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June 2019



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Governor's Installation

Come celebrate with Rotary District #5910 and the Rotary Club of League City (TX) as DG Betsy Robinson and President Sue Rightly are installed on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

The event will take place in Opus Bistro which is located inside of South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Boulevard in League City.

Indicate in "Comments" if you have a need for a special meal.

When: June 15, 2019 at 11:30 AM -1:30 PM

Where: Opus Bistro/South Shore Harbour
2500 South Shore Blvd

"The District" - June 2019 (Jun 01, 2019)

League City, TX 77573
United States of America

Cost: \$40

RSVP by 6/10/19. Please RSVP using the link below.
<https://leaguecityrotary.com/event/5910-district-governor---club-pres--installation/>

If you have questions, please contact Amy Kilgore by email at amy.kilgore@gmail.com or call 832-647-3349.

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District Training Information

Please make note of the new date for the 2020 Lone Star PETS!
The new date is **FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1, 2020 at DFW Hyatt Regency**. The website (<http://lonestarpets.org/>) is not yet been updated but it should be ready by November. 2020-21 club presidents are encouraged to check on it after that to get more information, register, and reserve a room.

In the meantime, please make sure that the 2020-21 president of your club gets this information and strongly encourage them to put the dates on their calendar. We need to have a strong turnout so that all of our presidents will be ready for their opportunity to serve.

Regarding handouts and presenter materials from the April 27 training assembly, most have been gathered and uploaded onto the district website. They can be found on the home page / Our District / District Trainings / District Training Assembly.

In Rotary Service,
Becky Mason, 2020-21 Governor

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International Convention 2020



Aloha, Rotary!
Paradise, opportunity, and memories await you at the 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 6-10 June 2020.

Attending the convention is more than just a trip to a new city or a family vacation. It's a unique experience that will allow you to discover the true spirit of *aloha* while connecting with people of action from all over the world.

Register and pay today, as the special registration rate of \$395 is good only until this Wednesday, 5 June.

REGISTER TODAY

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CLUB NEWS: Beaumont

It was an exciting day at the Rotary Club of Beaumont when the organization awarded its first ever Non-Traditional Scholarship. President Lynn Castle brought the idea of the scholarship to the Club after hearing about the concept from another Rotary club. Through her leadership, the newly established scholarship is funded by the Beaumont Rotary Foundation and is designed to help a deserving new or returning student who needs the financial assistance, is above the traditional college age, and is pursuing a degree at Lamar University.



On the day of the presentation, Lamar University President (and Rotarian) Ken Evans was speaker at the Club meeting and assisted with the scholarship presentation. Pictured left to right, in the front row is Dr. Evans, the 2019 scholarship recipient Jacqueline Guillory who is working toward a degree in social work, and Director of the Scholarships Office at Lamar University, Rebekah Maxwell. Standing in the second row is club Vice President Pat Calhoun, 2019 Chair of the Non-Traditional Scholarship Committee Carly Broussard, and Rotarian Marianne Laine.

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CLUB NEWS: Bryan

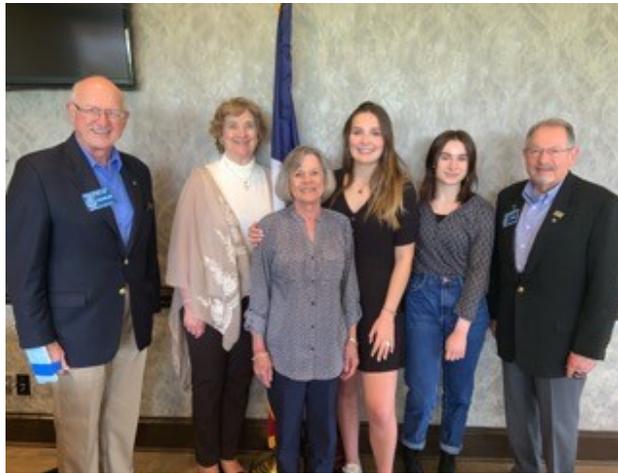
Thanks for our awesome Rotarian volunteers. American flags delivered for Bryan homes and businesses and for the Field of Valor at the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial.



Rotarian, Mayor Andrew Nelson on the state of the city - highlighting the Bryan community's dynamic growth, development and quality of life.



