

# **Upcoming Events**

<u>District Governor's Official Visit to</u> <u>Texas City</u>

Oct 23, 2018

<u>District Governor's Official Visit to</u> <u>Dickinson</u>

Oct 24, 2018

World Polio Day

Oct 24, 2018

<u>District Governor's Official Visit to</u> <u>Mainland</u>

Oct 25, 2018

**RYE Fall Outing** 

Oct 26, 2018 – Oct 28, 2018

<u>District Governor's Official Visit to</u> Conroe

Oct 30, 2018

<u>District Governor's Official Visit to</u> Huntsville

Oct 31, 2018

<u>Global Grant Scholarship Applications</u> <u>due</u>

Oct 31, 2018

World Interact Week

Nov 04, 2018 - Nov 10, 2018

<u>District Governor's Official Visit to</u> Palestine

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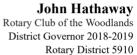
<u>RYE Long Term Applicant and Parent</u> Interviews

Nov 10, 2018

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# District 5910 News October 2018





# **Stories**

# **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 throughout the year to see how close the shave might be!





# **RYLA 2019**



#### Dear Club Presidents and Club RYLA Chairs,

It's hard to believe, but it is time to begin the student selection process for RYLA 2019. All **D5910 Clubs are asked to send 1 or more students.** The flat fee of \$175 per student remains unchanged.

#### **Deadlines:**

10/15/18 Club Commitment Form due with Payment (\$175 per scholarship allotted)

11/26/18 Club selected <u>student online registrations</u> due (clubs determine the criteria and selection process for your sponsored RYLA participants).

11/26/18 Student medical forms due (signed by Parent/Guardian)

Mail copy of your Club scholarship commitment form with your Club's payment by October 15, 2018.

Payable to: District 5910 RYLA 2019 *Mail to:*Birda Gaskin
10023 Sagecourt Dr
Houston, TX 77089

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

# 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.

Read more...

# **District Global Grant Scholarship**

# GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for Global Grant Scholarship Applications is October 31, 2018. You should receive a confirmation that the application was successfully submitted. Applications should be emailed to rebekah.d.maxwell@gmail.com or mailed (postmarked by October 31) to: Rebekah Maxwell 1015 East Drive

Beaumont. TX 77706

District 5910 Rotary Ambassadorial Global Grant Scholarships will be used to fund one year of post-baccalaureate study at a recognized university in a non-U.S. country in a study discipline that supports the Object of Rotary and the Mission of The Rotary Foundation (see www.rotary.org).

Applicant's planned studies must lead to sustainable, high-impact outcomes in one of the following six Areas of Focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution;
- Disease prevention and treatment;
- Water and sanitation;
- Maternal and child health;
- Basic education and literacy; and/or
- Economic and community development

# ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS

The application form can be found through the links in the left column in both Word and PDF format for ease of use.

While school acceptance is not required for the District Application, it is required for RI submission. Applicants are highly encouraged to have researched their choice school(s), verify that they meet all qualifications and communicate with the school their intent to at least learn of any hurdles, and open communication/get conditional approval. If pending admission in writing has been received, please include that in the application.

Deadline to turn in the application is **October 31, 2018.** That date and other details are listed in the first page of the application.

Download the application here: Word format or PDF format

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Family of Rotary

# **FAMILY OF ROTARY Rides the Polar Express!**



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

#### Here's the Schedule:

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

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

Don't delay! The deadline for receipt of money is **NOVEMBER 1st**! 1st class tickets:

\$75.00 for adults \$50.00 for kids

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

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

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# **Peace Conference**



As you may have heard our district 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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RYE Meeting

# **Rotary Youth Exchange**

Those who are more closely involved in Rotary Youth Exchange most certainly have noticed that our 9 inbound students who arrived last month (Karina from Brazil; Antoine, Elisa and Delphine from France; Caroline and Cornelius from Germany; Betty from Italy; Manuel from Spain; and Woon from Thailand) have already well adapted to their new live in Texas. Hopefully our 7 outbound students (Geena to Brazil; Irma and Regan to France; Marit and Vivian to Germany; Annemarie to Italy; and Willie to Spain) have already an equally good time in their new parts of the world (although some may struggle a bit more learning their new language than our inbound students do; their competency of the English language has been quite amazing from the first day they arrived). With the inbound students here and all outbound gone, does that mean the Youth Exchange Committee has currently nothing to do? Not at all!

