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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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Masons Welcomed into Arch Klumph Society

At a recent ceremony, Becky and Chuck Mason were inducted into the elite Arch Klumph Society in Evanston, IL., home of Rotary International headquarters.



Glass etchings of the Arch Klumph Society members adorn the walls at RI Headquarters in Evanston. Visitors can also learn about the Society members through an interactive display located there.

The Masons' visit to Chicago included seeing the bronze plate at the site where the Unity Building used to stand. The building was one of the early meeting places of the Rotary Club of Chicago, also known as ROTARY/One, in 1905.

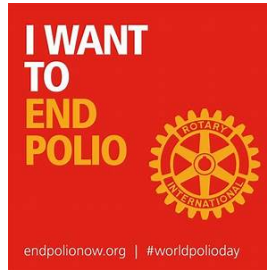


District 5910 is very proud to be represented by Becky and Chuck Mason, Arch Klumph Society members.
(<https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/history/arch-klumph-society>)

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End Polio Now

Many of the clubs in our District hosted special events for World Polio Day, October 24th. Just a reminder, that there is still more to do. There were two new Wild Polio Virus cases last week and we can not stop until there are none. End Polio Now.



My birthday is coming up this month and through Facebook, I started a birthday fundraiser by selecting Rotary District 5910 Foundation as the beneficiary. Through the generosity of family and friends, my birthday appeal has already raised \$300 for Polio Plus which will then be matched by our District and twice by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This experiment will turn

into \$1800. I am amazed!

What have you tried to raise money End Polio Now?

Thanks,
Cecily Kelly
District 5910 End Polio Now Chair

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RYLA 2019



JANUARY 11-13, 2019

Thanks to all the clubs who have committed payments for RYLA 2019! As a reminder, each club is responsible for selecting High School Juniors to send to RYLA and then having them registrar for camp. New Medical forms are required this year for all participants including Rotary volunteers.

Find links to the student registration forms and volunteer forms on our District RYLA page:

<https://rotary5910.org/sitepage/ryla/related-page/>.

Student Registrations and Medical forms are due by November 26, 2018.

QUESTIONS?

RYLA Registrar: Birda Gaskin, gaskinbirda@gmail.com

RYLA District Chair: Michael Perez, perezink@gmail.com

Questions? Contact Birda at (832) 236-0408 or gaskinbirda@gmail.com and visit [RYLA info tab](#).

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[RYLA Student Online Registration Form](#)

- [Link to Registered Student Attendee List](#)

[Rotary Volunteer Registration Form](#)

- [Link to Registered Volunteer List](#)

District Governor John Hathaway is encouraging every Rotary Club to send at least 1 Volunteer or 1 Observer to RYLA. There is no cost to volunteers, but they need to register for proper food counts.

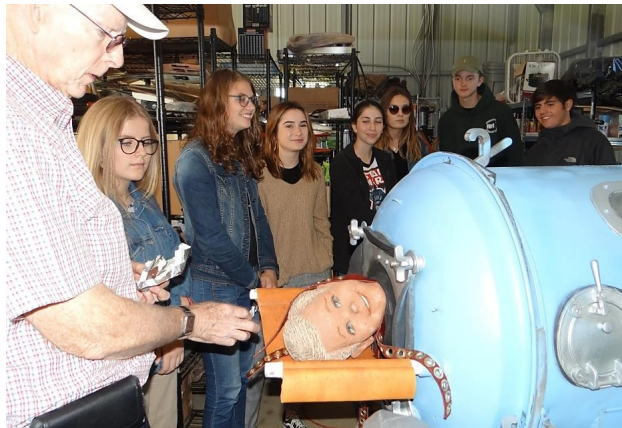
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Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange

Every year the end of October is an “eventful” time for Rotary Youth Exchange in our District. Thanks to the generosity of PDG Hugh Summers we enjoyed another weekend (October 24-26) at beautiful Crystal Lake near Palestine. A special treat for all of us was that our DG John Hathaway joined us not only for just one day but for the entire weekend.

Everything started on Friday late morning at the Hugh Summers Farm (“Toy”) House that – for sure – accommodates the most amazing toy collection for grown-up kids in District 5910 (and most likely in all of Texas). Before the students could play with all those toys, however, they learned about Polio, the iron lung (which none of our students had ever seen before), and Rotary’s effort to eradicate the crippling Polio disease.



After this “educational” introduction the fun began for students and adults alike when we tried out all the toys, that is, the various types of Segways, bicycles, draisines (human-powered “handcars” and motor-powered “speeders”), as well as the many other things for which the scribe of this report does not know the proper names.



