

Rotary District 5910

Serving Southeast Texas



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Upcoming Events

Magnolia - District Governor Visit

Celeste Graves Education
Support Center
Sep 06, 2016

Huntsville - District Governor Visit

Walker Education Center
Sep 07, 2016

Lake Conroe - District Governor Visit

Walden Yacht Club
Sep 08, 2016

East Montgomery County - District Governor Visit

Hofbrau Steak House
Sep 13, 2016

Cleveland - District Governor Visit

Cleveland Senior Citizen's Center
Sep 14, 2016

Aggieland - District Governor Visit

Traditions Country Club
Sep 15, 2016

College of Governors Fall Luncheon

Sep 17, 2016

Fredonia - District Governor Visit

Barnhill's Steak & Buffet
Sep 20, 2016

Palestine - District Governor Visit

Ben E. Keith Distribution Center
Sep 21, 2016

Livingston - District Governor Visit

Camp Cho Yeh Conference Center
Sep 22, 2016

District 5910 News September 2016



Gig Langston

District Governor 2016-2017
Rotary District 5910

Stories

From the Governor

Rotarians and Rotary Friends:

Still on the road....4,000+ miles so far.

Each club I visit has outstanding Rotarians with interesting life stories. Friendswood was no exception. Raised in what was then East Germany and behind the Iron Curtain, this young man received a fourteen day vacation pass to another Iron Curtain country, Hungary. On the last day of his pass, he met a young Hungarian lass and it was love at first sight. Neither of them spoke each other's language so they communicated with sign language and promised to write each other. Now, all mail was read first by the authorities so their correspondence had to go via a friend's vehicle when such a trip was planned into Hungary or East Germany. This went on for several years until he told her of his plans to live in the United States and she was asked to accompany him. The proposal was accepted and they made plans to escape during the next visit to Hungary. Escape they did but almost got caught several times leaving Hungary for Austria. His brother lived in the US so he was able to assist with their immigration after waiting one year for the correct papers to be filed. The Von Trapp Family has nothing on our fellow Rotarian.

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[Jacque Chapman](#)

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

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It is hard to tell where you are when you in the Nederland/Port Neches-Groves/Port Arthur city limits. There are not any natural boundaries between these Rotary Club cities. You can have Port Arthur on one side of the street and Port Neches or Nederland on the other. Take a right turn and you find yourself in a different city. Best of luck to you if you have an accident.....what city are you in and whose police department do you call? The Rotarians of those fair cities more than likely know where they are. It is just us visitors that are lost. Or maybe not, the post office box for Port Arthur Rotary Club is in Nederland. Shouldn't it be in Port Arthur?

After finishing my speech at Galveston Island Rotary, I was asked to pose for pictures. I then packed up and left and forgot to check back on the podium for any needed material. The next day at Galveston Rotary, guess what.....my speech was not in my briefcase! I made up the speech as best I could. A Good Samaritan Rotarian from Galveston Island was making up at Galveston and approached me after my less than stellar presentation. He told me he knew where the podium was stored at the San Luis and would go to the hotel and retrieve the speech. Sure enough, he called while we were on our way to the San Luis and said he had the speech and he would wait for me on the street behind the San Luis. A site made in heaven was seen when I turned right. For there he was with my blue Rotary speech holder in his hand. Don't you just love Rotary make-ups?

Gig

Gig Langston

District 5910 Governor 2016-2017

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Membership & Foundation Seminar



**Membership and
Foundation
Seminar**

**Saturday,
October 22**

**Cleveland High School
1600 E. Houston St., Cleveland, TX 77327**

*Bring your laptop for hands-on training
on "My Rotary"*

*Who should plan to attend?
Presidents, presidents-elect,
membership chairs, and foundation chairs
are strongly encouraged to come.*

