

Rotary
District 5910



People of Action

Upcoming Events

[District Governor's Official Visit to Angelina](#)
Aug 02, 2018

[Multi District Leadership Training](#)
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[District Governor's Official Visit to Port Neches](#)
Aug 07, 2018

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Aug 09, 2018

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District 5910 News August 2018

John Hathaway

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



Stories

From the Governor's Desk

Fellow Rotarians and Friends: Somehow I've made it through July and have had only one president resign. I've been able to visit 10 clubs so far and have enjoyed meeting new Rotarians and learning about parts of East Texas I hadn't had the opportunity to visit before. Here I am outside the old Shelby County jail. I'm sure there are those who would like to see me on the other side of the bars. Actually, we did go inside where the Chamber of Commerce office is located.

Last month, I issued my Polio Plus challenge and we're off to a slow start but I have every hope that will soon change. My challenge for this month is another one of the "peas" – **Participation**. I've been asking every club to work on a few things to increase participation in Rotary. The first is to get more of the members of the club to set up their My Rotary account on Rotary.org. Some clubs have as few as 13% of their members registered while others have as many as 70%. I'm also encouraging attendance at our upcoming District Training Event in Galveston on August 25th and the District Conference in The Woodlands on April 5-7th. Finally, I'm hoping to have at least one Rotarian from each of the 39 clubs in the District attend RYLA, either as a volunteer worker or as an observer. Most of the clubs in the District send kids to RYLA, but fewer than half send a Rotary volunteer. It's a great program for young and old. So, my challenge is to look outside of your community to see what Rotary is doing in the District and beyond!



DG John Hathaway



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Governor's Challenge

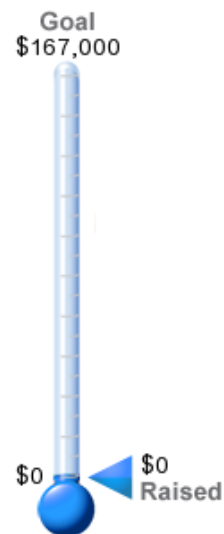
LET'S SHAVE THE GOVERNOR AND END POLIO!

Have you wondered what Santa Claus would look like without a beard? Now you have a chance to find out.



Your District Governor, who stands in for the jolly old elf each Christmas, has agreed to have his beard shaved off at the 2019 District Conference next April *if* contributions from Clubs

and individuals in the District to the Polio Plus campaign equal or exceed \$167,000 by that time. Due to a local match of dollar for dollar (up to \$175,000) and the Bill and Melinda Gates two for one match, a contribution in that amount will result in \$1,000,000 being raised to continue our effort to eradicate Polio!



Please understand that this is *not* a request to transfer your contributions to the Rotary Foundation from the Annual Fund to Polio Plus as we still need to meet our future obligations to other Rotary charitable activities such as District and Global Grants and Global Scholarships.

Watch the fundraising thermometer throughout the year to see how close the shave might be!

FundraisingIdeas.net

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Membership & Foundation Seminar

Are you thinking of attending the District Membership, Foundation, and Public Image seminar in Galveston on August 25? If so and you'd like to stay overnight, please note:



A block of rooms is being held at Moody Gardens for Friday and/or Saturday nights. Request the special discounted Rotary rate of \$159 + 15% tax by calling the hotel at 409-741-8484. *This rate is only available until August 3. After that, you will pay the regular rate.*

Those arriving Friday night are invited to a dutch treat dinner at Fisherman's Wharf, 2200 Harborside. For reservations: brenda.walker@oncor.com



What can you expect at this seminar?

- Learn ways to engage new members and retain your current members, utilize The Rotary Foundation to support your club's service projects, and enhance your public image!
- Great speakers and presenters from the Rotary world at large to empower you to

energize your club!

- Presentations and breakout sessions for club officers, board members, new members and all interested Rotarians!

So what are the details?

Saturday, August 25
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 (Registration and Continental Breakfast at 8:30)
 UTMB, Levin Hall
 102 Market St. Galveston 77550
 Registration Fee: \$30

Who should attend?

Club officers, board members, committee chairs, new members, and all interested Rotarians

To register:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/Gen/EventPlanner/EventRegistrationForm.aspx?aid=50026>

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Family of Rotary

FAMILY OF ROTARY Rides the Polar Express!



Join us for a fun ride aboard the Polar Express! With your golden ticket you can wear your favorite pJs or train-themed apparel. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. BRING YOUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS!

Here's the Schedule:

Saturday, November 24 (You will have finished your turkey and dressing!)

