



District 5910 News September 2017



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

Upcoming Events

Rotary Youth Exchange Information Meeting

Lone Star College - Montgomery Oct 14, 2017 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Fall Outing for Inbound RYE Students Oct 20, 2017 – Oct 22, 2017

RYE Long Term Applicant & Parent Interviews

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

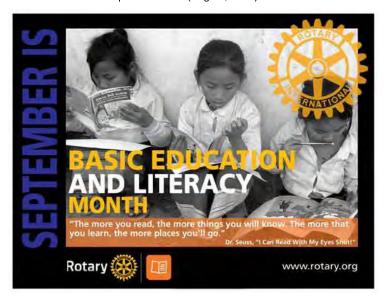
Stories

Apologies

Thank you for understanding that the disaster recovery efforts caused delay in the publication of the September District Newsletter. If there is a need to update information, especially event dates and deadlines, please submit revised information for the October 1 publication.

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Monthly Designation



Disaster Meetings



The Rotary District Governors in affected areas after Harvey convened at disaster meeting at Dallas DFW airport on 09-16-17.



Hugh Summers, D5910 & Rotary Zone 21b Disaster Chairman, Rotary International President Elect Barry Rassin, Rotary District 5910 District Governor Rhonda Herrington and Rotary District 5910 District Governor-Elect John Hathaway meeting about Disaster Relief for areas affected by Hurricane Harvey and flooding disaster.

Don't Miss It: District Meeting



The District and club leaders will gather to learn more about the very important topics of membership, public relations, and the timely topic of **disaster relief**. Save the date and plan now to attend:

Saturday, October 14.

RYLA 2018

Dear Club Presidents and Club RYLA Chairs,

It's hard to believe, but it is time to begin the selection process for RYLA 2018. Many Rotarians and clubs in District 5910 were affected



by Hurricane Harvey...19 clubs out of 39. It will take weeks, even months for people and clubs to recover. Some schools are still closed and may remain so for some time. We hope RYLA 2018 will be a welcome diversion for selected students. All D5910 Clubs are asked to send 1 or more students. The flat fee of \$175 per student

remains unchanged.

CLUB COMMITMENT FORM LINK

Deadlines:

10/13/17 Club Commitment Online Form Due 10/31/17 Club payments Due 11/20/17 Club selected students's online registrations due 11/20/17 Student medical forms due

Mail copy of your Club commitment confirmation email with your Club's payment by October 31, 2017.

Payable to: District 5910 RYLA *Mail to:*Birda Gaskin
10023 Sagecourt Dr
Houston, TX 77089

Questions? Contact Birda at (832) 236-0408 or gaskinbirda@gmail.com

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Membership Resources

Meet your District 5910 Membership Development Chair Home Club - Rotary Club of Angelina Lufkin, Texas since 1999 As we embrace our 2017-2018 theme "Rotary making a difference" I wish to celebrate the growth of our membership. I will be contacting your club to schedule a visit and present effective measures to strengthen membership around our District. I will be presenting in Liberty at our district meeting and providing innovative ways to increase our district 5910 membership. My challenge is to encourage each club to increase membership by (two) and we will surpass the -53 members our district lost over the last year. It is all up to you to help us regain green status and I recognize the quality leadership in our 39 clubs Goals & Resources: So let's CONNECT and gain more from · Develop Membership Leads our membership! · Complete a Membership Health Set up your My Rotary account Check today, your gateway to Rotary Membership Assessment Tools International · Connect for Good Demonstrate the use of www.Rotary5910.org Membership Reports · Cultivating the Rotary brand · Use of the Prospective Membership Brochure and Forms · Be A Vibrant Club

District Membership Chair reminds you of resources available on the Membership page of the website.

Use RI branding center to

highlight your club

District Global Grant Scholarship

Rotary

GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE The deadline for Global Grant Scholarship Applications is September 30, 2017. You should receive a confirmation that the application was successfully submitted. Applications should be emailed to rebekah.d.maxwell@gmail.com or mailed (postmarked by September 30) to: Rebekah Maxwell 2655 North 9th Street Beaumont, TX 77703

It is time to get the application process started for the District 5910 Rotary Global Grant Scholarship.

