

Upcoming Events

Emerging Leaders Training Sep 04, 2018 – Sep 09, 2018

<u>Governor Elect/Nominee Training</u> Sep 04, 2018 – Sep 09, 2018

<u>Zone Institute</u> Sep 04, 2018 – Sep 09, 2018

District Governor's Visit to Fredonia Sep 11, 2018

District Governor's Official Visit to Nacogdoches Sep 12, 2018

<u>District Governor's Visit: Bridge City-</u> <u>Orangefield</u> Sep 13, 2018

District Governor's Visit to Nederland Sep 14, 2018

College of Governors Fall Luncheon Sep 15, 2018

District Governor's Official Visit to Friendswood Sep 19, 2018

District Governor's Official Visit to League City Sep 20, 2018

District Governor's Official Visit to Vidor Sep 24, 2018

<u>District Governor's Official Visit to</u> <u>Orange</u> Sep 25, 2018



District 5910 News September 2018

John Hathaway Rotary Club of the Woodlands District Governor 2018-2019 Rotary District 5910



Stories

From the Governor's Desk

Fellow Rotarians and Friends:

So, here we are at the end of August already and I've visited 23 clubs! The welcome I've received from so many Rotarians continues to amaze me. I remember the days when having something else to do on the day of the Governor's visit was somehow expected. I've been told at a couple of clubs that the attendance was the highest for the year. I suppose some members in our District still believe in Santa Claus.



Our District Training Committee did an outstanding job of putting on the District Membership, Foundation and Public Image Seminar in Galveston on August 25th. If you missed it, try to talk to someone who was able to attend to find out what you missed. This happened to be the same weekend that our nine in-bound Rotary Youth Exchange students had their orientation meeting in Galveston and my wife and I had the pleasure of having pizza with them the first night.



The clubs I've visited so far seem to be receptive to my challenges regarding Polio and Participation. The last of the three "Peas" in the Pod is Peace. Plans are being made for the Rotary Peace Conference being hosted by District 5890 in Houston on February 8-10th next year. Many of you are aware that we are helping to sponsor this event with our financial and volunteer support. The objective of the conference is to inspire attendees to take action on post conference peace initiatives. The four key areas of focus of the conference are:

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- i) Respect The Foundation of Peace;ii) Public Policy Its Impact on Peace;
- iii) Human Trafficking Threat to Peace; and
- iv) U30 Peace Builders of the Future.

More information will be provided in the near future about cost and how to register.

DG John Hathaway

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RYE Meeting

SPREAD THE WORD....

(Click on the image if you would like to open in full size.)

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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 **OCTOBER 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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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



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 1, 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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World Polio Day

World Polio Day is October 24, 2018. There is still time to register your club's polio event at https://www.endpolio.org/promote-your-event.

Our District Governor John Hathaway has a plan for District 5910 to raise \$1 Million to End Polio Now with various matches. Each Rotarian in our District is challenged to contribute at least \$70 to this effort. With ten months left in the Rotary year, that is less than \$7 month. Of course, we'd really like to have the total raised before the District Conference in April.

Need some additional ideas on how to get your club and community involved in this effort? Need a speaker, press release or event idea? Please contact me, Cecily Kelly, at 619-709-1498 or <u>cecilyk@aol.com</u>.

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.

Our 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.



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

If you would like to volunteer to help with the conference, and/or have a speaker idea, please email Scott Rainey, the conference co-chairman, at <u>srams@aol.com</u>.

The committee has been working for some time now, and we need to staff up and make sure we have every corner of the two districts represented.

Thanks so much and we look forward to hearing from you.

Scott Rainey Peace Conference Co-Chair 713-724-8595 John S. Hathaway District 5910 Governor 832-247-1591

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Membership, Foundation and Public Image Seminar

Comments on the recent District Membership, Foundation, and Public Image Seminar in Galveston:

Excellent seminar! I really enjoyed the media panel. Exceptional training! I like the 3 topics together. Keep this format. This was extremely helpful and I look forward to using the online resources. Panel discussion was terrific! I loved the mix of breakout sessions and general sessions.