Presentation by Rotary Youth Exchange Student Jeanne Elisa Estingoy of Albi, France. Jeanne Elisa Estingoy is attending College Station High School.



President Roby Somerford congratulated Rotarian Bhimu Patil for being awarded the inaugural University Professorship at Texas A&M University. Dr. Patil is the Professor and Director of the Vegetable Improvement Center and U.S. Department of Agriculture Center of Excellence. He received the award in recognition of his research, distinguished teaching and leadership in administration. The University Professorship is the highest academic award bestowed on a Texas A&M faculty member.

Guest speaker Rotary Youth Exchange student, Betty Meschi. Elisabetta Arianna "Betty" Meschi lives in northern Italy in a small town, Osnago. Betty aspires to be an actress and has studied theater at A&M Consolidated High School this year.

Thanks to Rotarian Charles Gilliland for sponsoring Our two Rotary Youth Exchange students' presentations.

Rotarian John Collier presided over our first Rotary Muster in remembrance of members who have passed away.

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CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

On May 13, the Rotary Club of Cleveland awarded five \$1000 scholarships to seniors at Cleveland High School; presentations were made by Rotary Club Scholarship Chairperson Ernestine Belt and club secretary Tommie Daniel.

Cleveland recipients were Kathleen Dalcortivo, Nohemi Gonzalez, Jessica Price, Frida Saldivar, and Axel Torres.

On May 23, five \$1000 scholarships were awarded to seniors at Tarkington High School; presentations were made by Rotarian Scott Lambert.

Tarkington recipients were Madalyn Hollingsworth, Peyton McCormick, Adicin Morgan, Caitlyn Stutts, and Madison Williams.

On May 15, Rotary Youth Exchange student Karina Germek from Brazil spoke to the Rotary Club of Cleveland about her year in Cleveland.

Karina was introduced by Don and Ernestine Belt, her host family. Karina told of the many friends that she has made while attending Cleveland High School and family members and friends of the Belt's. Karina was a member of the CHS ROTC and the dance program at CHS. Brad Belt took her to the Fine Arts Museum in Houston, she helped with Christmas decorations and making of a gingerbread house, she went to the Mardi Gras in Galveston, Rotarian Scott Lambert and family took her to the Houston Rodeo, the Belt family took her to see the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas where she rode the Stratosphere roller coaster, visited Santa Fe, New Mexico. Karina was also able to travel with the Lambert's to Branson, Missouri, where she rode several roller coasters and went shopping.

On her Rotary trips, first to Galveston for orientation, to Palestine where she helped to make a cardboard boat, to Tulsa where she met exchange students from several states, and her final Rotary trip to Camp Allen where she did some horseback riding and went on a hayride.

Karina thanked the Rotary Club of Cleveland, her host family Don and Ernestine Belt. She will leave for Brazil in early August and will take with her the many memories that she has from her year in Cleveland.

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CLUB NEWS: East Montgomery County

The Rotary Club of East Montgomery County had some great speakers this month and, as always, we donate a children's book to our local library in their honor. This has been one of our literacy projects for many years.

President Jim Stubbs with Porschia Matthews, Professor of Respiratory Care at Lone Star College Kingwood. She talked with us about the hazards of vaping. It was a special treat to have Porschia speak with us as she is a graduate of New Caney High School and a veteran. Needless to say, we are all very proud of her!

President Jim Stubbs with Dr. Guy Sconzo, Chairman of the Lake Houston Chamber of Commerce Long Term recovery Task Force. Dr. Sconzo discussed efforts to decrease flooding in the Kingwood/East Montgomery County area.

Secretary Suann Hereford with Eric Skiles, Professor of Theater at Lone Star College Kingwood. Eric described the development process of a theatrical production and discussed next year's productions with us.

We have had a great month at RCEMC!

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CLUB NEWS: Friendswood

Friendswood Rotarians, Kevin Holland and Morad Kabiri, were named Paul Harris Fellows today in recognition of their contributions supporting the Foundation's goals for service worldwide. Kevin received a pin as a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Pictured are Dave Barron, Kevin Holland, Morad Kabiri, and Club President Monireh Moghaddam

Through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, Friendswood students Sophia Hammerle, Elise Hardwick, Stephanie Virts, Isabel Ramirez, and Jillian Puma will be traveling to France and Japan this year for summer or year-long foreign studies. Friendswood Club President Monir Moghaddam and Club Secretary Chris Turner provided each student with a Friendswood Rotary flag to exchange with their host country.