While school acceptance is not required for the District Application, it is required for RI submission. Applicants are encouraged to have

researched their choice school(s), verify that they meet all qualifications and communicate with the school their intent to at least learn of any hurdles and at most open communication/get conditional approval. If they have pending admission in writing please include that in the application.

Deadline to turn in the application is **September 30, 2017**. That date and other details are listed in the first page of the application.

Download the application here: Word format or PDF format

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TORONTO Convention



Registration Goal for District 5910 114

Paid Registrations as of 22-Aug-17 = 32 28%

Total Registrations as of 22-Aug-17 = 35 30%

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CLUB NEWS: Rusk



Houston White, PDG of 5910 and founder of the Rotary Club of Rusk is pictured with current DG Rhonda Herrington during her recent visit with the Club on August 9. Mr. White is 104 years old and thought to be the oldest living active Rotarian in the world.

CLUB NEWS: Nacogdoches



Picture L to R: Danny Bay, Tom Lostracoo, Kevin Gore, Interact Club Members - Sarah Hutchison & Adriana Castro, Mike Butchko, Floyd

Dobbs, Jimmy Partin, Kent Hutchison, Tom Davis, and Rusty Rust. Not pictured is Milton Moorer.

Maelys Michael, 2017-2018 Incoming Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Normandy, France and Sarah Colgan, 2017 Summer Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Milan, Italy were special guests of the club. Pictured left to right front row are: Ms. Colgan, Ms. Michael, Ms. Phillips and Francis Spruiell, Sponsoring Member and Club Immediate Past President. Back row are: Dave Wallace, Rotary Exchange Program Chairman, Ms. Wallace, Coach Reyes, Clint Conque, Program Chairman and Gregg Nichols, Club President.



Clint Conque, Head Coach of Stephen F. Austin State University Lumberjack Football, was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Coach Conque guided the Jacks to the NCAA playoffs in 2014. Robert Guilbeau, Retired CPA, Crystal Hicks, Assistant Director of the Nacogdoches Public Library and Kyle Keller, Head Coach of Stephen F. Austin State University Lumberjack Basketball were introduced as new members of the club by Chris Oglesbee, Rotary Membership Chairman. Rey Morin, Club Member, provided a short report of his enjoyable experience as a volunteer in the Rotary Reader program at NISD last year.



Pictured left to right front row are: Ms. Hicks, Ron Johnson, Sponsoring Member, Mr. Guilbeau, Mr. Oglesbee, Sponsoring Member and Mr. Morin. Back row are: Gregg Nichols, Club President, Madison

Hall, Club Guest, Angele Conque, Club Guest, Coach Conque, Robert Hill, Program Chairman, Sponsoring Member and SFA Athletic Director and Coach Keller.

Several Rotarians volunteered Saturday, September 2, 2017, with flood clean up in Spring, Texas.



Under the leadership of Club President **Gregg Nichols**, Rotarians helped a local church and several residents with removing water damage from buildings and homes.

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CLUB NEWS: East Montgomery County

The Rotary Club of EMC inducted two members during the month of August.



Pictured are club president, Milton Austin (center); new member, Amy Oehlschlaeger (left of Milton) and new member, Darbie Lindsey (right of Milton). Amy's sponsor, Michele Dykstra, stands next to her and Darbie's sponsor, Dr. Suann Hereford, stands next to her.

CLUB NEWS: Lake Conroe

Rotary Club of Lake Conroe planned a project at our Installation

Banquet. We displayed other Rotary projects from around the world as part of the tables centerpieces. We had 5 countries to a table.



It was a great way to demonstrate what other Clubs around the world are doing. It's a nice reminder on just how big Rotary really is. Our Club members were able to donate to whichever cause they wanted to support. This way - right from the start, RCLC is Making a Difference.



Read complete story by linking to it here.

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CLUB NEWS: Orange

Orange Rotary Club gave service in education and literacy this month. It participated in the Back to School Orange County program on August 5. Back to School is a volunteer event that serves the children of the county by providing school supplies, immunizations, haircuts and other resources. Orange Rotary provided funds for school supply packs for Pre-Kindergarten students. The Club also had a booth at the event and gave out additional notebooks, pencils, and pens. Other

members volunteered with event tasks.



