

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

December 10, 2012



Governor's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

Holiday parties, shopping, decorating and end of year “to do’s” have us all reaching for the eggnog! It is a busy but beautiful time of year. I encourage you to think of those who may be struggling and help in some small way. There are angel trees, food banks, toys for tots, nursing home residents, and a host of other charitable opportunities. Rotarians are generous people and I’m proud to be one of the 1.2 million making a difference!

Peace Through Service,

Brenda



WELCOME TO ROTARY!



L-R: Travis Brewer, sponsor; **Scott Penaluna (Blue Bell Creameries Mgr.)**, Michael Perez, Membership Development Chairman and sponsor; **John Worthington (Acct. Rep for Classic Forms and Products)**; Centennial President Becky Mason.

2013-2014 CLUB OFFICERS

PLEASE REPORT YOUR LEADERS FOR THE NEXT ROTARY YEAR TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL BY DEC. 31, 2012. YOU MAY ENTER THE NAMES THROUGH MEMBER ACCESS AT WWW.ROTARY.ORG.

District Governor 2015-2016

It is my duty as Governor to call for nominations for the office of District Governor Nominee. This person will lead our district in 2015-2016 as Governor. The DGN must be a member in good standing and have served as President of a club for a full term. He/she must demonstrate willingness, commitment and ability, physically and otherwise to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of Governor as provided in RI Bylaws section 15.090. If you are interested in furthering the object of Rotary by providing leadership to the clubs in our district please contact our Nominating Committee Chairman PDG Ulli Budelmann at budelmann5910@comcast.net. He will assist you with the application form and qualifications. Nominations must be submitted by December 31, 2012 to Governor Brenda.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



Jordan Byrd accepts the Paul Harris Fellow Certificate from Palestine President Michael Thomason.

Congratulations Jordan!

HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF

District 5910 clubs or individuals may send checks made payable to:

Rotary District 5910 Foundation

%Bobbie Applegate

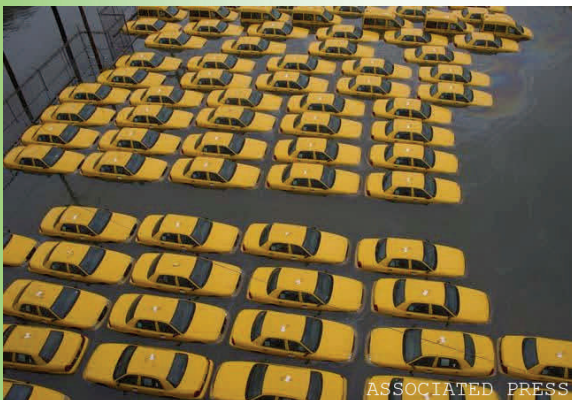
985 IH-10, Suite 111

Beaumont, Texas 77706

All proceeds will be forwarded by District 5910 Disaster Chairman PDG Hugh Summers to Rotary districts impacted by Sandy. Your contributions are tax deductible.

For latest updates on disaster needs visit:

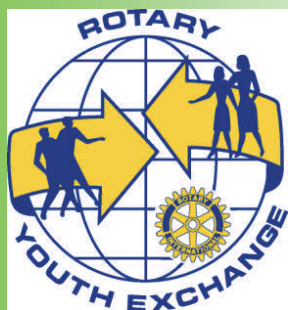
<http://nynjrotary.org/disaster-relief>



PALESTINE DICTIONARY PROJECT



Governor Brenda joined her home club Rotarians to deliver dictionaries to 3rd graders at Southside Elementary. The club has been involved in this project for several years and the kids display big smiles when they receive their dictionary!



NEWS FROM ABROAD

Bonjour or Hallo from Belgium!



Dani Alvarado has been in Huy, Belgium for 3 months and her host parents report she is an exemplary exchange student! Dani speaks fluent French and is from The Woodlands. Thanks Dani for serving as a Rotary Youth Exchange Ambassador for District 5910!



Bonjour from France!

Dear Rotarians,

I am pleased to say that I have spent 3 blissful months in France. I have fallen in love with riding trains, eating at cafe's during breaks at school, and most of all, the French language! Before the many updates I am about to write, I want to say thank you to Rotary for giving me this amazing experience! I am still living with my first family, but I will be changing in just over 2 weeks. I've really enjoyed the family that I am with now, and can't imagine leaving. Thankfully, I love my second family as well. Relations in my family now are very good. We hadn't been very close at the beginning since I couldn't speak French and they couldn't speak English, but as I've improved, I've started enjoying their company more and more. I even cooked Thanksgiving for them! Surprisingly, I love my school. I have great friends, and enjoy sitting in class working out of a French book. My class is very patient with me, and I wouldn't change one thing even if I could. My sponsor club is just grand. Most of my friends only go once a month, to get their money, or even less. However I go every Monday night. I find talking with adults improves my vocabulary, and being so close with my club makes it sure that if I ever needed anything, I could get it immediately! The last thing I can think of is language, and I can describe it with TWO WORDS: it's coming. It's really picking up now, and I am so glad! I hope that by Christmas I will be thinking fully in French, because right now I am thinking in Franglish and I can't say it's enjoyable. So in conclusion, I guess I could basically just sum it up as "My life is perfect and I am ridiculously happy!". My second family is taking me to Paris for Noel, and I am beyond excited. I hope that everything is going well back home!

