

SPOTLIGHT ON DISTRICT 5910

**2015 District Conference
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Beaumont, Texas**





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Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends:

I am very pleased to welcome you to this 2014-15 District Conference. A District Conference is a wonderful opportunity for Rotarians and friends of Rotary to enjoy good fellowship, to be inspired by the formal program and the interaction with other Rotarians, and to celebrate the success of your District's many activities and initiatives. I recall the wonderful experiences Corinna and I have had at such conferences and I wish you all the best as you take advantage of this special time together.

The Chinese philosopher Confucius said, "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness." This is a message that I have taken to heart. Rotarians demonstrate this philosophy everyday as they carry out projects in their communities and around the world, lighting candles of hope through their actions.

My challenge to all of you this year is to **Light Up Rotary** by making Rotary fun, by growing our membership, by doing more and better projects, and by reaching more people with Rotary's message. **Light Up Rotary** is our theme for the year – but it is more than our theme. It is how we live in Rotary, how we think in Rotary, how we feel, how we work. It is how we make a difference – every day, in every club, every district, and every country where we serve.

I hope you have a wonderful time during your conference and that you leave here inspired to even greater heights of service and with a renewed commitment to the work we need to do to help Rotary grow and do even more good in the world. Please **Light Up Rotary**!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gary C.K. Huang".

Gary C.K. Huang
2014-15 President

President's Representative Lawrence Okwor



PDG Lawrence Okwor
President's Representative

Lawrence Okwor joined the Rotaract Club of University of Nigeria in 1993. Upon graduation, he joined the community based Rotaract Club of Abuja. He subsequently joined the Rotary Club of Wuse Central in the 1999-2000 Rotary year. He held several positions in the Club before serving as the Club President in the 2003-2004 Rotary year.

At the District level, he served as Assistant Governor for three terms, District Secretary for two terms, and District Governor of District 9125 in 2011-2012. Twice he was selected as Most Outstanding Rotarian of the Year. He led a group study exchange team to Missouri, USA in 2009.

At the Rotary International level, Lawrence was Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (ARRFC) in the Rotary years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. Currently he is the Chair, Region 4 of Rotary International Reach Out To Africa (ROTA) Committee. He is a member of the executive committee, secretary of the committee and a member of the editorial team. He has been re-appointed for the 2015-2016 Rotary year.

Lawrence studied Civil Engineering and is a practicing Civil Engineer. He is married to Ogoo and they have two boys, Nnanyelugo and Enyinnaya.

District Governor Don Taylor



District Governor 2014-2015 Rotary District 5910

Don Taylor became a member of the Liberty Rotary Club in September 1971 where he has served the club as president, secretary, treasurer, board member, committee chair and in various other capacities. He has served as District 5910 Assistant and Lieutenant Governor. Don is a member of District 5910's Roll of Fame and has twice been named Rotarian of the Year by his club. He is a multiple Paul Harris fellow.

Don has been active with the District's outbound GSE teams and in 2003 he was the team leader of the district's GSE team to Canada. He has served as chair of the Foundation Alumni committee and has been involved with the selection committee for several District Governor Nominees.

Don is an attorney by profession. He is a family law specialist. The last one third of his career he served as a trial judge. He has retired from the bench but continues to serve as a visiting judge and mediator. He is active in his church where he serves as an elder.

He and Barbara have been married 55 years and have two children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandsons. He enjoys working on their land, gardening, and Rotary.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Bradford R. (Brad) Howard



**Director-Elect, Rotary International,
Zones 25-26 (2015-2017)**

Brad Howard is President/CEO of Howard Tours, an international tour operator, and Managing Director of Howard Properties, which owns and develops commercial real estate in the San Francisco/Bay Area.

A charter member of the Rotary Club of Oakland Sunrise, Brad was governor of District 5170 in 2002-2003. Since that time, he has served as the North American chair on RI's Membership Development and Retention Committee and the Zone 26 End Polio Now Coordinator.

