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# **Upcoming Events**

District Governor Selection Interviews Lone Star College-Montgomery Mar 04, 2017 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

<u>NAYEN Conference</u> *Mar 09, 2017 – Mar 12, 2017* 

District Roll of Fame Nominations Due Mar 15, 2017

<u>RYE 2nd Long Term Outbound</u> <u>Orientation</u> Camp Allen *Mar 18, 2017 – Mar 19, 2017* 

<u>Club Bulletin Judging</u> TBD *Apr 01, 2017 – Apr 30, 2017* 

# Year end Assembly / All Club Training

Bryan High School Apr 01, 2017 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

<u>Spring Outing for Inbound</u> <u>Students</u> TBD *Apr 07, 2017 – Apr 09, 2017* 

#### Year end Assembly / All Club Training

Center for Innovation, Commercialization, and Entrepreneurship (CICE) Apr 08, 2017 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

#### College of Governors Dinner

Ralph & Kacoo's *Apr 20, 2017 6:30 PM* 

# **District 5910 News**

March 2017



**Gig Langston** District Governor 2016-2017 Rotary District 5910

# **Stories**

## From the Governor

## **Rotarians and Rotary Friends:**

Under the Rotary anagram PETS, our PE's, PEN's and AG's all assembled at the Hyatt DFW this past weekend in order to receive training for their upcoming 2017-2018 Rotary year. Leading this group was our Governor Elect, Rhonda Herrington and District Trainer, PDG Emken Linton. They and our 5910 Rotary clubs will all operate under President Elect Ian Riseley theme for the year: **Rotary-Making a Difference.** 

Friday started out with all the attendees from 5910 meeting together to discuss such topics as *Increasing Humanitarian Service: Supporting our Foundation, Growing and Engaging your Club Membership, Becoming a Vibrant Club Leader and a Vibrant Club.* We were all treated to an exceptional speech by Dr. Mouzon Biggs during the Lunch Plenary Session. While he is always inspirational, he is also amazing because there are not any notes or cards used during the whole speech. We continued our District meeting until 5:30 when the bell rang. Our speaker at the Dinner Plenary session was PRIP Rick King. He used humor to tell us of his Rotary life. We were then treated to adult beverages in GE 2017 District Conference in Lufkin Apr 21, 2017 – Apr 23, 2017

<u>Short Term Orientation for</u> <u>Sudents / Parents</u> Lone Star College - Montgomery *Apr 30, 2017* 

District 2016-17 Grant Final Report Due May 01, 2017

# **Bulletin Editor**

#### Jacque Chapman

(If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor)

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#### District 5910 Newsletter - March 2017 (Mar 01, 2017)

Rhonda's room. Nothing like a cold beer to end a busy day.

Saturday, found our 5910 attendees split up between clubs of similar size and the AG's met on their own. The lunch plenary session had Sylvia Whitlock as the speaker. While that name did not strike an instant note of recognition with me, I soon learned that she is almost as important as our founding members. You see, she is that woman, who became a member of that California Rotary Club, which caused all the ruckus, that lead to a Supreme Court decision that forced Rotary to admit females to our membership. WOW, it all seems so foreign now. Rotary as all male bastion just doesn't seem right but it hasn't been that long ago.

Our Banquet Saturday night had RIPE Ian Risely as the speaker. He is an Aussie and an accountant by trade. He and his wife, Juliet will serve our Rotary world well during the coming Rotary year. They are unique from the mainstream of Rotary. They make their home on seven hectares at Moorooduc, Australia where the practice a personal philosophy of sustainable and organic living. This includes a vegan diet. PE Risely visited each of the Districts during their Sunday morning meetings.

We gathered for one last time Sunday morning. Michael Perez spoke on RYLA, GE Herrington discussed her budget and the Presidential Citation, PE Risely visited and then it was time to head home. After being inside for three days, the doors opened up to a windy and cold Dallas Sunday morning. BRRRR!

So we are on our way from *Rotary: Serving Humanity* to *Rotary: Making a Difference.* 

Yours in Rotary,

# Gig

Gig Langston District 5910 Governor 2016-2017 \* \* \* \* \* \*

# 2017 District Conference

You are invited to the 2017 Rotary District 5910 Conference

Rate will go up on April 1 so register now!



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#### District 5910 Roll of Fame Award

Posted by Michael Casey

# DISTRICT 5910

# **ROLL OF FAME**



We are well into our Rotary Year and it is time to begin thinking about nominating a deserving member in your club for the District 5910 Roll of Fame. Through the links below you will find the Nomination Form and the Requirements for nomination. Deadline to submit the application is <u>March 15, 2017</u>.

