

## Upcoming Events

[College of Governors Winter Luncheon](#)  
Dec 01, 2018

[STEP Applications due for 2019 Summer Exchange](#)  
Dec 01, 2018

[Enter 2019-20 Club Officers to Rotary Central](#)  
Dec 31, 2018

[Rotary International dues due](#)  
Jan 01, 2019

[RYLA 2019 - Volunteer Registration](#)  
Jan 10, 2019 6:00 PM –  
Jan 13, 2019 3:00 PM

[Camp RYLA Weekend Retreat](#)  
Jan 11, 2019 – Jan 13, 2019

[RYLA 2019 - Student Registration](#)  
Jan 11, 2019 6:00 PM –  
Jan 13, 2019 3:00 PM

[International Assembly](#)  
Jan 12, 2019 – Jan 19, 2019

[SCRYE Winter Meeting](#)  
Jan 25, 2019 – Jan 27, 2019

[Rotary Peace Conference](#)  
Feb 08, 2019 – Feb 09, 2019

[Mid Year/Pre-PETS Video Conferences](#)  
Feb 16, 2019

[2nd Long Term Outbound Orientation meeting](#)  
Feb 23, 2019 – Feb 24, 2019



## District 5910 News December 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:

Thanksgiving is past and Christmas is right around the corner. I've visited 38 out of the 39 clubs in the District and have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome I have received! I also had the pleasure of spending a weekend at a retreat in Palestine with our 9 inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students. Here I am in the cardboard boat that PDG Ulli Budelmann and I built for a race with the adult leaders. It was still afloat after we won the race!



So, now we're on to the rest of the year. And, what a year we hope it to be. You've all seen the three "Ps" in a Pod by now so you know of our focus on Participation, Peace and Polio Eradication.

It seems that Rotarians from only 12 clubs have signed up so far to help with RYLA which is scheduled for January 10-13 next year. If you want to **Participate** in this event, please go to the District

5910 website and register.

The Houston **Peace** Conference has a Facebook page (@5890Peace). There will be an all club Gala on Friday night (February 8) with seating limited to 800 and plenary and breakout sessions on Friday and Saturday. There will also be a youth track for selected Interactors. Registration for the event is now open in ClubRunner [using the link HERE.](#)



As you can see by the thermometer elsewhere in the newsletter, we have raised almost \$70,000 to



date towards the eradication of

**Polio.** In addition, the District has agreed to transfer \$21,600 of its DDF (District Designated Funds) to Polio Plus so we're closing in on \$100,000. Its hard for me to think of losing my beard as Christmas approaches, but I encourage you to keep the funds coming nonetheless.

Your Governor,  
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.

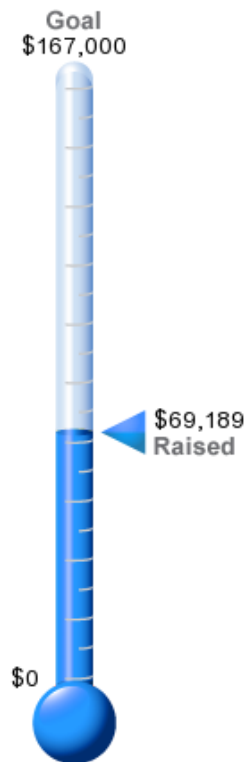
Your District Governor, who stands in for the jolly old elf each Christmas, has agreed to have his beard shaved off at the 2019 District Conference next April *if* contributions from Clubs and individuals in the District to the Polio Plus campaign

equal or exceed \$167,000 by that time.

With 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 to see how close the shave might be!**



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### Rotary Youth Exchange

There is no month in Rotary Youth Exchange without at least something to report.

