

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

April 15, 2013



Governor's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

What a pleasure to spend the weekend celebrating 100 years of service with the Beaumont Rotary club, be-bopping with the Friendswood club at their reverse raffle and welcoming the District 7020 Group Study Exchange Team to Texas!

Our Rotary world is vibrant because of the quality of spirit and dedication I see in the ranks of our District. Thanks for all you do to make District 5910 a winner!

Peace Through Service,

Brenda



WELCOME TO ROTARY!



L-R: Sherry Benoit (sponsor), new member **Angie Harmon** and President Liz Robinson.

GRANTS! GRANTS! GRANTS!

District Grants Chair Barb Emery and I would like to say ***THANKS*** to all the clubs for completing and submitting final reports for the 2012-2013 District Simplified Grants. We are also pleased to tell you 14 clubs have applied as of this morning for 2013-2014 District Grants. We look forward to seeing all the outstanding projects implemented in District 5910. Remember the deadline to apply for a 2013-2014 District Grant is midnight tonight so get busy! If you have questions please call Barb Emery at 979-694-7698 or send her a note to emerybarb@hotmail.com.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

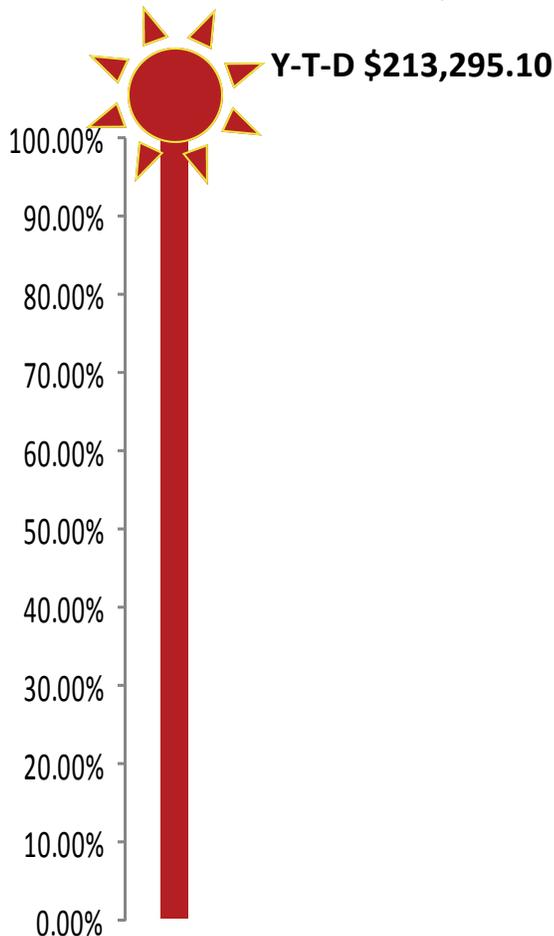
2012-2013 DISTRICT 5910 GOALS

41 CLUBS CHANGING THE WORLD

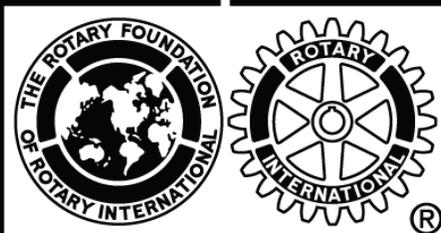
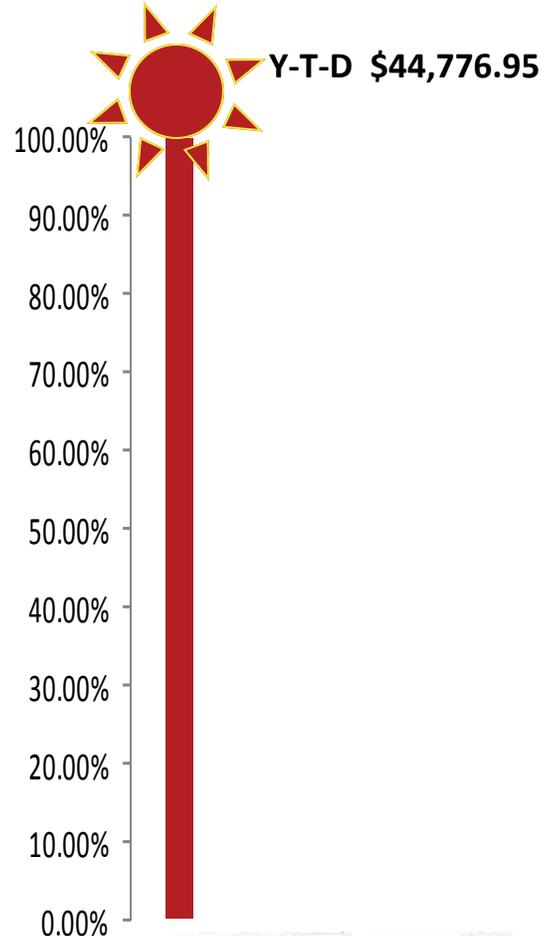
PERMANENT FUND Y-T-D \$12,125!!

