

## ***THE DISTRICT***

**A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker**

**April 22, 2013**



### ***Governor's Message***

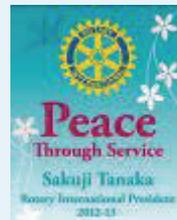
*Fellow Rotarians,*

*This week has been one of tragedy and sadness in the wake of Boston and West. I know you will join me in doing what you can to lift the spirits of these communities.*

*I believe strongly goodness will always prevail over evil.*

*Peace Through Service,*

*Brenda*



# WELCOME TO ROTARY



## CONROE

Conroe Rotary inducted another new member Police Lieutenant with the Conroe Police Department, Wayne McCarty, flanked by President Brita Tarver and Russel Reynolds (Sponsor).



## GALVESTON

Lauren Suderman of the Rotary Club of Galveston dropped off school uniforms and supplies to the district's Discovery Club, which supports homeless, displaced and economically disadvantaged students.



The club donated 276 pairs of uniform pants, 33 skirts, 660 uniform polo shirts, 550 pair of socks and underwear, 77 packages of notebook paper, 840 packs of pencils, 336 packs of pens, 100 erasers, 40 folders, and 43 packs of map pencils. Items were purchased with a matching District Simplified Grant.

Pictured l-r: Lauren Suderman - Rotary Club of Galveston, Kelley Romar - Galveston Independent School District



Sherry Smith and members of her committee presented the Montgomery County Food Bank with a check for \$18,863 representing the year to date total. The Rotary conducts four Food Bank fundraisers a year and also provides 2 volunteer working days. The big fundraiser is coming in June. Shown in the photo from the left are Jerry Hantman, Dave McCleary, Angela Shimmels, Sherry Smith, Sean-Michael Hazuda, and Terry Allemand. Rotary President, Mary Matteson Parrish can be seen in the background. Dave Trifon is also a member of the committee



## Leading the Band



President Jim Sterling led the Invincible Eagle Band during Liberty's Relay for Life. The event raised \$100,000 this year. Jim's wife Sandra has led the event for several years.



**Rotary District 5870**  
**West, Texas Fertilizer Plant Explosion**  
**April 17, 2013**



On the evening of April 17, 2013 a commercial Fertilizer Plant in the small rural community of West, Texas exploded, killing several first responders and residents, and injuring more than 150 of its citizens. A five-block area around the plant was totally destroyed, including many homes and businesses. West is located within the boundaries of Rotary District 5870 between Waco and Hillsboro on Interstate Highway 35.

The offer of help from Rotarians throughout Texas, the United States and the world began to flood in immediately, and District 5870 Rotarians have come together to be Rotary's focal point to assist the community, and its residents as they begin to recover from this horrific disaster. As such the D5870 Disaster Relief Committee provides the following guidance:

1. Please remain clear of the area unless directly involved with an emergency response team or agency providing comfort and essential services.
2. Please **do not** start collecting clothes, food, water, etc. as the onslaught of these items cause a logistic problem for those managing the scene.
3. Donating Blood at your area blood center or hospital is always beneficial.
4. Rotary District 5870 Keyway is now accepting contributions to address the aftermath by helping the community rebuild/replace essential services, equipment and infrastructure.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO:

DISTRICT 5870 KEYWAY

PO Box 86

Shiner, TX 77984

or make a Credit Card contribution at [www.rotarydistrict5870.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org)

All contributions are tax deductible, and 100% of funds collected goes directly to providing service to the community of West.

# ANGELINA AWARDS DINNER

## Interact & Rotaract



Laura Townsend-Rotaract

Julie Robinson—Rotaract

Lorena,Rangel-Interact

Kelsey Reeves—Interact

Dawn Youdan Memorial Scholarships were presented by Patricia McKenzie to Interact and Rotaract students.



