

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

April 1, 2013



Governor's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

April is the Rotary month we place emphasis on our Magazine *The Rotarian*. From its humble beginnings as a 12-page periodical, *The Rotarian* has grown into an award-winning publication with a circulation of over 500,000.

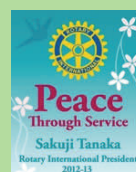
The first issue of *The National Rotarian* appeared in January 1911. It included news items from existing clubs, announcements of new clubs, and an essay written by Paul P. Harris, in which he discussed the purpose of Rotary clubs.

As president of Rotary, Harris, along with secretary Chesley R. Perry, launched the publication as a way to share information with a growing number of Rotarians. Perry was the magazine's first editor and held the position until 1928.

The formation of clubs in Canada and Great Britain and Ireland prompted the magazine to change its name to *The Rotarian* in 1912.

Peace Through Service,

Brenda



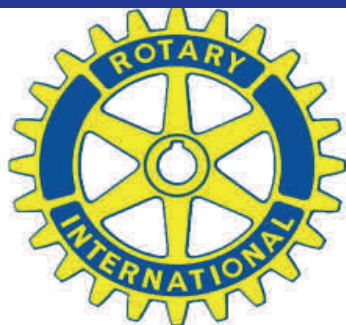
WELCOME TO ROTARY!



The Conroe Rotary Club welcomes new Rotarian Cordy Raney.



Conroe Interact student displays a Polio Plus poster



Rotary District 5910

District Assembly

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Liberty Middle School • 2515 Jefferson Drive
Liberty, Texas

Who Should Attend?

- President-Elects
- Incoming Club Officers & Directors
- Incoming Club Committee Chairs & Coordinators
- Webmasters
- New Members (Red Badgers)
- Rotarians interested in improving their respective club
- Outgoing Club Officers & Directors invited – *become a stronger resource for incoming club officers*

Why Attend the District Assembly?

The District Assembly provides incoming Club Officers / Directors / Leaders an opportunity to prepare for a successful year. By investing one-day with your club leadership team – the facilitators and subject matter experts will help prepare clubs with the tool and resources to have an efficient and effective Rotary Year.

What will we do at the District Assembly?

- Sessions on Club Officer & Director Responsibilities
- Sharing of best practices among clubs
- Q&A sessions with Rotary Subject Matter Experts
- Sessions on Rotary resources and technology
- Sessions on Club specific Service Projects
- Sessions on Club specific Fund Raising Projects
- Sessions on Club specific tips and tactics regarding Rotary Youth programming
- General Information Sharing

Special Opportunity – Rotarians Supporting Rotarians

- Be sure to bring 100+ promotional fliers or information cards regarding your club's "Signature Event" to share with other participants. Tables will be set up for clubs to share events and projects so that other Rotarians will know. Why shouldn't your club send a golf team over to "that other club" to help them with their fund raiser? Consider celebrating that signature service project – so other clubs can also make an impact within their respective community.

Meeting Location

Liberty Middle School
2515 Jefferson Drive
Liberty, TX

Registration Information

Register On-Line @
www.rotary5910.org

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. Registration
- 9 a.m. Opening Session
- 10 a.m. Concurrent Break-Out Sessions
- Noon Luncheon
- 1:15 p.m. Concurrent Break-Out Sessions
- 3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Closing Session

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ARRIVING ON FRIDAY EVENING?

Hotel: BEST WESTERN DAYTON INN & SUITES (14.3 mi to Liberty Middle School)

A Discounted rate has been arranged until April 1st so call now for reservations:

936-258-7600.

Rates: Standard King..\$79.00, Queen or King Suite \$ 89.00

Breakfast Included

2012-2013

District Simplified Grants

Final Report Forms have been received from:

Dickinson

Beaumont

Galveston

Huntsville

Lake Conroe

Magnolia

Vidor

Bridge City-Orangefield



THANK YOU!!



DON'T BE LATE!!