Rotarians, thank you to all who have given so generously to The Rotary Foundation to exceed our goal. We still have 6 clubs who have not contributed to the Annual Fund and 9 clubs who have not contributed to Polio Plus. I am confident these clubs will be on the books soon and we will have an excellent year of giving! Remember this is OUR Foundation and our donations support the outstanding humanitarian efforts of Rotary. Let's see how far we can push the thermometer by June 30th!

ANNUAL FUND GOAL \$209,490.00



POLIO PLUS GOAL \$40,000.00



WHY WE GIVE



Beaumont Centennial Celebration

Centennial Event Deemed a Huge Success



Shovelfuls of dirt...
a display of playground equipment...
strong media presence...
good food...
flash mob – what??

Yep, that's what you missed if you weren't among the 200 people who attended the Rotary Club of Beaumont's Centennial Celebration on April 11. Being hailed as "one of my favorite Rotary moments", "right up there on the list of great accomplishments of the year", and "couldn't have been any better", attendees clearly enjoyed themselves. The flash mob took everyone by surprise, but by the end of the dance many other Rotarians were on their feet to join the fun.

The theme for the event was that all it takes to make a difference in our community and our world is for someone to have a spark of enthusiasm that spreads to the people around them, particularly Rotarians. Then we can begin to make things happen. Our members are making this area a better place by building an inclusive, barrier-free playground for the families of Beaumont – a truly significant Centennial gift to the city.

Many thanks to the people who pulled it off: Jim Broussard, Centennial Chair; Paula Bothe, Event Chair; Jacque Chapman, Executive Director aka Wonder Woman; Cindy Cherry, Flash Mob leader; Peyton Jones, Choreographer; Larry Beaulieu, last minute substitute Speaker Extraordinaire; and Governor Brenda Walker.

The planners of the second centennial event will have a hard act to follow.



FRIENDSWOOD REVERSE RAFFLE



The Friendswood club invited Elvis to attend their 29th Annual Reverse Draw and dinner. The 50's themed event was a successful evening and the last five ticket holders made it fair to all concerned and divided the \$10,000 grand prize evenly between them. It was a fun evening and what an honor to present 9 Paul Harris Fellow recognitions! Congratulations!



Congratulations to the following PHF's (Shown in Bold I-r):

President Allan Rasmsusen, Richard Tindall, Charles Baumgardner (PH + 6), Tom Grace, Jim Barr, Jim Gibson, Kevin Holland, Wiley Murrell, Robert Rinehart, Governor Brenda and Mac Thornhill

The Group Study Exchange Team Has Landed!



District 7020 GSE Team members arrived on Saturday night to a warm Texas welcome. The group met for orientation at beautiful South Shore Harbour Resort in League City. Thanks to AG Roy Green who manages SSHR and his staff for their efforts in preparing for the teams accommodations and meeting space. GSE Chairman John Delaney and AG Roschelle Springfield presented information regarding the teams month long itinerary.