It was of course wonderful to see that our Governor enjoyed playing with many of the toys himself.

Later in the afternoon we moved on to Crystal Lake and many of us practiced in a leisurely (not yet competitive) way canoeing, kayaking, and to actually walk on water (with special skis, of course).

The evening became a little “scary”, when we visited a “Hunted House”; the canned food that everyone brought served as our entrance ticket (and supported the fundraising effort of this event). It was quite

scary, indeed, but no one, of course, got hurt by the ghosts, witches, clowns, (human) butchers, skeletons, devils, and what other frightening things the haunted place had to offer.

On Saturday morning we all participated in the "Hot Pepper Festival" in downtown Palestine. The Exchange Students enjoyed sitting on the float of the Palestine Rotary Club, whereas the adults either walked or segway'ed beside the float. No question, everyone enjoyed the parade and afterwards to look at the many things the vendors had to offer.

On Saturday afternoon the students got busy building cardboard boats that they later actually had to use in a race on the lake. The only material they had available to build the boats was large pieces of cardboard, a box cutter, lots of tape, and their (as it turned out not well-developed) engineering skills. Maybe only to the students' surprise none of their boats made it even half-way through the race; soon after the start they ran full of water and quickly became submarines.

To be fair to the students, the adults participated in this event as well. Of the three boats they built, only one survived this "senior" race all the way to the end. Not surprisingly it was the *USS District Governor* that DG John and his boat-building-experienced German PDG built. In fact, their boat was so well engineered that the Governor was not afraid to give an "encore" after the race and he kayaked the boat – this time alone – all over the lake.

The evening ended with presentations, during which each student showed what kind of special talent they have. This year most of those talents were "musical" but all were very well shown.

Finally, on Sunday morning the traditional "*Crystal Lake Water Olympics*" took place. Divided into three teams the students competed in canoeing, kayaking, and "walking on water" with skis.

All students did really well in those Olympics and everyone received a certificate for a 1st, or 2nd, or 3rd Place. In addition they received several other more "funny" awards for the boats they had built, e.g., "The Most Likely to Sink Award" and "The Most Funny Design Award", to name just two. Well deserved, our Governor received three "Thank You" awards, one for joining us in Crystal Lake, a second for trying out himself several of the toys of Hugh Summers' collection, and a third for not being afraid in participating in the cardboard race.

In summary, everyone had a really wonderful time and we owe a big and heartfelt "Thank You" to all the people who made this weekend such a great and memorable event: first and foremost to PDG Hugh Summers who opened up his toy collection and who made it possible for us to stay all weekend at Crystal Lake, and then also to his many "helpers" from the Palestine Rotary Club: PDG Brenda Walker, Leon Willhite, and Cindy & John Piersol (who prepared our delicious lunches and dinners), as well as Mike Gorby, Brett Weisenburn, Mike & Kathy Abrahamson, and Mat Edwards. An equally big "Thank You" goes to PDG Doris Lockey (Lake Conroe), Chris Turner (Friendswood), and PDG Ulli Budelmann (Galveston), who chaperoned our student safely through this wonderful weekend.

Those of you familiar with Youth Exchange events will miss two names in this report: District YEO Carol and Glen Mattingly. Unfortunately, they could not participate this past weekend since Glen is still recovering from his surgery and his health is not yet back where we all want it to be. Needless to say, they were sadly missed.

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[Interact Mixer](#)

INTERACT MIXER: November 15

District 5910 Interact Clubs will host a mixer at Little Cypree-Mauriceville High School on Thursday evening, November 15 at 6:00 p.m. Our guest speakers will be Susan Frieberg and Alice Martin of the Rainbow Room in Orange. Students will bring small blankets, small stuff toys, and cereal in the little tubs with peel-off lids.

They will create love bags to be given to children taken from their homes by Child Protective Services, or those rescued from accidents or traumatic situations.

Pizza will be served.

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Peace Conference

District 5910 is helping District 5890 produce a Peace Conference this year. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency downtown Houston, on February 8 - 10, 2019.

The objective is to inspire attendees to take action on post conference peace initiatives. The conference is designed to explore obstacles to peace and opportunities to overcome them and to be the incubator for generating ideas and providing a path to actionable peace initiatives.

The conference will address four key areas of focus:

Human Trafficking - Threat to Peace
Public Policy - Its Impact on Peace
Respect - The Foundation of Peace
U30 Peace Builders of the Future

Proceeds from the conference will be used in the Rotary Foundation's Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution area of focus.