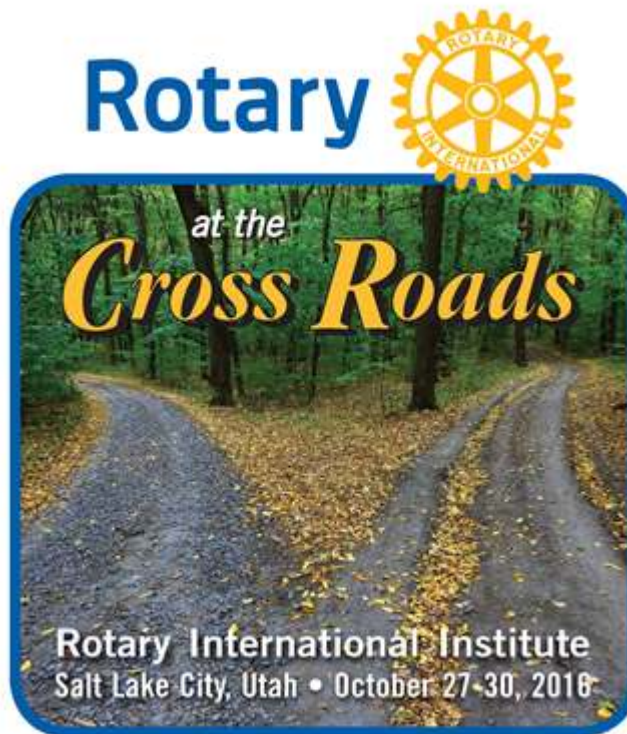
All Rotarians are welcome!

*Mark your calendar now...
more details will follow soon.*

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ZONE: Institute Invitation

Rotary Zone 21b-27 Institute



Join us for
2016 Rotary Zone 21b-27 Institute
October 27 - 30, 2016
Salt Lake City, Utah
<http://rizoness21-27.org/zone-institute-2016/>

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Membership Corner

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Membership is a vital component to the growth of Rotary. Your District Membership Chair recently attended the Zone Seminar in Austin and has much to share with your club. We are "Rotary Serving Humanity" and making an impact through membership!

Demetress Harrell
District Membership Chair



District 5910 Chairs are positioned to enhance your club and remain a vital asset to our membership. Contact your Chairs to visit your club for a program today!

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RYE: Team Welcomes All Exchanges Home

Rotary Youth Exchange Welcomes Home Our 2015-2016 Outbound Students



August is a busy month for Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) throughout the district. We welcome home the students who have spent a year abroad and welcome the new inbound students. (The Youth Exchange students are all pictured upon arrival on the RYE page.)

The month started off with the annual RYE Rebound Retreat which was held at Camp Allen. This is a time for students returning from their exchange year to "debrief" and learn ways to help readjust to their home environment. This year we also had a session for their parents. It was a very productive weekend for the students, their parents and Rotarians who have worked with them over the past two years.

We had five students who went on exchanges during the 2015-2016 school years. **Jake Burns** and **Mattie Lightfoot** spent their exchange year in

France. Jake was sponsored by **Rotary Club of Conroe**. Mattie Lightfoot was sponsored by **Rotary Club of College Station**. **Callum Darby, Gaston Lira and Emilio Lira** were sponsored by **Rotary Club of Lake Conroe**. Callum spent his year in Spain. Gaston and Emilio Lira both exchanged with Germany. These students are available to speak about their exchanges and their talks would make great weekly programs.

If you are interested in learning more about the Rotary Youth Exchange outbound program you may contact District RYE Chair Glen Mattingly or any member of the RYE District Committee. We will also hold an information meeting at Lone Star College – Montgomery on September 24, 2016. The college is located at 3200 College Park Drive, Conroe, Texas 77384.

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Inbound Orientation Weekend

Inbound Enjoy Orientation Weekend

On the weekend of August 19-21 District 5910 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee conducted an orientation for our 11 new inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Students and one inbound student hosted by our neighbor District 5830. It was a full weekend in Galveston with a mix of orientation sessions and fun activities on *The Island*.

Our inbounds are hosted by **Rotary Clubs of Bryan, College Station, Friendswood, Galveston, Huntsville, Lake Conroe, League City, Livingston, Nacogdoches, Palestine and The Woodlands**. ***Thank you very much!!!***

Appreciation is due to a number of people who assisted in a variety of ways to make Inbound Orientation Weekend very successful.



Rotarian Christina Rathbun and husband Bill of the RC of Lake Conroe made arrangements for use of

meeting rooms and the pool at Palisade Palms. Since Bill and Christina were out of the country, their son, Charlie Morris, his wife, Dani, and daughter, Trinity, represented them as our hosts for events at this location.