A few days ago we had already an informational meeting for students interested in going out as an exchange student in 2019-2020 to learn what the Rotary Youth Exchange Program is all about and why "our" exchange program, as we all know, is the very best of all the exchange programs that are available.



Despite a torrential rainfall that Saturday morning (September 29), 9 students (8 girls and 1 boy) and their parents made it to the meeting at Lone Star College in The Woodlands. Unfortunately our District YEO Carol Mattingly and Glen could not attend because Glen is still recovering from his recent surgery; it was the first District Youth Exchange Meeting they had to miss in no-one-knows how many years! Although Carol and Glen were very much missed, PDG Doris Lockey, Chris Turner and Marcus Gillespie filled the large and empty "Mattingly shoes" very well. And they had perfect help from five former exchange students from Texas who earlier spent a year abroad: Zoe Garcia (Thailand), Kathryn and Kara Culpepper (Germany) and France), Cynthia Cisneros (France), and Danny Mireles (Germany), as well as Bailey Ingle who went on a short-term exchange to France and our German inbound exchange student Caroline now living in Huntsville for a year.



Not surprisingly, the students and parents very carefully listened to what our exchange students had to say about the life-changing experience they had while living abroad. Hopefully most (or, even better, all) of the students who attended the meeting will decide to become an exchange student as well. As they learned from all former exchange students, it would be the best decision they can make and one that they will never regret.

A big "Thank you" to all who made this information meeting another successful Rotary Youth Exchange event: PDG Doris and Wally Lockey (Lake Conroe), Chris Turner (Friendswood), Marcus and Nisa Gillespie (Huntsville), PDG Ulli Budelmann (Galveston), and all the exchange students named above.

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District Training Committee

#### Update from Your District Training Committee



2018 Membership, Foundation, and Public Image Seminar Presentations and Materials Are Available on District 5910 Website

As promised, some of the presentations and materials from the Membership, Foundation, and Public Image Seminar in Galveston are now available for your

reference. We will continue to post others as they become available from the presenters.

At the top of the district's home page, rotary 5910.org, there is a tab "Our District." Select the last listing - District Trainings, then select Membership, Foundation & Public Image 8/25/18.

Under "Links" you can access Membership Resources, Quick Start Guide for Club Social Media pages, and Public Image Resources.

Under "Files" you can download presentations from our recent district seminar:

- Social Media and a Positive Image Rebekah Maxwell
- RI's publication "Lead Your Club" for Club Secretary
- Global Grants Stewardship Art Zeitler, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator
- Rotary Grants Presentation Art Zeitler, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator

These files are followed by a slideshow of photos from the seminar.

Check back periodically to see what's there as we hope to continue receiving others. If there is one in particular that you're looking for, email Becky Mason (<u>BeckyLMason@mac.com</u>) to request it.

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# **CLUB NEWS: Aggieland**

Rotary Club of Aggieland held the first "Done in a Meeting" service project on September 20th.





We labeled over 700 magazines to give the gift of reading to local senior living facilities.

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# **CLUB NEWS: Angelina**

Rotarians from the Angelina Rotary partnered with the TLL Temple Memorial Library to stock this room at the center full of books that can be used to help new increase fluency in young readers while they attend the after school program at the center. Rotarians also donated

book shelves, wall art and seating to make a fun, enjoyable space.



Members of the Angelina Rotary, pose with the director of the JD Center for Hope Stefanie Olford and also Director of the TLL Temple Memorial Library, Justin Barkley, in the new "Angelina Rotary Reading Room".



Angelina Rotary Signage outside our Reading Room at JD Center for Hope.



Dr. Patricia McKenzie, President of Angelina Rotary inducts new Rotarians Britany Vinson, Chef and Owner at Tome' Catering and RayAnn Baker, Vice President of Texas State Bank on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Silo Venue.



Dr. Patricia McKenzie presents Justin Barkley of the TLL Temple Memorial Library in Diboll, Texas a small token of our appreciation for presenting at our weekly meeting. Mr. Barkley talked about all of the great programs that the library offers to increase literacy and provide access to books and art that many people in Angelina County do not currently have.



Members of the Angelina Rotary prepare to begin our first week of Reading to the Tiny Tigers at Dunbar Primary. As part of our District

Grant, Rotarians will read to students at Dunbar Primary school in Lufkin on the first Thursday of every month!



