

Upcoming Events

Lone Star Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

Feb 28, 2019 – Mar 03, 2019

District Roll of Fame Nominations Due

Mar 01, 2019

NAYEN Conference

Mar 14, 2019 – Mar 17, 2019

2019 District Conference

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Apr 05, 2019 – Apr 07, 2019

College of Governors Spring Luncheon

Apr 05, 2019

Rotary District 5910 Conference

Apr 05, 2019 3:00 PM -Apr 07, 2019 12:00 PM

Short Term Orientation for Students & **Parents**

Apr 13, 2019

District Grants Project Completion deadline

Apr 15, 2019

District Training Assembly

Porter High School Apr 27, 2019

2018-19 District Grants Final Report

May 01, 2019

Long Term Orientation Camp for Outbounds

Camp Allen

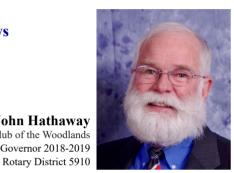
May 17, 2019 – May 19, 2019

2019-2020 District Grants **Applications Due**

Jun 01, 2019

District 5910 News March 2019

John Hathaway Rotary Club of the Woodlands District Governor 2018-2019



Stories

From the Governor's Desk

Fellow Rotarians and Friends:

When I checked this morning, we were \$1,900 short of my challenge goal of \$167,000 for Polio Plus from our District! I've heard from at least 4 clubs that they have each raised more than this so I'm assuming we'll meet the goal by the start of the District Conference on April 5th. However, I would encourage any clubs which have raised Polio Plus funds to turn them in to the Rotary Foundation by April 1st so that they can count against the challenge. While you're at it, please turn in your Annual Fund donations to the Rotary Foundation as well. We're running pretty far behind previous years in that category.

Regarding the District Conference – we've lined up some exciting speakers: a former astronaut, a Pixar animator and a Rotary Past District Governor who has traveled the world in support of our Polio Plus program. You're also bound to enjoy the bar-b-q and Texas music on Friday night and the steel drums and tropical ambiance at our Caribbean Gala on Saturday night. By the time you read this you'll only have 4 weeks left to register so please do so now and be sure to lock in your bargain room rate at the highly regarded Waterway Marriott. You can find links to both the Conference and hotel registrations elsewhere on the District website.

I look forward to seeing our incoming presidents at PETS in Dallas and our club officers at the District Assembly later in April.

Your Governor, John Hathaway

2019 District Conference April 5-7, 2019



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.

The Woodlands, a master planned community, the venue for this year's district conference, is an escape from the everyday for our guests and an inspirational backdrop where all people can live, work, play and worship. Set at The Woodlands Waterway beginning

Friday, April 5 and ending on Sunday, April 7, the conference opens Friday night with a concert by songwriter and recording artist Max Stalling.

Rotary is not just about service above self – it is about having fun. At this year's conference, you will hear from several inspiration speakers:

- Peace Astronaut Col. Michael E. Fossum logged 194 days in space with other people from different nationalities and cultures;
- **Polio** Rotarian Ann Lee Hussey shares her story and passion for the eradication of polio; and
- Participation Travis Hathaway is an animator at Pixar Animation Studios, which fosters a culture of participation and collaboration.

A Kid's Track with activities and special guests is also available, so bring the family!

Ready to register? Click HERE!

To get your hotel room, click on this link:

Book your group rate for The Woodlands Rotary Club District Meeting

See you in The Woodlands!

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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. **And we are almost there!**

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

Please understand that this is <u>not</u> 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!



District Training Committee

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"We're so busy...
why should we go to another meeting?"

The focus for the day is to provide tools and training for incoming club leaders to be effective in their assignments, including:

Breakout training sessions

on job-specific responsibilities,

Hands on sessions

for social media and Rotary Club Central,

And much more on ways to make your job easier and your club more effective!

Watch your inbox for more details and registration information



Rotary Youth Exchange



Possibly the best news of the month is that 9 Rotary Clubs by now have agreed to sponsor a long-term (school year) inbound student in the coming Rotary Year: Bryan, College Station, Friendswood, Galveston, Huntsville, Lake Conroe, Livingston, Palestine, and The Woodlands. A big "Thank You" to those Clubs for having made that commitment. We still would love to have more clubs participating, however, and allow more than just 9 students to come to our District and have an experience that will change their lives, needless to say, change their lives to the better. Please note that it is not too late to make a commitment to host; if your club plans to do that, please let Carol Mattingly (5910rye@gmail.com) or Ulli Budelmann (budelmann5910@comcast.net) know as soon as you can.