Sincerely,

Tammany Grant

Tammany is from Huntsville.

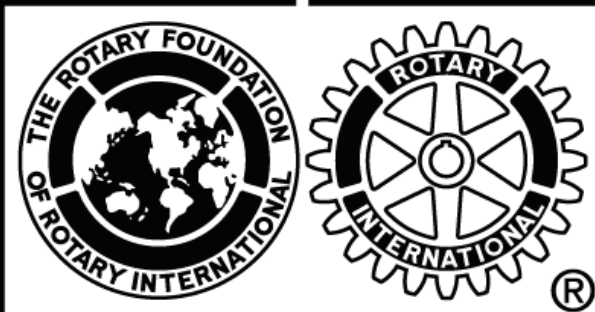
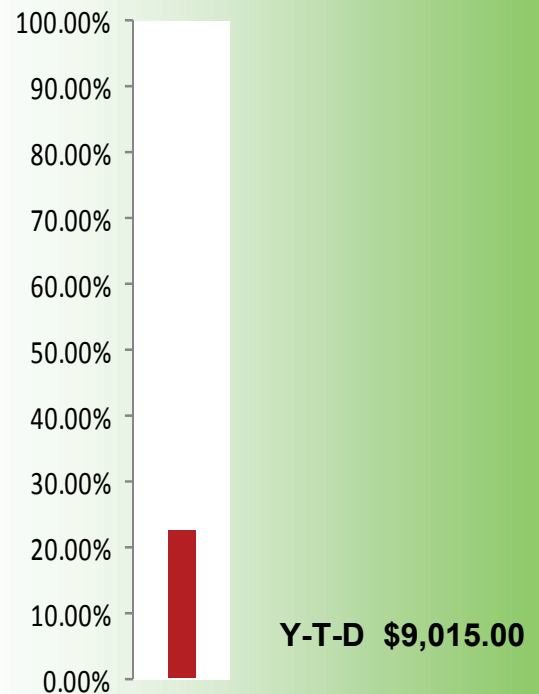
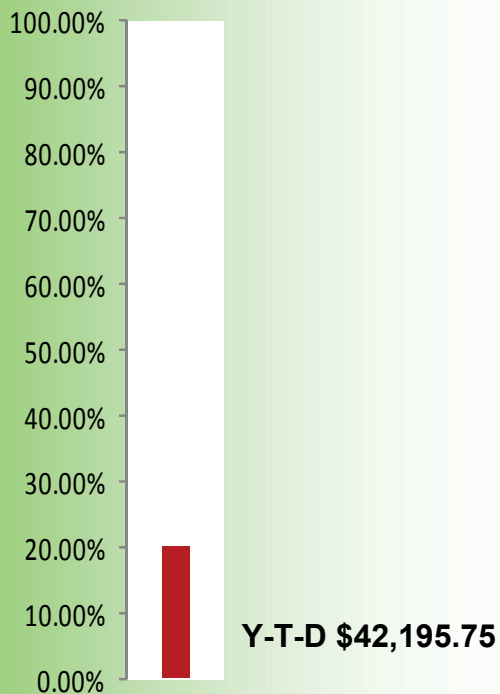


The Rotary Foundation

2012-2013 District 5910 Goals

41 clubs changing the world

Permanent Fund Y-T-D \$ 12,125.00!!



WHY

WE

GIVE

LEAGUE CITY



League City Rotarians with and Clear Creek High Interact students served dinner at the Ronald McDonald house in Galveston.

2013 Rotary International Conference

Please note the registration fees for Lisbon will be going up on December 15, 2012 from \$265USD to \$315USD. Register now and save! www.rotary.org





January 11-13, 2013

Piney Woods Baptist Encampment

Woodlake, Texas

RYLA Adult Volunteers,

Please remember you must submit the adult application in order to work with our youth at RYLA. Applications are due no later than December 15th so please act now! Click [here](#) to access the District 5910 website. On left side of page go down to Site Pages and click on RYLA. Scroll down to “Downloads” and select RYLA 2013 Adult Application.

READYING FOR RYLA

District 5910 Adult Volunteers met recently to prepare for RYLA 2013. They practiced facilitating the challenge course stations and discussed assignments for our upcoming RYLA. Palestine Rotarian Leon Willhite coordinated the event.