FINAL REPORTS due by April

Angelina

Lufkin

League City

Nacogdoches

Palestine

College Station

The Woodlands

E Montgomery County

2013-2014 District Grants

Clubs may apply for a matching District grant of up to \$3,000. Grants must be submitted online at www.rotary5910.org by April 15th. Please note: If your club had a District Simplified Grant in 2012-2013 your final report must be received by April 15th before the 2013-14 grant application will be considered for funding. **\$50,000** will be available for grants so don't miss out.

FINAL LIST PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

Citation forms have been received from the following clubs as of today. If you have submitted the Presidential Citation and it is not on the list please notify me so we can track it down!

CLUB CITATIONS

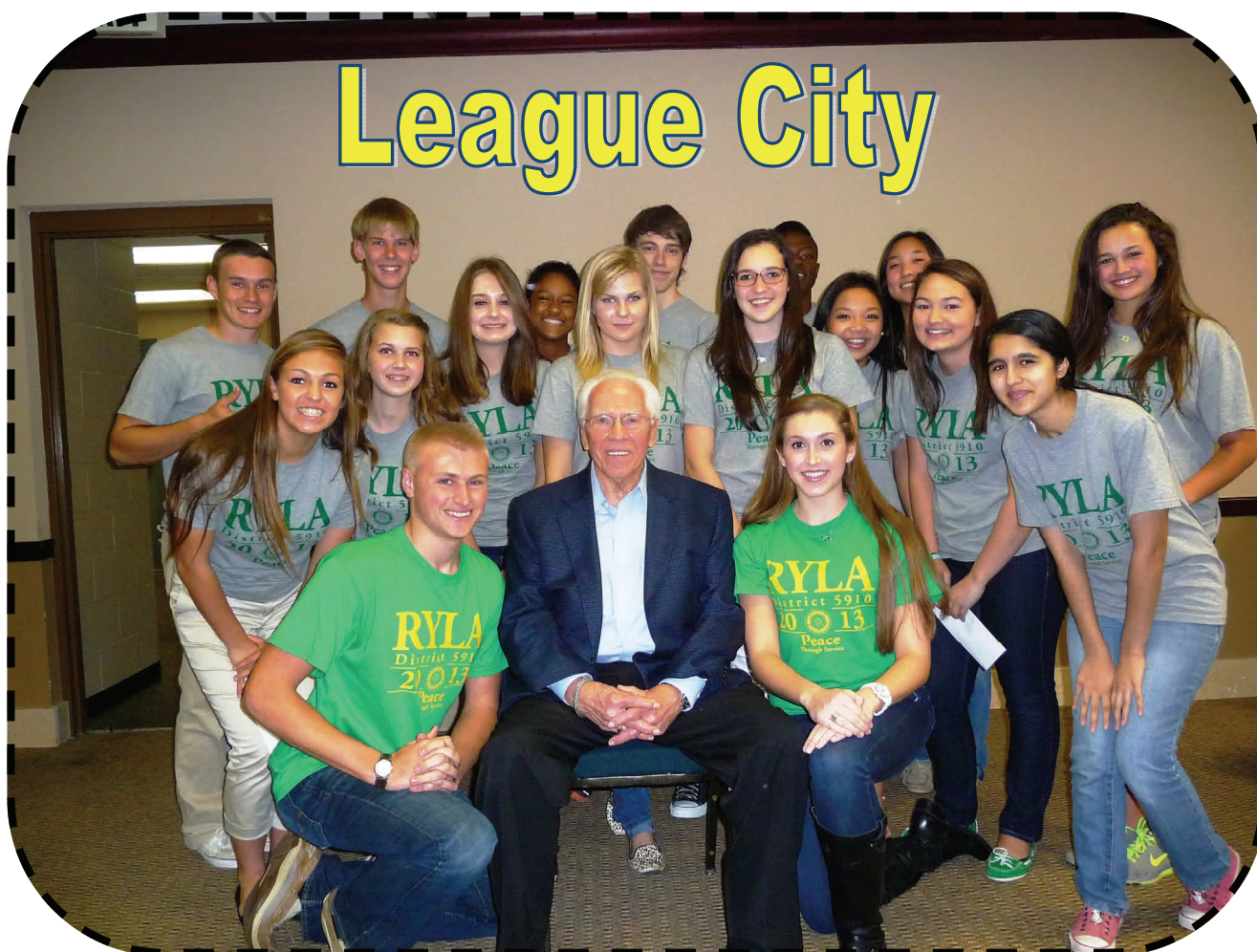
ANGELINA
BEAUMONT
BEAUMONT-SPINDLETOP
BRIDGE CITY-ORANGEFIELD
BRYAN
CLEVELAND
CONROE
DAYTON
DICKINSON
EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY
FRIENDSWOOD
GALVESTON
LAKE CONROE
LEAGUE CITY
LIVINGSTON
MAGNOLIA
NEDERLAND
NORTH PORT ARTHUR
PALESTINE
TEXAS CITY
VIDOR
THE WOODLANDS