Sincere thanks to the people in our district and Rotarians beyond our district who worked so hard to make this seminar meaningful, empowering, and energizing:

Speakers from beyond our District

Art Zeitler, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (Corpus Christi) Terry Ziegler, Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (Houston) Suzi Howe, Past Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator;

incoming Endowment and Major Gifts Officer (Houston) Lisa Faith Massey, Assistant Regional Rotary Coordinator

Speakers/presenters from our District

Bunny Pratt, District Public Image Chair Demetress Harrell, District Membership Chair Rhonda Herrington, District Foundation Chair Chuck Mason, District Global Grants Chair Rebekah Maxwell, social media training Ernestine Belt, Jacque Chapman, and Debra Poindexter, secretary training Chris Busch, club treasurer training

Media panel

Representatives of newspaper, radio, television, and social media discussed tips for how to work with the media to get your club activities covered

Also, thanks to the District Training Committee for their excellent work organizing and presenting the seminar. We plan to gather the presenters' materials where possible and post them on the district website for the benefit of members who couldn't attend.



Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange

For everyone involved in Rotary Youth Exchange the month of August is always a very exciting month: the new exchange students have arrived! This year our District hosts 9 wonderful students from 6 different countries: Karina from Brazil, Antoine, Elisa and Delphine from France, Caroline and Cornelius from Germany, Betty from Italy, Manuel from Spain, and Woon from Thailand. The students are

sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Bryan, Cleveland, College Station, Galveston, Huntsville, Lake Conroe, League City, Palestine, and The Woodlands. A big "Thank You" to these clubs and to the Belt, Bramwell, Gillespie, Gunnels, Livanec, Milleson, Rentfro, Sanderson, and Xu & Du host families who have opened their homes to accommodate our students. Without their wonderful support the exchange program in our District would certainly not exists.

Our students met each other for the first time August 24-26 in Galveston to receive their orientation and learn all the dos and don'ts that prepare them for their year ahead in the US. They were joined by three former exchange students (called Rotex) from Texas who earlier spent a year abroad: Zoe Garcia (Thailand), Ashley Langston (France), and D.J. Shannon (Spain) and, of course, several members of the District Youth Exchange Committee: Carol (our new District Youth Exchange Officer) & PDG Glen Mattingly (Huntsville), PDG Doris & Wally Lockey (Lake Conroe), Nisa & Marcus Gillespie (Huntsville), PDG Hugh Summers (Palestine), Chris Turner (Friendswood), and PDG Ulli Budelmann (Galveston).

After a welcome lunch on Friday at the popular "The Spot" restaurant at Seawall Boulevard, the students had their first orientation session at the Rosenberg Library, which provides wonderful and well-equipped seminar rooms for such an event.

Later in the afternoon, the students – almost most certainly a little overwhelmed and exhausted after listening for more than two hours to "instructions" in a for them "new language" – everyone continued to Pirates Beach at the west-end of Galveston Island and settled down in two beach houses that we rented for the weekend. Not surprisingly, the students quickly enjoyed the beach, while the adults discussed the agenda for the time ahead.

A special "Thank You" goes to our District Governor John Hathaway and his wife Nancy who joined our group in the evening to welcome the students to Texas and to District 5910.

Possibly not too much appreciated by the students but mandated by the exchange program, the orientation continued the next morning, after a great breakfast prepared by Doris and Wally Lockey.

In the afternoon everyone enjoyed the Rain Forest, an Imax Film, and the Aquarium of Moody Gardens, thanks to the generosity of John Zendt, its President and CEO. In the evening at Palisade Palms ("Thank You" Christina and Bill Rathbun for proving that space), a reception and dinner followed; "Thank you" to the Rotary Club of Galveston, who sponsored that event.