Pictured l-r Front Row: Governor Brenda, *Jenuel McSheene*, *Shekera Wheatley*, AG Roschelle Springfield, D5910 Outbound Team Leader Jennifer Bergman. Back Row l-r: D7020 Team Leader *Lloyd Black*, *Shoneda (Shonda) Alfred* , *Shavorn Sprauve*, D5910 GSE Chair John Delaney and DGE David Johnson. Welcome to the Lone Star State!

YE PREPARES FOR 2013-2014

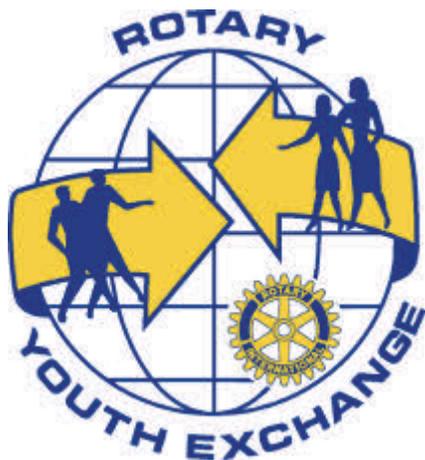
Youth Exchange District Chairman Glen Mattingly instructs the 2013-2014 outbound students on preparations for travel and living abroad...an experience for a lifetime!



Left: Our Long Term (school year) students are anxious to depart in late summer to their new host families.

Bottom: Short term students will spend a few weeks in another country this summer.

We are fortunate to have these adventurous young people in our district and hope that the cultural awareness they experience will lead to a more peaceful world!





POETRY IN MOTION

While Rotarian Kathryn Lane worked with Johnson and Johnson she spent 1988 to 1994 in India. Kathryn, who now is an accomplished writer and poet, returned to India not long ago with travel photographer, Brenda Gottlieb to visit Varanasi where she photographed this religious ceremony on the Ganges River. Among the elements Brenda looks for in her photos are a combination of timing, lighting, and perspective.

A Flickering Candle

Life is like the flicker of a candle
floating on the Ganges—

For an instant
all is illuminated,
then a small undulating wave
tips and swallows the flame.

New life begins
in the darkness beyond—
the cycle has come full circle
only to begin all over again.

A new birth—
a new life—
to understand the mysteries
in the flicker of a candle.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

What to Wear?

Friday Night Melodrama

Vintage dress (Victorian, Edwardian) 1913 era costumes are encouraged.

Plenary Sessions

Business Casual

Saturday Night Governor's Gala

Formal or cocktail attire or vintage inspired evening wear.



HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

PLEASE REGISTER FOR BOOTH SPACE TO SHOWCASE SUCCESSFUL CLUB PROJECTS AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES. OUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT INTERESTING DISPLAYS SO REGISTER TODAY!

BOOTH SPACE INCLUDES 6 FOOT TABLE. COST \$20

Join us in the carnival-themed House of Friendship

- games
- candy buffet
- cotton candy & rock candy & other candy of yesteryear
- Silent auction (Each club to bring a **\$50 SILENT AUCTION ITEM—ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT POLIO PLUS**)
- Friendship & Fun
- Club project displays
- District project displays

REGISTER AT WWW.ROTARY5910CONFERENCE.COM

FAMILY OF ROTARY CARE AND CONCERN

Please be mindful of our Rotarians and their families who could use a word of encouragement. Just might be the sunshine they need right now. Please let me know if there are others we need to add to the list!

PDG Jack McCullough & ElaRuth

2116 Creekview Nacogdoches, TX 75965

jemcc@suddenlink.net

Jack is under the care of Hospice.

PDG Roger McCabe & Sharon

835 Belvedere Beaumont, TX 77706

rogermccabe@mehaffyweber.com

Roger will be undergoing full hip replacement in early May. Sharon to have carpal tunnel surgery.

PDG Alex Broussard & Marie

1185 Ivy Lane Beaumont, TX 77706

Marie.alex@broussardsmortuary.com

Alex has been experiencing excessive fluid retention and is undergoing evaluation to determine cause.

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 along with any member obituary not already submitted by midnight tonight to:

carolherrington1@gmail.com