The Rotary Club of Galveston hosted the Saturday evening reception and dinner, and John Zendt, President of the RC of Galveston and CEO of Moody Gardens, provided complimentary tickets to Moody Gardens.



On Friday evening Rotarians from the RC of Friendswood appeared at our beach house with eleven awesome pizzas for dinner. The Cushing family, also of Friendswood, sent a very large tray of delicious cookies.

Two Rotex students, Mayra Paredes and Jasym Mireles assisted with orientation and chaperoned inbounds on other activities. Mayra was sponsored by RC of Dickinson and spent her Rotary Youth Exchange year 2014-15 in Brazil. Jasym was sponsored by RC of Lake Conroe and spent his RYE year 2013-14 in France. Both are now in college.



We hope you will find time to meet our inbound students and will invite them to be part of your Rotary events.

What a wonderful weekend!



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DISASTER RELIEF FOR LOUISIANA

NEED A WAY TO HELP LOUISIANA?

When disaster strikes anywhere in this world, the humanitarian spirit in each of us becomes overwhelming. How can I help? What can I do?

The Conroe Club has joined efforts with a local church ministry to assemble and deliver "Cleaning Buckets."

Check out the links and decide if this could answer the question about how your club can serve.

http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning_Cleaning_Bucket_-_UMCOR
www.umcor.org

Cleaning Bucket. These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane.

Cleaning Bucket Value: \$65 per bucket

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Books for the World

Invitation to Assist with Books for the World



The Dickinson club members worked at the Books for the World warehouse in Pasadena in February with Rotary Club members and Dickinson High School Interact kids.

Rotary Books For The World is an international service project started in 2000 and supported by Houston area Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs, and Interact Clubs. Books for the World is proud to announce the shipment of the 271st 40' shipping container of books (for a total of over 10 million pounds), as well as several containers of school furniture, bicycles, and bicycle parts to Rotarian led literacy projects in 23 different countries.

In a nutshell, books (mainly out-of-adoption school books) are sent to a warehouse in Pasadena to be sorted and palletized* so they can be sent to various parts of the world to be given to students who have no books or only limited access to them. Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary volunteers gather together for 2 hours one Saturday each month to sort the books in the warehouse. Having done so, you've participated in a recognized international project and have helped to possibly change the life of a destitute child overseas.

Would you & your club like to help with the shipment of the next container?

Please bring a group of your club members, Interactors, Rotractors, friends and family members to help sort and palletize books on the following dates:

Sep. 17, and Oct. 15
(All these dates are 9 am – 11 am);
Nov. 12 and Dec. 3
(These dates are 10 am – Noon)

This is a non- air-conditioned/non-heated warehouse. Please dress appropriately. The times are adjusted to try to keep our volunteers as cool as possible. You are welcome to bring used books (of any type as long as they are in good condition) to donate to this project.

Where?

116 Main St. Pasadena, TX

Park on Eagle St. or under Hwy 225

Be careful crossing the street and do not leave valuables in your car. The September and October dates will have difficult parking because of youth football at Pasadena High School.

Questions? Terry Ziegler - bigzlumber@aol.com or 713-825-1176

We always need more funding to purchase containers and to pay for shipping. Please consider asking your club to donate to this great project or to apply for a District Grant for it. See more at the project website www.rotarybooksfortheworld.org.

If your club has connections through your school district to secure out-of-adoption books to be included and can get them palletized and transported to Houston, the specific instructions are included through the link below.

***Preparation Instructions for Book Shipment**

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DISTRICT NEWS

"CLUBS IN THE NEWS"

Has your Rotary club gotten any good publicity recently, or has one of your members been recognized for an award?

The D5910 Rotary Public Image team wants to know! Email items or links showcased in your local newspaper or on a local TV broadcast to bunny@bcins.net.

Also, at your next fundraiser or project, remember to snap a great photo and send it to your local news outlet with a short Who, What, When, Where, & Why. If it gets published or broadcast, send me a copy.

***Let's show our communities
Rotary serving Humanity!***

Bunny Pratt | D5910 Public Image
Chair | bunny@bcins.net | 979.571.9826

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2017 District Conference

YOU'LL LOVE LUFKIN!