For many of us involved in Youth Exchange February was busy month. In the morning on February 2 at Lone Star College and ending with a working lunch, we interviewed 8 more students (including their parents) who were interested in going on exchange: 5 on short-term exchange (Isaak and Jakob from Nacogdoches, Jamie from Huntsville, and Joscelin and Katherine from Friendswood; with the students we interviewed in November already (Elisa, Jillian, and Stephanie; all from Friendswood) we have now 8 students (and one more to come: Dawson from Galveston) who want to go on short-term exchange.

We also interviewed 2 additional students interested in long-term exchange: Rachel from College Station and Shannon from Bryan; that is, with the 6 long-term students we interviewed in November (Kasidy from College Station, David from The Woodlands, Isabel and Sophia from Friendswood, and Justin and Noah from Lake Conroe), we have an equal number of 8 wonderful outbound students who want to live in another country for one year:



A "Thank You" goes to all District Youth Exchange Committee members who gave up a Saturday out of their busy schedule: District YEO Carol Mattingly and Marcus and Nisa Gillespie (Huntsville), PGD Doris and Wally Lockey (Lake Conroe), AG Birda Gaskin (League City), Chris Turner (Friendswood), Charley Gilliland (Bryan), and PDG Ulli Budelmann (Galveston), as well as to two former exchange students (Rotex): Zoe Garza (from Dayton, who went to Thailand for a year) and Cynthia Cisneros (from Lake Conroe, who spent a year in France), and to our current inbound student Antoine (from France spending a year in Galveston right now).



In fact, almost everyone stayed on for the afternoon to help with the first orientation for the long-term outbound students (and parents) where they learned all the many things that are involved in living in another country for a year.



The second orientation for the long-term outbound students took place over the weekend of February 23-24 at Camp Allen near Navasota. At that weekend the students received a more detailed insight into everything they have to consider living abroad for a year and with host families they have never met before.



These training session do not just happen but require a lot of work and help: "Thank You" to PDG Doris Lockey (Lake Conroe), Chris Turner (Friendswood), Marcus and Nisa Gillespie (Huntsville), Charley Gilliand (Bryan), PDG Ulli Budelmann Galveston), and to three wonderful former exchange students from our District: Kara Culpepper (from Nacogdoches, who went to France for a year), Zoe Garza (from Dayton, who spent a year in Thailand), and DJ Shannon (from Huntsville, who lived in Spain for a year).





District Public Image Information



"ROTARY IN THE NEWS"

As a reminder, I collect <u>published news items</u> 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 had a write up in the newspaper or publicity on TV or Radio in the last few months? Please scan and email newspaper clippings or copy and paste web links mentioning your Rotary Club to bunny@bcins.net. You can also use your web browser and "Print to PDF" to capture an online article (see attachment). I would like submissions by February 25, 2019.

Need ideas? Check our our District Public Image resource page: https://rotary5910.org/sitepage/public-image-resources

Reminder: Club Citation Public Image Goals for 2018-2019

Achieve and record <u>at least 3</u> of the following goals in Rotary Club Central:

- Post successful club projects, with details about activities, volunteer hours, and funds raised, on **Rotary Showcase**
- Use Rotary's brand guidelines, templates, **People of Action** campaign materials, and related resources
- Arrange for the club's members to talk with the **media** to tell your club's, and Rotary's, story*
- Host an event for Rotary alumni, and highlight Rotary's networking opportunities

- Continue or establish a partnership with a corporate, governmental, or nongovernmental entity and work on a project together
- Sponsor a Youth Exchange student or RYLA participant

Call or email me with any questions.

Thank you for being an Inspiration to your club in 2018-2019!

Best Regards, Bunny Pratt | D5910 Public Image Chair | <u>bunny@bcins.net</u> | 979.571.9826

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Membership Minute

STATE OF ROTARY MEMBERSHIP

As of 1 January 2019

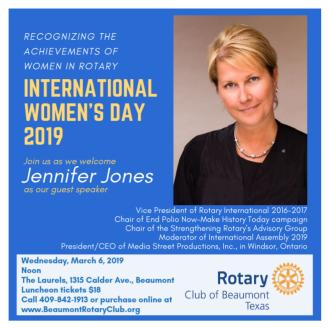


Have you read the Rotary International Membership Minute for February 2019. Access the full version by linking here: http://rotary.msgfocus.com/q/1f8BE0laxfIGpfFP7JHz8Ty/wv

Beaumont Invitation

The Rotary Club of Beaumont is proudly welcoming Past Rotary International Vice President Jennifer Jones to Beaumont to speak at the Club meeting on Wednesday, March 6. The meeting is in recognition of International Women's Day which is celebrated annually around the world on March 8. Jennifer Jones was selected to bring attention to and recognize the achievements of women in Rotary International.

