.



Pictured are Rotary President, Carla Voelkel and new Rotarian, Jenna Simsen.

For World Polio Day, the Rotary Club of Dickinson coordinated a

“Pennies for Polio” campaign with DISD schools. Videos, posters, and social media announcements were provided to promote polio awareness and Rotary efforts.



Approximately \$1,000 in pennies were given to help Rotary in its efforts to eradicate polio forever.



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### CLUB NEWS: Fredonia Club

The Fredonia Rotary Club of Nacogdoches highlights the speakers the club has enjoyed hearing at the weekly meetings.



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### CLUB NEWS: Friendswood



Rotary Club of Friendswood welcomes new member, Thad Roher, pictured with Friendswood Rotarian, David Smith, and Club President, Luis Briones.





Nine-year old Woodway, Texas residents, Ivy Hynan, Mia Dyer, and Meghana Setlur (not pictured) raised and donated over \$300 to Friendswood Rotary Club to help local residents affected by Hurricane Harvey. The girls hosted a lemonade stand on September 15, distributed flyers at school, and talked to fellow students, teachers, friends, and family to help their efforts. Ivy, Mia, and Meghana exemplify Rotary's ideal of "Service above Self."



*"Thank you to the Friendswood Rotary Club for helping bring my business back from the flood." – Revive Med Spa & Wellness*



Many thanks to Brent and Laura Erenwert, Brothers Produce, for your generous **\$41,254.34** donation to the Friendswood Rotary Charitable Foundation to help Hurricane Harvey disaster relief in Friendswood.

Pictured are Luis Briones - Friendswood Rotary Club President, Laura and Brent Erenwert - Brothers Produce, and Dave Smith, Chairman of the Friendswood Rotary Charitable Foundation.





District 5910 Governor, Rhonda Herrington, visited Friendswood Rotary Club on October 25. Friendswood Club President, Luis Briones, presented the District Governor a Laurie Whitehead painting as a gift of appreciation

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### CLUB NEWS: Huntsville

The Rotary Club of Huntsville hosted a Polio Awareness booth at Huntsville's annual Fair on the Square. A great deal of interest in the booth was generated by a refurbished iron lung that was on display and loaned to the club by Hugh Summers from the Rotary Club of Palestine. To raise money for the polio campaign, members of the Huntsville club sold battery operated, hand held fans which had the Rotary logo at the booth.







The iron lung was also placed on display at the Sam Houston State Library, along with books and posters about polio. Students posted comments to the Facebook page (Sam Houston State University's Newton Gresham Library) featuring the iron lung.

<https://www.facebook.com/shsulibrary/photos/a.472486099452217.116842.133015026732661/1704433136257501/?type=3&theater>

The Rotary Club of Huntsville, Sam Houston Rotoract and HISD Interact students participated in preparations for Safety Town week. Huntsville's Safety Town, located at Kate Barr Ross Park, is a realistic, child-sized town designed to provide Huntsville ISD and Alpha Omega Academy students hands-on education. Lessons were provided this week regarding Bicycle safety, Electrical, Fire and gun safety, Identification and meaning of traffic signs, Pedestrian safety, Poison prevention, Stranger danger, Traffic rules, The use of the 911 system, and Water.







Recently, several students at Huntsville Intermediate School were “knighted” after having been recognized by their teachers and peers for demonstrating virtues, such as honesty and integrity. Students from both the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes were honored with this



recognition in two separate ceremonies held in the school gym. This Knighting ceremony, which is one of several that will occur this year at HIS, is part of the **Early Act First Knight (EAFK) program**, which is daily character education program that was created by The Knights of the Guild and Rotary.