If you have any questions about the nominatingg process, kindly do not hesitate to contact Michael Casey at captmjc1@gmail.com.

**Roll of Fame Nomination Criteria** 

Roll of Fame Nomination Form

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Earn Recognition

#### YOUR BANNER NEEDS ANOTHER PATCH!



RI discontinued Presidential Citation patches two years ago and will not produce in the future. Governor Gig Langston has commissioned the production of special patches for

District 5910 for this year to reward your Club for outstanding achievement.

Don't miss out on receiving one! Complete Presidential Citation requirements by 6-30-17!

#### **District Assembly**



The new Rotary year will be here before we know it! It's time for the annual District Assembly to prepare club leaders for the year ahead. This year's training will be offered on two weekends for convenience. Click on the April 1 (Bryan and area clubs) or April 8 (Beaumont and area clubs) District Assembly in the Calendar of Events to register, and see the event flyer with more information by clicking "more" below for the story tab.



DISTRICT ASSEMBLY OPTIONS

District Assembly for 2017-2018 Rotary Year

**Purpose of the District Assembly** 

- To prepare incoming club leaders for their year in office and build their leadership team
- To give the district governor-elect and incoming assistant governors and district committees the opportunity to motivate club leadership teams and build their working relationship
- Provide members of Rotary clubs the opportunity to learn more about the different programs of Rotary and to have the opportunity to become involved at club and/or district level
- Provide a fellowship experience for the members of the different Rotary clubs of District 5910

Who is to attend?

- Incoming club officers
- Committee members
- New members
- Interested members
- Potential members

APRIL 1, 2017 \* Bryan, Texas \* 9:00am - Noon Stephen F Austin Middle School 801 South Ennis Street, Bryan, TX 77803 or APRIL 8, 2017 \* Beaumont, TX \* 9:00am - Noon

Lamar University @ The Center for Innovation, Commercialization & Entrepreneurship CICE Bldg located @ 5091 Rolfe Christopher Dr., Beaumont, TX 77710

REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 8:30 and REGISTRATION FEE \$10.00

**ZONE: Institute** 

# What Exactly Is a Rotary Zone Institute???



A Rotary Zone Institute is like a mini international convention, packed with incredible speakers, fellowship, invaluable training, and inspiration. And the next Institute is being held in Houston!

It's open to **any and all people** interested in engaging current Rotary values and efforts.

Come to be inspired by a wide range of exceptional speakers and trainers from across the world.

Get information directly from the Rotary leaders making a difference in our communities every day.

Ask questions and express your views on the impact and direction of Rotary.

Take advantage of this opportunity to participate in an energizing event with fellow Rotarians from across Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, and Utah.

If you would like to receive periodic emails with information about what's planned as well as a link for registration, email bmasoncc@gmail.com.

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### **CLUB NEWS: Huntsville**

Posted by Darren Williams

# Huntsville Rotarians Become Major Donors



PDG Doris Lockey and Wallace visited Huntsville to present TRF Major Donor recognition to PDG Glen and Carol Mattingly. The Mattinglys received an engraved crystal gift and diamond pins with the Major Donor recognition. Congratulations, Carol and Glen!

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**CLUB NEWS: Angelina** 

# Angelina Shares About Achievements, a Birthday Celebrations, and RYLA Return



Rotarian Sherry Hill received a Paul Harris. Congratulations, Sherry!



We celebrated the Centennial birthday of the Rotary Foundation. Happy 100<sup>th</sup>!



We had the students we sent to RYLA come and give a presentation about their experience. Way to go Michael Perez and the RYLA Committee- the students had an awesome time!

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CLUB NEWS: East Montgomery County

#### East Montgomery County Club Marks

#### **Milestone**



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#### Rotary Club of East Montgomery County 20th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, March 25, 2017 11:00 A.M. Tickets: \$40 each; \$320 for a Table of 8 New Caney ISD Stadium Community Room

Make check payable to the Rotary Club of East Montgomery County. Send check and guest list to P.O. Box 29, Porter, TX 77365.

For more information, contact PDG Rose Austin at roseaustin5910@yahoo.com or 713-502-9188.