Keep up with information and conference plans as they become available. Click on the image below to be linked to the Conference webpage.

**There is deceit in the hearts of those who plot evil,
but joy for those who promote peace**

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CLUB NEWS: Beaumont

The Rotary Club of Beaumont was busy throughout October. After beginning the month with the annual Wine Down With Rotary fundraiser, the Club added a service project working with Nehemiah's Vision in Orange to help with another home being restored following the Harvey flooding, and then on October 24 brought awareness to World Polio Day with a special meeting in the evening to view the documentary film "Dare to Dream: How Rotary Became the Heart and Soul of Polio Eradication."

Kathleen Alsup and Ruby Martin apply primer to the walls.

The team after completing work on October 20 at a home in Orange, TX.

Dare to Dream: The film educates, motivates, and inspires Rotarians which means more member involvement in your club, more understanding of why it is important to be a member of Rotary, and of course, why giving to the Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus campaign is so important.

Chuck Mason, Zone 21b End Polio Now Coordinator, spoke before the film about the current statistics on polio and how we must continue the efforts for three years after no new reported cases of the disease.

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CLUB NEWS: Bryan

Bryan Rotary wants to #StompOutPolio and prep for Veterans and First Responders Week, our community "Salute to Service" - November 11 to 18 - with 1,000 Flags for the College Station Veterans Park Field of Valor.

Presentation by Mr. James Olson, CIA-Retired, on "To Catch a Spy." Jim gave a preview of his forthcoming book on counterintelligence. He discussed case studies of Soviet espionage directed against the US during the Cold War.

Rotarian Ron Hammond received a Paul Harris Award.

Guests included Rotarian Philip Shackelford, along with Jennifer Anderson.

Bunny Pratt, provided an update on Rotary's annual #WorldPolioDay. Mitchell Morehead gave an update on new Rotary Adopt a Highway program. Bob Kraus and Shelley Nelson also discussed ongoing work for the November 11-18 Field of Valor. Roby Somerford presided.

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CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

On World Polio Day, October 24, Zelda Angel, Cleveland Polio survivor spoke to the Rotary Club of Cleveland and told of her journey as a polio survivor. When Zelda was just two weeks old she began to cry constantly and had a fever; another baby born about the same time had a fever, too. Doctors just thought it was nothing to be concerned about, although she was unable to use her right arm. Someone recommended that her mother take her to Shriners Hospital and doctors there diagnosed her as having polio and recommended exercise her arm and legs – she got a bicycle!

As she could not use her right arm, she learned to write with her left hand. She wanted to do things that normal folks did; she learned to drive when she was older and told her mother, "I need a husband!" Her mother responded, "No! You can't have babies or change a diaper." Zelda did get married and had two girls (she now has five grandchildren.). Her first husband died some years ago.

Zelda worked for Texas Home Health for 25 years, washing dishes, clothes, etc., for people that needed assistance in taking care of themselves. Through her work she met a man who would later be her husband. She has been a widow now for four years; she is 69 years old.

She has lots of people around her that love her. In March, she went on a ladies retreat to the Ozarks and enjoyed it very much and plans to make more trips.

Zelda says that she can now open her mouth to speak about anything, without fear, because God has filled her. She ended her story of her journey to the Rotary Club of Cleveland by telling members: "I have learned how to do things my way and I am standing and walking."

Pictured: Cleveland Rotary President Tasha Childress and Polio survivor Zelda Angel

The Cleveland Rotary Club's fundraiser benefits their College Scholarship Fund and charitable projects.

1st Prize: Martin Powersports 2018 Polaris Sportsman 570 ATV

2nd Prize: \$1000 CBS Furniture Gift Certificate

3rd Prize: \$500 Sears Gift Card

4th Prize: \$500 Visa Gift Card. Tickets are \$20 each

You can buy ticket(s) at Prosperity Bank – Cleveland, Southside Bank – Cleveland, or from any Cleveland Rotary Club member. Drawing will be on Wednesday, November 7, 2018.

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CLUB NEWS: Conroe

The Rotary Club of Conroe hosted their 4th annual Spirits of Texas FUN-raiser on October 23rd. 200 Guests tasted wines, beer, distilled products and food of Texas. Over \$1,600 was raised for the district End Polio Now campaign.

Pictured are current President Leland Dushkin and Past President Cecily Kelly in the Rotary photo booth.