L to r. Orange Rotarians Steve Aguillard, Clay Richards, Mike White and Joel Steirman staff the Rotary booth at Back to School Orange County.

The Rotary Club of Orange, Texas, has donated a book to the Orange Public Library, as part of its annual donations to the Library. Orange Rotary supports book acquisitions in honor of speakers at its meetings. Mike White, Vice President of Orange Rotary, presented a copy of the book *Branding the American West: Paintings and Films, 1900-1950* to Brenna Manasco, Director of Library Services. *Branding the American West* and other Stark Museum of Art projects were the topics of a talk to the Orange Rotary. Sarah Boehme and Jennifer Restauri Dickinson spoke about the *Branding* exhibition, book and programs, and Orange Rotary Board voted to acquire this book for the Library. Each year the Orange Rotary gives three hundred dollars to the Orange Public Library to purchase books in honor of the speakers who give programs at Rotary.



L to r, Sarah Boehme, Rotary member and co-author; Brenna Manasco, Director of Library Services, Orange Public Library, and Mike White, Orange Rotary vice president, meet at Orange Public Library for book donation of *Branding the American West*.

CLUB NEWS: Texas City

Texas City High School Interact Club Officers attended the August 12th Training.



Pictured are President Megan McKnight, Rotary Sponsor Barbara White, Secretary Brianna Cuyos, Treasurer Bobby Serda and School Co-Sponsor Becky Fuller. Not pictured is Co-Sponsor Dawn Tholcken.



Eduardo Orea is Texas City's exchange student who went to Thailand. He landed safely on August 12th and was greeted by a few wonderful, friendly faces that he will come to know over the next school year!



The Rotary Club of Texas City raised \$950.00 by passing the back pack at two meetings. Those funds were used to purchase school supplies for students in Texas City.

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CLUB NEWS: Lufkin

August was a busy month for the members of Lufkin Rotary Club. We hosted great speakers, many guests and engaged in several community service projects. We were happy to make a difference in several ways, demonstrating our commitment to service above self.



July 31 – In the spirit of fellowship, Lufkin Rotary Club gathered for an after work social over Orange Leaf frozen yogurt. Pictured members of the Lufkin Rotary Club.



August 10 - Lufkin Rotary Club was excited to continue its support of Junior League of Lufkin's 7th Annual Back-To-School Bonanza with our second round of uniform donations. Thank you to local Rotarians for their generosity in donating new uniforms. Pictured Kate Rudasill and Kim Andrews.



August 14 – Lufkin Rotary Club welcomed former Rotary District Governor Pam Daniels as a speaker. Members loved hearing about her Rotary International experiences over the years. She also happens to be childhood friends with Lufkin Rotary member Gene Stewart. Pictured Gene Stewart, his wife Ann Stewart, Walter Daniels, Pam Daniels, and Rotary club President Mark Bush.



August 16 - Lufkin Rotary Club members participated in the "Red Carpet Welcome" at Dunbar Primary School in Lufkin. Lots of happy smiles on the first day of school... even from the children! Pictured, Wayne Haglund, Kate Rudasill and Rotary club President Mark Bush.



August 19 – Lufkin Rotary Club was on-hand to help local animals find good homes at the Winnie Berrie Humane Society. Don't Shop. Adopt! Pictured Conner Hickey, Starla Bickerstaff, and Rotary club President Mark Bush.



August 21 – Lufkin Rotary Club honored one of its own members! Congratulations to Valena Spradley, its newest Paul Harris Fellow. Valena has been an outstanding example of service above self. We're so proud of her! Pictured Rotary club President Mark Bush and Valena Spradley.



August 23 - Lufkin Rotary was proud to support the Winnie Berry Humane Society with a \$500.00 contribution. This gift will help improve animal welfare and support homeless animals through adoption in this no-kill shelter. Pictured are Executive Director, Mike Stephens and little resident Taco. Also pictured are Rotarians Mark Bush, Starla Bickerstaff, and Emily Corbett. Keep up the good work, Winnie Berry!