**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

**2012-2013 DISTRICT 5910 GOALS**

**41 CLUBS CHANGING THE WORLD**

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

**2012-2013 US \$100 PER CAPITA DISTRICT BENCHMARK \$232,300.00...WE CAN DO IT!!**

**ANNUAL FUND GOAL \$209,490.00**

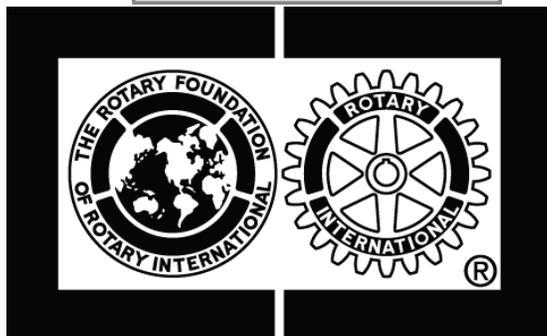
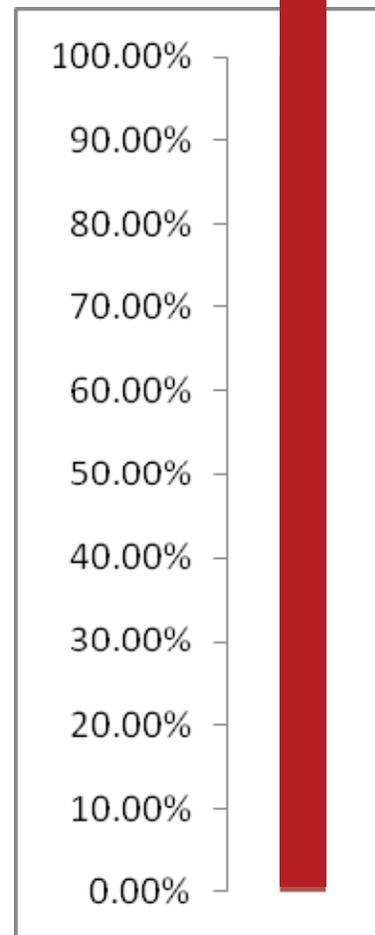
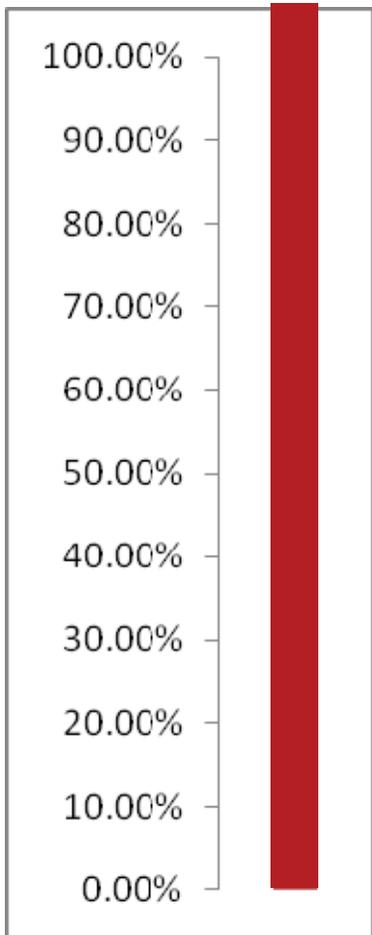
**Y-T-D \$224,495.10**

**107.16% of goal**

**POLIO PLUS GOAL \$40,000.00**

**Y-T-D \$45,876.95**

**114.69% of goal**



**WHY WE GIVE**





Texas Ranger Grover Huff was the guest speaker at the Cleveland Rotary lunch meeting. Pictured with him left to right, new member Eisha Jones, Dusty Gatlin, Texas Ranger Huff, President Ernestine Belt and program host, Rusty Sharp.



Outstanding students from each area high school were introduced at the April 11 Rotary Club of The Woodlands meeting. The high schools included: Woodlands Christian Academy, Oak Ridge, The Woodlands College Park, John Cooper, and The Woodlands. Based on nominations from each school and reviews by the Rotary selection committee, there were students from freshman through senior grades. Shown in the photo are the outstanding seniors from all five schools.



Tom Colthorp (left) and President Brita Tarver (right) congratulate new Paul Harris Fellows to the Rotary Club of Conroe l-r: Sondra Hernandez (editor for The Courier), Amy Hegemeyer (marketing director of the Texas Renaissance Festival), and Debbie Hayes (President of Calfee Specialties) .

# CONROE



President Brita Tarver welcomes Lone Star College Rotaract President Rubin Balli and his Board to the Rotary Club of Conroe. RCC is one of the sponsors of this very active Rotaract Club averaging more than one service project each week.



Larry Nichols, Superintendent of Galveston Independent School District is honored as a Paul Harris Fellow by Club President Tom LaRue, for his work with The Rotary Club of Galveston's 2011–2012 District Simplified Grant which provides 74 School Safety Signs throughout the City of Galveston. The support of GISD was a key factor in the success of this program.



# Victorian Splendor



*Victoria S. Secret*

## District Conference

Rotarians,

Miss Secret is behaving herself so far, but I don't know what shenanigans she will be up to when 240+ Rotarians gather in Palestine to celebrate May 3-5.

Please remember to designate someone from your club to:

1. Bring your club banner and a flag stand
2. Bring a door prize valued at \$50
3. Bring a silent auction item valued at \$50 (Proceeds benefit Polio Plus)
4. Register for a booth in the House of Friendship at

[www.rotary5910conference.com](http://www.rotary5910conference.com)