On Saturday November 10 at Lone Star College in The Woodlands, we interviewed 11 candidates (including their parents), who have (so far) applied to become a Rotary Youth Exchange student in 2019-2020. Of those 11 students, 7 are interested in our long-term (school-year) exchange: David from The Woodlands, Noah and Justin from Lake Conroe, Isabel and Spophia from Friendswood, Michaela from Bryan, and Kasidy from College Station; and four students are more interested in the short-term summer exchange: Elise, Jillian and Stephanie from Friendswood, and Justin from Nacogdoches. If you happen to know of other students in your area who might be interested in becoming an exchange student next year, please ask them to contact our District YEO Carol Mattingly at [5910rye@gmail.com](mailto:5910rye@gmail.com) as soon as possible.



As always, Youth Exchange activities require a lot of help and we owe a big "Thank You" to: District YEO Carol Mattingly (Huntsville), PDG Doris and Wally Lockey, PDG Brenda Walker (Palestine), Marcus and Nisa Gillespie and Li-Jen Lester (Huntsville), AG Birda Gaskin (League City), and PDG Ulli Budelmann (Galveston), as well as to two Rotex (former Exchange Students): Zoe Garza (Dayton who went to Thailand for a year) and Cynthia Cisneros (Lake Conroe who spent a year in France), and to our inbound exchange student Caroline Duennebier (from Germany, currently living in Huntsville; they all volunteered another day of their busy lives for our District Youth Exchange programs. Still missing from that group was former District YEO Glen Mattingly; we really hope that his health will allow him next time to participate again.

Every year for all Youth Exchange Students the month of November is a coin with two sides. For the inbound students it is a happy one, since they experience the "magic" that the celebration of Thanksgiving brings to families in the US and of which they have heard so much already before they came this country. For our outbound students the end of November is a more challenging time when they realize they will not be at home celebrating Thanksgiving with their families in the US (and quite often - and understandably - they become a little homesick at this time).

By the end of November, some of our inbound students have already moved to their second host family, or will do so early in December. We cannot thank our host families often enough to open their homes to a "stranger" (aka known as "exchange student") from another part of the world. If your family has not yet hosted an exchange student, think about doing it; it is a very rewarding experience and often results in a close friendship between the student and you and your children that lasts for an entire life.

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RI Council on Resolutions

### RI Council on Resolutions – Recent Voting Results

Posted by: PDG Ulli Budelmann

District 5910 Representative and Member of the RI Council on Legislation 2014-2020

Rotary Clubs, Districts, the RI Board, and the General Council or Conference of RIBI (Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland) can propose **Enactments** to the Council on Legislation and **Resolutions** to the Council on Resolutions. **Enactments** seek to change RI's constitutional documents (that is, the RI Constitution, the RI Bylaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Bylaws), whereas **Resolutions** are requests of the RI Board that do not change RI's constitutional documents

The **Council on Legislation** is the legislative body of Rotary International that has the authority to amend RI's constitutional documents. The Council meets every three years in Chicago to discuss and vote on proposed enactments. The voting results are binding to RI. The **Council on Resolutions** (consisting of all members of the Council on Legislation) meets each year on-line to vote on proposed resolutions. Adopted resolutions are non-binding "recommendations" to the RI Board of Directors.

**Recently the Council on Resolutions voted on 55 proposed resolutions, of which 27 were adopted and 28 rejected. Please click ► [here](#) ◄ if you are interested in the proposed resolutions and the voting results.**

The Council on Legislation will meet in Chicago on April 14-18, 2019 to discuss and vote on 116 proposed enactments.



If you have any questions, or would like more information about the resolutions or proposed enactments, please contact PDG Ulli Budelmann at [budelmann5910@comcast.net](mailto:budelmann5910@comcast.net).

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## Peace Conference



Peace Conference registration is now open! Districts 5890 and 5910 are partnering for a Peace Conference and Peace Gala/All Club Meeting scheduled for February 8 & 9 at the Hyatt Hotel in Downtown Houston. The Gala is scheduled for Friday night and the registration for the Peace Conference also includes the Gala. Clubs/individuals may purchase tickets for just the Gala. Clubs are

encouraged to buy tables now for their membership, as both D5890 and D5910 are co-sponsoring this event. Wonderful speakers include: Past RI Vice President Jennifer Jones!

Learn more and register at: <http://rotaryd5890.com/>

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Interact Mixer

## **INTERACT MIXER**

Seven Interact Clubs and sponsors came together on Thursday evening, November 29 to participate in the Interact Mixer at Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School.