Over the past decade, Brad has been a trainer or instructor at numerous President-Elect training seminars as well as Zone and International Assembly meetings.

He has taken thousands of Rotarians on trips all over the world to participate in Rotary Conventions and humanitarian missions. He has led 18 different teams, taking more than 1,000 Rotarians to participate in national polio immunization days throughout West Africa and India. He is also the co-creator of the annual West Africa Project Fair that brings people from all over the world to support the projects of 15 West African nations.

Brad has received numerous awards from Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation for his extensive work.

Brad and his wife Marcia have two children, Evan and Blair. Brad and Marcia are 2nd Level Major Donors and their children are multiple Paul Harris Fellows.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Peter M. (Pete) Snider



Rotary District 5810 Governor, 2002-2003
Regional Rotary International
Membership Coordinator, 2008-2010
Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation
Coordinator, 2010-2014

Pete Snider is a member of The Rotary Club of Forney, Texas. He was honored as District 5810 Rotarian of the Year for 1998-1999. He has been co-trainer of the Zones 25-26 Governor nominees for 2004-2006. Pete was chairman of the 2011 Zones 21 -27 Rotary Zone Institute. He has been a discussion leader and twice Chief Sergeant-at-Arms at Lone Star multi-district P.E.T.S, and is immediate past Chairman of the Board of Lone Star P.E.T.S.

He has been trainer and keynote speaker at Arizona Multi-District P.E.T.S, Mile High P.E.T.S in Denver, and Districts 5750 and 5770 P.E.T.S. in Oklahoma. Pete has done keynote speeches at numerous District Conferences in the U.S.A. and Canada and is often a speaker at Rotary Clubs.

Pete is retired as owner of Alco Glass, Inc. in Mesquite, Texas. He was a Co-Founder of the Subcontractors Association of the Metroplex and is a past president and currently executive director of the SAM. Pete is a founding member and is chairman of the board of the "Spectacular Senior Follies" in Dallas.

He grew up in Indiana and attended Kansas State University. Both Pete and his wife, Sherry, are members of the Paul Harris Society, Major Donors and Bequest Society members. Their son, Paul, is manager of assembly, testing, and launch operations at Ball Aerospace, and lives with his wife, Beth, son Sam, and daughter Avery in Boulder, Colorado.

Conference Agenda Friday Afternoon



10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Eleganté Lobby

- Registration Open

1:00 PM

1 in 100 Gun Club, Lumberton

- Shoot Down Polio Clay Shoot



1:30 PM

Eleganté Lobby

- Board Busses for Tours

4:00-5:00 PM

Eleganté 2nd Floor

- Hospitality Rooms Open

Friday Evening

Casual Attire

5:00 PM

Eleganté Lobby

- Board buses for Downtown

5:30 PM

600 Crockett Street

- Opening Reception at Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground

6:30 PM

700 Crockett Street

- Dinner buffet at Event Centre
- Welcome and introductions
- Greetings from President's Rep Lawrence Okwor
- Governor's Spotlight Awards / DG Don Taylor
- Musical entertainment by Stray Dogs

8:30-9:00 PM

- Buses to Hotel

9:00 PM

Eleganté 2nd floor

- Hospitality Rooms open

Diplomat I

- Friends of Bill W.

**7:30-10:30 AM**

Eleganté Lobby

- Registration Open

7:30 AM

Grand Ballroom

- Breakfast Buffet

8:00-10:15 AM

Grand Ballroom

First Plenary Session

- Welcome and Call to Order / *Becky Mason, Conference Chair*
- Opening Ceremonies
- Parade of Club Banners / *Club Presidents*
- Celebration of Life / *Carol Herrington, Judy Kelfstrom*
- Interact / *Sally Andrews*
- RYLA / *Rhonda Herrington*
- Rotaract / *Bunny Pratt*
- Membership Cadre update / *Sandy Forster*
- Recognition Awards / *DG Don Taylor*