Emily Flenekin and Dr. McKenzie stand in front of the board that Dunbar teachers and staff prepared for our club to kick off our reading campaign.



Kinnie Reina reads an exciting book to her students at Dunbar.

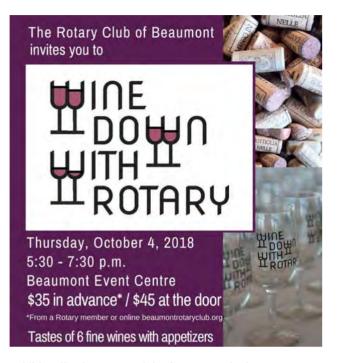


Emily Flenekin sits and reads to her class of students as part of our partnership with Dunbar

# **CLUB NEWS: Beaumont**

It's not too late if you would like to taste some wonderful wines from around the world and enjoy event the Rotary Club of Beaumont calls

"Wine Down With Rotary"! Advance tickets for \$35 will be available through Wednesday, October 3, and admission will be \$45 at the door on October 4. The admission ticket will be traded at the door for a Tasting Card which allows the bearer to sample six carefully selected choice wines and ample appetizers to accompany each. All the while, you will enjoy the background sounds of a locally-favorite jazz quartet, a raffle and silent auction. You are sure to have a great time. Join us in Beaumont on Thursday, October 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. If coming from points around the district, please bring a designated driver!



Additionally, the Rotary Club of Beaumont invites you to An Evening to "Dare to Dream: How Rotary Became the Heart & Soul of Polio Eradication."



The film is a full-length documentary "that tells the story of how a small group of visionary Rotary leaders dared to set a breathtaking goal of eradicating polio for all the children of the world. This film gives Rotarians, and non-Rotarians, the back-story to the incredible decision to eradicate polio." (https://daretodreamfilm.com)

Join us on Wednesday, October 24 for this evening showing of "Dare to Dream" at 7:15 p.m. Before the film, at 6:30 p.m., heavy appetizers and beverages will be available. Admission is \$25 per person and because of generous underwriters, the admission fee will be donated to the PolioPlus fund.

If you have questions or would like to pay your admission in advance, please phone the Rotary Office at 409-842-1913.

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# **CLUB NEWS: Cleveland**

#### Rotary Club of Cleveland Host Rotary Youth Exchange Student

The Rotary Club of Cleveland is hosting a Rotary Foreign Exchange student from Brazil, who spoke at our club on September 12.



Karina presented a wonderful slide show about her amazing country, Brazil. She showed a picture of Brazil's flag which represents the 27 states. During her presentation she talked about the climate, the rivers, the ten best natural resources and their economy. Brazil is the world's largest producer of coffee and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest producer of ethanol fuel in the world.

Brazil is known for its beautiful beaches and Foz do Iguacu (bigger than Niagara Falls). Soccer is the most popular sport, and Brazil has won the FIFA World Cup five times. Fernando de Noronha is an island with limited space where many wealthy people visit. Perhaps one of the best known events in Brazil is the Carnival, their Marde Gras with lots of colorful costumes and fun.

When she was asked about her school in Cleveland, she responded, "It's different. In Brazil, I had 30 classmates and we were in the same room all day. Here, I go to different rooms for my course schedule." Asked about her favorite class in Brazil and in Cleveland, she said, "Biology in Brazil, Robotics here."

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### **CLUB NEWS: Conroe**

From the Rotary Club of Conroe -

In honor of our 86th Anniversary, We have issued the STARE DOWN POLIO CHALLENGE to our fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary. Yes, We Rotarians are "This Close" to ending Polio EVERYWHERE, Worldwide, Once and For All!

Accept the challenge, take the photo, post to your Social Media accounts and then donate \$10.00 per person photographed to Rotary International's End Polio Now Campaign.

Be sure to tag RCC Club President Leland too!



# **CLUB NEWS: East Montgomery County**

RCEMC celebrates our member's birthdays at the last meeting of each month.

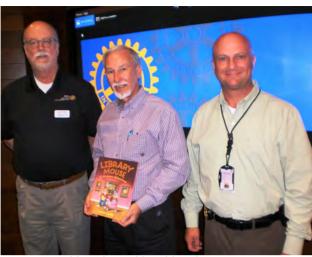


Mike Smith (Charter Club Member) and Scott Castleberry (Sergeantat Arms) co-chair the Cake Committee Extraordinaire!