Conroe Rotarians who wore pink at our Breast Cancer Awareness program.

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CLUB NEWS: Dickinson

On October 24, the Dickinson Rotary Club had the opportunity to induct three new members with our special guest, the District Governor John Hathaway.

New members inducted included Russel Grubbs, John Bargerstock, and Michael LeBlanc!

Mr. Hathaway gave a presentation about the "3 Peas in a Pod" that make up Rotary: P-Participation, P-Promoting peace, and P-Publicizing our efforts!

We also presented our club's Polio Plus donation of \$3,500 to the district governor on World Polio Day! Our club hosted a Rotary Social where we did a balloon stomp / pop. Our social event helped us to raise over \$500 to add to our overall Polio Plus donation.

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CLUB NEWS: East Montgomery County

RCEMC held our 6th annual polio presentation in partnership with the Lone Star College Kingwood nursing department on Tuesday, October 9. There were over 100 people present for the hour-long presentation.

Nickie Loftin opened the program with a brief overview of polio and the disease process. PDG Rose Austin introduced Rotary and

explained our efforts in eradicating polio as well as her experience providing immunizations in India. Professor Kelley Buzbee discussed the care of a polio patient in an iron lung from a respiratory therapy perspective. Frank Johnson, former RCEMC member and retired local businessman, shared his memories of having polio as a child and discussed the impact on his health of being a polio survivor. We were also fortunate to have a guest speaker, Professor Ngozi Eke, a nursing instructor at LSC Kingwood who is from Nigeria. She shared her experiences as a nurse in Nigeria who was involved in caring for polio patients and being a part of immunization efforts there. Pictured are speakers PDG Rose Austin, Professor Ngozi Eke, Interim Director of Nursing Nickie Loftin, Frank Johnson, and Professor Kelley Buzbee.

RCEMC members packed 100 breakfast bags during their meeting on October 16 for Meals on Wheels in Montgomery County. These bags are delivered to meals on Wheels clients for breakfast over the weekends. This is one of our favorite service projects!

In recognition of World Polio Day, RCEMC invited Wayne Staton from the Rotary Club of Sharpstown to share his experiences as a polio survivor.

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CLUB NEWS: Fredonia Club

The Fredonia Rotary club was treated to a special program in honor of the Japanese visitors to Nacogdoches. Dr. Mario Ajero, along with his daughter Olivia and son Nio, presented a short piano recital. Dr. Ajero is a Professor of Piano Pedagogy at SFA where he teaches applied piano, piano pedagogy and group piano classes. Award winning pianist, Nio Ajero is a freshman at Nacogdoches High School, a Texas Young Master at Texas Commission on the Arts and a two-time National Gold Medal Winner from the Royal Conservatory. Miss Olivia Ajero, just celebrated her 10th birthday with a piano recital at SFA's Wright Music Building.

Visiting the Fredonia Rotary club was Mayor Shelley Brophy and former Mayor Judy McDonald, along with Mr. Steve Green, retired NISD Principle and Board member, and Makiko Asano, interpreter with the Japan American Society of Houston. Mayors Brophy and McDonald were celebrating with Green and Asano the 25th Anniversary of the city's affiliation with Japan's Amami City Public Schools and Kagoshima Ikueikan Junior High.

Picture: Back Row – Polly Etta Sunda, club President, Dr. Mario Ajero, son Nio Ajero, Mayor Shelley Brophy and Mr. Steve Green. Front Row - Miss Olivia Ajero, former Mayor Judy McDonald, Japanese interpreter Makiko Asano and past club President Mary Frances Bradford.

Doug Datin shared his journey from a large family in a small, rural town in Oklahoma to owner of Woodland Hills Golf Club. This is an exciting time for Datin and the club with renovations to the course and a soon to be completed water features second to none in East Texas. "The course is looking great and the greens are in really good condition," said Datin. "We look forward to the completion of these projects really soon."

With a background in turf-grass management, Datin has improved and upgraded the layout over the past few years. Datin also operated Neches Pines Golf Club in Diboll.

PICTURED (L TO R): Fredonia Rotary Club Board members Albert Weatherly, Wes Jensen, Doug Datin of Woodland Hills & Neches Pines Golf Clubs, Jeremy Terrell and Richard Humphries.

Fredonia Rotary Club president Polly Etta Sunda introduced Chair of the Board of Directors, Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce Scott Waller at a recent meeting of the Fredonia Rotary Club. Waller presented a dynamic program on "SHOP NAC FIRST"!