10:15-10:30 AM

- Break

10:30-11:30 AM

- Breakout Panels & Idea Exchanges
 - o Bringing Service Above Self to Life with Club Projects / *Facilitator Craig Lively*
Diplomats I & II
 - o Growing from Good to Great; Getting a Handle on Membership / *Facilitator Judy Kelfstrom*
Diplomats III & IV
 - o Planning for Success / *Facilitator Craig Escamilla*
Veranda
 - o Rotaract Roundtable Discussion / *Facilitator Bunny Pratt*
Tradewinds

11:30-11:45 AM

Transition to lunch



11:45 AM

Grand Ballroom

- Lunch Served

12:00-1:30 PM

Grand Ballroom

Second Plenary Session

- Invocation
- President's Rep Keynote Address / *Lawrence Okwor*
- District Grant Presentations / *Sally Andrews*
- STOP HUNGER NOW Introduction / *Tim Sudela*
- Presidential Citations and Recognition Awards / *DG Don Taylor*

1:30-1:45 PM

- Break

1:45-2:45 PM

Fountainview Room

- STOP HUNGER NOW Hands-on Project

2:45-3:00 PM

- Break

3:00-5:00 PM

Grand Ballroom

Third Plenary Session

- Youth Exchange / *Glen & Carol Mattingly*
- Global Grant Scholars / *Dick Mogle*
- Group Study Exchange: Inbound & Outbound / *John Delaney*
- Recognition Awards / *DG Don Taylor*

5:15-6:30 PM

Eleganté 2nd Floor

- Hospitality Rooms open

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6:00 PM

Ballroom Promenade

- Cash Bar

6:45-10:00 PM

Grand Ballroom

Governor's Banquet

- Welcome & Introduction / *Emcee Larry Beaulieu*
- Invocation
- Spotlight on College of Governors
(Past, Current, and Future Governors & Spouses)
- Dinner Served
- Keynote Address / *Brad Howard, RI Director-elect*
- Roll of Fame Awards / *Mike Casey*
- Avenues of Service Recognition / *DG Don Taylor*

9:00 PM

Grand Ballroom

- Special Performance by Dallas Brass
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10:00 PM

Eleganté 2nd Floor

- Hospitality Rooms Open

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Young
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Learning

**7:00-8:00 AM**

- Offsite worship opportunities (information in welcome packets)

7:30 AM*Fountainview Room*

- Non-Denominational Christian worship service
 - o Dr. James Fuller, Worship Leader
 - o Gail Moore, Vocals & Guitar
 - o Randy Yoder, Vocals & Guitar

8:00-10:30 AM*Ballroom***Foundation Breakfast/Final Plenary Session**

- Breakfast Served
- Welcome and Opening Ceremonies
- Keynote Address / *Pete Snider, Past Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinator*
- District Foundation Honors & Awards / *PDG Roger McCabe*
- 2016 District Conference Presentation / *Christina Rathbun*
- 2017 District Conference Announcement & Vote / *DGN Gig Langston*
- On To Sao Paulo, Brazil International Convention / *DGE Doris Lockey*
- Official Vote / *PDG Uli Budelman*
- Closing Remarks / *RI President's Rep Lawrence Okwor*
- Closing Remarks / *DG Don Taylor*
- "Let There Be Peace on Earth" / *Conference Attendees*
- Adjourn

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Since its founding in 1983 by Michael Levine, the Dallas Brass has become one of America's foremost musical ensembles. The group has established a unique blend of traditional brass instruments with a full complement

of drums and percussion, which creates a performing entity of extraordinary range and musical challenges. The Dallas Brass repertoire includes classical masterpieces, Dixieland, swing, Broadway, Hollywood and patriotic music.

According to Mr. Levine, "a Dallas Brass concert is intended for the entire family. Our ideal audience has a range in ages from 5 to 95. Our goal is to entertain and enrich by playing great music, while showing our audience how much we enjoy what we do."