Train leaves THE STATION AT PALESTINE, TEXAS at 2 pm.

Don't delay! The deadline for receipt of money is **SEPTEMBER 1st!**

1st class tickets:
 \$75.00 for adults
 \$50.00 for kids

Make your check payable to LUFKIN ROTARY CLUB.
 Mail your ticket money to:
 Jayne McCurry
 1207 Wildbriar Drive
 Lufkin, Texas 75904

Have questions? Call Jayne McCurry at 936-366-6401.

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RYE Meeting

SPREAD THE WORD....



Rotary Youth Exchange
*Quality School Year and Summer Exchanges
 ...that you can afford!*

To learn about ...

**Rotary Youth Exchange Programs
 For High School Age Students**

Meet us on Saturday Morning, September 29
Begin at 10:00, End by 12:00

**Programs Described – Questions Answered
 Hear from Former Exchange Students & Parents**

Lone Star College, Montgomery Campus
 3200 College Park Drive – Near The Woodlands
 Building G, Room 102
 (NOTE: Formal address is Conroe, Texas 77384, but **NOT** in Conroe)

For more info contact

Rotary Youth Exchange, District 5910 at
5910rye@gmail.com
 936-295-6606 or 936-661-3997

Rotary District 5910 rotary youth exchange

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District Public Image Information



As a reminder, I collect quarterly, locally published, news items from around Rotary District 5910 and prepare an internal report on behalf of the District Governor to submit to our Zone Coordinator to share with Rotary International.

Has your Rotary club gotten any good publicity during **April/May/June 2018**? Please scan and email newspaper clippings or copy and paste web links mentioning your Rotary Club (in your local newspaper or on a local TV or radio broadcast) to bunny@bcins.net. I would like quarterly publicity submissions by Monday, July 23.

Also, **SAVE THE DATE, 8/25/18**, and join us for our District Training meeting focusing on Foundation, Membership, and **PUBLIC IMAGE!** [Click here for the registration link](#) (ask your club to pay the registration fee). Bring your laptop and photos with you so I can teach you how to brand them for the People of Action campaign.

Thank you for your commitment to make a difference through Rotary in 2017-2018. Now let's be an Inspiration in 2018-2019!

Bunny Pratt | D5910 Public Image Chair | bunny@bcins.net | [979.571.9826](tel:979.571.9826)

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Membership Updates

Greetings Rotarians,

I wanted to share a few reflections from my wonderful time in Toronto during our Rotary International Convention and the impressive opportunity to present during one of the breakout sessions. I have been honored to present around the United States for more than 20 years but for the last two years I have been elated to share the mic at the International Conventions among thousands of Rotarians. It all began with membership and it is our role to embrace future leaders and bring them into the Rotary family. One of the most important positions we have is to capture the Potential Membership Leads and share Rotary. This week have spoken with two new leads, one a retired counselor in Livingston, Texas and the other a Business leader in League City who are both eager to be invited to Rotary. It is the easy way to increase membership and the gift is awaiting to be unwrapped by you. Help our district increase membership and build vibrant clubs.

This 2018-2019 year has found me off to a busy start as an Assistant Governor & District Membership Chair visiting my five assigned clubs and sharing in the joys of Rotary. I have been honored to preside over Presidential & Officer installations and assisting Rotarians in reviewing their goals. One of my greatest passions is training leaders in Club Central and Club Runner. It is essential to maintain your club roster and update member information. Call me anytime if you need additional assistance.



Demetress Harrell inducts Lufkin Rotary President Wayne Ramsey



Demetress Harrell visits with Past President and Mayor of San Augustine Leroy Hughs.

MEMBERSHIP

CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP COURSES LET YOU LEARN WHILE HAVING FUN

Review

Paul White wanted to bulk up his membership knowledge before visiting clubs as assistant governor in District 7530 this year. White, who's been a member of the Rotary Club of Newburg, West Virginia, USA, for just three years, completed all eight of Rotary's new online membership courses on the **Learning Center**.

"My motto has always been: I'm not going to join something if I'm not going to put the effort into it," says White. "I reasoned the more information and reference material I had under my belt, the better I could help people."

"They are put together well in an easy-to-follow format," White says of the courses. "And what I especially liked is that, if you have Wi-Fi access, you can do a presentation to a club or group of leaders, because most [of the courses] are short and to the point. A lot of people just don't know the information is out there."

All eight courses are free and available by signing in to My Rotary.

Interactive exercises present you with new ideas, and they include scenarios that let you test different actions and see what happens.