"Nacogdoches is a vibrant, everchanging county that is always growing and developing in new and exciting ways!" said Waller. "The Shop Nac First program is designed to encourage and enlist support from all of our local merchants, both downtown and city-wide.

The Fredonia Rotary Club welcomes new members who are interested in making a difference and serving our community. The club meets Tuesdays at NOON at the Fredonia Hotel. The Rotary International theme for 2018-2019 is "BE THE INSPIRATION".

PICTURED (L TO R): Fredonia Rotary Club President Polly Etta Sunda, Chair of the Board of Directors, Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce Scott Waller, Rotarians Wes Jensen and Paul Smith.

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CLUB NEWS: Friendswood

Friendswood Rotarians, Mike Foreman and Rebecca Hillenburg, just returned from safari in the Republic of South Africa.

This photo was taken in Cape Town, at the airport where Mike and Rebecca just "planted" the Friendswood Rotary Flag. They have a lot of photographs and some good stories to tell.

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CLUB NEWS: Galveston

Members of the Rotary Club of Galveston participated in the *End Polio Now* initiative by donating \$86, listening to presentations by President Ruth Finkelstein Suhler, and an update from project chair, Marylou Hollander, on the importance of each Rotarian doing their part to *End Polio Now*.

At the conclusion of the meeting, members were asked to bring balloons from their table and "Stomp" on them to show our club's commitment to "stomping" out polio. (Photos by Ulli Budelmann and Robyn Bushong.)

Kyle Albright (left), financial advisor with Edward Jones, was inducted as a new member of the Rotary Club of Galveston at a recent meeting. Albright's sponsor, Rotarian Don Nurdin, and Club President, Ruth Finkelstein Suhler, are also pictured. (photo by Robyn Bushong.)

Dr. Van Patterson (left), Vice-president for Administration for Galveston College, was introduced as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Galveston at a recent meeting.

Patterson's sponsor, Rotarian Dr. Gaynelle Hayes (center) and Club President, Ruth Finkelstein Suhler participated in the introduction. (Photo by Robyn Bushong.)

Members of the Rotary Club of Galveston and their friends and family participated in the recent Walk to End Alzheimer's - held at Stewart Beach, October 13.

Pictured on the top steps of Rotarians Sally and Jim Byrom's home, are from left Rotarians Randy Klibert and Kathy VanDewalli, along with Annie and Mark Blancken and Jim Miller. Middle row, from left, Mike Allen and Rotarians Sheryl Green and Past President, Linda Ott-Thompson, and Ellie Byrom. Front row, from left Club President, Ruth Finkelstein Suhler and Rotarians Sally and Jim Byrom, with their grandson, Jackson Blancken.

Members of the Rotary Club of Galveston and their friends and family participated in the recent Texas Adopt-A-Beach 2018 Coastwide Fall Clean-up, held October 6. Sponsored by the Texas General Land

Office, this has been an on-going project since 1986, with the Rotary Club of Galveston a long-time supporter and participant in this vital project.

Standing (from left,back row) are Milton Marroquin, Rotarians Ray Pinard, Gary Peters, Tom Delgado, Sheryl Green (standing behind Delgado), Bill Leopold, Gigi Heffernan, and Club President, Ruth Finkelstein Suhler. Front Row, Rotarian Mary Brechtel (seated) with her children - from left- Andrew, Hailey, Keira and Jacob.

Ruth Finkelstein Suhler (right), President of the Rotary Club of Galveston, presents to Kristen Carlson, President, 2017-2018, a belated "Thank you" gift for her service to the club The gift was a Rotary-themed banner of her year that was signed by each of her Board members.

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CLUB NEWS: Galveston Island

Rotarians from Island Rotary visited Shriner's Hospital for Children in Galveston and brought along a very special guest: Big Bird!

We served salad, pizza, and pasta to the patients and their caregivers at Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Of course, we didn't forget dessert!

Rotarian Todd Schott, owner of Chopin Mon Ami Catering, donated pasta, meat sauce, and salad to accompany the pizza that was served.

Island Rotarians hosted an ice cream social and bingo party at Ronald McDonald House of Galveston for the very deserving patients and families who are staying while they receive treatment. Thanks to Hey Mikey's for donating the ice cream!