More time at the beach was enjoyed by all students the next morning and for us adults it was again amazing to see how quickly young people from different parts of the world, who have never met each other before in their life, can become close friends in just a few days. Is this surprising? Not really, because that it what Rotary Youth Exchange is all about for more than 80 years! Surprisingly perhaps was how quickly the students realized this when they (or the Rotex?) wrote into the sand "Let it be RYE".

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all who made this weekend such a wonderful event and specifically to our Rotex students who were such a great help and to our chefs Doris and Wally Lockey who fed us so well.

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CLUB NEWS: Beaumont

CLUB NEWS: Center

A combined meeting of the Center Rotary Club and Lions Club met Tuesday, August 7, 2018 to welcome their guest speaker Louie Gohmert, U.S. Representative from Texas 1st Congressional District. He addressed current events including natural gas, the education system, immigration and border wall funding. the importance of border security, and tariffs.

Rotary Club President Hollie Adams, U.S. Representative Louie Gohmert, Texas District 3 Senator Robert Nichols, and Lions Club President Joey Lawson

District Governor John Hathaway and Club President Hollie Adams during the DG official visit to Center

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CLUB NEWS: Conroe

The Rotary Club of Conroe challenges Rotary clubs around the world to "Stare Down Polio" by posting a "Stare Down" picture or video and donate \$10 per pictured Rotarian to End Polio Now.



DOWNLOAD AND WATCH "Stare Down Polio" Challenge from Conroe Available until Sep 28, 2018

Congressman Kevin Brady, chairman of the House Ways and Means committee, discussed "Taxes, Tariffs and Trump" with the club on August 14th

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CLUB NEWS: East Montgomery County

District Governor John Hathaway and Assistant District Governor Gary Milleson with President Jim Stubbs during their visit to the Rotary Club of East Montgomery County on August 21.

RCEMC members attended the Membership, Foundation & Public Image Seminar in Galveston on August 25. Milton Austin (Past-President), Suann Hereford (Secretary) and Jim Stubbs (President) were able to get a picture with District Governor John Hathaway before the day got busy.

RCEMC President Jim Stubbs and Past-President Milton Austin donated books for the children's department at the RB Tullis Library in New Caney to Sarah Boothe, Assistant Director of the Montgomery County Library System. Each week, RCEMC donates a children's book in honor of our speakers.

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CLUB NEWS: Fredonia Club

Rotarian Claire Robbins introduced Sarah Musser as she presented an inspiring program about a recent mission trip to Romania. Mrs. Musser was joined by Oak Grove Church Senior Pastor Craig Ireland. Pictured (L to R): President Polly Etta Sunda, Sarah Musser, member Claire Robbins, Craig Ireland and officer Wes Jensen.

Scott Shattuck Associate Dean of the College of Fine Arts at SFASU presented an exciting program about the upcoming University Series and Encore Events series. "Our patrons have told us what they want – variety and to have fun," said Shattuck. This series promises both!

President Polly Etta Sunda, immediate past president Mary Frances Bradford, SFASU Box Office Manager Diane Peterson, SFASU Associate Dean of Fine Arts Scott Shattuck, SFASU Assistant to the Dean of Fine Arts Florence Lunsford, SFASU College of Fine Arts Web & Media Specialist Michael Tubbs, SFASU Dean of Fine Arts Dr. "Buddy" Himes and Rotary officer Wes Jensen.

Nacogdoches ISD Athletic Director / Head Football Coach Bobby Reyes is optimistic about the upcoming season for the Dragons. Rotarian Leisha Bryant introduced Reyes who was excited to talk about the upcoming season. PICTURED (L TO R): NHS football coaches James Reyes and Bradley Gandy, president Polly Etta Sunda, NHS football Coach/NISD

SFA Football coach and Club members

Athletic Director Bobby Reyes and rotarian Stan Sisco.