The meeting will begin at Noon and will be held at The Laurels, 1315 Calder in Beaumont, TX 77701. Tickets are only \$18 to attend and enjoy a delicious lunch. Rotarians and guests are asked to make a reservation by purchasing a ticket online or by phoning 409-842-1913 **no later than Noon on March 4**. (March 6 is Ash Wednesday; lunch will include a choice of entree to accommodate those abstaining.)



Take a road trip on March 6 and visit the Rotary Club of Beaumont for the opportunity to hear this amazing Rotarian tell about her leadership experiences in Rotary - from serving as President of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland to Vice President of Rotary International in 2016-17 and more!

CLUB NEWS: Angelina

On Thursday, February 21, ARC welcomed Lufkin Cheif of Police, David Thomas, to present "Active Shooter Training" to our team.



Pictured are David Thomas and ARC president, Dr Patricia McKenzie.



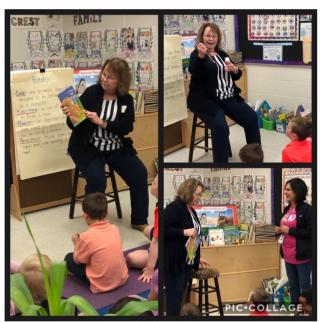
Members of ARC are stamping books that will be put into "Tiger Totes" for students at a local primary school! These Totes will include a book and then an activity to support the book! So much fun giving families a way to increase literacy and have great family time!



We had a great time at our quarterly social by celebrating our LOVE for Rotary with a coffee Roundtable event on Feb 14th! Club members invited new prospective members, the club provided coffee and treats, and we all talked about why love being Rotarians!



On January 31st, Angelina Rotary presented Robert Shankle with the "Community Above Self Award" for his outstanding leadership and volunteerism in Angelina County. To earn this award, club members nominate people in our community that we feel exemplify the true spirit of service above self and a selection committee chooses the most deserving each year. Mr. Shankle was nominated by Rotarian, Michelle Briley.



Rotarian, Nancy Westbury, reads to a Kindergarten class at Dunbar Primary as part of our District Grant Project.



As a final follow up to the Wizards Basketball game fundraiser, Event Co-Chairs, Michelle Briley and Crystal Williams presented each school that had a player represented on the School District's Dream Team with a book written by a Wizard player! We hope they are able to put them in their library and remember the great fun that was had at the event!

CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

Don't METH With ME!

The Rotary Club of Cleveland presented its annual Don't Meth with Me program to approximately 750-800 5th graders in Cleveland Independent School District and Tarkington Independent School District on February 5-6. Topics included goals, choices, and methamphetamines. Rotarian speakers were Amanda Brooks, Scott Lambert, Ernestine Belt, Tasha Childress; and speaker Ladd Hight with the Liberty County Extension Service. Other Rotary participants were Eisha Jones, Dr. Darrell Myers, West Smith, and Tommie Daniel.

Students were shown a picture of a woman who decided to try meth. She had dreams and goals. She made the choice to try meth. She could be anybody, Mom, doctor, anything she wanted to be. Instead, she tried meth. It does not matter who you are when you start using meth, how old you are, how pretty, how rich, skinny or fat...Meth reaches in and grabs your dreams and pulls them out. Only 3% of the people who become addicted to meth are able to get off of it!



What is Meth made of? Chemicals that you never want to put in your body; paint thinner, Drano, lye, automobile starting fluid, fertilizer. A student wearing a hazmat suit (this is a hazardous material suit that people wear when working with some of the chemicals found in Meth) helps identify these chemicals. They MUST wear this suit when cleaning up and removal of meth in a house where it has been made.





Students were shown slides of a brain on meth, meth mouth, meth sores that show the effect that methamphetamines have on the body. Some meth is made to look like candy (strawberry meth) and it even tastes like candy – but, remember, it has all those bad ingredients in meth. Eight out of ten that try meth...become a meth addict.

A letter that had been written by a student concerning the effects that meth had on her and her family was read to students. Fortunately, for the writer, her parents were finally able to overcome their addiction to meth.

Throughout the presentation, students were asked, "What will you say when you are asked to try meth?" Their response, "I AM THE FUTURE! DON'T METH WITH ME!"