For example, in the course Practicing Flexibility and Innovation, you meet Raymond as he considers changes to his club's format to attract new members and re-engage current ones. From the main menu, you are invited to choose one of three buttons to see what happens when Raymond begins to implement changes.

In the Online Membership Leads course, you meet prospective member Daniel after he expresses his interest in joining Rotary through Rotary.org. After receiving information about a club, he attends the next meeting and talks to Mark. You decide what Mark should do next from among three options.

The "choose your own adventure" environment lets you learn about membership strategies through trial and error, and have fun at the same time.

NEW COURSES:

- Is Your Club Healthy?
- Building a Diverse Club
- Online Membership Leads
- Practicing Flexibility and Innovation
- Strategies for Attracting New Members
- Kick-start Your New Member Orientation
- Best Practices for Engaging Members
- Your Membership Plan

Look at all the new courses available to assist your club embrace membership growth & develop your 2018-2019 Membership Plan




Banner exchange with Linda from Singapore District 3310.



Presenting in Toronto during one of the Breakout Sessions entitled: "Peaceful Coexistence among our Youth"

Global Grant Scholar Selected

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Anthony Collier



Anthony's Global Grant Scholarship application was approved by Rotary International!
He is sponsored by the

Name it

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA?

NAME THE DISTRICT'S MONTHLY BULLETIN!

It's been nameless" too long! It's time to get creative and give the monthly District newsletter a proper name!

Please submit ideas! Suggestions need to be different from any used by one of the District 5910 Clubs' documents. Selection will be made by the participants at the District Seminar on August 25th in Galveston.

Submit by August 22 to admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org

CLUB NEWS: Beaumont



At a recent meeting, members of the Rotary Club of Beaumont was especially proud to see Sharon and Roger McCabe receive recognition as Major Donors-Level 2. The recognition gifts from The Rotary Foundation were presented by District Governor Nominee Becky Mason and past Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Suzi Howe.

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CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

CLEVELAND ROTARY WELCOMES DISTRICT GOVERNOR, NEW MEMBERS

The Cleveland Rotary Club welcomed Rotary District 5910 District Governor John Hathaway on Wednesday, July 18. John is a member of the Rotary Club of The Woodlands and said, I am from Rotary District 5910, which only exists because of local clubs embracing Rotary Ideals.”



President Tasha Childress and DG John Hathaway

In his address to our club, he emphasized that a vibrant Rotary Club must have the 3 P's: Participation, Peace, Polio Eradication. **Participation** in local club projects, such as Cleveland's Don't Meth with Me, an educational program for 5th graders about the dangers of meth, and Cleveland's annual baseball tournament to raise funds for scholarships for students at Cleveland and Tarkington High Schools.

DG Hathaway inducted two new members to the Rotary Club of Cleveland and our club recognized two members as Paul Harris Fellows.



DG Hathaway, Dr. Marc Keith, Kari Duggar, and their sponsor Ernestine Belt



DG Hathaway and Club officers and new members.

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CLUB NEWS: Conroe

We're starting off the new Rotary Year focused on service. As part of an ongoing project, the Rotary Club of Conroe has been working with various groups to put together craft kits for the patients at Texas Children's Hospital, The Woodlands. This month, we worked with the City of Conroe

Parks and Recreation Department's Totally Teens program. Datin Rogers, Director of Recreation Programs is a member of our club.



Using supplies donated by Rotary Club members, the teens, who are 7th and 8th graders put together more than 200 craft kits. In addition to the crayons, paper, stickers, etc. each kit includes a personalized note from one of the teens. At least half of the teens have been seen by Texas Children's Hospital and several of them have been treated as in-patients, one of them spent a full year there.



Kris McBride, another club member, volunteers weekly at Texas Children's distributing the craft kits.

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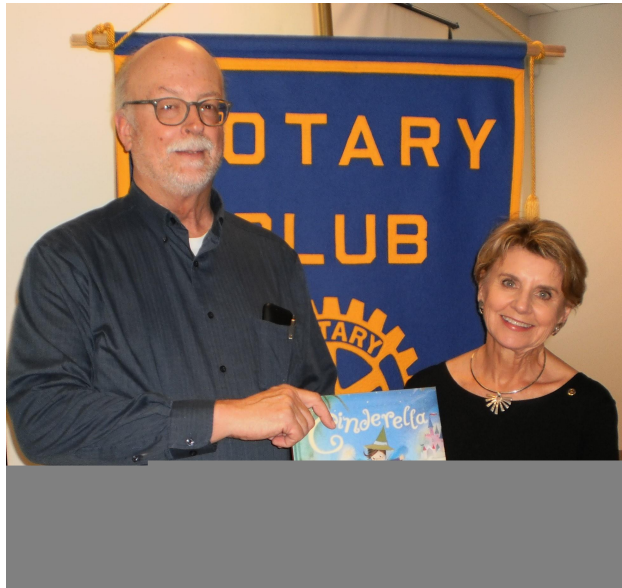
[Read more...](#)

