

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

February 18, 2013



Governor's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

The week was full of fun and laughter as we celebrated Valentine's Day, but we also sadly bid farewell to two of our Rotarians in Nacogdoches and Palestine. Each day is a gift so make the most of it! Reach out to others and remember our motto "Service Above Self".

Peace Through Service,
Brenda



WELCOME TO ROTARY



L-R: **Jackie Smith** (Emergency Response Services). Jackie is sponsored by President Ellen Clark.



5TH GRADER HONORED FOR CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE

BRITTANY'S DREAM

The Rotary Club of Friendswood presented an award to Brittany Harris for her efforts to raise money for water wells through World Vision. The 5th grader was inspired after attending a Children of the World Concert 3 years ago. Along with friends and family Brittany began by baking and selling sweets at Thanksgiving and has raised money to drill several wells in Africa. "It was a lot of work but in the end I got the best gift of all...it was giving to the people in need" she said.

Pictured L-R : Friendswood ISD Superintendent and Rotarian Trish Hanks, Brittany and Friendswood President Allan Rasmussen.

The Woodlands



Governor Brenda met with board members at the home of President Mary and Norman Parrish and presented Ralph Schroeder with his 5th Paul Harris Fellow. On Saturday members met to sort, sanitize and fill boxes of food for the Montgomery County Food Bank. Following the service project the group met at Chuy's for fellowship and lunch.



INTERACT



VALENTINE'S PROGRESSIVE DINNER



Woodville High School Interact students along with Interact sponsor Andrea Wilson were hosted by Sam and Judge Judy Haney for appetizers at the Tyler County Art Gallery.



Assistant Governor Roschelle and President-Elect Jerry Springfield hosted the Entrée portion of the dinner at their beautiful country home.



The evening concluded with a dessert course hosted by President Nominee Murlin and Miaela Barker.





Lake Conroe members treated their sweethearts to an evening of fun and games on Valentine Day. Kris McBride ask each member to bring a baby picture and everyone had to guess the member. Later the club enjoyed a Rotary version of the "Not So Newlywed Game". Three couples (Pam and Dalton Thomas, Audrea and Andrew Winkle, Chuck and Phyllis Moore) were selected and questions were ask for the husband and wife respectively. Great party and FUN! FUN! FUN!!



Outbound Youth Exchange

Prepare for 2013-2014 Departure



Eleven outbound students met for the orientation meeting to prepare for their departure this summer. We will host eleven Inbound students as well. To date we have the following clubs who have sent signed commitment forms to District 5910 Youth Exchange Chair Glen Mattingly to host an inbound student:

THANK YOU!!

Galveston
Palestine
Nacogdoches
Lake Conroe
The Woodlands
Friendswood
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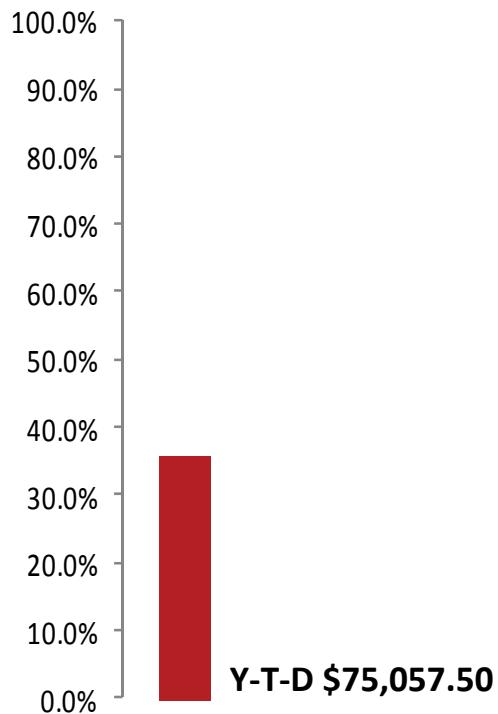


We still need 4 clubs to step up and host! Glen has to negotiate these exchanges so PLEASE consider hosting an exchange student and submit the required form to him asap.