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CLUB NEWS: Galveston



Wayne Madson, with Moody Bank's Wealth Management Group, was introduced recently as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Galveston. Club President, Ruth Finkelstein Suhler, made the introduction. Madson's sponsor was Rotarian Fred Raschke.



Rohan Balasubramanian was recently presented a Certificate of Merit by the Rotary Club of Galveston for his outstanding accomplishments during a national speech competition among high school students. The Voice of Democracy, partnering with the VFW administers this contest annually. This year's theme was "Why My Vote Matters". Rohan placed 1st locally, 1st in the District, and 15th in the state of Texas out of over 1,500 entries. Presenting his award was Club President, Ruth Finkelstein Suhler. Rohan was introduced to the membership by his mother - Rotarian Stefanie Balasubramanian.

CLUB NEWS: Galveston Island



We are thrilled to welcome Marks Chowning (pictured above with President Jason Hardcastle and sponsor Sharon O'Connor), Brian Lepo, Josh Dorrell and Rob Bovier to the Rotary Club of Galveston Island!

CLUB NEWS: Huntsville



Huntsville High School and Alpha Omega Students shared their RYLA experiences at a recent club meeting:

AOA students were Leah Bwolf, David Codner, Matthew Dematos, Allison Gladish and Kenneth Sanders. Representing Huntsville High School were Thomas Williams, Caroline Dunnebier, and Ashleigh Hall.



Congratulations Huntsville Rotarian <u>Steve Davis</u> – Received his 5-Sapphire **Paul Harris Fellow** pin



On Saturday, Feb. 16, the Rotary Club of Huntsville continued the tradition (started last year by past President Marcus Gillespie) of planting trees in Huntsville parks. The tradition began with the encouragement of past President of Rotary International, Ian Riseley, who asked Rotarians around the world to plant 1.2 million trees – one for each Rotarian. This effort is one the club felt should continue and, with the help of the Texas A&M Forest Service, which provided about 150 bare root trees to plant, and the City of Huntsville, which provided about 50 potted trees, we continued the effort. Oaks, pecans, cypress and other types of trees were planted to add variety to the landscape at Kate Barr Ross park. The club was fortunate to have Rotaractors from Sam Houston State University, as well as students from a martial arts group (MASH) at the university, to help with the effort. In a few years, there will be a nice tree-lined running route through the park thanks to the efforts of those involved.



Rotarians participating included Marcus Gillespie, Li-Jen Lester, Shelly Solow, Aaron Kulhavy, Kevin Byal, David Thompson, Daiquiri Bebe and Joe Agins. Martial Arts students, Jason, Sage and Brandon. The Rotaract students participating were Peyton Conley, George Blackwell, Morgan Forsyth, Jasmine Garcia, Daisy Garcia, and guest, Erika Minnix.

CLUB NEWS: Lake Conroe

The Rotary Club Lake Conroe Member - Don Carter - was presented with a recognition award from the City of Montgomery for his dedication, service and volunteer time with Memory Park project.





A plaque was presented to Don by Montgomery City Mayor.

CLUB NEWS: League City



The Rotary Club of League City will host its annual Spring Fund Raiser at South Shore Harbour Resort on Thursday March 28th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Enjoy craft beers while supporting The Rotary Club of League City. Tickets are \$40.00 and include beer tastings, Hors d' oeuvres, entertainment raffle prizes and FUN FUN FUN! Tickets are available from any League City Rotarian, South Shore Harbour Resort, and at The League City Chamber of Commerce.

Success At Work

Success at Work Program (\$AW) introduces middle school students to the workplace. It helps them develop an understanding of their responsibilities, to instill in them a sense of self-worth, and an appreciation for the opportunities available to them. This brings an awareness of the value of a good work ethic, and a recognition of their own employment potential. Included in the program are concepts and lessons related to personal financial responsibility, compensation, taxes, working and investment capital, risk and civics.

Join us as a presenter or as an observer.

Victory Lakes Intermediate-April 29th- May 3rd

Contact Ava Sloan

832-315-0502 or ava@rodinconsulting.com



CLUB NEWS: Liberty



Download entry form and more details here.

