

## Upcoming Events

[College of Governors Spring Luncheon](#)

Apr 05, 2019

[Rotary District 5910 Conference](#)

Apr 05, 2019 11:00 PM –  
Apr 07, 2019 10:00 PM

[Short Term Orientation for Students & Parents](#)

Apr 13, 2019

[District Grants Project Completion deadline](#)

Apr 15, 2019

[District Training Assembly](#)

New Caney High School  
Apr 27, 2019  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

[2018-19 District Grants Final Report due](#)

May 01, 2019

[Long Term Orientation Camp for Outbounds](#)

Camp Allen  
May 17, 2019 – May 19, 2019

[2019-2020 District Grants Applications Due](#)

Jun 01, 2019

[International Convention in Hamburg, Germany](#)

Jun 01, 2019 – Jun 05, 2019

[Betsy Robinson's Installation as District Governor](#)

Jun 15, 2019



## District 5910 News

April 2019

### John Hathaway

Rotary Club of the Woodlands  
District Governor 2018-2019  
Rotary District 5910



## Stories

### [From the Governor's Desk](#)

Fellow Rotarians and Friends:

It's April and time to start celebrating what we've accomplished this Rotary year and what we need to work on, or even change, in the coming year. Our District Conference will be taking place this first weekend and we certainly will be celebrating meeting, and far exceeding, my goal of raising \$167,000 for the eradication of Polio! Thanks to all clubs and individuals who contributed to PolioPlus. We'll also be hearing inspiring words about participation and peace. I wish that more of us will be there, however, as a large number of our 39 clubs haven't signed up to have anyone attend the conference. That's one of the things on which we'll need to be working in the future. We must find ways to encourage greater participation of Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in District, Zone and International activities! Finally, we'll be celebrating and remembering friends who have passed away during the year. So, if you haven't registered yet to join us in The Woodlands, please do so now! (Find the link to register in the article that follows.)

Your Governor,  
John Hathaway

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### [2019 District Conference April 5-7, 2019](#)

**[REGISTER NOW for Peace, Polio and Participation at Rotary District 5910 Conference!](#)**

District Governor John Hathaway's 3 Peas in a Pod theme is also the cornerstone for his conference: **Peace, Polio and Participation.**



This is the District 5910 Conference you will not want to miss! District Governor has lined up some amazing speakers and we have some fun events planned as well. Where else will you hear an astronaut, a polio champion AND a Pixar animator share their insights around the topics of Peace, Polio and Participation?? The 3 Peas will make you think differently about the role of Rotary in our

communities, the state, the country and the world!

Check out the Conference Website to look at the entire weekend - just go to: <http://5910conference.org> to see the schedule of activities!

To register for the conference - or just for the Max Stalling Concert or the Saturday Caribbean Gala - click on this link:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=651ba853-0297-477b-9824-4b541a8a7ead>

Need a room? **[Book your group rate for The Woodlands Rotary Club District Meeting](#)** (room rate no longer available)

Come visit The Woodlands on April 5, 6 and 7th!

Yours in Rotary,

Ann Wolford and Julie Martineau

Rotary District 5910 Conference Co-Chairs

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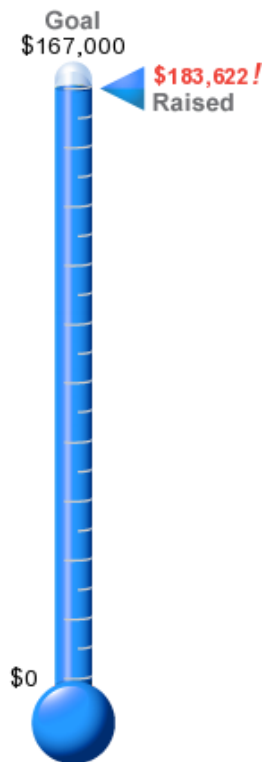
### Governor's Challenge

#### **WE WILL SHAVE THE GOVERNOR AND END POLIO!**



Your District Governor, who stands in for the jolly old elf each Christmas, WILL have his beard shaved off at the 2019 District Conference! The funds contributed from Clubs and individuals in the District to the Polio Plus campaign exceeded \$167,000! **And, indeed the beard will be shaved!**