As we approach 2017 we want to prepare for what will make our membership embark upon the phrase "You'll Love LUFKIN!" As Conference Director Nancy Westbury and her team prepare for what will be a remarkable moment in history, District 5910 membership should mark your calendars as we look forward to seeing you in LUFKIN! Our District 5910 Governor is impressed by your phenomenal support and looks forward to recognizing your service.

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CLUB NEWS: Woodville

Woodville Welcomes Governor Gig

Newly appointed District Governor for District 5910 Gig Langston recently addressed the Woodville Rotary luncheon meeting to introduce himself to the club and outline what the new Rotary year will bring to the District.

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CLUB NEWS: Angelina

Angelina Rotary Shares Good News!

August proved to be another busy month for members of Angelina Rotary Club. Our club focus this month was polio. We had Chuck Mason from District 5910 give us an update from RI on the current efforts towards polio eradication.

We also had the last documented polio survivor in Angelina County, Joe Havard, share his story about growing up with polio.

Joe is pictured with a small leg brace he wore as a child. We did a special club fundraiser throughout the month and raised \$225 that we will donate directly to the Polio Plus Foundation in honor of Joe.

We inducted new member Kinnie Reina, pictured with sponsor Carol Shaw.

Members also participated in the community-wide Back to School Bonanza. We worked in the uniform station, giving away the uniforms we had collected with the Lufkin Rotary Club and the Lady's Lion Club. Children were able to start the new school year in a new uniform!

Our club donated pencils to the Lufkin High School Special Education Class to help make this school year a success for the students.

Even with all the work hard, we still made time to

have a little fun. We ended the month with a club social at Ralph & Kacoo's and a pool party at District Governor Gig Langston's house. Both evenings were full of fun, food, and fellowship!

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CLUB NEWS: Friendswood

Friendswood Welcomes Governor Gig

Rotary President Jerry Ericsson thanked District 5910 Governor Gig and his wife Lou Langston from Lufkin, Texas for visiting Rotary Club of Friendswood on Wednesday, August 24. Jerry presented them with a history book of Friendswood.

A reception was also held in their honor at the home of Friendswood Rotarians - Monir & Hassan Moghaddam.

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CLUB NEWS: Dayton

Dayton Club Welcomes District Governor Gig & Lou

On August 24, District Governor Gig Langston and his wife Lou joined the Dayton Rotary Executive Board for a dinner at the home of Rotary President Jessica Johnson. Also in attendance was Assistant District Governor Ernestine Belt from the Cleveland Rotary Club.

Executive Board members that were present included: Margie Powell, Josephine Perry and her husband Willie, Jeff Lambright and his wife Kim, Brooks Hiller, Garry Masterson and his wife Cindy, and Leslie Herndon. Everyone enjoyed the evening that was filled with fellowship, food, and great Rotary information.

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CLUB NEWS: Galveston

Galveston Club Supports Life Guards

Recently, the Rotary Club of Galveston's Galveston Rotary Foundation, Inc. awarded \$1,275 in scholarship funds to the Galveston Lifeguarding Association to help offset expenses of participants attending the Gulf Coast Regional Junior Lifeguarding competitions held July 23 on South Padre Island. Without the financial support of this contribution, some of the participants would not have been able to attend and compete. All together, 16 junior guards attended the regional competitions and several are also

planning to compete in the National competitions in Hermosa Beach, California.

The Galveston Island Beach Patrol Junior Lifeguard program offers youth ages 10-15 the opportunity not only to develop better swimming skills, but to be introduced to paddle boards, learn CPR, and to "shadow" a working lifeguard (where youth in the junior guard program learn how to make a rescue, how to spot a swimmer in distress, learn escape moves, as well as learn the lifeguard's overall daily routine.)

Co-directors for the Galveston Junior Lifeguard Program are Captains Tony Pryor and Mary Stewart, answering questions at the recent Rotary Club of Galveston meeting honoring participants of the Gulf Coast Regional Junior Lifeguarding competitions.