RCEMC President Jim Stubbs with Frank McCrady (President/CEO of East Montgomery County Improvement District and RCEMC

member) after Frank spoke to the group about economic growth and development in our community.



RCEMC President Jim Stubbs with Judge James Metts (Montgomery County Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace) and Constable Rowdy Hayden (Montgomery County Precinct 4 Constable) after presenting updates from their offices. Each week, RCEMC donates a children's book in honor of our speakers.



Treasurer Rob Burgess and President Jim Stubbs present a check for \$1000 to Dr. Katherine Persson (President of Lone Star College Kingwood) for music scholarships. RCEMC and LSCK, in partnership, present a Patriotic Concert each year to celebrate July 4. Proceeds are used to fund music scholarships at LSCK and other community projects.



President Jim Stubbs and Treasurer Rob Burgess present a sponsorship check to Ms. Deitra Inkster (Communications Director for Splendora ISD and RCEMC member) and Dr. Jeff Burke (Superintendent of Splendora ISD and RCEMC member) for the upcoming Men Who Cook fundraiser benefitting the Splendora ISD Education Foundation.

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# **CLUB NEWS: Fredonia Club**

The Fredonia Rotary Club recently welcomed Darla O'Neill as the newest member to the club. O'Neill is the Nacogdoches Community Marketing Manager for McWilliams and Son.



PICTURED (L TO R): President Polly Etta Sunda, vice president Leisha Bryant and Rotarian Darla O'Neill.

The Fredonia Rotary Club recently presented members for perfect attendance.



The Fredonia Rotary Club recently presented immediate past president Mary Frances Bradford with the Paul Harris Fellow for her service to the club and our community. Rotary president Polly Etta Sunda presented Bradford with her award and a memorial quilt made by Peggy Weatherly.



PICTURED (L TO R):

Rotary president Polly Etta Sunda presents immediate past president Mary Frances Bradford with a memorial quilt and Paul Harris Fellow certificate and lapel pin to honor her service to the Fredonia Rotary Club and her Paul Harris Fellow recognition.



PICTURED (L TO R): Members recognized include: Polly Etta Sunda, Mike Millard, Wes Jensen, Charlotte Ashcraft, Russel Smith, Claire Robbins, Mary Frances Bradford, Mike Bay, Laurie Hurst, Jeremy Terrell, John Branch, Richard Humphreys, Tom Huey, Albert Weatherly and Matthew Daugherty.

Fredonia Rotary Club hosted the 38th annual Meet the 'Jacks Tuesday, Aug. 21 at the Fredonia Hotel. Fans and supporters of Stephen F.

Austin athletics enjoyed a fajita dinner and chance to meet their favorite SFA football players.





Rotarian and Assistant Director of Athletics John Branch introduced the 2018 Lumberjack football team by their positions, followed by a first-hand look at this season's intro video.

Rotarian Laurie Hurst presented Dr. Kathy Stevens as she presented a program on nature's way to wellness. "Early prevention is key," said Stevens. "Your lifestyle has a dynamic affect on your life. Don't wait until you are sick to build a foundation of good health."



Pictured (L TO R): Rotarians Laurie Hurst, Presenter Dr. Kathy Stevens and Club President Pollly Etta Sunda

John Hathaway, District Governor, delivered an inspiring address to the Fredonia Rotary on 9.11. Members were honored to host the District Governor and Assistant Governor Demetress Harrell as they shared his vision as it relates to "3 peas in a pod" ~ peace, participation, polio & publicizing our deeds.



Pictured (L TO R): Rotary Board members Richard Humphreys, Joe Aguilar, Albert Weatherly, President Polly Etta Sunda, District Governor John Hathaway, Mary Frances Bradford, Wes Jensen, Matthew Daugherty and Assistant District Governor Demetress Harrell.

SFA's STEM Research and Learning Center is a prime destination for STEM research, teaching and education. According to Dr. Jana Redfield, assistant director of the Research and Learning Center, The primary objective of the STEM Center is to increase the number of students interested in STEM careers and prepare them academically.



Rotarians Paul Smith, President Polly Etta Sunda, Russell Smith, SFASU Assistant Director of the Research & Learning Center Dr. Jana Redfield, Tom Huey, and David Shofner.