In addition to their solo engagements, the Dallas Brass appears with symphony orchestras nationwide. Symphonic credits include the Cincinnati Pops conducted by Erich Kunzel, New York Pops conducted by Skitch Henderson, and the Philly Pops conducted by Peter Nero. The Dallas Brass has performed at Carnegie Hall, the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, and has toured overseas to Europe and the Far East. They have shared the stage with the late Bob Hope, have performed for Presidents Gerald Ford and George H. W. Bush, have appeared on the CBS "Early Show," and their music has been used numerous times on the television show, "The Young & The Restless."

The Dallas Brass has a strong dedication to working with young musicians. While in Beaumont, they conducted clinics with Beaumont students on Friday. The highlight was a concert for parents on Friday night where students performed on stage with the Dallas Brass.

The Dallas Brass is presented by Young Audiences of Southeast Texas and has been generously underwritten by Mason Construction, Ltd.

Celebration of Life



Timothy O'Halloran - Beaumont
William Smythe Shepherd, Sr. - Beaumont
Paul P. Van Riper – Bryan
Paul Jackson – Bryan
Gil Cuculic – Center
Sam Alfred "Al" Chance – Center
Lise Darst – Galveston
Thomas J. Buckley, Jr. – Galveston Island
Linda Ricketts – Lake Conroe
Bob Trask – League City
James Raney – Nacogdoches
Tom Evans – Nacogdoches
Lynwood Sanders – Orange
Patrick Henry Wood – Port Arthur
Bruce Milstead – San Augustine
John Acree – Texas City
Douglas Stiernberg – Texas City
James Kelly – Texas City
Betty Joyce Fuller – Texas City

Spotlight Award Recipients



Angelina
Beaumont
Bridge City-Orangefield
Bryan
Cleveland
Magnolia
Montgomery County (5 Clubs – Lake Conroe, Conroe, Magnolia
East Montgomery County, The Woodlands)
Port Arthur
Spindletop
Texas City
The Woodlands
Woodville
Vidor



Conference Convener – Governor Don Taylor
Conference Chair – Becky Mason
Beaumont Club Executive Director – Jacque Chapman

Audio/Visual – Mike King & Euric Fuselier
Breakout Sessions and Budget – Bobbie Applegate
Celebration of Life – Carol Herrington & Judy Kelfstrom
Clay Shoot and Shirts – Chad Blanchard
College of Governors Dinner – Sharon McCabe
Exhibits & Vendor Displays – Jane Burns
Foundation Breakfast – Cindy Cherry
Friday Dinner – Andy & John Quigley, Sharen Kirksey, Leonard Juncker
Governor's Banquet – Roger McCabe & Lynn Castle
Governor's Spotlight Awards – Michael Perez & Kathleen Alsup
Hospitality Suites – John Paschall
Hotel Coordinator – Brenda Gray
Operations – Angela Baker
Photography Coordinator – Karen Bourdier
Playground Reception – Angela Baker
Pre-Conference Tours – Ryan Smith
Program Books – Karyn Hawkins
Registration – Mary Ellen Robertson
Saturday Lunch – Uliana Trylowsky
Social Media – Rebekah Maxwell
Sponsorships – Barry Bryant
Stop Hunger Now Project – Tim Sudela & Joe Evans
Transportation – David Locke
Worship Services – Dr. Harland Merriam
Youth Exchange – Sheree Pierce
Beaumont Club President – Vernon Pierce

Special thanks to members of the Rotary Club of Beaumont for their support.



