

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

April 8, 2013



Governor's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

We have exceeded our Polio Plus District Foundation Goal for 2012-2013 but don't stop giving! Good news...there were **0** cases of polio reported worldwide this past week! We truly are "This Close".



Peace Through Service,
Brenda



Welcome to Rotary!



HUNTSVILLE

President Tyler Johns welcomes **Elizabeth Florer**, Owner, Pita Pit to the club.

LEAGUE CITY

Pictured left to right is Sponsor Jan Laman, President Kim Buttrum, New Member **Tamra Gann-Curry**, and Membership Chairman Roy Green.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Flanked by Centennial President Becky Mason and President-Elect Chad Blanchard, the Rotary Club of Beaumont inducted five new members:

Cindy Bloodsworth is returning to the club after a short absence. Cindy is now with the Beaumont Police Department as the Special Projects Coordinator, and is busy with the many projects and programs of the department. When not working there, she enjoys gardening, traveling, dancing, and volunteering with the disability community of Beaumont.

Oney Fitzpatrick, Jr., is Associate Provost for Student Retention at Lamar University, and moved to Beaumont in 1991 from Flagstaff, Arizona, where he worked at Northern Arizona University. He enjoys lots of hobbies: music, playing bass guitar, reading, and drawing/painting.

Chantele Wideman-Griffin is HR Generalist for Bredero Shaw. She enjoys singing and involvement with her church. With two young children, her dedication is also to being "Mom" to Adrienne and Kenedi.

Dana Egert is the General Manager/Vice President of Gengler Insurance Agencies. Dana is from Ohio and actually resides in Pearland but works here in Beaumont. He has six children, and enjoys bowling and swimming.

Brandon Fisher is Business Banker with Capital One Bank. Brandon was born and raised in Orange and lives there again but spent a little time in College Station while attending Texas A & M. He says hobbies include college football, activities with church and doing yard work.

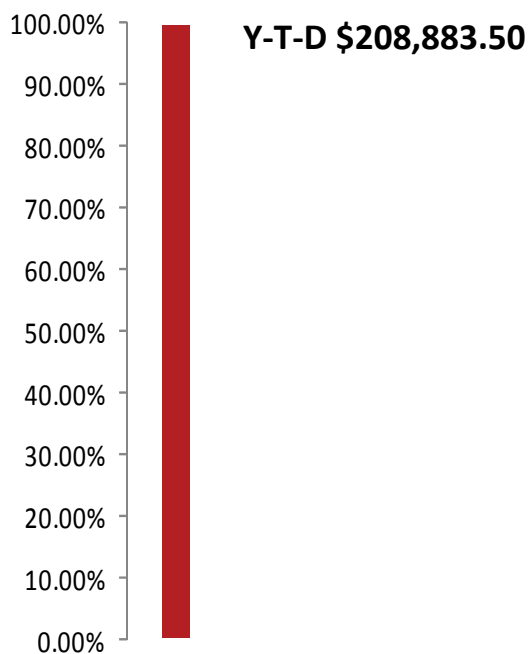
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

2012-2013 DISTRICT 5910 GOALS

41 CLUBS CHANGING THE WORLD

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

ANNUAL FUND GOAL \$209,490.00

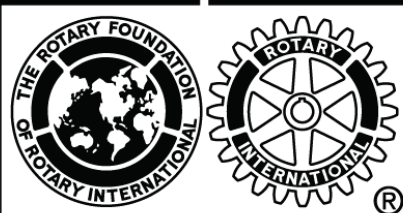


POLIO PLUS GOAL \$40,000.00



We are so close to meeting our Annual Fund District Goal, and I know we can exceed it and meet our District Benchmark (\$100 per member or \$232,300.00 by June 30th!

OUR FOUNDATION WILL CONTINUE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD BECAUSE OF THE GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS OF DISTRICT 5910 ROTARIANS!



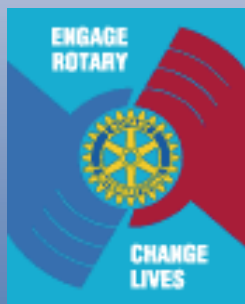
**WHY
WE
GIVE**



DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Rotarians gathered to train for the 2013-2014 Rotary year.

Thanks to the Liberty club for hosting the event!



Can you Spray Purple?



Conroe Rotarian and Interact sponsor Nick Davis was a good sport after telling the Conroe High School Interact Club he would color his hair purple if they raised \$1,000 for Polio Plus. The club exceeded the goal and the club matched the Interact club funds! Awesome job!

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.

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.

HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP



PLEASE REGISTER FOR BOOTH SPACE TO SHOWCASE SUCCESSFUL CLUB PROJECTS AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES. WE ONLY HAVE 2 REGISTERED!

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 for fun in the carnival-themed House of Friendship experience with:

- 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

NEW BENEFACTOR

Pictured left to right is Past President Betsy Hoffman presenting the Benefactor recognition to President Kim Buttrum.

Please join the growing ranks of Benefactors in District 5910! All it takes is adding a codicil to your will authorizing \$1,000 or more to be left to the Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund. You can also become a Benefactor by making a \$1,000 cash contribution to the Endowment fund. For more information see www.rotary.org.



SHORT TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE

Know of someone who might be interested in traveling to a foreign country and experiencing a different culture for a short time? Contact District Youth Exchange Chairman Glen Mattingly gmattingly@sbcglobal.net for information about the short term program. **WE NEED ONE OUTBOUND.** Basically the criteria is:



- Ages 15-19
- Several days to several weeks long
- Don't involve attending high school, but students can tailor their experience to match their interests

DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Conference Chairman Sloan Shuffler hosted a planning luncheon to discuss and finalize plans for the 2013 District Conference May 3-5 in Palestine. If you haven't registered get busy! Online registration will close April 15th and then your only option is onsite registration which is \$300!!

Register today at www.rotary5910conference.com.



L-R: Stack Walker

Michael Thomason

PDG Hugh Summers

Sloan Shuffler

Lisa Priest

...planning, planning, planning!



L-R: Carson Wages

Susan Harris

Kathy Redden

Brenda Beazley

LeeAnn Martine

Paul Harris Fellows



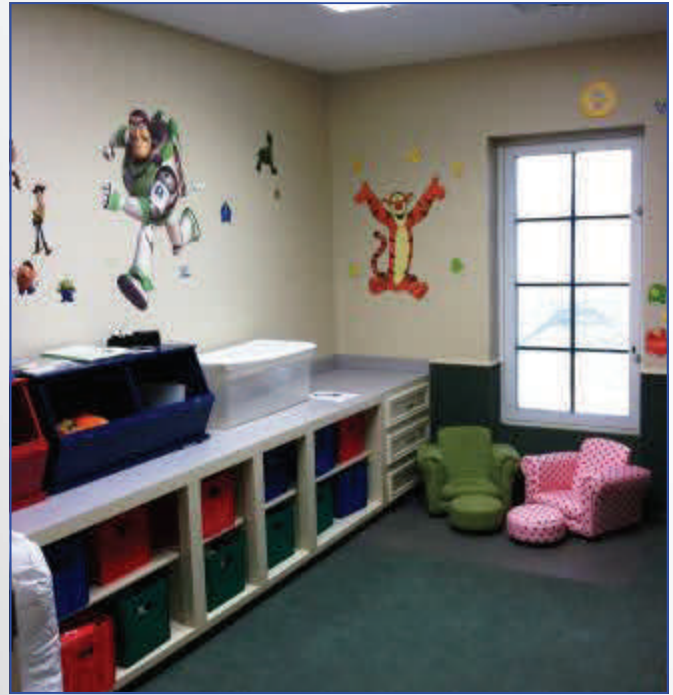
Thomas Stewart (left) and Hector Forestier (right) were awarded the Paul Harris Award by the Rotary Club of Conroe. Also seen in this picture is President Brita Tarver and Past President Tom Coltharp presenting Rotary's top award.



New Rotaract Club

The Rotary Club of The Woodlands recently welcomed the officers of the newly-formed Rotaract Club of Lone Star College-Montgomery. Pictured are (l. to r.): Dr. Austin Lane, Rotarian and president of LSC-Montgomery; Michelle Diemert, Rotaract vice president; Jorge Guevera, Rotaract director; Katia Carmona, Rotaract director; Mary Matteson Parrish, Rotary Club president; Amanda Jacobs, Rotaract treasurer; and Ruben Balli, Rotaract president.

Before and After



The Rotary Club of League City celebrates the completion of it's local service project with Devereux Treatment Center. League City Rotarians donated \$2,000 dollars and several dozen volunteer hours to renovate Devereux Outpatient Clinic's children's waiting room and play therapy room. The Club received a District Simplified Grant that assisted in their purchase of furniture, a television, and therapy toys.



LEAGUE CITY

The Renovation team l-r: Rotarians Ed Hartman, Betsy Hoffman, Teresa Vencil, and Dee Scott, Devereux Director Davida Chamberlin-Elliot, Rotarians Neva Schroeder, Roy Green, Bob Trask, and Bob Allen.