CLUB NEWS: Woodville

Woodville Rotary Welcomes New Member



Woodville Rotary Club President Jerry Oltremari installs Jim McWilliams, our first new Rotarian of the 2017-2018 year.

CLUB NEWS: Palestine

Palestine Rotary Club Fundraising Gala chairs at Palestine Civic Center on September 16, 2017



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CLUB NEWS: Huntsville

Huntsville's Safety Town Gets a Facelift





Pictured are local Rotarians, (front) David Standlee, Li-Jen Lester and Buddy Aber; (back) David Thompson, Bruce Lester, Reagan, retired HISD representative Jim Krier, Paul Davidhizar, Aron Kulhavy, Rotary President Marcus Gillespie and Nisa Gillespie, working on Huntsville's Safety Town, located at Kate Barr Ross Park. Safety Town is a realistic, child-sized town designed to provide Huntsville ISD students hands-on education. Lessons on the following topics will be provided in the fall: 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.

RYE Activities



District Governor's Visit Enjoyed



CLUB NEWS: Cleveland



Members of the Cleveland High School Interact Club joined with the Cleveland Rotary Club to support the city-wide Back to School Extravaganza that helped supply local students for the upcoming school year. CHS Interact Club numbers over 100 students and participates in many local projects. Rotarians donated pencils and t-shirts. Contact the office at Cleveland High School from more details. Pictured (left to right): Rotarian Claire Garrett; Interact member Jaretzy Flores; Rotarian Tommie Daniel; Interact members Cindy Hernandez and President Evelin Pacheco.



Cleveland ISD Superintendent Dr. Darrell Myers was presented the Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow Award by the Cleveland Rotary Club. Dr. Myers is a dedicated educator who has been guiding the expansion of the Cleveland schools and putting into action so many educational goals of the Rotary Club. Continuing the education theme, Rotary Youth Exchange Short Term students Savannah Litton of Tarkington High School and Yumi Yoshida of Japan spoke of their experiences during their time studying culture, language, and building friendships: five weeks for Savannah and a month for Yumi. Pictured (left to right): Rotarian Tommie Daniel, Rotary

Youth Exchange students Savannah Litton and Yumi Yoshida of Japan, Rotary President Scott Lambert, Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow recipient Dr. Darrell Myers.



Members of the Cleveland Rotary learned about "My OWN Book", a literacy project started by Julie Croley Payne of Cleveland, now a retired CPA in Kingwood. Mrs. Payne's goal is to give a new or gently used book to every first grader at Southside Primary. This project not only gives pride of ownership, but also encourages an interest in education and attaining a successful future. Cleveland Rotary will participate in this project and explore available matching grant opportunities. Pictured (left to right): Julie Croley Payne, Rotarians Tommie Daniel, Eisha Jones, Tasha Childress, and Amanda Brooks.

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CLUB NEWS: Vidor

Vidor Rotary Club partnered with Vidor Independent School District to deliver meals to indigent children and youth for the first six weeks of the summer Monday through Thursday, then continued on their own once a week after summer school ended. The Vidor Rotarians handed out over nine hundred meals and close to two thousand books on their green bus, which was acquired this spring to replace the first one.



"The newer bus has more space, more books, and is much more comfortable to drive," says Vidor Rotary Club President Sally Andrews. The club, which had twenty-four members as of July 1st, has eight members who drive the green bus, with a couple more

waiting in the wings for training so they can take their turn. In addition, the Rotarians aided Vidor Junior High teachers with ten boxes of books as they began a new reading pilot program. The green bus also parked at Vidor WalMart during Vidor ISD's Fill the Bus campaign, collecting an unprecedented amount of new or gently used jeans and jackets for back to school.



Vidor Rotary Club inducted Kandi LeBlanc of Roberts and LeBlanc Tax Service on Monday, August 21. She was welcomed to the club by President Sally Andrews.

CLUB NEWS: Spindletop

Congratulations to Sade Champagne! Sade was awarded a Middle School Scholarship years ago. The Spindletop Rotary Club had the pleasure of awarding her a \$1,000 check to further her career at Vista College! Pictured with Sade is Rotarian Henry Netherland who presented the check on behalf of the club.