The Friendswood Rotary Club was honored to have the GSE Team of Doctors from Russia while they are in the States for the next 8 days to learn more about cancer research at MD Anderson Medical center to be able to help people in their country.

Pictured are Beau Eggert from the Disaster Network and David Smith from Friendswood Rotary Charitable Foundation. Beau is accepting a \$5,000 check from the Foundation towards their continued efforts in helping Harvey flood victims and Friendswood residents rebuild their homes. The 4B Disaster Response Network, together with Eight Days of Hope, have partnered with thousands of volunteers from around the country to assist victims of Harvey flood waters. Thanks largely to local donors, Friendswood Rotary Club's Foundation was able to collect and distribute close to \$200,000 towards that effort, 99.9% of which went directly to homeowners.

Friendswood Rotary Club President, Dr. Monireh Moghaddam, and Vice President, Gary Kay, announced Friendswood High School

senior, Michelle Cherian, as this year's Rotary Scholarship recipient. The \$4,000 scholarship will go towards Michelle's pre-med studies.

Friendswood Rotary Club President, Dr. Monireh Moghaddam, presented a \$500 donation to the Friendswood ISD Education Foundation. Friendswood Independent School District Superintendent, Thad Roher, accepted the check on behalf of the foundation.

The Rotary Club of Friendswood welcomes new members Kristie Ramirez and Robert Smithhart. Also pictured is Friendswood Club President, Dr. Monireh Moghaddam.

Friendswood Rotary Club President, Dr. Monireh Moghaddam, presented a \$500 donation to the Center for Pregnancy. Jonelle Fields accepted the donation which will help offset many of the Center's free services to women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy including urine pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, peer counseling, childbirth classes, medical referrals, and essential provisions.

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CLUB NEWS: Galveston

Over 170 Rotarians and guests were in attendance at the recent Rotary Club of Galveston's annual Memorial Day program that honored and recognized 60 veterans who served in either the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines or Air Force. Also in attendance were many active duty service personnel as well as cadets from Ball High School's Jr. Army ROTC program. Rotarian Mike Guarino, chaired the program. Past President Mike Cowan presented a poignant reading from Pulitzer Prize-winning WWII correspondent Ernie Pyle by reading "*A Thin Line of Personal Anguish*" - Pyle's account of his walk along the invasion beach shortly after D-Day. Club President, Ruth Finkelstein Suhler presided over the special presentation/program.

(Photo courtesy of Manny Chan, Creative Photography.)

The Rotary Club of Galveston recently received recognition from the Salvation Army during the Salvation Army's annual Volunteer Appreciation Awards Program. The Rotary Club was recognized for its Red Kettle Participation. Annually the Rotary Club of Galveston recruits volunteers to ring the bell for the Salvation Army at three locations on the same day. Volunteers are encouraged to sing carols and play musical instruments. The Club's Galveston Rotary Foundation, Inc. then matches up to \$1,500.00 toward the money collected during the day of bell ringing.

Antoine Bayle, from France, was the Rotary Club of Galveston's Exchange Student for the school year 2018-19. During a recent Club meeting, each of Bayle's hosts were recognized for their generosity in

hosting him and welcoming him as part of their families during this current school year.

From left are hosts Mark and Shelley Smith, Bayle, hosts Martha and Rotarian Scott Livanec, and hosts Rotarian Gwenn Scott and her husband, Dan Moore. Standing second row is Ulli Budelmann, Club Youth Exchange Officer and Counselor of Exchange Student.

Rotarian Mary Brechtel (left) recently received a surprise birthday gift of \$500 from her husband, Dr. Casey Brechtel, as a contribution for Mary to become a new member of the Club's VIT organization - an organization within the Rotary Club of Galveston that stands for "Fifth (Rotary Club) in Texas" to be chartered. VIT members' contributions help fund the Rotary Club of Galveston's Galveston Rotary Foundation, Inc. which in turn provide grants and financial aid to local organizations that benefit the health, education and welfare of Galveston and its citizens. Also pictured is Club President, Ruth Finkelstein-Suhler.