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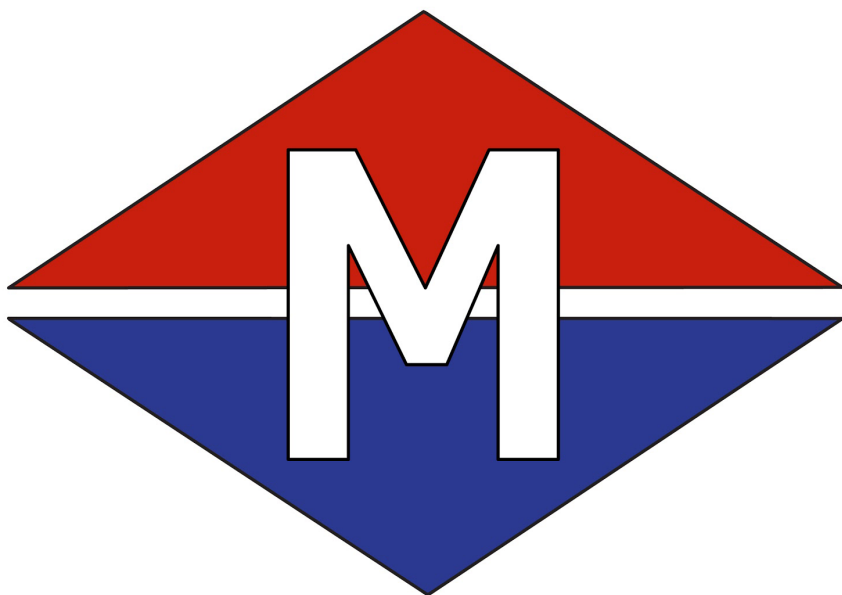
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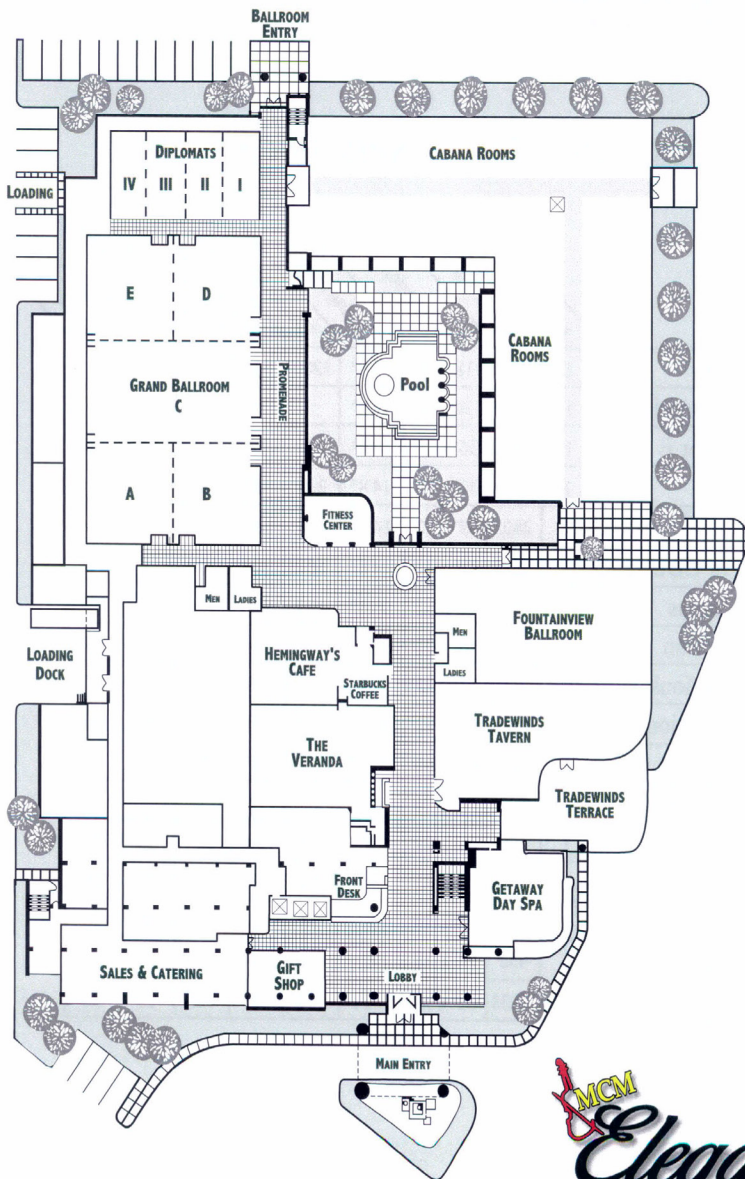
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