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CLUB NEWS: Nacogdoches

Hunter Sowards, Multimedia Journalist, Anchor and Producer of KLTU/KTRE's 6 and 10pm newcasts was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Ms. Soward's program provided an overview of the Changing Technology and Programming in Regional Television. Ms. Sowards is originally from Nacogdoches and is a local favorite on the local newscast each evening. The program was very interesting and appreciated by all in attendance. Jessica Cross, owner of Sombrero's Restaurant in Nacogdoches was introduced as a new member of the club and Joe Scifo was presented his Blue Badge by Jonathan Dunn, Rotary Membership Chairman.

Pictured left to right are: Miles McCall, Program Chairman, Ms. Sowards, Ms. Cross, Joe Scifo, Sponsoring Member, Ron Johnson, Sponsoring Member and Greg Williams, Club President.

Scott Waller, Immediate Past Chairman of the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Mr. Waller presented the "Shop Nacogdoches First" buy local campaign. The program focuses on the importance of shopping Nacogdoches first to keep our dollars in our town and turning locally. SFA Men's Basketball Coach Kyle Keller and SFA Women's Basketball Coach Mark Kellogg were each presented with \$4,300.00 donations to be used for their respective player's summer scholarship programs by Gregg Nichols, Club Immediate Past President. The awards were provided from proceeds raised from last year's Annual Nacogdoches Rotary Jack McCullough Memorial Meet the Lumberjacks and Ladyjacks Fish Fry.

Pictured left to right are: Ryan Ivey, SFA Athletic Director, Coach Keller, Coach Kellogg, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Waller, Ted Smith, Program Chairman and Greg Williams, Club President.

Don Dietz, Professional Certified Wildlife Biologist was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Mr. Dietz's program covered East Texas Wildlife Endangered Species and provided many examples of animals in our area with declining populations and timber management in East Texas. Crystal Capps, Coordinator of this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's scheduled for Saturday, October 13th provided an overview of this year's activity and encouraged all to participate. Milton Moorer, Chairman of the Rotary Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup program provided an update and notice of the club's upcoming work day on Highway 21 West in Nacogdoches. Bob Guilbeau was presented his Blue Badge by Joe Scifo, Rotary Red Badge Chairman. Greg Williams, Club President provided a memorial reading to honor the late Frank Brister for his many years of service to the club as Secretary. In addition to being the longest serving Secretary of the club, Frank also served as Rotary President in 1998-99, was a recipient of the Bieto Bessler Award, a member of the Rotary District 5910 Roll of Fame and was selected Club Secretary Emeritus in 2018.

Pictured left to right are: Ted Smith, Program Chairman, Mr. Dietz, Mr. Guilbeau, Mr. Moorer, Ms. Capps and Greg Williams, Club President.

Yoichi Goto, President, Tomimoto Takara, Office Manager and Kazuyori Miyamoto, Principal of Kagoshima Ikuelkan Junior and Senior High School of Nissho Gakuen Education Association in Miyazaki, Japan and Judy McDonald, former Mayor of Nacogdoches, Dr. Leon Hallman, Club Member and wife, Dr. Patsy Hallman and Alton Frailey, Interim Superintendent at Nacogdoches Independent School District were guests at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. The group was in attendance to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Association of Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County and SFASU with Nisho Gakuen Educational Corporation and the Ebino Kogen International College in Japan. The program noted this important milestone in the club's history and was appreciated by all in attendance.

Pictured left to right are: Mr. Goto, Mr. Frailey, Mayor McDonald, Dr. Hallman, Dr. Hallman, Mr. Takara, Mr. Miyamoto and Greg Williams, Club President.

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CLUB NEWS: Orange

Last chance to see the Orange Rotary Scarecrow! Saturday, November 3, is the Autumn Fair and final day of the Scarecrow Festival at Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center. Orange Rotary designed and installed a scarecrow based on District Governor Hathaway's Three P's of Participation, Peace, and Polio Eradication. Chris Burch was chair of the scarecrow committee, with President Natasha Garrett assisting. Jennifer Burtsfield and Amy Peevy assisted. Come see our Rotary scarecrow and enjoy the other scarecrows and nature.

Orange Rotary had great programs in October. Rick Lewendowski, director of Shangri La Botanical Gardens, presented information on the Gardens' reopening after recovery from Hurricane Harvey. Nathan Londenberg, Superintendent of Sea Rim State Park, told about his background and presented information on the Park's revitalization. The Superintendent of West Orange – Cove Consolidated Independent School District, Dr. Rickie Harris, gave background the district's bond issue. Chuck Mason, past District Governor and End Polio Now Coordinator for Zone 21b, spoke to Orange Rotary about World Polio Day and Rotary's efforts in eradicating polio.

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