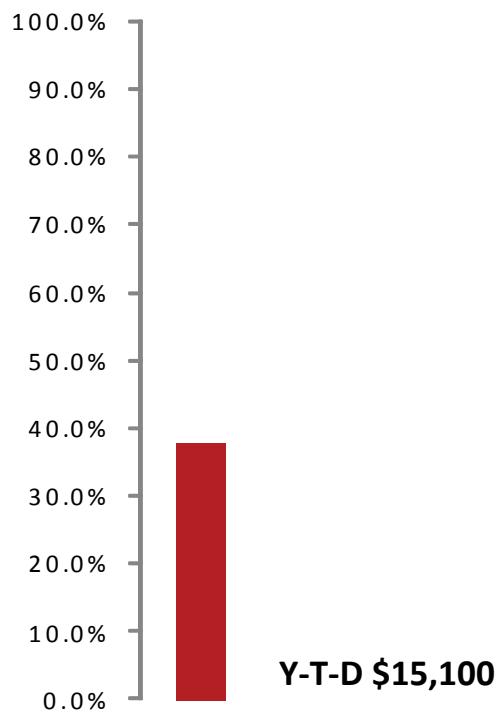


THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
2012-2013 DISTRICT 5910 GOALS
41 CLUBS CHANGING THE WORLD
PERMANENT FUND Y-T-D \$12,125!!

ANNUAL FUND GOAL \$209,490.00



POLIO PLUS \$40,000.00



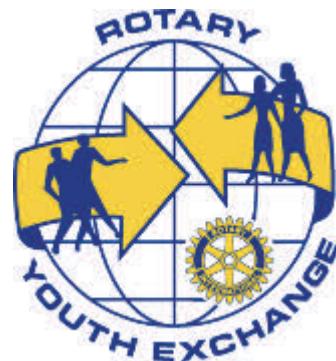
**WHY
WE
GIVE**





Youth Exchange

Glen Mattingly, D5910 YE Chairman accepted the Gold Achievement Award for our youth exchange program from North American Youth Exchange Network at their annual meeting held Feb. 16th in Orlando. Congratulations to all our Rotarians whose efforts led to this award!



RYLA



RYLA attendees shared their experiences at this years camp at the club program.

Back, left to right:

Ronnie Hutchison, Jason Wagner, Luke Johnson, Gage Counts, Luke Placette, Zach Cole

Front row, left to right:

Carrie Grace Henderson, Kirsten Wolfford, Brooke Bertles, Kirby Clayton & Taylor Brownlie

Not pictured:

Colton Cockrell

BEAUMONT



President Becky Mason helps fellow Rotarians fill Layette Bags.

With appreciation for financial support received as a District grant, more than 40 members of the Beaumont Rotary Club and some Lamar University Rotaract members assembled layette bags for indigent Nicaraguan mothers. These simple layette bags are part of a larger program in Nicaragua where Rotarians provide a wide range of assistance and education.



Kudos to Chair Sharon McCabe and her committee, along with International Lane Chair Marcia Crone on a successful project. 100 bags were filled for distribution.