At a recent Rotary Club of Galveston luncheon meeting, several of the junior lifeguard program participants were recognized and thanked the club's membership for the opportunity to participate in the competitions. Pictured from left (kneeling) Gavin Shuttlesworth, Nadine Barrera, Marie Louise Livanec, and Faith Wyrick. Standing (from left) are Captain Tony Pryor, co-director of the Galveston Junior Lifeguard Program; Carlos Guerra, Mac Livanec, Alex Denner and Captain Mary Stewart, co-director.

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CLUB NEWS: Spindletop

Spindletop Rotary to Bring Polio Expert to Beaumont! Join Us!

The Spindletop Rotary Club of Beaumont is proud to announce it is bringing well-known Polio historian and author, Dr. Heather Green Wooten, to speak for early celebration of World Polio Day!

The Club invites all guests and visiting Rotarians to hear Dr. Wooten at the Noon meeting on September 20, 2016 at the MCM Elegante Hotel. Send Karen Chapman an email to make a reservation if you plan to attend: khayeschapman@gmail.com.

[Read press release by linking here.](#)

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CLUB NEWS: Conroe**Conroe Club Supports Blood Drive**

Past President Thomas Stewart ran a very successful blood donation campaign at Wiesner Automotive Center in Conroe on behalf of the Rotary Club of Conroe. Twenty five units were donated to a depleted Blood Center from a 46-member Club. The Blood Drive ran from 9 am to 3 pm and was in lieu of the normally scheduled meeting on August 23, 2016. This giving of blood is another of the 19 Service Projects projected to be completed this Rotary Year. These service Projects are a legacy of the Rotary Club of Conroe which celebrated its 84th Birthday on August 24th.

Governor Gig attended the August 30th meeting of the Rotary Club of Conroe celebrating Rotary and providing the Rotary Club of Conroe with District Goals. This meeting was well received. Since August is membership month, District Governor Gig inducted three new young members into the Rotary Club of Conroe. Inducted were:

1. Sarah Tillman who is the District Liaison for State Representative Will Metcalf.
2. Travis Walker, a young engineer with the firm of Bleyl & Associates.
3. Lt. Joe Smart with the Conroe Police Department.

President Ron Saikowski has a goal of reaching 60 members by next June growing the Rotary Club of Conroe by 14 from 46 to 60. To achieve this, he has Hector Forestier and Nick Davis chair the membership committee.

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CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

Cleveland Club is a Busy One!

Cleveland High School Rotary Interact Club, sponsored by the Cleveland Rotary Club, participated in the recent Back To School Spectacular held at the Cleveland Civic Center. The Rotary Interact Club is for high school students to join together in supporting issues and projects in their community important to members. Handing out spiral notebooks, crayons, and pencil sharpeners was a perfect fit for the member to help their fellow students. Cleveland Rotary Club donated the school supplies, and members of the Interact Club as well as Rotarians helped support the project. Pictured are (in the foreground) Interact Club members Jose

Hernandez and Julissa Rivera, both sophomores at Cleveland High School; and (background) Rotarian Tommie Daniel.

Cleveland Rotary Club started a tradition several years ago to buy stuffed animals from Jane Walters at the Cleveland Senior Citizens Unique Boutique Gift Shop to donate to the Cleveland Police Department. The police distribute the stuffed animals to children they encounter on calls as a community outreach, especially children involved in stressful situations. Pictured (left to right) are Sgt. Sergio Lopez, and Rotarians T. W. Garrett and Jack Carnes, who donated the stuffed animals in the name of the Cleveland Rotary Club.

Members of the Cleveland Rotary Club welcomed Demetress Harrell, Membership Retention and Extension Chair for Rotary District 5910. Harrell emphasized encouraging all current members and contacting potential members through social media and make them aware of the programs and projects supported by the club. Cleveland Rotary reaches out in the Cleveland area with their college scholarships to Cleveland and Tarkington High School seniors, the Elementary School Don't Meth with Me program, and the Rotary Interact Club at Cleveland High School, among other projects. Pictured (left to right) are Past President Frieda Joyce; speaker Demetress Harrell; Past President and current Assistant Governor Ernestine Belt; President Eisha Jones. Contact Cleveland Rotary Club via www.rotaryclevelandtx.wix.com/rotaryclevelandtx and on Facebook at "Rotary Club of Cleveland, TX" for more information.