Rotarians were present and some Lamar University Rotaract members also joined in the semi-annual event. The large group combined efforts to collect stuffed toys, small blankets, books and snack foods - all items needed for a child to find some comfort as they deal with the emotional experience of being removed from their home by a Child Protective Services worker. The items were assembled into bags and they will benefit the Rainbow Room in Orange. Many, many children will find comfort from the teens' efforts.



▶ **START SLIDESHOW**

Family of Rotary

**Did you participate in the Family of Rotary excursion  
above the Polar Express?**



What a wonderful way to make holiday memories!






If you and your family also rode the Family Polar Express, send us your photos so we can enjoy the memories along with you!

The Family of Rotary excursion was planned and promoted by the Chair Jayne McCurry.

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### Women of Rotary.

Four clubs in the Golden Triangle (Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange) are boasting of a female as the President of the club this year! And the fact did not go unnoticed by a local feature writer, Micah Leigh (also a female Rotarian) who interviewed and wrote about the four in a recent article titled "The Women of Rotary" in the November 2018 issue of The VIP magazine.



Left to Right: Carrie Summerlin, Lynn Cartie, Jade Rayburn and Natscha Garrett

## The Women of Rotary

by Michal Leigh Photos by John Fairbright



Rotary International is a worldwide service organization of 1.2 million members who take action to create lasting change across the globe. Founded in Chicago in 1905 by attorney Paul Harris, it has grown to 35,000-plus clubs who work to promote peace, fight disease, support education and more. Southeast Texas has four female Rotary presidents. While it is now commonplace to see women in leadership positions, for most of Rotary's history, women were denied membership. Starting in 1950, several challenges were made to delete the word "male" from the Rotary Constitution. It took 37 years and a fight that went all the way to the Supreme Court to overturn this rule. In 1987, women were finally allowed to join. By 1990, there were 20,000 female members worldwide. Today there are over 200,000, many in leadership positions on the local, district and global level. Here are four of these amazing women. ▶

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(Click on the image to read the article.)

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### With Sympathy



It is with sadness that we report the passing of Louis Bronaugh, husband of PDG Charda Bronaugh.

Mr. Bronaugh was born May 28, 1931 in Dallas, Texas, and died Saturday, November 24, 2018. Services were held in Lufkin on November 29.

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### CLUB NEWS: Aggieland

The Rotary Club of Aggieland held their largest service project, Thanksgiving Baskets the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. They did their part to ensure more Brazos Valley Families in need had a little more to be thankful for over the Thanksgiving holiday. 470 Brazos Valley families received a turkey and all the traditional sides thanks to the efforts of The Rotary Club of Aggieland and its' sponsors of this project.

Each box came with a full Thanksgiving meal including a 10 lb. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potato and gravy mix, green beans, pinto beans, corn, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, and tea bags. Each meal will feed a family of up to 12 people.

Coordinating the effort of identifying families in need, purchasing and pursuing donated products, packing the boxes, and delivering them to 470 doors is no easy task. We could not have done it without the support of our sponsors and volunteers.





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### **CLUB NEWS: Angelina**

Members of Angelina Rotary partnered with Bags of Love non- profit organization and helped stuff bags for foster children to have instead of a trash bag when they are removed from their home.

We were honored to present Dunbar Primary School with their funds from our district matching grant! The tiger totes program will help children be actively engaged with reading by using a different themed tote to use at home!

ARC was honored to donate \$1,000 to the Nicaragua Water Well Project!

Members of ARC along with Lufkin Rotary, hosted World Polio Day event: Pizza and Popcorn at the Pines for Polio!

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### **CLUB NEWS: Beaumont**

It is an annual tradition of the Rotary Club of Beaumont to designate the weekly meeting before Thanksgiving to present the Vocational Excellence Awards.

The coveted award goes to those who perform their job in such an exemplary manner that a Rotarian notices and submits a nomination of the individual. It is really quite an honor and many hang the framed certificate in their workplace with pride. It is a day of "giving thanks" for those who render excellent service, and it is a favorite meeting of the year for the Club.