WE REMEMBER



JERRY SIMMONS FREDONIA CLUB NACOGDOCHES

Funeral services for Mr. Jerry Wayne Simmons, 57, of Nacogdoches, Texas, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Brian Tyre officiating, assisted by Dr. Bill Gandin. John Derrick presented the eulogy. Burial followed at Simpson Campground Cemetery. Mr. Simmons passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013, in Nacogdoches. He was born on Dec. 13, 1955, in Nacogdoches to the late Fred William Simmons and Lucille Luman Simmons. Jerry grew up in Nacogdoches. He graduated from Nacogdoches High School in 1974 and attended Stephen F. Austin State University. His banking career spanned a total of 30 years. He worked for Commercial National Bank for over 14 years and was vice president at First Bank and Trust since 1998. He enjoyed the loyalty of many customers during his lengthy career. He was a past member of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Fredonia Rotary Club, a member of Milam Masonic Lodge #2 and was on the Board of Directors for Woden Water Supply. Jerry found a passion for flying through his relationship with the late Bill Meazell. He was a die-hard fisherman and shared a love of hunting with his son, Madi. He taught Madi to shoot and respect firearms at an early age. He gained pleasure from Madi's involvement in football and basketball. Jerry was an avid turkey hunter, was mechanically inclined, a practiced carpenter and a talented barbecue cook. Jerry was a member of First United Methodist Church and had a close relationship with the New Hope Church family and its pastor, Brian Tyre. Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Miriam Fern Simmons and his son, Madi Simmons, both of Nacogdoches; one sister, Betty Pierce and husband Allen of Douglass; as well as other extended family members and good friends. Pallbearers were Jimmy Mize, John Derrick, Marty Sowell, Matt Williams, Chris Taylor, Corey Ashley, Cody Cockerham, Henry Touchette, Johnny Lathrop and Joe Weaver. Honorary pallbearers were Judge Mike Worsham and Brent Boyd. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to the Madi Simmons College Fund, C/O Jimmy Mize, 1009 N. University Dr., Nacogdoches, Texas 75961.

WE REMEMBER



ROBERT "BOB" MILLER PALESTINE

Memorial services for Robert Hanna Miller, 89, of Palestine were held at First United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013, with the Rev. Bruce Hay officiating. A visitation was held Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the church prior to the funeral service.

Mr. Miller passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013 at Cartmell Home for the Aged.

He was born Aug. 27, 1923, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Miller attended Westminster College in Missouri where he earned his "letter sweater" being on the boxing team in the "Golden Gloves". He always said that boxing was one of his most interesting experiences, as he competed in both college and for the United States Navy. He was also a member of the Phi Delta Fraternity.

As a naval officer during World War II, he took part in the landings at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He was a small boat commander at the invasion of Iwo Jima.

After the war he became an attorney, graduating from Washington University Law School in St. Louis, Missouri, a Certified Public Accountant and later an official with the Missouri Pacific Railroad. He retired in May of 1986 from Union Pacific Railroad.

Reading and sailing were Bob's favorite hobbies. He always was telling his children that one of the most important things in life was to "keep up with your friends."

Bob took an active role in the civic affairs in Palestine serving as president of the Palestine Civic Music Association, the United Way, the YMCA, the Rotary Club, the Toastmaster Club, and the Library Memorial Board. He served as General of the Boy Scout sustaining membership drive and was a director of Meals on Wheels. He also received the Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellow award twice.

Those of us who knew him well marveled at how he was willing to help out on a project in spite of his many obligations.

He was an active member of First United Methodist Church and served as Chairman of the Administrative Council and President of the Methodist Men's Organization. He was Sunday School Superintendent of the Youth Department and later taught the Men's Bible Class for 14 years.

He is survived by wife, Rosemary Miller of Palestine; sons, Mark Miller of San Antonio and Gregg Miller of Plano; daughter, Gail Hiles of Bowling Green, Ky.; and five grandchildren, Matthew, Mitchell, Scott, Ryan and Rachel.

Memorials may be made to the building fund of First United Methodist Church, 422 South Magnolia, Palestine, Texas 75801 or a charity of your choice.

ROLL OF FAME

Roll of Fame nomination forms have been received by the following clubs:

Beaumont

Beaumont-Spindletop

Bridge City/Orangefield

Bryan

Conroe

Dayton

Dickinson

Galveston

Lake Conroe

The Mainland (LaMarque)

Nederland

North Port Arthur

Palestine

Port Arthur

Texas City

The Woodlands

Vidor

PLEASE REMEMBER APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER **MARCH 8TH**
SO PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NOMINEE TO ROLL OF FAME CHAIR MIKE CASEY ASAP.
THE NOMINATION FORM CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.ROTARY5910.ORG. WHEN THE
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