



CONFERENCE PROGRAM



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Dear Rotarians and Guests,

Jetta and I send our warmest greeting to each of you attending this 2013-14 district conference. We have enjoyed many district conferences during our time as Rotarians and we wish we could be with you for this conference, but that is just not possible. We are confident that you will

enjoy a full program of Rotary information, fun and fellowship and hope you will find it inspirational and rewarding.

As you listen to the speakers, including my personal representative and participate in the various events and activities planned for the conference, I ask you to think about the rewards and opportunities of being a Rotarian and being a part of the Family of Rotary. Sharing your enthusiasm for Rotary with others is the real key to growing and strengthening Rotary membership.

Rotary has been a well-kept secret for too long. It's time for us to share the wonderful opportunities of Rotary with others. Tell a friend about your experience at this conference and about all that your club and district do throughout the year. Invite a friend to join you at a meeting or in a special event. What a wonderful way to *Engage Rotary, Change Lives!*

The more engaged we become, the greater the rewards we enjoy. What I have learned during my Rotary journey is that as I engage Rotary, the life that has changed the most has been mine. Jetta and I ask you to join us this year in sharing the good news of Rotary and actively engaging Rotary in every way possible.

Best wishes for a successful district conference.

Sincerely,

Ron D. Burton
President, Rotary International, 2013-14



ROTARY DISTRICT 5910

Greetings to my Fellow Rotarians and Guests,

The District Conference is our time to come together in celebration of our successes – time to have a “Hullabaloo!”

This has been a year of service to others and personal growth as Rotarians for each of us. Enjoy yourselves as we focus on fellowship and fun throughout the weekend.

My special thanks to conference chair Jarrod Hix and his committee for their hard work in putting together a weekend to remember. They stand ready to assist you in any way in making this event a special one.

I will carry with me many fond memories of new friends I have come to know and appreciate throughout the District. There are an incredible number of ways that Rotarians provide service to their communities and the world. It is my hope that each of you will continue to “Engage Rotary, Change Lives” as we move towards new challenges and opportunities.

Dave Johnson
Governor, District 5910

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE



John P. Beckett Jr.
Rotary Club of Bluefield
District #7550 Governor
2004-2005
pictured with wife, Becky

John Beckett was born in Bluefield, West Virginia and graduated from Bluefield High School where he was student body president and a charter member of the Bluefield High School Interact Club. He graduated from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts degree where he was a member of the football team and Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. He holds a Master of Science degree from Radford University, Radford, Virginia and has received advanced training in banking and financial services at Northwestern University and the University of Delaware. John currently serves as Senior Vice President and Manager of First Century Financial Services Group at First Century Bank, Inc., Bluefield, West Virginia.

He has been a member of Rotary since 1975, holding various club positions in West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky

John is married to his high school sweetheart, Becky, and they are the parents of three sons. Becky retired in June 2013 after teaching for 43 years having taught Spanish, English and English as A Second Language (ESL). She is a Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor and a member of the Bequest Society of the Rotary Foundation. She served as Trainer for the District Governor-Nominee spouses at the Zones 33-34 Institute in Atlanta in 2005, as the Spouse Training Coordinator at the 2006 Orlando Zone Institute and the 2008 Nassau Institute. Becky is the sponsor of the Graham High School Interact Club in Bluefield, VA, District #7570. She has been active in numerous community and church activities.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, April 25, 2014

| | | |
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| 9:30am – 6:00pm | On-site Registration/ Check-In Receipt of Elector Certifications | Hilton Promenade |
| 12:00pm -2:00pm | College of Governors Luncheon Host: DG Dave Johnson | Amico Nave Restaurant |
| 2:00 – 3:00pm | Excursion – Messina Hof Winery & Resort Public Tour | <i>**Transportation is not provided for excursions**</i> |
| 2:30 – 4:00pm | Excursion – Tour of Disaster City/Brayton Fire Field | |
| 4:00 – 5:00pm | Excursion – Messina Hof Winery & Resort Private Tour | |
| 4:30 – 5:45pm | Club Hospitality Receptions | Cabana Suites |
| 6:00 – 9:00pm | Howdy Party • 5:45-7:00pm Shuttle Bus Transportation from Hilton • 6:35pm Dinner served • 7:30-9:30pm Shuttle Bus Transportation to Hilton | Miramont Country Club |
| 9:00pm | Club Hospitality Receptions | Cabana Suites |