#### **CLUB NEWS: Conroe**

# **Conroe Club Distributes Personalized Books**

The Rotary Club of Conroe is working with Conroe Independent School District and 14 Elementary School campuses in setting up individualized I LIKE ME BOOKS for 1,878 First Graders at those schools. Each book is centered around the First Grader receiving the book and has characters in the book such as their best friend, their pet, their teacher, their school, etc. Questionnaires are provided to parents to complete and those questionnaires are then sent to the Printer for printing a unique book for each First Graders. Rotarian Steve Muir has chaired this committee for several years and is the logical choice since he is involved in the School Administration for CISD. Rotarian Corey Broadway chairs the mentoring committee for Runyan Elementary School which pairs mentors with at-risk students. These Rotarians, spouses, and friends make a huge difference in guiding at-risk students at Runyan Elementary School which has a demographic population where 93+% of the students qualify for government-funded Breakfast AND Lunch programs. The Rotary Club of Conroe is making a difference with these students and staff in motivating them. The Rotary Club of Conroe will host 150 Fourth Graders who have made their goals to the Houston Dynamos Soccer game. The students will be bused to the game and allowed on the field and in the field entry tunnel to make a memorable impression on these fourth Graders. A BIG thanks goes to Rotarians Thomas Stewart and Chris Sadler for making this happen. The Rotary Club of Conroe is also providing weekly perks to teachers and staff at Runyan Elementary School at their staff meetings in the form of gift cards and recognition at their staff meetings. The Rotary Club of Conroe will also host its weekly meeting at the school to recognize staff and students, including the robotics program that was started by the Rotary Club of Conroe last year and doubled in size this year.

The Rotary Club of Conroe is all about lifting up our YOUTH!

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#### **CLUB NEWS: Cleveland**

#### **Cleveland Rotary Supports the All Can Experience Organization**

The Cleveland Rotary Club welcomed guest speaker Ashley Watson of the All Can Experience (ACE) organization based in Liberty. ACE provides special needs and life skills students from Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade in local school districts – including Cleveland, Tarkington, Liberty, Dayton, Anahuac, and Splendora – with a Baseball Day at the Park opening day experience – complete with participation in a real game, t-shirts, food, and fun. High school age mentors are trained to help each student. Cleveland Rotary respond to the call for sponsors needed to underwrite the expenses for approximately 300 local students on Friday, May 5, at the Liberty Municipal Park.



Pictured (left to right): ACE Secretary Tammie Tousha, ACE Founder and President Ashley Watson, Rotary Speaker Host Larry Middleton, and Rotary President Eisha Jones.

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#### Cleveland Rotary Club Gets Details on 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Literacy Event

Members of the Cleveland Rotary Club welcomed Southside Primary Librarian Oma Owens, Austin Memorial Librarian Mary Cohn, and Austin Memorial's new Children's Librarian Wendy Thorp. They gave an overview of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cleveland Literacy Event, to be held on Saturday, April 8, at the Cleveland Civic Center form 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children from 0-18 years of age will receive three books, while supplies last. Cleveland and Tarkington area students can sign up for the free Right Track Card for use at Austin Memorial.

Pictured (left to right): Oma Owens, Rotarian Tommie Daniel, Mary Cohn, Wendy Thorp, and Rotary Speaker Host Claire Garrett. (Picture by Ernestine Belt)

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#### Easter Seals Thriving Today in Our Area

Cleveland Rotary Club members were reminded of the incredible work done by Easter Seals during a visit from Kristie Carlisle, the Respite Director and Montgomery County Program Coordinator. The organization offers assistance to all disabilities – with much of the treatment offered in the home environment of the patient to incorporate the therapy into daily routines. Ten percent of the money donated goes to administrative costs – so an incredible 90% directly benefits their many programs for all ages. Join their Walk With Me Fundraiser at the Houston Zoo on Saturday, April 29.

Pictured: Rotary speaker host Tasha Childress of Prosperity Bank (an Easter Seals sponsor), speaker Kristie Carlisle, and Rotary President Eisha Jones.

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#### **CLUB NEWS: Magnolia**

### Magnolia Rotary Club Grant Gives 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Chromebooks

The Magnolia Rotary Club partnered with the Magnolia ISD to bring a day of career explorations to eighth-grade students. On February 1, 200 eighth grade students – 100 from Bear Branch Junior High and Magnolia Junior High – engaged in a half day of career explorations on the campus of their respective high schools.

The career day is an expansion of the existing job shadow program the Rotary Club has sponsored for the past several years. This year's program focused on first generation to-be college students, including students who benefited from the exposure to various opportunities.

Kandice Cabets, Rotary Club president stated, "This is the largest grant our club has received and what a blessing that we can make an impact on the lives of the students in our community. The expansion of job program brought real-world context and relevance to the students and inspired some students to think about new careers they have not thought about."

