

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

February 4, 2013



Governor's Message

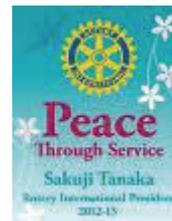
Rotarians,

February is World Understanding Month.

Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange and our Ambassadorial Scholar program provide us opportunities to interact with people of different cultures. We should seek first to understand and then to be understood. Our lives can be enriched by others, and it's fun to learn about cultural customs. If you haven't seen the movie "Outsourced", it is a funny and perfect example of how we learn to see the world through the eyes of another culture. Greater cultural understanding will pave the path to a more peaceful humanity.

Peace Through Service,

Brenda



GALVESTON ISLAND



Governor Brenda and Stack enjoyed fellowship with members at Fisherman's Wharf. The view and seafood was fantastic and oh...that root beer bread pudding! President Darrell John and PE Leon Kaplan were perfect hosts at the club meeting held at the San Luis Hotel and presented Governor Brenda with a beach bag, towels and sunscreen.



HARDIN COUNTY



Governor Brenda and Stack enjoyed a fun evening with The Hardin County (Lumberton) members at Bistro LeMonde in Beaumont. The club gets up bright and early to meet at 8:00a.m.! Governor Brenda is pictured with new members Beth Kirk, Chuck Meyer, Theresa Stawser, Bobbie Peckam, Sandra Wommack and President Wade MacLean.

ROLL OF FAME

Don't forget! Your Roll of Fame nominations are due by Feb. 15th if you want the recipient listed in David Johnson's 2013-2014 District Directory. If not, nominations are due by March 8th. We will not accept any nominations after this date so be sure and submit your nominations on time. The form can be found at www.rotary5910.org. When the page opens scroll down to important documents and downloads on left side of page.

DAYTON

Governor Brenda and Stack enjoyed serving Gumbo to with Dayton club members. The fundraiser served several hundred and the Gumbo was delicious!



Mexican Food and fellowship with the board at Los Compadres.



L-R: Tami Pierce, YE student Hagen Lihl and PE Arlene Langham



President Bryan Patrom oversees the Gumbo dinner.



L-R: Stack Walker, David Douglas and Ricky Brown.

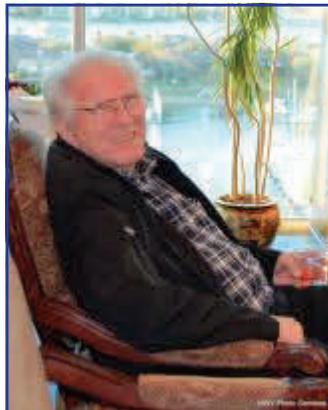
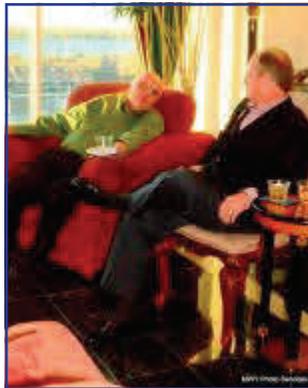


L-R: Aaron Holbrook and Brooks Hiller.



The Gumbo Pot

MID-YEAR MEETING



When Rotarians gather the fellowship begins! A large group met at South Shore Grille on Friday evening for dinner at South Shore Grille. The Saturday meeting included over 115 attendees and 34 of 41 clubs were represented!

HARDIN COUNTY



Club Treasurer Lisa O'Blanc and club member Robert Peavey pose with 2 scouts by one of the newly painted hydrants in a subdivision.



Club President Wade Maclean (2nd from right) and new club member Teresa Strawser stand next to Eagle Scout candidate Joshua Maclean (far right) and his uncle by a freshly painted hydrant on the Lumberton High School campus.

VIDOR CLUB HONORED



Vidor Rotary Club president Sally Andrews shows the ribbon the club won as Readers Choice Best Civic Organization in Orange County. The award was presented by the Orange Leader. Congratulations to your club!

HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP District Conference

The House of Friendship needs some friends! Please register for a booth space in the house of friendship to showcase your club or district committee's achievements, projects and service projects. Booth space is \$20. Click [here](#) to access the District 5910 Conference Website for details. Be sure and register early. The conference is May 3-5 in Palestine and we hope you will join us to celebrate our collective achievements!

PALESTINE



Linda Walton encouraged Congressman Jeb Hensarling to join the “This Close” team for Polio Plus. A contribution was made by the Rotary Club of Palestine to Polio Plus in honor of his visit.



THE WOODLANDS

Paul Klein speaks of Dr. Martin Luther King

The Rotary Club of The Woodlands meeting on January 24 had a relationship to Martin Luther King Day. Paul Klein, the luncheon speaker was an active supporter of Dr. King. While a college student Klein was at the March on Washington, a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee with Stokely Carmichael, and one of the students that carried the civil rights message in Mississippi. He provided some of his experiences from that time. Klein, who has an interesting background including song writer and musician, is now a corporate advisor on managing change. His concern is that Dr. King’s message of non violence could be lost with passing years. It should remain relevant; violence should not be taken casually. At the same time non violence does not mean ignoring issues like war and poverty. He pointed out that biblical love isn’t passive, it is extraordinarily active. It is necessary to “be the change”.