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**CLUB NEWS: Bryan**

The Bryan Rotary Club set up its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Field of Valor: a 1000 Flag Salute to Service at the local Veterans Park. The Field of Valor project exists to Serve the community through funds raised, to Honor Veterans and First Responders for their selfless service, and to Educate students through teacher mini-grants and scholarships. The week-long American flag display is an inspiring way to connect with the community and showcase that Rotarians are People of Action.

Bryan Rotary Veterans Day luncheon with Tyson Voelkel, President of the Texas A&M Foundation, on "Veterans Day Remembrances." Special guests included: Lieutenant General Randy House (USA-Ret); Colonel Jerry Smith (USMC-Ret); Chief Randy McGregor (Bryan Fire Dept); and Asst. Chief Billy Couch (College Station Police Dept).

Tyson Voelkel's military service includes posts in Europe, the U.S. and Middle East. He twice served as a company commander in combat in the 82nd Airborne Division, earning numerous awards including two Bronze Stars in Iraq, the Department of the Army MacArthur Leadership Award, and Army Ranger and Airborne Qualification Badges.

Keynote Veterans Luncheon Speaker Tyson Voelkel, President Texas A&M Foundation

Seventeen Bryan Rotary Club Veterans and guest First Responders were recognized and presented Rotary challenge coins. Roby Somerford presided.

Photo Left to right: Bryan Rotary Vice President Colonel Joe Cerami (US Army-Ret.); Keynote Speaker Tyson Voelkel; Bryan Rotary President Roby Somerford; Seated: Bryan Rotarian Holly Rees, World War II Veteran and Purple Heart Recipient.

Bryan Rotarian Bhimu Patil visited with Rotarians in India. Bhimu presented on November 14, 2018 at the Bagalkot Rotary Club 15625 under District 3170.

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**CLUB NEWS: Cleveland****Rotary Club of Cleveland Annual Fundraiser for Scholarships and Charitable Projects**

The annual Rotary Club of Cleveland fundraiser for scholarships and charitable projects was a tremendous success. Winners were announced at the Rotary Club meeting on Wednesday, November 7.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 2018 Polaris Sportsman 570 ATV

**WINNER: Dusty Gatlin**

(donations from Martin Powersports, Prosperity Bank, Scott Shuff State Farm Insurance, Southside Bank, and the Rotary Club of Cleveland)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$1000 CBS Furniture Gift Certificate

**WINNER: Leland Dushkin**

(donated by CBS Furniture)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$500 Sears Gift Card

**WINNER: Pepe Lozono**

(donated by Charlie Rice of Cleveland Sears and Tommy Dunn of Edward Jones)

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$500 Visa Gift Card

**WINNER: West Smith**  
(donated by Kendall Homes)

The Rotary Club of Cleveland would like to thank all those that bought tickets for this project. Over 700 tickets were sold this year.

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### **CLUB NEWS: Galveston**

The Rotary Club of Galveston's Galveston Rotary Foundation recently awarded a \$2,000 grant to the Christina Grillo Sullivan Foundation for the purchase of equipment for the Adoptive Tennis Programs - that will assist children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities to be able to participate in adaptive tennis programs. The Foundation has partnered with GISD, Special Olympics Texas and the United States Tennis Association (USTA.)

Accepting the check on behalf of the Foundation are Josephine Sullivan (left) and Raven Ornales - also representing the Sunshine Center. Raven Ornelas will be the first Special Needs Adult employed by the foundation starting in January. Rotary Club of Galveston President, Ruth Finkelstein Suhler, presented the check. (photo by Robyn Bushong.)

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

#### **Lake Conroe Club Mourns Member**

Alfred George Anderson, a long time resident of Conroe, passed away on Monday, November 5, 2018.