Saturday, April 26, 2014

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| 7:30 – 4:00pm | On-site Registration | Hilton Promenade |
| 7:30 – 8:30am | Breakfast | Bluebonnet Ballroom |
| 8:30 – 10:00am | Opening of Conference First Plenary Session | Bluebonnet Ballroom |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Call to Order – Jarrod Hix, District Conference Chair • National Anthem – Karan Chavis • Pledge & Four Way Test – Charley Gilliland, Club President – Bryan • Welcome – Nancy Berry, Mayor–City of College Station • Parade of Club Banners • Celebration of Life – Carol Herrington • Introduction of 2016-17 Governor–PDG Brenda Walker • Remarks by DG Dave Johnson • Introduction of RI Presidential Representative PDG John P. Beckett, Jr. • Introduction of Past RI Director Michael Pinson • Recognition Awards & Door Prizes | |
| 10:00 – 10:25am | Break - Beverages & Snacks | Hilton Promenade |
| 10:30 – 11:30am | Breakout Panels & Idea Exchanges | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 District Grants, Barb Emery, Chair | Oakwood Room |
| | and | |
| | “The State of Evanston” with Past RI Director Mike Pinson & PDG Hugh Summers | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Attracting More Energetic Members” | Mockingbird Room |

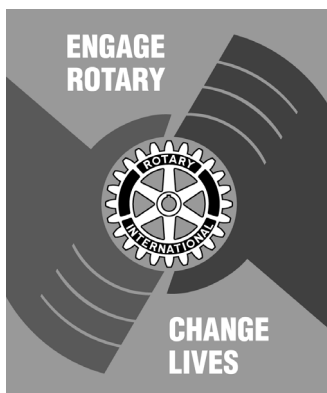
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| 11:45 – 1:30pm | Lunch/Second Plenary Session | Bluebonnet Ballroom |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invocation – Phil Shackelford, Club President – Aggieland • Lunch Served • Performance by The Texas A&M Singing Cadets • Introduction of Keynote Speaker – PDG Jim Simpson • Keynote Address – PDG Dave McSpadden, <i>“Gonna Jump?...Take a Parachute.”</i> • Service Project Highlight – Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground • Membership & Club Bulletin Awards • Recognition Awards & Door Prizes | |
| 1:30 – 2:00pm | Break - Beverages & Snacks | Hilton Promenade |
| 2:00 – 4:30pm | Third Plenary Session | Bluebonnet Ballroom |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Exchange – PDG Glen Mattingly, Chair • Rotaract – Bunny Pratt, Chair • Interact – Michael McBride, Chair • Global Grant Scholars – Dick Mogle, Chair • RYLA – Rhonda Herrington, Chair • Group Study Exchange: Inbound & Outbound – John Delaney, Chair • Election of Council on Legislation Representatives • Vote of Acclamation & By-law Approval • Recognition Awards & Door Prizes | |
| 5:00 – 6:45pm | Club Hospitality Receptions | Cabana Suites |
| 7:00 – 9:30pm | District Governor’s Gala | Bluebonnet Ballroom |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & Invocation – PDG Emken Linton • Dinner • Introduction of Keynote Speaker -- PDG Merrill Green • Keynote Address –PDG John P. Beckett, Jr. - RI Presidential Representative • Roll of Fame Recognition • Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians • Presidential Citations Presentation • Closing Remarks – DG Dave Johnson | |
| 9:30pm | Club Hospitality Receptions | Cabana Suites |

Sunday, April 27, 2014

7:30 – 8:00am **Songs of Worship** -- Joey McGee Bluebonnet Ballroom

8:00 – 10:30am **Foundation Breakfast/
Final Plenary Session** Bluebonnet Ballroom