Earlier this year, The Texas City Rotary Club hosted a Mardi-Gras-themed fundraising event. The Rotary Club of Galveston was one of many Rotary clubs in the district to participate in the Texas City club's event. Immediate Past President, Kristen Carlson and Margo Snider represented the Rotary Club of Galveston with the Galveston Art League chosen to receive a portion of the proceeds from the event. At a recent Galveston club meeting, Judy Slocum (left), President-Nominee for the Rotary Club of Texas City, presented a \$500 check to Ruth Finkelstein-Suhler, Rotary Club of Galveston President, with the contribution for the Galveston Art League.

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CLUB NEWS: Galveston Island

Island Rotary is thrilled to welcome our newest member, Cheryl Chatman, Club Director at Johnny Mitchell Boys & Girls Club! Cheryl was inducted on May 14 and is pictured here with Club President Jason Hardcastle, along with her Sponsor and Island Rotary Past President Becky Trout Unbehagen.

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CLUB NEWS: Huntsville

Rotary Club of Huntsville held its annual Trivia Night on May 16. The night included fun games of trivia and a BBQ dinner. Proceeds benefit the I LIKE ME! Book project.

Congratulations to the winning team - Trivia Tribe (Daniel Bayes – Bayes Achievement Center).

The Rotary Club of Huntsville Scholarship Committee selected the following Rotary Scholarship winners in Huntsville:

The **Jack Staggs Rotary Scholarship** was presented to **Victor Mwaura**; the **M.B. Etheredge Rotary Scholarship** was presented

to **Laila Tucker**; the **Dan Davis Rotary Scholarship** was presented to **Hannah Holland**.

President-Elect Li-Jen Lester with one of the recipients.

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CLUB NEWS: Lake Conroe

Rotary Club of Lake Conroe did a "project" meeting this week for our May Service Project.

We stuffed boxes to be sent to our troops in Afghanistan and Syria. The boxes were donated to OME for our troops serving overseas.

With everyone's help, we were able to pack 15 very full care packages which also included notes of thanks and appreciation as well as pillowcases.

It was a perfect time as May is Military Appreciation Month. The troops that receive the packages will be excited and happy to get goodies and special messages from home. Awesome job!!
Home of the Free...Because of the BRAVE!

The Rotary Club of Lake Conroe added Service Flags to Memory Park.

This is an added feature just in time for Memorial Weekend 2019.

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CLUB NEWS: Nacogdoches

Joseph Darden, President of the Nacogdoches Jaycees was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Mr. Darden provided an overview of the Jaycees' significant activities and sponsorships the club provides to our community during the year. The Jaycees is a young man's leadership training and civic organization emphasizing business development, management skills, individual training, community service and international connections. The Nacogdoches chapter is very successful, active and supportive of numerous local charities and community service organizations in Nacogdoches and is sponsor of a number of annual community events that include the Red Dirt Mud Run, Freedom Fest, Nacogdoches County Rodeo and Steer Show, Haunted House, Turkey Smoke and Christmas Courtesy. The program was impressive and appreciated by all in attendance. Matt Turner, club member provided information on the club's upcoming Field of Honor Flag Program to honor our veterans during the Memorial Day week of May 27th at Festival Plaza, 507 South Pecan Street. For a \$50.00 donation, Rotary volunteers will place a pole mounted 3'x5' U.S. flag in honor of a specifically named individual. For additional information or sign up, donors may visit RCN.clubfunding.org.

Pictured left to right are: Ron Collins, Program Chairman, Mr. Darden, Mr. Turner and Greg Williams, Club President.

Rey Morin, Member of the Rotary Scholarship Committee presented the club's annual scholarship awards totaling \$20,000.00 to sixteen well deserving senior students from Nacogdoches County schools. Scholarship recipients are chosen by the club's scholarship committee composed of club members Mr. Morin, Crystal Hicks, Chairman, Lindsey Vardeman, MaryAnn Bentley, Kent Ferguson and John Callahan with selection based on a student's class rank and grade point average, extracurricular involvement, essay on the Rotary Service above Self Motto and interview. This year's scholarships were

presented to Andrea Castro, Josh Roy, Kaden Harmon, Rachel Self, Kathryn Culpepper, Sarah Hutchison, James Dorsett, Timothy Leonard, Sarah Colgan, Kara Culpepper, Blake Boyett, Jordan Vardeman, Hannah Alexander, Conner Harry, Jessica Hill and Dessy Gonzalez. The group was very impressive and appreciated by all in attendance.