BEAUMONT LARGE CLUB CONFERENCE



Alfred Anderson provided a van to transport guests from the airport for the Rotary Large Club Conference, hosted by the RC of Beaumont. (Clubs of 250 and more) . Michael and Kris McBride assisted RCB as hosts at Bush IA, greeting Rotarians from all over the USA as they arrived in Houston. Michael transported late arriving guests to Beaumont in the van, and Kris followed behind in her Lexus SUV as luggage carrier - a great plug for Ford. THANKS ALFRED FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!!!



Kris and Michael then spent the weekend alternating duties as Greeters, Recorders, Facilitators and Hospitality Hosts for the weekend. Michael and Kris belong to the Lake Conroe Club...this is a perfect example of Service Above Self!

FIRST CLASS CLUB!

FIRST CLASS HOSPITALITY!

OUTSTANDING JOB BEAUMONT!

COMMENTS FROM YAKIMA, WASHINGTON ROTARIAN CONFERENCE ATTENDEE

I have a confession to make. When I first learned I was going to the Large Club Conference in Beaumont, Texas, (where the heck is that???), I had some serious reservations. I kept thinking about all the other ways I could use those four + days. Beaumont was not the easiest place to get to....it took three plane flights plus a 90 minute bus ride. I was skeptical, to say the least, when I stepped off that bus last Thursday. Then, the magic began. I was immediately impressed with the friendliness and organizational skills of the Beaumont Rotarians and the staff of the 'Elegante' as we checked in. I quickly learned that I was going to be a part of a fun, well organized, high energy conference in a first class facility. I loved every bit of my Beaumont experience:

Michael Clayton was a classy host/moderator throughout. The breakout sessions were well organized and beautifully managed by the Beaumont volunteers. Each moderator was a good listener and kept the sessions moving along. The food was fantastic.....and there was a ton of it! I still close my eyes and see those delicious brownies, cookies, cinnamon rolls, pretzels, etc. The hotel staff was friendly and on the ball. Our keynote speakers, Jim Kite and Joe Wiegand were simply outstanding. They were inspiring, entertaining and thought-provoking. The transportation was well thought out and highly organized. The social events were fun and run very smoothly.

So, all in all, it was a fabulous conference. But wait, the number one factor that made this a conference to remember.....the hospitality of the Beaumont Rotarians was simply over the top! Every single member of your club presented the very best face of Beaumont, Texas. Y'all blew me away with your warmth, your charm, your willingness to go above and beyond. You were the pinnacle of a truly outstanding conference. Y'all made the ultimate difference between a really good conference and one that was first class in every way. I am so glad to have come to your wonderful town and met y'all. You epitomized Texas-styled southern hospitality. My deep appreciation to all of you along with my heartfelt thanks.

Your brother in Rotary,

Dave

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

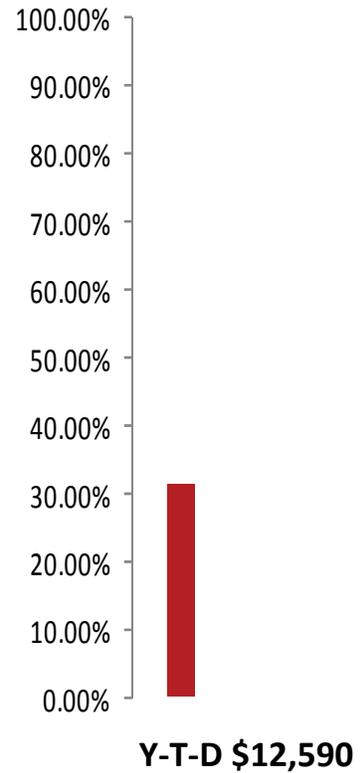
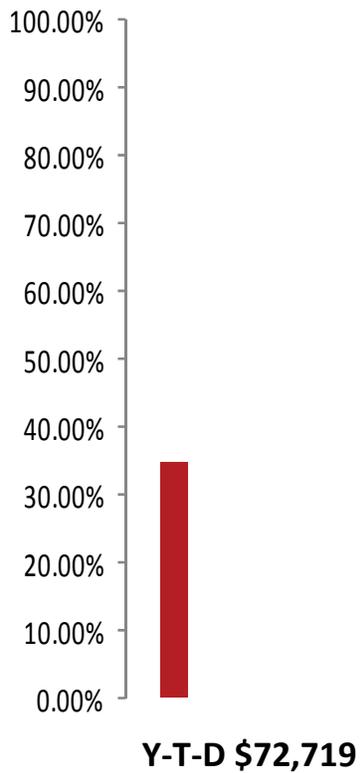
2012-2013 DISTRICT 5910 GOALS

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**