CLUB NEWS: Friendswood

As this month comes to a close, we are getting ready for so much that is happening in the months to come. We seem to be in ultra-planning mode.

During August, we received a visit from Roger and Sharon McCabe and they presented Charles and Gayle Baumgartner with pins for Major Donors from the Rotary Foundation. Charles and his wife have been life time supporters of the Rotary Foundation and it was great to be able to publicly acknowledge them for their gift.

Pictured: Roger McCabe – Rotary District Foundation Chair, Gayle and Charles Baumgardner, Friendswood Rotary Club President Monir Moghaddam

During that visit, Roger noted that he was very excited to see Meredith Levine, one of our newer members, as they were neighbors 30 years ago when she was just a toddler. It is amazing how life brings us full circle and brings people back in our life.

Monir Moghaddam, Robin Hall and Craig Hall went to the District Meeting in Galveston and learned a lot of new information about membership, even though Friendswood was one of the clubs that had increased membership, we learned new ideas to keep that ball rolling.

The planning phase of the Canoe race is in full swing coming up in October. We have been meeting with the League City Club, setting up the budget, and starting to reach out to get sponsors and more importantly get the word out that the race is going to happen.

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CLUB NEWS: Galveston

Rotary District 5910 recently hosted a workshop at Levin Hall on the UTMB campus in Galveston. Part of the workshop was a panel discussion titled: "The Non-Profit Publicity Playbook." Participants in the panel discussion included (from left) Cynthia Cisneros, Vice-President - Public Affairs, KTRK/Channel 13 in Houston; Michael Smith, Editor, *Galveston Daily News*; Laura Elder, Managing Editor, *Galveston Daily News*; and Rotarian Mike Dudas, Ball High School's Media Arts Coach. Not pictured were Robyn Bushong, Public Relations Chair, Rotary Club of Galveston; and TJ Aulds, I 45 Now. In addition, The Rotary Club of Galveston was presented the District 5910 Public Image Citation 2017-2018 for "excellence in promoting *Rotary Making a Difference.*"

The Rotary Club of Galveston has a monthly radio broadcast. This was an idea that was proposed to our Club by Mike Dudas, the Media Arts Coach at Ball High School. Ball is a part of the Galveston Independent School System. Mr. Dudas had been a presenter at a Club meeting providing an overview of the projects in which the media arts students participate. Mr. Dudas initially pitched the idea of the Club having a monthly broadcast to the Club's public relations chair who pitched it to Past President Kristen Carlson and the rest is history. The Club has had a radio presence every month since February, 2018 and is continuing to do so. Consideration is being given to more than one broadcast a month, Public Service Announcements (PSAs), and live Facebook shows at our events and from the K-Tor studio. The station is expanding as well, adding three more music stations.

During the broadcasts, the Club President spotlights members of the Club about their history with the Club, what Rotary means to them, and their Club projects. It has been a great opportunity to educate the listening audience about Rotary, promote current Club projects, and Rotary International.

This Rotary year has already had three broadcasts, starting the year with Past President Linda Ott-Thompson (pictured below); our own District Governor, John Hathaway; and Maureen Patton. Interviewing District Governor John provided an excellent platform for the community to hear about his journey within Rotary (which started 36 years ago), the relationship between clubs, the District and Rotary International, the role of a District Governor, his goals for his year as District Governor, and to plug the Peace Conference in February 2019.

K-TOR, the broadcast station celebrated its one year anniversary earlier this year. The student broadcast started as a one (1) hour show on MyBayArea Radio and blossomed into a full-time digital radio station integrating music, news and information from the community. Its listening audience includes a local and worldwide audience. The station is dedicated to Anita Martini. Ms Martini was the first female sports reporter allowed in a male locker room. She was a BOI (born on the island) and an accomplished TV/Radio sports reporter. ~ ktorthetornado.com

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Rotary Regatta

Rotary Regatta on Clear Creek

The Rotary Regatta is a joint project between the Friendswood and League City Rotary Clubs. It is a 7 mile canoe race that begins at 1776 Park in Friendswood and ends in Countryside Park in League City. This canoe race started as a passion project for Luis Briones, a Friendswood Rotary club member. He is an avid canoeist who wanted to bring some fun and more awareness to Clear Creek and to Rotary. We are very excited to host our First Annual Rotary Regatta on Clear Creek Canoe Race on October 21, 2018.