INTERACT CITATIONS

ORANGEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
COLLEGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL
OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
WILLIS HIGH SCHOOL
TEXAS CITY HIGH SCHOOL
THE WOODLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
JOHN COOPER HIGH SCHOOL
MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL
CONROE HIGH SCHOOL
MAGNOLIA WEST HIGH SCHOOL

ROTARACT CITATIONS

ANGELINA COLLEGE
LAMAR UNIVERSITY



RYLA 2013 participants, sponsored by the Rotary Club of League City, presented a program on February 21, 2013 at the regular noon meeting of the club. Students were selected from Clear Creek, Clear Falls, and Clear Springs High Schools.

Pictured left to right:

Front row: Ryan McDonald, counselor, Bill Noland, Rotary Club RYLA Chair, and Maggie Cesarini, counselor

Middle row: Madison Huerta, Jessica Rydlund, Aline Couadier, Kristi Scott, Keegan McElroy, Sarah Sustrick, and Sarah Haniff

Back row: Cole Farine, Josh Munsart, Michelle Raji, Arlen Addison, LaDamion Coney, Frances Luong, Jacqueline Yang, and Taylor Gore Not pictured: David Melton, counselor



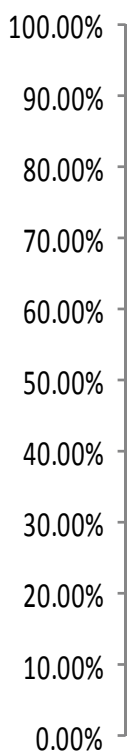
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

2012-2013 DISTRICT 5910 GOALS

41 CLUBS CHANGING THE WORLD

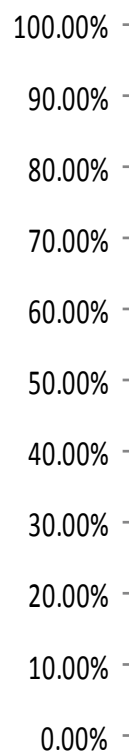
PERMANENT FUND Y-T-D \$12,125!!

ANNUAL FUND GOAL \$209,490.00



Y-T-D \$187,961.00

POLIO PLUS GOAL \$40,000.00



Y-T-D \$35,991.00

WE'RE ALMOST THERE BUT NEED ALL 41 CLUBS TO GIVE TO THE ANNUAL FUND AND POLIO PLUS TO REACH OUR GOAL!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLUBS WHO HAVE MET OR EXCEEDED BOTH GOALS!