CLUB NEWS: East Montgomery County

The Rotary Club of East Montgomery County President Jim Stubbs is continuing the Club's tradition of donating a children's book in honor of our speaker each week to our local library. We take a picture of our speaker, along with President Jim, holding the book that we will donate in their honor. We encourage each speaker to write a brief message on the inside book cover and then we attach a book donation label before the book goes to the library. RCEMC has done this several years.



Our speaker on July 17, was Ms. Darbie Lindsey, Executive Director of New Horizons and RCEMC member.



Our speaker on July 24, was Ms. Diane Blanco, a local travel consultant, and member of the Rotary Club of Humble Intercontinental. We are off to a great new Rotary year!

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CLUB NEWS: Fredonia Club

The Fredonia Rotary celebrated 40 years on June 19th with special guest speaker, Judge Jack Yarbrough, who was the Charter President from April 1978 until June 1979. What a great example of Service Above Self he set for Rotarians to follow. Mayor Shelley Brophy and RI District Governor Rhonda Herrington also welcomed guests, past presidents and current club members. “We celebrate the past 40 years and look forward to the next 40 years of service to the community,” stated President Mary Frances



Bradford.



CAPTION: Club members and honored guests pose for a 40th Anniversary picture. “We celebrate the past 40 years and look forward to the next 40 years of service to the community,” stated President Mary Frances Bradford.



CAPTION: Pictured from L to R: Rotary District Governor Rhonda Herrington, Fredonia Rotary founding president Judge Jack Yarbrough, club president Mary Frances Bradford. “Our club was chartered on June 23rd, 1978 and the founding President was Judge Jack Yarbrough. We are honored to have Judge Yarbrough, as well as many of the past presidents, attend our 40 year celebration,” stated Bradford. Photo Credit: [Mary](#) Frances Bradford (3 photos)

School is just around the corner! The Fredonia Rotary club enjoyed a presentation from Janet Molandes representing Project SOS. Project SOS (Supply Our Schools) is in the 26th year of helping children with basic supplies. The 2018 school supply drive is in full swing and donations are being sought. “Fill the Bus” is also scheduled for Friday, August 3rd at Wal-Mart in Nacogdoches.



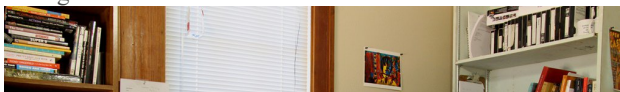
Rotary President Polly Etta Sunda, Project SOS’ Janet Molandes, officer Wes Jensen and immediate past president Mary Frances Bradford

Convenience, shorter treatment times and better treatment options! These are just a few of the therapeutic benefits with the latest \$3.5 million dollar investment and upgrade of the Linear Accelerator at Tenet Nacogdoches Medical Center, according to Director of Strategy Ian Gibson. The new procedures and multi-disciplinary treatment approach through this cutting edge equipment is to help improve the continuity of care provided to cancer patients throughout Deep East Texas. Gibson presented an update on the project to Fredonia Rotary members during a recent meeting.



(L to R): Fredonia Rotary board member Wes Jensen, President Mary Frances Bradford, Nacogdoches Medical Center Director of Strategy Ian Gibson, board member Matthew Daugherty

"Nacogdoches and SFA just feel like home," said Brad Maule as he spoke to Fredonia Rotarians during a recent meeting. Always the entertainer, Maule began his presentation singing "Blue Eyes Crying" and left members smiling as he shared stories of the journey that brought him back to Nacogdoches.



Immediate Past President Mary Frances Bradford (L) welcomes newly inducted president Polly Etta Sunda

Immediate past president Mary Frances Bradford introduced Stephen F. Austin State University Alumni Association Executive Director Craig Turnage, and Jennifer Sowell, Assistant to the Executive Director as they presented an update and overview of the many activities and partnerships of the SFA Alumni Association.

Rotary President Polly Etta Sunda, Jennifer Sowell and Craig Turnage with the SFA Alumni Association, officer Jeremy Terrell and immediate past president Mary Frances Bradford.

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CLUB NEWS: Galveston

Rotary District Governor John Hathaway, from The Woodlands, was the special guest at a recent Rotary Club of Galveston meeting.