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CLUB NEWS: Lake Conroe

Lake Conroe Club Shares Beautiful Memory Park

Rotary Club Lake Conroe hosted Business Connect After Hours with Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce promoting Rotary and Business! It was held at Memory Park in Montgomery, Texas which is an on going project for our club. There was food and drinks, door prizes and socializing with the local businesses. The Rotarians gave tours of the park and talked about the wonderful things Rotary is about. We had a great turn out and enjoyed the service, promoting, and awareness with the guest and members of our club!

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FUNDRAISER: Beaumont

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We would love to have you come and join the Rotary Club of Beaumont for the 2016 "Wine Down With

Rotary" on October 6! In its second year, it will be another successful fundraiser and a great time as Rotarians and friends will enjoy tasting six wines and appetizers. Proceeds will go to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation which funds the club projects and The Rotary Foundation for End Polio Now. Tickets are \$35 in advance and a limited number will be sold at the door for \$45. Purchase now on the website or by phoning 409-842-1913.

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Rotaract News

With the fall season comes the start of class at colleges and universities around the country.

District 5910 is blessed to have active Rotaract Clubs at Angelina College, Lamar University, Sam Houston State University, Texas A & M University, Stephen F. Austin University, and Lone Star College of Montgomery County.

These College-oriented Rotaract Clubs have been the focus since Rotaract Clubs are oriented for adults from 18 to 30. Community Rotaract Clubs have started in District 5910 in Vidor, Beaumont, and Galveston. These community Rotaract Clubs should be easier to start and maintain since colleges require that Rotaract Clubs follow their rules and have one of their staff as a School Sponsor in addition to the Rotary Club Sponsor.

Has your Club thought about starting a Rotaract Club in your community? If not, then why? Rotaract Clubs are a great way for young adults to transition into Rotary. This is a great way for your Rotary Club to recruit new, YOUNG members into your Rotary Club. It is very easy for your Club to start a Community Rotaract Club with at least one sponsor. However, get two or three Rotarians in your Club to help start that Rotaract Club. Rotaract Club Members can be easily found in your community through Young Professional Groups in your local Chamber of Commerce and in local Churches.

Rotaract is a club for adults ages 18-30 that meets twice a month to exchange ideas, plan activities and projects, and socialize. While Rotary clubs serve as sponsors, Rotaract clubs decide how to organize and run their club and what projects and activities to carry out. Rotaract Club only need to meet twice a month and do not have the costs in dues nor the time requirements that many Rotary Clubs have. Starting a Community Rotaract is an easy way to recruit young members into your Club. This happens when Rotaract Club Members "climb up

the Office Hierarchy" into better positions that pay higher salaries. Please contact Ron Saikowski, your District 5910 Rotaract Chair, for help in starting your local Community Rotaract Club. (rsaikowski@comcast.net or 713-252-3729). There are great aids and handbooks on the Rotary webpages to start and maintain a Rotaract Club at <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/rotaract>.

For those Rotaract Clubs already in operation, now is the time to check out the requirements to earn your Presidential Citations Rotaract Presidents should register via www.ROTARY.ORG as the President of their Rotaract Club and get others to register with them on MY ROTARY. The requirements for the Rotaract Presidential Citation are easy to achieve and requires electronic wizardry on the internet. For information on the Rotaract Presidential Citation, go to:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-citation-rotaract-clubs>

Rotaract Clubs are encouraged to participate in RYLA in January, 2017. Please contact Ron Saikowski for more information.

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INTERACT OFFICERS: Mark Your Calendars!

Interact Training Workshop Successful

Interact officer training was held on Saturday, August 13 at Lone Star College. 120 Interactors and Rotarians gathered to learn and plan for the new year. Sponsors and students alike had sessions and chances to exchange ideas, projects, and suggestions. The training received high ratings from sponsors afterward, and students went home full of new ideas.

Ernestine Belt and the Cleveland High School Interact officers and sponsor met to powwow for the coming year.

Smaller Interact clubs, such as Orangefield and Vidor High Schools, paired up to share ideas for 2016-17.

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Website Help

Posted by Brenda Walker on Sep 01, 2016



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