

# ***THE DISTRICT***

**A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker**

**August 27, 2012**



## **Governor's Message**

Fellow Rotarians,

Stack and I traveled with PDG Houston White to the visitation for Kathleen Staggs (wife of PDG Jack Staggs) in Huntsville. It served to remind me of the love and support our Rotarians provide in times of sorrow.

On Tuesday, we participated in Fredonia club's service project "Meet the Jacks" at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches.

Over the weekend we traveled to Galveston to meet our 13 inbound Youth Exchange students and then on to Lone Star College in Montgomery on Saturday to interview and select the Group Study Exchange Team Leader. Now that we have a leader (see page 5), let's work at finding qualified candidates for the four person team (ages 25-40) who will represent us in District 7020 (Caribbean). Deadline to submit an application is September 30th and interviews will be held Oct. 20th. Team members must be non-Rotarians.

Please join us for the Foundation, Membership, Public Relations meeting on September 15th in Montgomery. Register at [www.rotary5910.org](http://www.rotary5910.org).

Peace Through Service,

Brenda

# Welcome to Rotary!



Vidor President Sally Andrews welcomes Travis Maines, Vidor High School Principal as a new member.



Woodville Service Chairman Doug Libby and his committee purchased supplies for Woodville Elementary.

## AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR UPDATE



**REGAN CAMPBELL** (Nacogdoches Club) is currently in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil studying at the Pontificia Universidade Catolica. He is focusing on community affairs and poverty. 2011-2012



**TAYLOR WILSON** (Nacogdoches Club) has ended his Ambassadorial Year but will return (with the approval of the Rotary Foundation) to the Hebrew University in Israel to complete his work in Environmental Quality and Natural Resources (Forestry). 2011-2012

**REBEKAH MAXWELL** (Beaumont Club) is in the process of returning home from a successful year in Glasgow, Scotland while studying International Business at the University of Strathclyde. 2011-2012



**NICOLE EDWARDS** (College Station Club) is leaving this next week for her year in Beijing, China. Nicole's graduate work will be in Cultural Studies at Beijing Language and Culture University.

**JACQUELINE BECKER** (Nacogdoches Club) and **PAULINA MARTINEZ** (College Station Club) will be leaving for their assignments in Central and South America during February 2013. Jacqueline is assigned to the Universidad de Costa Rica in San Jose; and Paulina, to the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile in Santiago.

### *2012-2013 Scholars*



# Fredonia Hosts "Meet the Jacks"



L-R: Asst. Governor Rhonda Herrington, Governor Brenda and Fredonia President Claire Robbins pose prior to the Fredonia club's service project "Meet the Jacks". The Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks football team and band were served barbeque by members of the Fredonia club prior to being presented to the community.



R-L: Stephanie Stephens, Governor Brenda, AG Rhonda Herrington, Claire Robbins, and Robin Dawley.

**AXE 'EM JACKS!**

*Jennifer Bergman (Cleveland) to lead GSE Team to Caribbean*

**The GSE Selection committee interviewed eight candidates and selected Jennifer. Carol Herrington of Palestine will serve as Alternate. Thanks to all who applied.**



Jennifer L. Bergman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Bergman, III, was born and raised in Cleveland, Texas. As a 2000 graduate of Cleveland High School, she received many honors, including a Cleveland Rotary Club Scholarship. Jennifer attended Trinity University, in San Antonio, Texas, where she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and History in 2004. In 2008, she received her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law and was thereafter admitted as a member of the State Bar of Texas. After practicing law in San Antonio, Texas, Jennifer chose to return to her hometown where she became a partner in the Law Office of Richard R. Burroughs and Jennifer L. Bergman. Currently, Jennifer is a member of Rotary Club of Cleveland, Texas, where she serves on the District 5910 R.Y.L.A. committee and is the current Vice-President/President Nominee of the Cleveland Rotary Club. Jennifer is a member of First Baptist Church Cleveland, Texas and has a passion for service and a commitment to giving within her community. In her free time, she enjoys reading, fishing, cooking, traveling, and spending time with her family.



**Selection Committee: John Delaney (GSE Chairman), Dave Johnson DGE, Rhonda Ellisor AG, Roschelle Springfield AG, Ian White , Don Taylor DGN, Sharon McCabe, Brenda Walker DG, Chris Turner AG, and Betsy Hoffman. John, Dave, Roschelle, Don and Betsy are former GSE Team Leaders.**

## PORT ARTHUR CLUB SUPPORTS EDUCATION

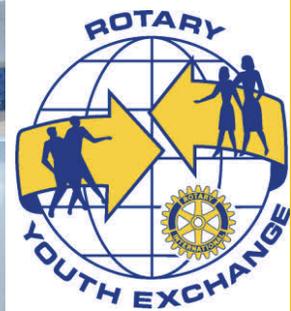


Dr. Sam Monroe, President of Lamar College Port Arthur receives a \$3,000 check from the Rotary Club of Port Arthur from Club President, George Newsome. The check will be used to provide Scholarships for needy students. The club also donated \$1,000 to Community Care for food and \$1,500 to Museum of the Gulf Coast for projects. In addition the club provides dictionaries to 3rd grade students. Funds for these projects are raised by the clubs annual fundraiser “Taste of Gumbo”.

# LABOR DAY

Labor Day celebrates the economic and social contributions of workers. Following the deaths of a number of workers during the Pullman strike in 1894, President Grover Cleveland reconciled with Reyes, leader of the labor movement. Fearing further conflict, legislation making Labor Day a national holiday was rushed through Congress unanimously and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike. Labor Day has come to be celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the summer. In high society, Labor Day is (or was) considered the last day of the year when it is fashionable to wear white or seersucker. Enjoy the upcoming holiday weekend.

## 2012-2013 LONG TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS



The students met for lunch at “The Spot” prior to an orientation hosted by Rotarians Bill & Christina Rathbun at their beautiful beachfront property Palisade Palms in Galveston. Beach activities and a reception and dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Galveston were enjoyed by the group.

## A YEAR WITH THE SWEDES



Returning exchange student Ian Kendall gave a presentation to Rotary Club of The Woodlands about his year abroad in Sweden. Ian ended his presentation by introducing this year's outgoing student, Danielle Alvarado, who is exchanging to Belgium.

Dawn Keating (RCTW Youth Exchange Officer), Danielle Alvarado (RCTW exchange student), Mary Matteson Parrish (RCTW President), Robert Ian Kendall (RCTW exchange student), Rhonda Ellisor (Assistant Governor Rotary District 5910).