**In 2018-19, D5910 will be a "MILLION-DOLLAR DISTRICT" IN THE EFFORT TO ERADICATE POLIO!**



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District Training Committee

## District Training Assembly

**Saturday, April 27**

**9:00 – 3:00 (coffee and registration at 8:30)**

**New Caney High School**

**21650 TX-494 Loop, New Caney, TX 77357**

### Who should attend?

Incoming club officers, board members,  
and all interested Rotarians.

### What can you expect?

#### Informative breakout sessions:

for incoming presidents, secretaries,  
treasurers, and board members,

plus Rotary Basics, Rotary Club Central  
and the Learning Center

*(bring your laptop and be sure that you  
have set up a log in and password)*

### Club Visioning:

by Lisa Faith Massey,  
Regional Rotary Zone Coordinator

And plenty of opportunities to network  
and share ideas with your fellow Rotarians!

*Watch your email for updates  
as the agenda is finalized.*

Fee: \$30 including lunch

*(Can be prepaid by credit card when registering. Checks or  
cash only accepted at the door.)*

Don't miss this great opportunity  
to learn best practices  
and to share your own club's successes.

*Register at:*  
**[The District 5910 website](#)**



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### **[Disaster Aid USA](#)**

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#### **Domestic Response: Tornado outbreak and flooding**

Disaster Aid USA is gearing up to send teams to respond to the outbreak of tornadoes in the Southeastern United States and the flooding in Midwestern United States.

[Please click here to be directed to fundraising page for those affected by the tornado outbreak in Southeastern United States.](#)

[Please click here to be directed to fundraising page for those affected by the flooding in Midwestern United States.](#)

#### **International Response: Cyclone Idai**

Disaster Aid USA is preparing to respond to those affected overseas in Africa by Cyclone Idai. Our trained International Disaster Aid Response Team (DART) Members are trained for such humanitarian aid providing shelter kits, water filters, other "smart aid", and necessary skills to respond.

[Please click here to be directed to fundraising page for those affected by Cyclone Idai.](#)

### CLUB NEWS: Beaumont

Rotary Club of Beaumont Rotarians had a good deal of fun working on a joint project with Lamar University and the Greater South Park Neighborhood Association to create and furnish a special reading room in an elementary school very close to the campus. The newly designed space has some beautiful painting on the walls which makes one think they are "nesting" in the trees filled with cardinals, the mascot of the University.



Rotarians purchased some of the furnishings needed for "The Nest" and spent the day helping to assemble them, arrange furniture, and painting trim work on the walls which now have realistic murals painted a very talented local artist.







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[Read more...](#)

### CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Club of Cleveland Baseball/Softball tournament was a huge success! The continued success of our tournament is due in large to the tremendous support of our community, wonderful participants, and spectators. A great lineup of teams from the surrounding area gained experience and prepared for future district games and post-season play. This year 1<sup>st</sup> place baseball team was Liberty High School; 1<sup>st</sup> place softball team was Cleveland High School.



Every year, the Club holds the tournament to raise funds for its scholarship program and other programs including "Don't Meth with Me" designed to teach young students the dangers of using methamphetamine, and Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA).

Advertisements purchased in our program are a vital part of the Rotary Club of Cleveland's sponsorship of charitable programs, local and global service projects, and our local youth.

"Whether your support involved purchasing an advertisement, entering a team, visiting our concession stand, umpiring a game, or simply supporting the teams as a spectator, you played a key part in the tournament's success! You all truly hit a 'home run' with the Rotary Club of Cleveland," said Tommie Daniel, club spokesperson. "We look forward to the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Club of Cleveland Baseball/Softball tournament and hearing 'Let's Play Ball!'"

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### CLUB NEWS: Friendswood

Friendswood Mayor Mike Foreman was named a multiple Paul Harris Fellow today at Friendswood Rotary Club. Mike received a pin from

the Foundation in recognition of his contributions supporting the Foundation's goals for service worldwide.