### **CLUB NEWS: Friendswood**

The Friendswood Rotary Club recently donated \$5,000 to the City of Friendswood to assist with the addition of a canoe launch in 1776 Park. This is a joint project with the City of Friendswood, the Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District and the Friendswood Rotary Club. Estimated completion of the canoe launch is mid-October 2018 in preparation for the first annual Rotary Regatta on Clear Creek.



Pictured Rotary President Monir Moghaddam, James Toney, Director Parks Department, Mayor Mike Foreman and City Manager Morad Kabiri.



District 5910 Governor, John Hathaway, visited Friendswood Rotary Club today and spoke about continued efforts for polio eradication through awareness and fundraising.



Pictured with District Governor Hathaway is Friendswood Rotary Club President Monir Moghaddam.

# **CLUB NEWS: Galveston**

The Rotary Club of Galveston's Galveston Rotary Foundation awarded Ball High School's Dance Studio a grant for \$1,876.00 for the purchase of necessary new portable Barre equipment. Currently, there are approximately 200 students who participate in Fine Arts Dance at BHS, with at least an additional 20 students in the Baile Folklorico who - along with the BHS Tornettes - all will use this equipment for rehearsals and warm ups.



Pictured are (from left) Rotarian Brett Kirkpatrick, Treasure for the Foundation, Club President Ruth Finkelstein Suhler, and Rotarian Stephen Duncan, GISD Director of Fine Arts, accepting the check on behalf of Jessica Stewart, BHS Dance instructor. (Photo by Robyn Bushong.)

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#### **CLUB NEWS: Huntsville**

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Huntsville, Texas, members did something a little different – they learned self-defense techniques used in the martial art of Hapkido.



Rotarian and past-President, Marcus Gillespie, is a 6<sup>th</sup> Dan black belt in Hapkido and has an academy at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. During the meeting he explained that Hapkido means "The Way of Coordinated Power" and is based on the same punching and kicking techniques used in Tae Kwon Do, but combines them with the joint locks and throws used in Jujitsu. Like all martial arts, it emphasizes the same values embedded in the <u>4-Way test</u>, especially courtesy and respect. Given that this was the first time for most members to learn self-defense, and that we didn't want anyone getting thrown and taken down to the un-matted floor, they focused on

escaping from wrist grabs and choke holds. As everyone experienced, it's very easy to escape from both of these if you know what to do!





Marcus and his wife, Nisa, and daughter, Asia (also students of Hapkido), also demonstrated some techniques to defend against knife and gun attacks as well.



Everyone seemed to have a good time, no one was hurt, and they all came away with a little more knowledge about how to defend themselves.

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# **CLUB NEWS: League City**

Rotary Club of League City had a great visit with the District Governor this last month and he shared is "Three Peas in a Pod" mission with us.



We are promoting and challenging other local Rotary clubs to join us for our first ever Spelling Bee being held in November.



Please help us get the word out.

Finally, we always like to promote our monthly food distribution and ask for volunteers.

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### **CLUB NEWS: Orange**

District Governor John Hathaway visited Orange Rotary and inspired the group with his visual aids of Peas in a pod and his talk on the Three Ps: Participation, Peace, and Polio Eradication. He gave his challenge to raise a million toward defeating polio. Orange Rotary also joined with Vidor for a breakfast to welcome the governor. The governor's Three Peas in a Pod also inspired the Orange Rotary with a theme for a scarecrow at the Shangri La Botanical Gardens Scarecrow Festival. Chris Burch, chair of the scarecrow committee, conferred with President Natasha Garrett and others, with ideas for making a scarecrow. Come to the Scarecrow Festival, which will be October 6 through November 3, Tues-Sat., 9-5, and see the Orange Rotary scarecrow along with many others.

District Governor John Hathaway is greeted by Orange Rotary president Natasha Garrett.

Orange Rotary had great programs in September from Carl Thibodeaux, City Judge on West Orange; Michelle Leigh Tubbleville, Special Projects/Communications Coordinator on the Orange County Disaster Rebuild, and Jennifer Burch, CEO and Founder of Best Hospice Care of Texas, on the Alzheimer's Association and the Alzheimer's Walk.

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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.

# "The District" - October 2018 (Oct 01, 2018)

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.

The kiddos will have pizza and stuff while there.

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Congrats New Interact

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