- Welcome & Invocation – Werner Rose, Club President – College Station
- Pledge & Four-Way Test
- Breakfast Served
- Keynote Address – Mark Johnson, Former Texas A&M Baseball Coach
- District Foundation Honors & Awards – PDG Roger McCabe
- Recognition of Major Donors
- Recognition of Paul Harris Society Members
- Recognition of Bequest Society Members
- Recognition of TRF Benefactors
- 2013-14 Club Foundation Awards
- 2015 District Conference Presentation – Becky Mason, Conference Chair
- 2016 District Conference Announcement & Vote– DGN Doris Lockey
- International Convention Announcement – *On To Sydney* – DGE Don Taylor
- Closing Remarks –RI Presidential Representative PDG John P. Beckett, Jr.
- Closing Remarks – DG Dave Johnson
- Adjournment



District Club Growth

The following clubs have grown or maintained their membership level this Rotary year: Aggieland, Beaumont, Beaumont Spindletop, Bryan, College Station, Conroe, Crockett, Dayton, Dickinson, East Montgomery County, Galveston, Galveston Island, Huntsville, Lake Conroe, League City, Liberty, Livingston, Lufkin, Magnolia, Nacogdoches, Nederland, Palestine, Port Arthur, Port Neches-Groves, Rusk, Santa Fe-Hitchcock, Vidor, The Woodlands, Woodville.

Foundation Awards

New Major Donors

Alfred & Dollie Anderson, Lake Conroe; Mike Berger, Lake Conroe; John Hathaway, The Woodlands; Real Provencher, Magnolia; Ralph Schroeder, The Woodlands; Norman & Brenda Dykes, Liberty (level 2)

Paul Harris Society Members

Gig Langston, Angelina; Roger and Sharon McCabe, Beaumont; Dick Mogle, College Station; Charles Baumgartner, Friendswood; Roz Dauzat, Lake Conroe; Kris McBride, Lake Conroe; William Perry, Lake Conroe; Christina Rathbun, Lake Conroe; Don Taylor, Liberty; Brenda Walker, Palestine; Ivan Langford, Texas City; Ralph Schroeder, The Woodlands.

Clubs giving \$100 or more per member to the Annual Fund

Aggieland, College Station, Dayton, Friendswood, Lake Conroe, League City, Magnolia, Nederland, Palestine, Texas City, Woodville

Total Giving to Annual Fund

Lake Conroe, \$28,741; Bryan, \$13,855; Palestine, \$12,170;

Per Capita Giving to Annual Fund

Lake Conroe, \$563.55; Magnolia, \$283.39; College Station, \$146.02; Aggieland \$142.36; Palestine \$138.30; League City \$129.76; Bryan \$127.11; Nederland \$124.00; Texas City \$118.65; Friendswood \$115.25; Woodville \$106.52

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Liberty, \$14,476; Nacogdoches, \$5,000; East Montgomery County, \$3,171

Total Giving to The Rotary Foundation

Lake Conroe, \$31,241; Texas City, \$20,441; Liberty, \$18,796

Membership Awards

Highest Percentage Net Gain

League City, 29%; Rusk, 15%, Vidor, 14%

Clubs with Greatest Net Gain

League City (6), Beaumont (6), Dickinson (5), College Station (4), Huntsville (4), Palestine (4)

Presidential Citations

Rotary Clubs:

Aggieland, Lufkin Angelina, Beaumont Spindletop, Bridge City-Orangefield, Bryan, College Station, Conroe, Dayton, Dickinson, East Montgomery County, Galveston, Galveston Island, Lake Conroe, League City, Liberty, Livingston, Lufkin, Magnolia, Nacogdoches, Nederland, Palestine, San Augustine, Texas City, Vidor, The Woodlands

Rotaract Clubs:

Angelina College, Lamar University, Texas A&M University

Interact Clubs:

College Station A&M Consolidated, Clear Springs, Conroe, Magnolia, Montgomery, Palestine Cayuga, San Augustine, Texas City, The Woodlands College Park, Vidor, Beaumont West Brook, Willis

Note: Information from RI as of 4/16/14, through 3/31/14.

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