Pictured are Club President Monireh Moghaddam, Mayor Mike Foreman, and Dave Barron

We move closer to a world of peace and goodwill as Thad Roher, Dr. Rebecca Hillenburg, Landon Blair, and Craig Hall become Paul Harris Fellows. Their gifts to The Rotary Foundation's educational and humanitarian programs are a commitment to peace and to a better life for people across the world whom they may never meet. This is a truly selfless action.

Friendswood Rotarian Gerry Stacy was named a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Gerry received a pin from the Foundation in recognition of his contributions supporting the Foundation's goals for service worldwide.

(Pictured are Dave Barron, Gerry Stacy, and Club President Monireh Moghaddam)

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### **CLUB NEWS: Galveston**

The Rotary Club of Galveston recently recognized and honored members of the community for their outstanding vocational service in three categories: Police Officer, Fire Fighter and Teacher/Educator.

Rotarian Gigi Heffernan presented the Vocational Award for Fire Fighter to Captain Jens Jensen, Jr., Galveston Fire Department. Jensen, a community volunteer in numerous organization, has been active in the Boy Scouts of America since 1982. He was nominated for this award by Galveston Fire Chief, Mike Wisko.

Receiving the Vocational Award for outstanding police officer was Sgt. Jeffrey Banks, Galveston Police Department. Presenting the award was Rotarian Mike Guarino. Sgt. Banks was instrumental in investigating and solving the "Little Jacob" case of the unidentified young boy's body that washed ashore on a Galveston beach, October 2017.

Rotarian Dan Davison (right) presented the award for outstanding vocational service as a teacher/educator to Michael Merritte. A native Galvestonian, Merritte has been with GISD and Ball High School for 41 years and recognized for his outstanding accomplishments as a Speech and Debate instructor and as a long-time coach of multiple speech competitions.

Karla Klay (right), Executive Director of Artist Boat, was introduced recently as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Galveston. Club President, Ruth Finkelstein-Suhler introduced Klay to the membership.

The Rotary Club of Galveston recently announced the reinstatement of former member, Elise Ott Worthen (left.) Welcoming Elise back into the club were her aunt, Past-President, Linda Ott-Thompson (center); and current president Ruth Finkelstein Suhler.

Al Miller was honored recently at a Rotary Club of Galveston meeting for his creative service and expertise in designing the club's website and for serving as the long-time webmaster for the club's website.

For his dedication to this project, he was awarded the Exceptional Service Award, presented by President Ruth Finkelstein Suhler (left) and Cissy Matthews, who has assumed Miller's position as webmaster.

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### **CLUB NEWS: Galveston Island**

Galveston Island Rotary is planning our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, May 20 at the Galveston Country Club! The funds raised from this tournament will support the amazing work of so many organizations who are serving Galveston such as the GISD Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels, and UTMB Global Health Programs. Visit [www.islandrotary.com](http://www.islandrotary.com) if you would like to join us for a day of golf on sunny Galveston Island!

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### **CLUB NEWS: Huntsville**

#### **Huntsville Rotary Makes Headlines**

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

Plans for the Rotary Club of Lake Conroe's new fundraiser "Midnight at the Masquerade 2019", a murder mystery dinner to be held at the new Cedar Lodge Event Center on Highway 105 in Conroe. There is now a "Mystery Martini" being taste tested by the event organizers and the Mixologists at Cedar Lodge. Yum. Can't wait to taste that one.

Event Chair Sheri McBride is eager to have everyone purchase their tickets and have sponsorships early, especially since this is a new event; this will help the club anticipate attendance. See the club website and Facebook page for all the details.

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### **CLUB NEWS: Orange**

Orange Rotary participated in community events this past month. Members of the Orange Rotary Team led by Stan Mathews made a great difference in the appearance of Orange.

Pictured here Vincent Mazzola, Linda Mathews, and Anthony Mazzola

The club sponsored two teams in the Community Trash-off, organized by Shangri La Botanical Gardens. Rotarian Stan Mathews headed one



team of family and friends to clean up trash and litter near the Pinehurst exit of I-10.