The students started the career day with opening remarks from a couple of senior students who stressed the importance of setting goals and how to achieve them. The students selected three of the four career paths from STEM, public service, arts and humanities, and business and industry.

Members of the Rotary Club ushered the students between sessions and at the end of the day had the opportunity to present each student with a Chromebook.

The Rotary Club received a grant and solicited sponsorships in order to expand the existing job program. The \$42,000 project allowed the Rotary Club to partner with local businesses including Hughes Natural Gas, Woodforest Bank, Diamond Living, Texas Renaissance Festival, Lone Star College-Montgomery, and Chick-fil-A. A special thank you to our guest speakers for taking the time to share with our students various aspects of their careers: McKesson, Xebec, Lone Star College-Montgomery and Davam Urgent Care.

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#### **CLUB NEWS: Woodville**

#### **Woodville Earns Chamber Award**

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, the Rotary Club of Woodville was honored at the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce Banquet with the Quality of Life Award for the club's service to the community.

Roschelle Springfield accepted the award on behalf of the club.

Rotarian Bob Boykin (pictured on left) received the Citizen of the Year award and Rotarian Huntley Kenesson received the Life Time Achievement Award.

Continuing the award-winning service, the club ended January by building the 30<sup>th</sup> ramp. This one was done in collaboration with the Woodville Lions.

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### **CLUB NEWS: Nederland**

## **Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs**

The Nederland Rotary Club hosted the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual "Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs" on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Doornbos Park in Nederland. This event was open to area youth up to age 14. Registration was free!

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stocked the pond with over 500 rainbow trout for the event. Prizes including rods and reels, bicycles and skateboards were awarded. The prizes are provided by BASF, Walmart and Academy.

The Nederland Police Department was on hand with various displays and demonstrations and the Nederland Fire Department had fire trucks on display. The Jefferson County Sheriff's department had a fly-by and landed the department helicopter on site for the children to view.

This year's sponsors were BASF, Walmart and Academy.

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# **I LIKE ME BOOKS**

Nederland Rotary Members distributed I LIKE ME BOOKS to all Kindergarten Students in Nederland ISD on February 28. It was such a wonderful time to see the faces of children as Rotary Members unboxed the books and called each child up to receive the book that was written specifically about them. Each book included their name and the name of a few of their friends. It was such a blessing to see the sparkle in the eyes of children when they begin to learn to read. It was a great day!

#### THE NEDERLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Nederland Heritage Festival will be held on March 13-18 on Boston Avenue.

> The Nederland Rotary Club will sell its original Fried Oreos, Pizza, and Klondike Ice Cream Bars. This fund raiser usually allows our club to afford to offer \$8000 in high school senior scholarships to be presented in May each year.

This event takes all club members to work a minimum of 4 (4 hour) shifts throughout the week. There are thousands of people who visit Nederland to attend the Festival.

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#### **CLUB NEWS: Texas City**

# **Rotary Club of Texas City Presents Vocational Service Awards**

During the month of January (Vocational Service Month) our club recognizes in a meaningful way how Rotarians and others in the community have made major contributions through their vocations as a means of service to society. We need to highlight and hold up for public recognition the effort of those who make our communities better places to live and work. This year the following were award the Rotary Club of Texas City's Vocational Service Awards.

Pictured are Rotarian Jenny Senter with recipient Georgia Meyer for her outstanding efforts in the community for revitalizing Downtown Texas City; Rotarian Randy Dietel presenting to Rotarian Don Gartman for his Service Above Self in all he does in Rotary for over 30+ plus years; and Rotarians Deborah Laine and Sonny Tholcken presenting to Dawn Tholcken for her service as Club Executive

Secretary for 17 years and Interact Sponsor.

#### "Cruisin' on Down"

The Rotary Club of Texas City hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Mainland Gala "Cruisin' on Down" for 2017. This spectacular event was held February 4 at the Doyle Convention Center. Proceeds from the Gala will help provide funding for the many community and international projects and programs Rotary funds and/or has provided such as the Rotary Pavilion, Rotary Fitness Trail and improvements to the Trail, Shoal Point Lighthouse and Layettes for Nicaragua. Rotary also supports educational projects and programs for Texas City Independent School District and more. This is the largest fundraiser of our club. This year net proceeds should exceed just over \$50,000.00...an increase of over \$15,000.00 from last year.