Pictured front row left to right are: Ms. Hill, Ms. Alexander, Ms. Hutchison, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Castro, Ms. Colgan, Ms. Kathryn Culpepper, Ms. Vardeman, Ms. Kara Culpepper and Ms. Self. Back Row left to right are: Mr. Morin, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Vardeman, Ms. Bentley, Mr. Roy, Mr. Dorsett, Mr. Harry, Mr. Boyett, Mr. Harmon and Greg Williams, Club President.

Shelley Brophy, Mayor of the City of Nacogdoches was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Ms. Brophy presented a program on the "State of Nacogdoches with a Look at Opportunities for the Future" and covered a wide array of city items and topics. Chuck Lafferty was presented his blue badge by Rotary Red Badge Chairman, Joe Scifo. Jim Sevey, Chief of Police with the City Nacogdoches was introduced as a special guest by club member, Dave Wallace. Larry Stanaland, Posting and Striking the Colors Chairman announced the Memorial Day schedule for posting and striking of the colors at Sunset Cemetery. Matt Turner, club member provided information on the club's upcoming Field of Honor Flag Program to honor our veterans during the Memorial Day week of May 27th at Festival Plaza, 507 South Pecan Street. For a \$50.00 donation, Rotary volunteers will place a pole mounted 3'x5' U.S. flag in honor of a specifically named individual. Ed Cole, club member was recognized for his recently received award of an Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy Degree from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Pictured left to right are Ron Collins, Program Sponsor, Mayor Brophy, Dr. James Standley, Club Secretary, Mr. Lafferty, Mr. Wallace, Chief Sevey, Mr. Turner, Mr. Stanaland and Greg Williams, Club President.

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CLUB NEWS: Orange

Orange Rotary held its first Crawfish Boil at the T2 Arena and the event was a great success, raising funds and fun. Many donations helped to support the event. Programs for the month of May focused on the theme "Why Orange?" Monthly Program chair Daniel Moreaux challenged speakers to share their stories of why they choose to live and work in Orange. David Jones, Chad Haven, Dean Granger, and Mike Umbenhaur each gave interesting and thoughtful talks on the subject.

Mike Umbenhaur, Orange Rotary VP, and Tad McKee, sponsor, welcome Emily McKee Mellen

Orange Rotary members have fun at Crawfish Boil!

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CLUB NEWS: Palestine

The Rotary Club of Palestine Satellite members have been actively engaged each month in service projects with the support of our sponsor club.

Since January we have provided items for the local Humane Society (BARC), arranged a new display for the Rotary Heritage Room at the East Texas Museum of Culture, donated to the Alabama Tornado Disaster Relief effort (District 6880),

served cookies and assisted with Bingo at a Greenbrier nursing home, and provided items for the Child Protective Services Closet. We have welcomed three new members and brought back four former Rotarians to Rotary and honoring members with Paul Harris Fellows! We truly are rocking Palestine with Service Above Self!

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CLUB NEWS: Texas City

Texas City congratulated the students selected to receive a scholarship based on financial need, academics and extra-curricular activities. Tyler Stanley, Alaya Pierce-Brooks, Aubrey Dyson, Makes Billiot, Skye Wooley, Brianna Cuyos, Megan McKnight and Bobby Serda. A total of \$48,000.00 was awarded to these outstanding students.

44th Annual Frances Levissee Golf Tournament

The Rotary Club of Texas City held its 2nd major fundraiser for the year with a golf tournament. A total of \$18,000.00 was raised which helps fund scholarships, I Like Me Books, RYLA, Polio Eradication and many more programs our club supports. Pictured are a few of the Texas City Rotary Anns, Kerry Whitener, Dawn Tholcken, Denise Beene and Becky Fuller at their Hole Sponsorship where they provide refreshments to golfers at Hole #8. Also pictured are two of the 1st place team winners, Jason Jennings and Kevin Woods.

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CLUB NEWS: Woodville

The Rotary Club of Woodville places flags by the tombstones of veterans on Memorial Day weekend. These pictures are of our club working on the flag poles for that event.

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Interact Training



Interact officer training will be held on Saturday, August 3 at Lone Star College in The Woodlands. There are sessions for Interact officers, school sponsors, and club liaisons. Please make plans to attend. The training begins at 9:00 and lunch will be served. Please let Sally Andrews know how many plan to attend so we can have enough food on hand. sandrews@vidorisd.org.

Bring pocket change for a service project!

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