Governor for District 5910, Hathaway outlined goals and objectives for the Club during his program/presentation.

Pictured with District Governor Hathaway is his wife, Nancy (left) and Club president, Ruth Finkelstein Suhler.

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CLUB NEWS: Huntsville

NEW YEAR for The Huntsville Item

The Rotary Club of Huntsville kicked off its new year on July 1, while celebrating the previous year’s success under the leadership of President Marcus Gillespie and board of directors. 2018-19 President Lydia Montgomery was installed and delivered a message with highlights from Rotary International President Barry Rassin – “Be the Inspiration.”

2018-19 Rotary Club of Huntsville, President Lydia Montgomery, addresses the club after being installed for the new year.

2017-18 Rotary Club of Huntsville, President Marcus Gillespie passes the gavel to newly elected President, Lydia Montgomery, as members of the board look on.

Members of the 2017-18 Rotary Club of Huntsville Board of Directors are recognized for their service. President Marcus Gillespie, Sgt. At Arms Buddy Aber, Directors Bill Green and Shelley Solow; Todd Armstrong, Treasurer; Jennifer Davis, Vice President; Li-Jen Lester, Director; Karen Hewitt, Secretary; Marjolein Lemmon, Past President; Lydia Montgomery, President-Elect.

Members of the 2018-19 Rotary Club of Huntsville Board of Directors are inducted. From left, Bill Green, Brent Sherrod, Simeon Hinton, and Shelley Solow, Directors; David Thompson, Sgt. At Arms; Todd Armstrong, Treasurer; Karen Hewitt, Secretary; Li-Jen Lester, President-Elect; Lydia Montgomery, President.

Members were recognized for their perfect attendance. David Standlee, Marcus Gillespie, Buddy Aber, Bill Green, Rhonda Ellisor, Todd Armstrong, Li-Jen Lester, Karen Hewitt, Marjolein Lemmon and Lydia Montgomery.

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CLUB NEWS: Orange

The new president of Orange Rotary, Natasha Garrett, conveyed to the membership her enthusiasm about her experiences at Rotary International in Toronto, Canada. She attended sessions on topics such as “Inspiring Images: Telling Rotary’s Story,” “Engaging Young Professionals,” and “Changing Trends in Volunteering. She challenged Orange Rotary with this year’s theme, “Be the Inspiration,” and thanked the club for making it possible for her to attend. Becky Mason, District 5910 Governor Nominee, visited the meeting and endorsed the value of attending the conference. Natasha Garrett, Orange Rotary President, at Rotary International conference in Toronto

Steven Burks, representing Back to School Orange County, spoke about the upcoming event to provide school supplies to any student in Orange County. Orange Rotary will fund supplies for Pre-K students and will have a booth. Other programs in July included a Washington update from Congressman Brian Babin and an inspiring address on Orange from Mayor Larry Spears, Jr.

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CLUB NEWS: Lake Conroe

Rotary Club of Lake Conroe participated in the Montgomery community event - Freedom Fest,

We decorated a golf cart and small trailer and entered the Freedom Fest Parade! Yes, it rained on our parade but it was still a fun event!

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Montgomery County Community Rotaract

The Rotary Club of Conroe along with the Rotary Club of Lake Conroe in conjunction with the newly formed Montgomery County Community Rotaract Club assisted Bridgewood Farms with its annual BURN YOUR BUNS bicycle tour on July 4th.

The three Rotary Organizations assisted bicyclists in signing up for the fund raiser along with manning the Safety and Refreshment Stations along the route.

Bridgewood Farms relies heavily on funds derived from this event to help the 200+- Special Adults it serves in the Montgomery County area. **The Montgomery County Community Rotaract Club is the newest Rotaract Club in District 5910 and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Conroe.**

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Interact Training

Interact and Rotaract officer training will be held on Saturday, August 11 from 9:00 until around 1:00. Lunch will be served, but not breakfast. There will be sessions not only for the Interact and Rotaract incoming officers, but for sponsors and advisors as well. This is a wonderful training and gets the year off to a great start. Clubs, please encourage your Interacts and Rotaracts to participate, please. Training will be held at Lone Star College in The Woodlands.

The training will include a service project this year. We will raise funds to donate to purchase windows at an orphanage for disabled children in Nicaragua. Each window costs \$90. Students need to bring change to play a game, and that change will be donated to the orphanage. Clubs, if you would like to sponsor a window, please send your donation to Vidor Rotary Club, PO Box 10, Vidor, TX 77670.

[Training Schedule](#)
[Map of Lone Star College campus](#)

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