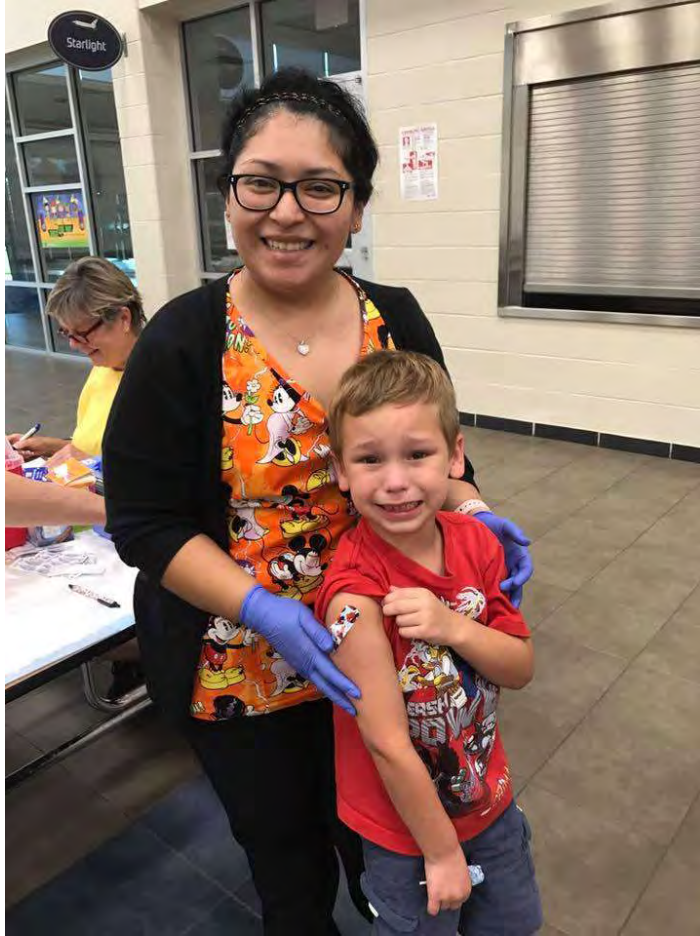
The Huntsville Rotary club dedicated its weekly lunch meeting to making swaddling blankets for the Pediatric and Neonatal Units at the Leon hospital in Leon, Nicaragua. The club has supported several efforts at the hospital in the past, and two of our members, David Standlee and Dr. Anne Stiles, leads a team of SHSU nursing students there each year to work with the staff at the hospital. Rotarian Natalie Mimms has organized several projects to make blankets for babies, and she organized our event on October 26<sup>th</sup>. It was a great day, and a lot of fun to have everyone involved in the project. It provided an opportunity for all who attended to participate directly in accomplishing a new service project for the club. The blankets will be delivered to the hospital when the Rotarians and nursing students return in the Spring.

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### **CLUB NEWS: League City**

CHRISTUS Foundation for HealthCare and the Rotary Club of League City have partnered together for the fourth year to provide free flu clinics to families in Clear Creek ISD. On an annual basis, this team administers the flu vaccine for nearly 1,000 people.



The November clinics were held on Thursday, November 2, at League City Elementary and will also be held on Monday, November 13, 2017, at 4 PM at Wedgewood Elementary in Friendswood.

CHRISTUS Foundation for HealthCare provides affordable, compassionate, quality healthcare to the under and uninsured. Two ways this is accomplished is through CHRISTUS Point of Light Clinic in Dickinson and through the CHRISTUS Healthy Living Mobile Clinics, which provide flu vaccines, health screenings and immunizations to children and adults. The mobile clinics travel to various community and senior centers, churches, parishes and wherever the need is great.



The partnership of CHRISTUS Foundation for HealthCare and Rotary Club of League City share many of the same core values including improving the health of the communities that they serve.

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### **CLUB NEWS: Lufkin**

Members of Lufkin Rotary showed their support of Junior Achievement by participating in the annual RaceForSuccess! Great job to all the runners and participants on this super chilly morning!





Pictured with Kate Rudasill, Valena Reed Spradley, Emily Corbett and Kim Andrews Hennigan.

Members of Lufkin and Angelina Rotary clubs joined together to celebrate World Polio Day with a community rally.





Lufkin Mayor made the World Polio Day proclamation and attendees heard stories from real polio survivors, Joe Havard and James Self.

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### **CLUB NEWS: Nacogdoches**

**The Jack McCollough Meet the Jacks Fish Fry** was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches.







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### **CLUB NEWS: San Augustine**



The San Augustine Club members enjoy making a donation and planting 2 pecan trees at the San Augustine Family Service Center.