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CLUB NEWS: Huntsville

Rotary Club of Huntsville took Boys & Girls Club Members on an adventure at the Huntsville State Park.

Made possible by the Huntsville Rotary Club, Huntsville State Park Ranger, Ted Pick, took the Walker County Boys & Girls Club members on an awesome journey!

They had the opportunity to go hiking while learning interesting facts about Huntsville State Park and the Sam Houston National Forest. They also learned facts about animals and how to respond in case they encounter an animal while out hiking.

Ranger Ted followed-up with a wonderful presentation on alligators and different animals...he talked about animal stats, habitat, diet, characteristics and other fun facts. Youth had an exciting time when given the opportunity to pet a baby alligator, carry an alligator's head skull, and feel different animal fur.

After the hike, games and presentation members of the Boys & Girls Club enjoyed lunch provided by Huntsville's HEB. Thank you so much to Huntsville Rotary, Ranger Pick and HEB!

Michelle Spencer, CEO, Boys & Girls Club of Walker County

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CLUB NEWS: League City

Rotary Club of League City Holds Adult Spelling Bee Presenting Sponsor Re/Max 1st Class and Essential Hospice and Palliative Services

Join the Rotary Club of League City on November 1, 2018 at La Brisas Mexican Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.for the Rotary Adult Spelling Bee. Teams of three will compete for the title of Spelling Team Champs. Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent of Clear Creek ISD, will serve as Beekeeper, calling words for teams to spell.

To make the event more exciting, vaccines are available for purchase to keep you in the competition: Stinger - if you misspell a word; Buzz Off -option to pass word to next team who must spell the word, and; Help from the Hive to ask for help from guests to spell a word. Sponsorships with spelling team included are available. Team entry is \$150.00, reservation to attend is \$40.00 and includes dinner. Vaccines are 3 for \$50 and \$20.00 each after October 25, 2018. An added fun feature is purchase of a Challenge where teams can challenge other potential competitors on Facebook.

Proceeds from the event will support Rotary Club of League City outreach projects such as Mobile Food Pantry, Rotary Reads which promotes literacy and books for elementary school children, and scholarships for students.

To receive further information, reservations or team entry, contact Sue Rightly at <u>rightlys@yahoo.com</u> or go to leaguecityrotary.com

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CLUB NEWS: Nacogdoches

Dr. Scott Shattuck, Associate Dean of the College of Fine Arts at Stephen F. Austin State University was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Dr. Shattuck's program covered the 2018-2019 SFA Fine Arts University Series. Kathryn Culpepper, 2017-2018 Rotary Outgoing Exchange Student to Northern Germany and Kara Culpepper, 2016-2017 Rotary Outgoing Exchange Student to Normandy, France and were special guests of the club. Kathryn addressed the club and provided an overview of her time in Northern Germany and expressed her thanks to the club for her trip. Larissa Philpot was presented her Blue Badge by Joe Scifo, Rotary Red Badge Chairman.

Pictured left to right are: Dr. Buddy Himes, Program Chairman, Dr. Shattuck, Laura Culpepper, Club Rotary Youth Exchange Program Committee Member, Kathryn Culpepper, Kara Culpepper, Ken Deppisch, Sponsoring Member, Ms. Philpot, Stephanie Williams, Club Guest and Greg Williams, Club President.