**WHY
WE
GIVE**



District Conference

Conference Chair Sloan Shuffler has announced on-line registration will close on **April 15th! On-site registration will be \$300! We are discouraging on-site due to issues with catering so please **GET REGISTERED!!** Join us in Palestine to celebrate our Rotary year accomplishments and enjoy fellowship.**

I am asking each club to bring a door prize valued at \$50 and a Silent Auction Item valued at \$50. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit **POLIO PLUS.**

We also need booth reservations for the House of Friendship. I have seen wonderful projects across the District...so be sure and showcase them! Register today for the conference and a booth at the HOF by clicking [here!](#)



Jim Cooper (The Woodlands Rotary Club) championed a paint project this last Saturday at the Oscar Johnson Jr. Boys and Girls Club of Conroe. This project was in support of Rotary/United Way. I brought my daughter Lauren and her friend Haven to help.

Randy Johnson, Jim Cooper, Haven, Scott Perry, Dave McCleary, Lauren McCleary, Chuck Rittenhouse, Carla Lafitte and daughter.

POLIO PLUS

ROTARY PARTNERING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DISEASE

Gig Langston remembers when the fear of contracting polio prevented him and his friends from enjoying the summer activities many kids today take for granted.

"When I was growing up, you couldn't go anywhere in the summer where there were crowds," said Langston, president of the Angelina Rotary Club. "You weren't allowed to, because no one knew what caused polio. They didn't know if it was in the air, or what."

The fear was very real, he said, with reminders of the disease as close as his own community and in his family.

"You would see children with rashes on, and I have a cousin who developed it," Langston said. "I remember when the Salk vaccine came out and we were all able to get the shots and everybody breathed a sigh of relief."

But not everyone is breathing a sigh of relief. In certain parts of the world, children still face the risk of contracting polio, a disease that robs them of the ability to do the very things children love most — running, jumping and playing.

The Angelina Rotary Club is asking for help to close the gap so all children can live in a polio-free world.

"Polio comes from contaminated water and food," said Langston. "It attacks children and it immediately begins working at the esophagus and goes to the intestines and then spreads through the body. What polio does is cause the muscles to quit contracting so the limbs become malfunctioning and that can cause the lungs stop breathing, which is why you would see people in lung machines."

Although the virus can be spread from person to person, it cannot survive outside the body. And, because it is preventable, immunization is the best defense against the disease.

Since 1985, the Angelina Rotary Club, as part of Rotary International, has been helping immunize children against the dreaded disease through its Polio Plus program, the organization's top charitable priority.

A spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, along with the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the GPEI is working to eradicate the disease through routine immunization, supplementary immunization, surveillance and targeted mop-up campaigns.

Through funds raised by its flag program, the Angelina Rotary Club donates \$500 to \$1,000 annually to the Polio Plus program. Thus far, Rotary International has contributed \$1.2 billion, which equals 14 percent of all contributions, to the cause.

Although eradication of polio is "this close," it hasn't happened yet.

"The plan was to stop polio by our 100th anniversary in 2005, but we didn't make it; we are 99 percent there," Langston said. "Polio is still endemic in Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan and unfortunately the places where the virus is are very remote areas and they are hard to get to. The impetus is finally the governments of those countries understand immunization has to be done."



Photo from rotary.org

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Although it seems the danger of polio is a world away, the threat remains as long as the virus does.

"We're down to 200 cases worldwide, but those 200 cases can be spread rapidly," Langston said. "That's what happened in Nigeria. A lot of people were going in and out of Nigeria, an oil country, and when they ceased immunizations it was spreading to other countries again."

But, even in the most populated countries, eradication is possible, Langston said.

"Two years ago, India was one of four countries that still had polio," he said. "India is now polio-free, despite the huge population and a high birth rate, so it can be done if you get the governments behind it and get the children immunized. Once you get rid of it, that's it. When we get rid of polio — we've learned so much with the combination of governments and Rotary and other organizations — then we can go on to something else."