Mr. Anderson, the owner of Anderson Ford in Cleveland, Texas, was active in many civic and service organizations in the Conroe and Cleveland areas. He served as a long time board member of the Conroe Industrial Development Corporation and was a member of the Cleveland Economic Development Corporation. He was an active member of The [Rotary Club](#) of Lake Conroe and held many positions on the Conroe Chamber of Commerce, The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, as well as many others. He was also a great supporter of the Senior Citizen's Center in Cleveland

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### **CLUB NEWS: Nacogdoches**

James Attaway, Major, United States Army was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Major Attaway is Chairman and Professor of Military Science at Stephen F. Austin State University and leader of the University's ROTC program. He was commissioned as an Aviation officer in the United States Army as a distinguished military graduate from the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at SFA and has been an active duty US Army Officer since. His assignments have taken him throughout the United States and to South Korea, including deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Major Attaway provided the club's Veteran's Day message which was appreciated by all in attendance. Tim Ward, Commercial Lending Officer and Relationship Manager with Austin Bank in Nacogdoches was introduced as a new member of the club by Jason Reese, Sponsoring Member. Gary Ashcraft, Executive Director of the Nacogdoches County United Way provided an update of this year's campaign which is nearing and expected to reach its annual goal.

Pictured left to right are: Buddy Himes, Program Chairman, Major Attaway, Mr. Ward, Mr. Reese, Jonathan Dunn, Rotary Membership Chairman, Mr. Ashcraft and Greg Williams, Club President.

Dr. Tom Middlebrook was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Dr. Middlebrook's program covered the 300 Year History of Nacogdoches with emphasis on the Caddo Indian sites and early settlements in Nacogdoches County. In addition to the history, Dr. Middlebrook also provided an unveiling of a recently donated period painting of "Our Lady Guadalupe" which will serve as the centerpiece of a new history museum in process of establishment on the square in downtown Nacogdoches. The program was educational and very appreciated by all in attendance. Crystal Hicks was presented her blue badge by Jonathan Dunn, Rotary Membership Chairman.

Pictured left to right are: Buddy Himes, Program Chairman, Dr. Middlebrook, Ron Johnson Sponsoring Member, Ms. Hicks, Mr. Dunn and Greg Williams, Club President.

The Reverend Howard Castleberry, Rector at Christ Episcopal Church was speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Reverend Castleberry provided the annual Thanksgiving message to the club which was enjoyed and appreciated by all in attendance. The event was a joint meeting between both Nacogdoches Rotary clubs and is becoming a Thanksgiving tradition for both. Tom Davis, Rotary Past President received the Rotary Presidential Citation for the club's success during his term in office.

Pictured left to right are: Mr. Davis, Robin Dawley, Fredonia Rotary Club member, Joanne Castleberry, Rotary guest, Reverend Castleberry, Stephanie Williams, Rotary guest and Greg Williams, Club President.

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### **CLUB NEWS: Orange**

Orange Rotary rang in the Holiday season by supporting the Christmas party for the Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club. Rotary is supplying pizza for the party. Members are joining with Printpack, Inc. employees to select Christmas presents for children.

November meetings featured interesting programs including Tamara L. Jarrell on the Southeast Texas Food Bank and Patsy Kemp on the Orange Service League and its Toy Coffee. Doris Lockey, Rotary District RYE Outbound Lt Coordinator and past District Governor, spoke about Youth Exchange programs and the goal of peace in the world, one exchange at a time.

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### **CLUB NEWS: Palestine**

Rotary Club of Palestine is proud to continue this year with its annual Dictionary Project gift to local students!

After hearing that teachers were recommending that students receive the books a year earlier, Palestine doubled down on their gift this year to include both second and third grade students to make sure we didn't miss a student!

Cumulatively, our club has given 11,040 dictionaries and we are proud to see that number climb!

Hugh Summers of the Rotary Club of Palestine, James Kirkwood of the Palestine Car Club and Ty Cobble a cement contractor and



volunteer looking over foundation plans for Potties in the Park at Davie Dogwood Park. After many years of planning by the Palestine Car Club and now help from the Rotary Club of Palestine, the County of Anderson and other volunteers the project is under way and should be ready before Dogwood Trails weekend which opens March 22, 2019.

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