District 5910 Governor, Rhonda Herrington, and Assistant District Governor, Becky Mason, visited our Club August 22nd. Becky introduced DG Herrington who shared her Rotary story.





Thank you, Rhonda, for an inspiring conversation about the true meaning of Rotary. We hope to see you again soon!

CLUB NEWS: Galveston

Winners of the Rotary Club of Galveston's Annual City-Wide 5th-Grade Spelling Bee were honored at a recent club luncheon meeting. Those honored were the top winner from each of their prospective schools.



From left, Alex Kinsella, Central Middle School; accompanied by her grandmother, Jo Kinsella Chittenden; Carys Ragsdale, Odyssey School, accompanied by her grandfather, Mike Ragsdale; and Shalom Oyelakin, Austin Middle School, accompanied by her father, John Ogunbileje. Oyelakin was also recognized as the 2nd place overall winner in this year's competition. Rotarians John Zendt, Club President; Jennifer Goodman (front) and Ruth Finkelstein Suhler (far right) are also pictured. Goodman, Suhler and Zoula Zein-Eldin (not pictured) co-chaired this 51st Annual Event. (Photo by Robyn Bushong.)

Four Galveston College students were awarded scholarships from the Rotary Club of Galveston's Foundation during the Galveston College President's Reception for Donors and Scholarship Recipients.



Pictured from left Dr. Gaynelle Hayes, Galveston College Vice-President for Administration and member, Rotary Club of Galveston; Tino Gonzales - Galveston College Regent; Kristen Carlson, President-Elect, Rotary Club of Galveston; Joshua Gonzalez, scholarship recipient; Zsolt Petko, scholarship recipient. (Seated -left to right) Jacey Morgan, scholarship recipient; Linda Schultz-Miranda, scholarship recipient; and Sally Byrom, Board member, Rotary Club of Galveston's Rotary Foundation. (Courtesy photo- Galveston College.)

The Rotary Club of Galveston's Galveston Rotary Foundation recently presented a check for \$2,500 to organizers of the *FeedGalveston* project. This contribution will be used to purchase high-quality, nourishing food products for packaging at Ball High School, December 8, in conjunction with the upcoming 37th annual ABC13 "Share Your Holidays" Food Drive. BHS students will join together to package up to 50,000 non-perishable nutritious meals that

will be ready for recipients to prepare. All contributions will be made to the Galveston County Food Bank to help those in need throughout Galveston County.



Accepting on behalf of *FeedGalveston* was Rev. Richard Rhoades (center), Rotarian and Pastor, First Lutheran Church - event sponsor. Presenting the check were (from left) Rotarians and Foundation Board members Mike Guarino and Sally Byrum. Club President, Kristen Carlson (far right) also participated in the presentation at a recent Rotary Club of Galveston luncheon meeting. (Courtesy photo - Robyn Bushong/Rotary Club of Galveston.)

Every year, the Rotary Club of Galveston hosts an annual Memorial Day program - honoring and remembering Rotarians and Galvestonarea residents who have served in the military. This program is chaired by Mike Guarino. Special guests invited to attend this program included veterans from all branches of the military. Guarino introduced each veteran with a brief bio of their military service and each veteran received a special commemorative U.S. Flag pin. Veterans who participated in this year's program joined together for a group picture on the steps of Fisherman's Wharf - the site of the club's weekly Wednesday luncheon meeting. (courtesy .photo by Manny Chan, Creative Photography.)



The Rotary Club of Galveston recently presented a check for \$2,000 to the Ball High School JROTC.



Presenting the check on behalf of the Rotary Club is Club President, John Zendt (left). Accepting the donation on behalf of the BHS JROTC are (from left) Cadet Major Madison Unger, Cadet Command Sgt. Major Sofia Reyes, Captain Destinee Rhame, and Sergeant First Class Eduardo Gonzalez (right.) (photo by Robyn Bushong.)

Recently the Rotary Club of Galveston awarded three \$1,500 scholarships to outstanding students who would be most likely "to make a significant and positive contribution to society." Selected by the Club's Scholarship Committee, the recipients are chosen based on proven academic success, have demonstrated future potential, leadership, vision, self-reliance, service to the community, and financial need.