In addition to the Gala, the club started a parade the day of the Gala. It involves many businesses along the parade route with tailgating in their parking lots; children in the community coming out to catch beads; parade participants such as the local high school marching band; Astros Orbit Mascot; a Fun Run prior to start of parade and many others. We are hopeful that it will keep growing each year. As you can see in the photo this parade entrant kept with the theme of Cruisin on Down and entered their pontoon boat decorated with water/netting and even some bathing beauties despite it being a chilly 55 degrees!!! Golf Carts, Horses and many other festively decorated entrants were there.

#### **Presentation to the City for Fitness Trail**

The Rotary Club of Texas City presented a large check to the City of Texas City for the Fitness Trail Equipment. The presentation was done at a Mock City Commission meeting where students from Texas City High School were participating in "Youth in Government" program where students run for various city positions such as Mayor, Attorney, Parks and Recreation Manager, etc. at the school. The Rotary Club of Texas City along with the City of Texas City sponsors this event each year. There were ten of our members in attendance for presentation along with the Interact Club President who happened to be Mayor for the day.

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**CLUB NEWS: Dayton** 

# Dayton Finds Much Success with Early Act First Knight Program

You could hear a pin drop. That's no easy task in any elementary, but ... students at E. R. Richter Elementary were tuned in to hear if they had won a coveted award.

One by one teachers stood at the podium and read the virtues of the student they were nominating for the award, and once named, there were smiles and tears of joy as students walked forward to be inducted into the **Early Act First Knight Gallery** of Champions in the first ceremony of the year...

The ceremony capped off the students' participation in learning the first character trait, Discipline, over the last six weeks.

Read full article about this project at: <u>Richter</u> <u>community overwhelmed with knighting</u> <u>ceremony</u>

Fifth-grader Kadence Carroll at E. R. Richter Elementary is knighted into the Order of the Black Prince by Sir James Lehman, KTJ. The moving ceremony focused on students accomplishing the character trait of Discipline, the first among many in the program that will be taught the students.

#### **New Member Inducted in the Dayton Rotary**

The Dayton Rotarians welcomed a new member to their club on Feb. 23, 2017. Ms. Rachel Caudill Ansley was inducted by long-time Rotarian, Bill Buchanan. Ms. Ansley works for Bridgehaven Children's Advocacy Center in Dayton. Rotarian Ms. Kimberly Mulkey was selected to be Rachel's sponsor and mentor. Also at the Feb. 23 meeting, Mr. Aaron Holbrook introduced Mr. Andy Conner as the weekly speaker. He presented a program over a short film that he wrote, directed and produced in 2015 called "Let There Be Light". The documentary deals with rural electrification in Texas, circa 1940 and was an award winning film. Andy is also a Dayton Rotary Club member.

Left to right: Bill Buchanan, Rachel Ansley, Kim Mulkey

Andy Conner presents the program at Dayton Rotary on Feb. 23.

#### **Gumbo Fundraiser for Scholarship**

The alarm clock rang early for a group of Dayton Rotarians and volunteers led by <u>Rick Brown</u>, Liberty County tax assessor-collector. Community

leaders, businessmen and volunteers in the club on the cook team rose in the wee hours to fire up about five 25-gallon pots full of chicken and sausage gumbo in preparation for their annual lunch.

The Dayton Rotary Gumbo Luncheon funds from the day's work goes to underwrite scholarships for <u>Dayton High School</u> students.

"We should net profit around \$3,500 after expenses and whatever we sold in walk-ins is profit over that," Hiller said. "We sold a lot of gumbo today."

Last year the group sold four 25-gallon pots of gumbo. This year they added a fifth pot and had very little left over.

Full article from the Dayton News:

http://www.chron.com/neighborhood/dayton/

business/article/Annual-fundraiser-gifts-Daytonstudent-scholarship-10926980.php? utm\_source=dlvr.it&utm\_medium=facebook

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# **Interact Mixer**

# **Interact Mixer Announced**



The next Interact mixer will be held at West Brook High School on Thursday, March 30 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Our project will be making bags for our troops. We will put in peanut butter crackers , razors, powdered drink mix packets, socks, gum, hard candy, and other items to make the lives of those serving us on foreign soil a bit more pleasant.

Interactors have been busy this year with wonderful projects. We have a new Interact club at Lumberton High School, and one is forming at Port Arthur Memorial as well. This is exciting news!

Sally Andrews - <u>sandrews@vidorisd.org</u>

# Website Help

Posted by Brenda Walker on Nov 01, 2016



### **District 5910 Website Team** If you need help with Club Runner, please contact:

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