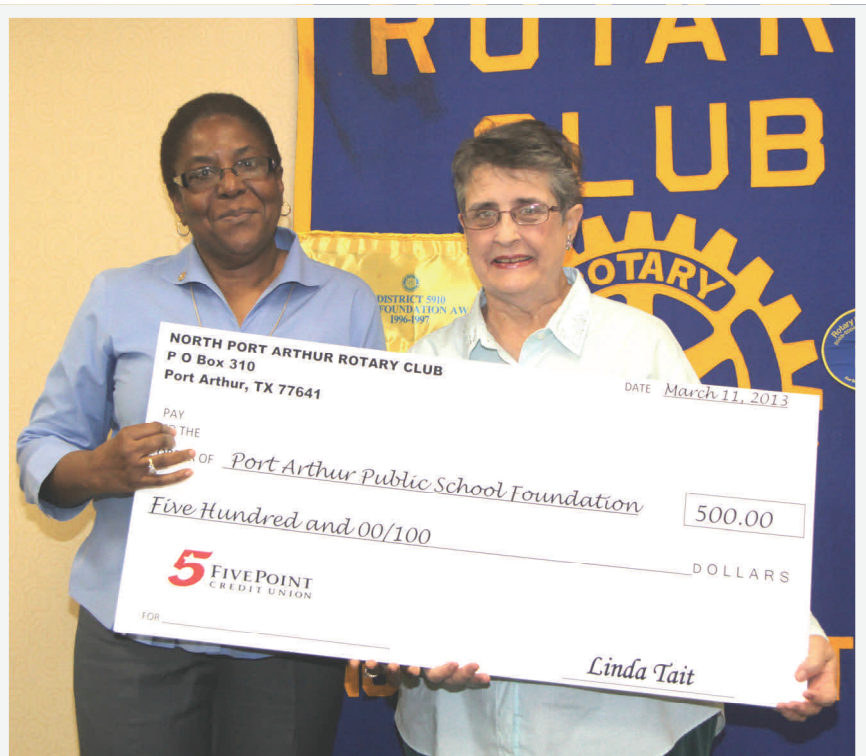
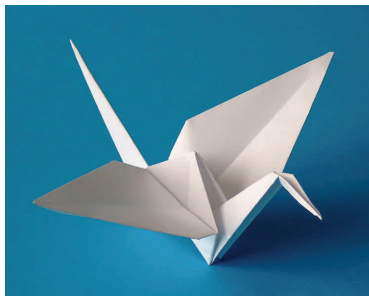
To donate to Polio Plus, go online to rotary.org. To donate \$5 to the cause, text POLIO to 90999. For more information about the project or about Angelina Rotary Club, go to angelinarotary.org.



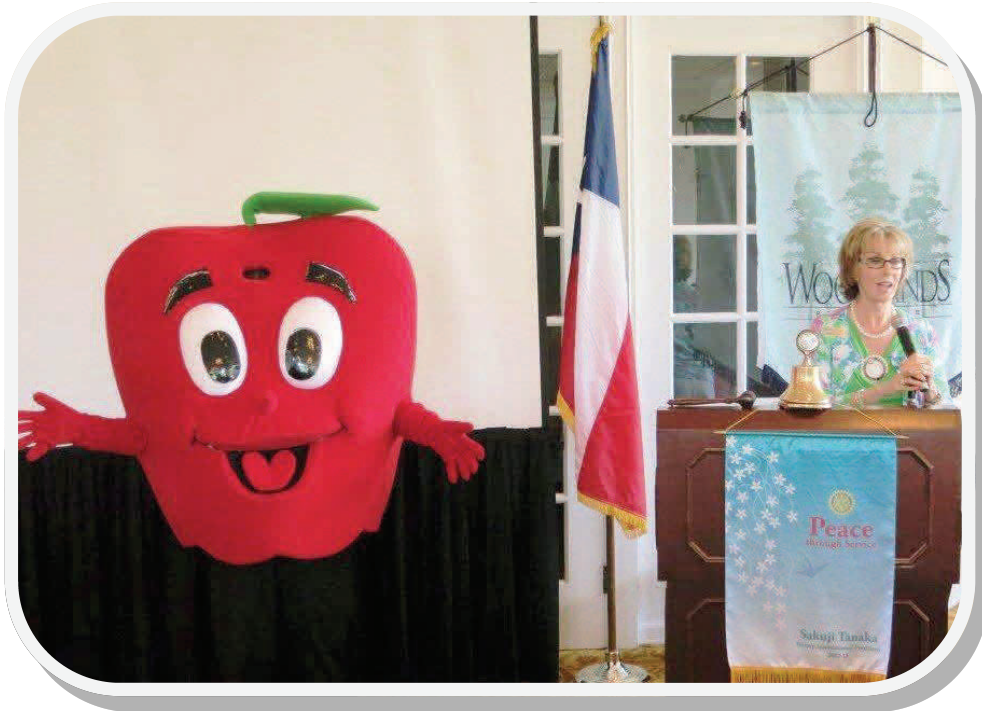
The Mid County YMCA- the funding is utilized to provide afterschool services to under privileged kids. This donation brings NPRA's YTD contribution to \$1000.