This year's recipients were Coltyn Collins (right), graduate from Ball High's Communities in Schools Program; Abigail Merritt (left), an O'Connell College Preparatory graduate; and Courtney Mack (not present), a Ball High School graduate. Chair for the Scholarship Committee is Rotarian Bert Sweeten. (photo by Robyn Bushong.)

Members of the Rotary Club of Galveston gathered together at a recent luncheon meeting to present a check for \$ 5,000 to the Rotary District 5910 Foundation as a contribution to assist with relief efforts to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey in our area.



Seated center (holding the check) is Club President, Kristen Carlson. (Courtesy photo Robyn Bushong.)

CLUB NEWS: Angelina



Pic 1. (L-R) Past Director of Interact Michelle, Barbara Thompson and Michelle Funderbunk, new Interact Director



2.) Demetress Harrell—Speaking to us about membership and its importance.





3.) Our Rotary purchase and collected uniform for the back to school event.

4.) Speaker Mike Stephens with the Winnie Berry Animal Shelter.





Some of our club members worked the event giving out clothes, completing applications, greeters, etc.

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CLUB NEWS: Dickinson



Several Interact members seniors graduated in 2017, so Pat Bumpus, New Generations Chair for Dickinson Rotary, worked with Interact officers, Jouselin Hernandez and Dayanara Rangel, to recruit new Interact members at the Dickinson High School Freshmen Orientation.



Students were able to ring the Rotary bell after they signed up for Interact membership. Dickinson Rotary will be supporting and encouraging the efforts of DHS Interact throughout the year.

CLUB FUNDRAISER: Conroe

"Spirits of Texas" event. The inspiration of past club President and local wine guru Ron Saikowski, "Spirits of Texas" takes advantage of this spooky time of year and pairs Texas wines, distilled spirits and beers with local Texas foods. This year the event will be held October 24th at the North Montgomery County Community Center 600 Gerald Street, Willis 6 to 9 pm. October 24th is World Polio Day and \$5 from

The Rotary Club of Conroe is pleased to announce its third annual

each ticket will be donated to Rotary International's efforts to eliminate polio. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is matching each donation \$2 for every \$1 donated. Your \$5 donation will turn into \$15

which will vaccinate 100 children against this dread disease. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be obtained by contacting Cecily Kelly at cecilyk@aol.com or (936) 217-1509.

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CLUB FUNDRAISER: Vidor

Plan Now to Pass a Good Time with Vidor Rotary!



Save the Date! Vidor Rotary Club will host their annual scholarship fundraiser, Cajun Music Night, on Saturday, February 17 from 6-10 p.m. at Benoit's in Vidor. The evening features some good gumbo, a Cajun band for dancing, a wine pull, and a silent auction, and the tickets are only \$10 each! Mark your calendars and book a hotel room. It's going to be a blast!

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Interact Training



District 5910 Interact officer training was held at LoneStar College on Saturday, August 12. About 130 attended the event, designed to prepared Interact officers and their sponsors for a great year ahead. The students and sponsors had a meet and greet, a couple of large group sessions, and also training according to their various offices.



District 5910 Interact coordinator Sally Andrews with Interacts and idea exchange.

MIXER for District 5910 Interacts, Rotaract, and Rotarians will be held on Thursday, November 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Vidor High School library. We will serve a light meal, complete a service project, and mix and meet as we build bridges between Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary. For more information, contact Sally Andrews, sandrews@vidorisd.org.

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Interact Leadership Training

Interact Chair Shares Bounty of Information



Sally Andrews, District Interact Chair, provided a copy of her handouts from the Interact Training in August for those who had to miss it. She also included the PowerPoint that she has shown at District Conference and RYLA as a way of sharing projects and inspiring ideas for the Clubs. Show it to your Interact Club

leaders who may the searching for ways to serve this year.

PowerPoint

How to Maintain Interact Club Membership

Ideas to Increase Interact Club Membership

Interact Officer Responsibilities

The ABCs of Interact for Advisors

Interact Presidential Citation for 2017-18

Information about the Interact service projects

Sample Mixer Agenda

Sample Mixer Flyer

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Rotaract 50