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## CLUB NEWS: Spindletop

Chris Fisher and Sadé Chick from the Port of Beaumont visited Spindletop (Beaumont) Rotary to discuss updates from the port. Our club members enjoyed learning more about a vital part of our city.



Sherry Wells, President pictured with Chris Fisher & Sade Chick from the Port of Beaumont

Spindletop (Beaumont) Rotary welcomed home Rotary Global Scholar Mark Mazzucco on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Jack Brooks Regional airport. On hand to welcome him were past presidents Brad Taylor and Kathryn Warren as well as current president Sherry Wells.



Brad Taylor, Mark Mazzucco, Kathryn Warren, Sherry Wells

A check in the amount of \$5,526.30 was presented to Girls' Haven at the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting for a portion of the proceeds from the 2017 Southeast Texas Soap Box Derby sponsored by Spindletop Rotary. The remaining proceeds go to fund scholarships for the derby winners and middle school grants.



Pictured l-r: Bobby Chapman, Rotarian Alice Teeler & Jade Rayburn, Girls' Haven

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### CLUB NEWS: Texas City

Mainland Mardi Gras 2018 – The Rotary Club of Texas City recently held a “Thank You” Party for their past sponsors and auction donors from their Mainland Mardi Gras Gala and Parade 2017. This is a way to announce the upcoming fundraiser for this Rotary year. New for Mardi Gras 2018 will be the addition of a Royal Court which includes nominees for King and Queen from the Galveston County Rotary Clubs who opted to participate. This is the largest fundraiser for the club. It is an event you won’t want to miss. The date for the Parade and Gala is January 27, 2018. If you are interested in attending or being a sponsor you can visit the website at [www.mainlandmardigras.com](http://www.mainlandmardigras.com). Pictured are some of the Royal Court Nominees and guests at the party.







DG Rhonda Herrington visits Texas City: A reception was held to honor DG Rhonda earlier in October. The Texas City Rotary Anns and club members hosted a Mexican dinner for her at Rotarian Lee Skipper's hospitality room at his office.



Texas City High School Interact Club participated in the Homecoming Parade.





Rotary Club of Texas City receives the Presidential Citation for 2016-17. The presentation was made at the District Seminar by PDG Gig Langston to the Rotary Club of Texas City. Out of 39 Clubs in the District only seven earned the award and Texas City was the only "large" club to earn it. Way to go Texas City and Past President R.C. Williams.



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### CLUB NEWS: Vidor



Governor Rhonda Herrington visited the Vidor Rotary Club on October 23. The group discussed their plans for the coming year, and heard about her work with Rotary.

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### **INTERACT NEWS**

#### **Interact Clubs Share News**





**A & M Consolidated High School Interact** planted trees in front of their school as they work towards their Presidential Citation.



Each year Montgomery High School Interact wrap and stuff toilet paper roles with candy for the orphanages in Mexico. Montgomery

United Methodist Church members and youth joined forces with MHS Interact for evening of fellowship and wrapping. Fun was had by all.



This photo shows the World Polio Day activity for the **Willis High School Interact**. The students made posters and wore them during all lunches as a Silent Awareness Demonstration. Notice Mrs. Mary Henby in the wheelchair. Mrs. Henby is a polio survivor. She took part in the demonstration with the students. Her daughter, Jo Ladd is one of the WHS Interact sponsors.

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### Central MMHS Interact



After several years of planning and preparation, the Rotary Club of Beaumont conducted an Installation Ceremony for its third sponsored Interact Club.



Past President Ted Moor (pictured right), presented the official Certificate of Organization to the Central Medical Magnet High School Officers Alexis Popillion (Secretary), Victoria White (President), and Adaja Copes (Treasurer).

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### Interact Mixer

#### **INTERACT: Honoring First Responders**



The fall Interact Mixer will be on Thursday evening, November 16 from 6-8 pm in the Vidor High School Library.

We will honor first responders because a lot of our kids and sponsors were rescued during Harvey. We plan to write notes to them and make little bags of chocolate which clubs can take back to their

hometown to distribute.

Pizza, cookies and drinks will be provided. Please report an estimated head count by Monday, November 13 to Sally Andrews.

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