CLUB NEWS: Nacogdoches

Nita Hudson, Lecturer and Instructor of Voice and Opera in the School of Music at Stephen F. Austin State University provided a special Valentines Program at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Ms. Hudson and SFA Students, Viveca Richards, Soprano Music Major and Cole Jones, Tenor Music Major accompanied by SFA Music Prep Pianist Mary Cooper performed a number of Valentines themed selections. The program displayed some of the great musical talent existing at SFA and was enjoyed by all in attendance. Peggy Wright, Judy McDonald, Nancy Speck Mangham, ElaRuth McCullough, Jane Brister, Lou Crow, Gloria Bay and Kay Butchko were special Valentine's Day guests of the Club. Their late husbands, Tom Wright, Dr. Archie McDonald, A.L. Mangham, Dr. Jack McCullough, Dr. Frank Brister, Steve Crow, Danny Bay and Major General Mike Butchko (USAF Retired) were all longtime members of the club.



Pictured front row left to right are: Mrs. Wright, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Mangham, Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. Brister, Mrs. Crow, Mrs. Bay and Mrs. Butchko. Back row left to right are: Dr. Mikhail Kouliavstev, Program Chairman, Ms. Hudson, Ms. Richards, Mr. Jones, Ms. Cooper and Greg Williams, Club President.

Anthony Jackson, Film Director of P+R Productions was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Mr. Jackson's program covered the "Art of Story Telling" and presented several short stories the company produced which included "Presumed Innocent" and "Tomato Republic" both of which were filmed in Jacksonville, Texas. P+R Productions provides a broad array of services that include script writing to storyboarding and the production of videos that can be used as powerful marketing, branding and communication tools. The program was entertaining, interesting and enjoyed by all in attendance.



Pictured left to right are Todd Brown, Club Member, Kent Ferguson, Program Chairman, Mr. Jackson and Greg Williams, Club President.

CLUB NEWS: Orange

Orange Rotary Club greatly enjoyed hearing from the RYLA participants and learning about their experiences. The Orange club sent sixteen students to the Leadership training event and had three past leaders return as counselors. Most of the students came to a February meeting and shared what they learned. Orange also had strong programs from Kenneth Weimers, TXDot Area Engineer; and Honorable Courtney Arkeen, Judge, 128th District Court.



Orange Rotary RYLA participants

CLUB NEWS: Texas City

Rotary Club of Texas City Mardi Gras Mainland Parade, Fun Run and Gala were a HUGE SUCCESS! The net proceeds are estimated to be

\$58,000!

The proceeds from the Gala will help provide funding for the many community and international projects and programs Rotary provides



and/or has provided such as the Rotary Pavilion, Rotary Fitness Trail and updates to the Trail, Shoal Point Lighthouse and Layettes for Nicaragua. Rotary also supports educational projects and programs for Texas City ISD such as:

- \$20,000.00+ a year in Scholarships to graduating seniors
- TCISD Industrial Trades Center Sponsor
- RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program
- I Like Me personalized books for Kindergartners
- Youth In Government
- Principal's Honors Breakfast
- Civility In Government Washington D.C. Trip for High School students
- Choir performance at Veteran's Day
- School Supply Drive Donations
- Adopt-A-Family donations and toys
- Jr. Rotarians
- Interact Club sponsor
- Polio Eradication

Again this year we have had a "Royal Court" which includes nominees from our Galveston County Rotary Clubs, Galveston, The Mainland, League City, Dickinson and Friendswood. Each of those clubs receive \$500 for a "Cause" of their choice. In addition the club with the King and Queen winners will receive an additional \$500 for their cause.



Congratulations to the 2019 King Jack Matkin (Dickinson Rotary Club and Queen Monireh Moghaddam (Friendswood Club)!





Attendees having fun at the event.





Co-chairs of the event, Judy Slocumb pictured with Queen Monireh Moghaddam and Ruth Rendon pictured with King Jack Matkin.



Pictured are the Nominees Roy Green and Ava Sloan from League City, Hassam and Monireh Moghaddam from Friendswood, Jack and Rhonda Matkin from Dickinson, Kristen Carlson and Margo Snider from Galveston and Flo and Paul Adkins from The Mainland.



Texas City Rotarians enjoying the evening and one of the floats in the parade.

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Interact Mixer

INTERACT NEWS

Everyone who attended the Interact Fall mixer and packed backpacks for the Rainbow Room in Orange, should know that their contributions and work did not go unappreciated. Interact Chair Sally Andrews shared the note she received from the agency! Please share with your Interact clubs.

Dear Interact Group,

We can't begin to tell you what a hit your backpacks were. The case workers who select items for children from the Rainbow Room loved them. Several commented about how precious the animals were that were 'peeking out!'

It was so thoughtful of you to help children at a time in their lives when they so desperately need it.

Thanks again, The Board of Directors of the Rainbow Room

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