Bobby Reyes, Head Football Coach of Nacogdoches High School was the guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Mr. Reyes provided an overview of the upcoming Dragon Football season highlighting the team's significant number of returning lettermen and his high expectations for this year. Mr. Reyes noted at the conclusion of his program that one of his most significant responsibilities is to develop his players into the next generation of fine and upstanding citizens in our community. The presentation was enjoyed and appreciated by all in attendance. Pictured left to right are: Coach Reyes, John Branch, Program Chairman, Stephanie Williams, Club Guest and Greg Williams, Club President.

Jamey Rootes, President of the Houston Texans, was the guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Mr. Rootes provided updates via interview by David Fletcher, General Manager of Lone Star Sports of Houston on the upcoming Houston Texans' season and the Battle of the Piney Woods football game between the Stephen F. Austin State University Lumberjacks and Sam Houston State University Bearkats scheduled for October 6th at NRG Stadium in Houston. Milton Moorer, Rotary Member provided a testimonial of his experience as a Rotary Reader at Fredonia Elementary School this past school year and encouraged all Rotarians to participate. The Rotary Reader program is led by Rotary Chairman, Jimmy Partin and is set to begin another year of assistance with a growing number of Rotarian's expected to participate. Ron Collins was presented the club's Beito Beseler Award by Farrar Bentley, Rotary Member. The award is presented annually to a person as recognition for exceptional leadership and devoted service to the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Mr. Collins joined the Rotary Club in 1993 and was President in 2014-2015. He has been active in many Rotary initiatives and projects during his tenure in the club.

Pictured left to right are: Mr. Partin, Mr. Moorer, Mr. Fletcher, Jeff Byrd, Club Guest and SFA Lumberjack Football Coach, Ryan Ivey, Club Guest and SFA Athletic Director, Mr. Rootes, John Branch, Program Chairman, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Collins, and Greg Williams, Club President.

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CLUB NEWS: Palestine

PSST.... Do you have the password? You can't come in without it!

Why would you want to come in? The 2018 Palestine Speak-Easy Gala of course!

When:Saturday, September 15, 2018Where:Civic Center, Palestine, TexasHow much:\$75 each

Other information: Food, open bar, live music, live and silent auctions, and games!

The food will be catered by the always delicious Contemporary Catering and Palestine's own band, Blindpursuit will be performing live music.

We encourage those attending to dress in Speakeasy/Roaring Twenties period clothing if you wish. We had so much fun last year!

What a deal for the price of \$75 per ticket! Please contact Sloan if you need tickets!

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CLUB NEWS: Orange

Orange Rotary is ready for school to start and ready for some football. The club participated in the County wide Back to School program that provides school supplies for any student in county. Orange Rotary provided the funds to give school supply kits for all Pre-K students.

The club also had a booth at the event and gave out notebooks with Rotary emblems and other school supplies. Programs during the month of August have featured the coaches of local high school football teams giving previews of the upcoming season: Allen DeShazo, Bridge City; Cornell Thompson, West Orange-Stark; Josh Smalley, Orangefield; and Randy Crouch, Little Cypress-Mauriceville. Also in August, President Natasha Garrett attended the Rotary training session in Galveston and came back with good ideas.

Orange Rotary members serve at Back to School. From left, Ron Borel, Eddie Toohey, Joel Steirman, Chris Burch and Natasha Garrett

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Interact Training

The District 5910 Interact Clubs had a productive day at **Interact Officer Training** in The Woodlands on August 11.

Sally Andrews, District Interact Chair, reports the group raised \$705 to purchase windows for an orphanage in Nicaragua in addition to sharing ideas, learning a lot, and having a great time! Link **HERE** to see pictures of the orphanage in Nicaragua.

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INTERACT: Westwood High School

Westwood High School held the first Rotary Interact meeting with Interact sponsor and Rotarian Michael Morelli and Rotary guest Hugh Summers with 51 students.

Michael did a fantastic job getting a great turnout of new club members. See all the photos in the slideshow.