North Port Arthur

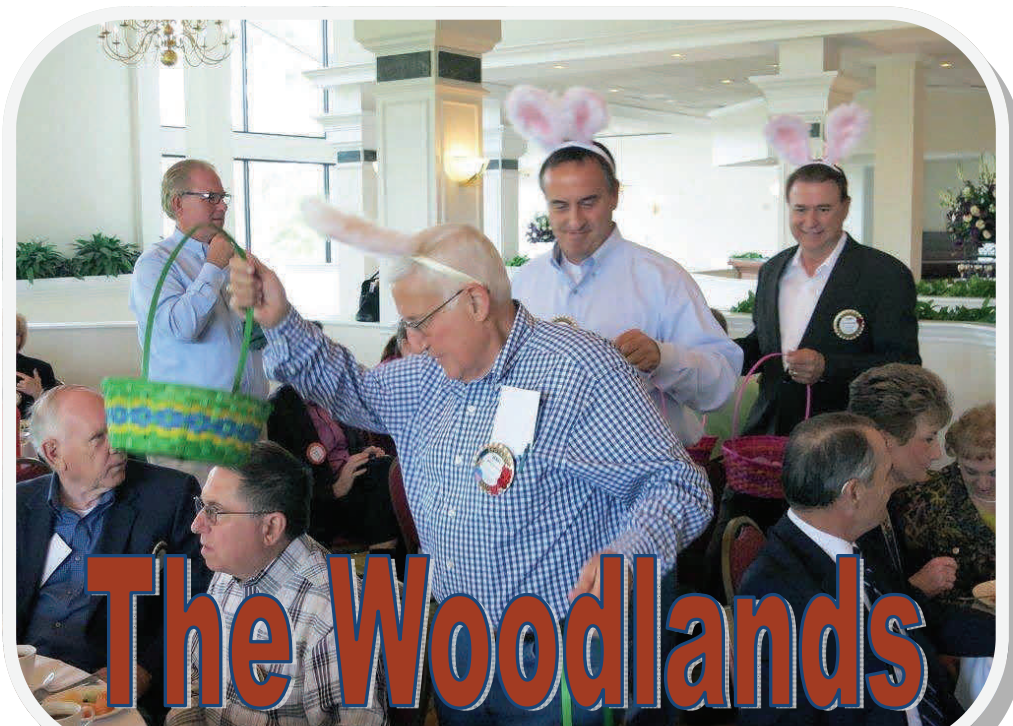
The Port Arthur Public School Foundation – which uses the money to provide area teachers with educational projects for their classroom. NPAR has contributed YTD \$1400 to this organization



FEEDING THE HUNGRY



Sherry Smith along with the Montgomery County Food Bank Mascot encouraged club members to contribute to the food bank. Sherry's committee members were all ears as they passed the baskets for donations.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Carol Herrington, Celebration of Life Chair would like all 41 clubs to submit photos of club activities or events held this Rotary year. Please submit at least 6 photos by April 15th to carolherrington1@gmail.com.

HURRICANE SANDY UPDATE



\$2,890 for Disaster Relief

Thank you to all who donated to
the Sandy Hurricane Relief effort!