A second team, led by Rotarians Sarah Boehme and Maureen McAllister with Maureen's daughter and friends, cleaned along highway 90. Other Rotarians participated with other teams in the clean-up of litter.

The Orange club also sponsored a team in the Adult Spelling Bee, a fund-raiser for GOALS, Greater Orange Literacy Services. Team members Kristen Placette, Daniel Moreaux, and Sarah Boehme competed. Rotarians Tad McKee and Rick Lewendowski were on a team for the Stark Foundation. Neither team won the competition, but all had fun.

Recent programs included Eric Peevey on the Coaches Association and All Star game; Ingrid Holmes on the Julie Rogers Gift of Life; Deborah Drago on the Southeast Texas Non Profit organization; Julie Reid on Nehemiah's Vision and Harvey recovery. Plans are underway for a signature event, crawfish boil, on May 10, and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary later this summer.

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### **CLUB NEWS: Palestine**

Palestine Magazine recognized 40 difference makers who live or work in Anderson County. The Rotary Club of Palestine was honored to have 9 active members honored!

### **New Rotary Project**

Transporting students to Austin for State Youth and Government meet.

Our club's support of Potties in the Park (Davey Dogwood Park) continues!

These photos show the progress of the dirt work prep before the concrete was poured.

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### **CLUB NEWS: Nacogdoches**

Dr. Donna Fickes, Clinical Instructor of Hospitality Administration at Stephen F. Austin State University was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Dr. Fickes provided an excellent presentation covering the Lumberjack Express Mobile Food Lab now being operated on the SFA campus. The Food Lab is brand new to SFA and is a recent initiative provided by the University's Culinary Arts Program of the Human Sciences Department. Tickets for the service can be purchased online at a cost of \$8.00 with many items being similar to those currently being provided by the SFA Culinary Café. The presentation was very impressive and appreciated by all in attendance. Richard Dewitt was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by the club for his significant community and philanthropic efforts and Dr. Todd Brown was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship Plus 1 as the club's designated donor by Dr. James Standley, Rotary Secretary. Greg Nichols detailed plans for the upcoming annual Bryan Holt Davis Rotary Blood Drive.

Pictured left to right are: Dr. Todd Brown, Program Chairman, Dr. Fickes, Mr. Nichols, Connie Weaver and Tamara Billiott, Donor

Recruitment Coordinator and Manager for the Blood Center of East Texas, Barbara Dewitt, Club Guest, Mr. Dewitt, Dr. Brown and Greg Williams, Club President.

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### CLUB NEWS: Texas City

#### *Vocational Service Award Recipients*

Congratulations to Lynda Perez and Ben Baty for being honored with the Vocational Service Awards recently.

Pictured above from left to right are Gary Scoggin, Lynda Perez and Randy Dietel. Gary and Randy nominated Lynda.

Ruth Rendon, Ben Baty and Ron Sokol. Ron is the Chairman of the committee and Ruth Rendon nominated Ben Baty.

#### **T-SHIRTS FOR NICARAGUA SPONSORED BY THE TEXAS CITY HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB**

The TCHS Interact Club is collecting gently used or new t-shirts to send to Nicaragua where new mothers learn to sew and make diapers with them.

If you would like to donate to this project, you can **drop off t-shirts at the District Conference to the Rotary Club of Texas City's Hospitality Suite at The Woodlands Marriott Hotel.** Contact Dawn Tholcken if you have questions at [dewintexas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dewintexas@sbcglobal.net) or 281-923-5197.

Hope and Relief International is the host organization which will send the t-shirts for us.

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### CLUB NEWS: Woodville

**Woodville Rotarians enjoy fun, fellowship and family.**

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### CLUB NEWS: Vidor

Vidor Rotary Club's Cajun Music Night was a boot-scootin', boogeyin' success!

The evening featured a Cajun band and dancing, a silent auction, gumbo, and cupcakes with prizes attached. The funds raised support Vidor Rotary Club's scholarship program.

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