

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

July 16, 2012



Governor's Message

Rotarians,

Throughout District 5910 our clubs have completed officer installations and are now busy preparing for fund raisers and service projects in order to carry out the time honored tradition of *Service Above Self*. Some of our proceeds will be donated to The Rotary Foundation which exists to assist us in delivering humanitarian and educational services both home and abroad. I am pleased to announce our clubs have collectively committed to an overall goal of \$209,490 to the annual program fund and \$40,000 for Polio Plus in 2012-2013. There is no doubt we will exceed this goal!

PUBLIC RELATIONS GRANT AWARDED

Congratulations to Public Relations Chair Alfred Anderson and his committee! Alfred submitted the 2012-2013 Public Relations grant and District 5910 was awarded \$12,000 from RI. The District will add \$4,000 as required by RI for a total of \$16,000. The grant will support "This Close" Polio Plus ads to be run in East Texas newspapers and publications.



What-A-Melon Festival

Center, Texas

July 12-14



Governor Walker visited the Rotary Club of Center and enjoyed dinner with Rotarians at Margarita's Mexican Restaurant prior to opening ceremonies for the 4th annual What-A-Melon Festival. The festival is sponsored solely by the Rotary club and proceeds net in excess of \$15,000 each year. New this year is a 5K run and 275 runners registered for the race to benefit the child advocacy center.



Center Rotarians share laughs and fellowship.



President Misty Wilburn and Governor Brenda discuss goals.



Governor Brenda slices a 110 lb watermelon at the opening ceremony with assistance from Mayor David Chadwick, Shelby County Judge Rick Campbell, and Sheriff Newton Johnson.



5K What-A-Melon Crawl.

WELCOME NEW ROTARIANS!

HUNTSVILLE



L-R: President Tyler Johns, Sponsor John Hendricks, new Rotarian Bart Davis (Construction Management), with his Dad, Past President and Honorary Member J.D. Davis

NACOGDOCHES



L-R: Sponsor David Alders, new member Lindsey Vardeman (Agriculture lender), President Ron Johnson, new member Liana Berry (Social services), sponsor Carrie Christian and Mr. Berry.

A FIRST FOR BEAUMONT

Becky Mason was installed as Centennial President of the club. It was another historic event as she was installed by her husband, a previous president of the group and also a Past District Governor, making them the first husband-wife duo to ever both serve in the chief position. The club boasts nearly 100 years of service in Beaumont since being founded and chartered in 1913. Special events and projects will highlight the Centennial Year of celebration, concluding in June 2013. The group has announced it will build a barrier-free playground in downtown Beaumont, near the city's Event Center as the club's birthday gift to the community. Other officers installed were Vernon Pierce as vice president; Craig Escamilla as secretary; Mary Ellen Robertson as treasurer; Pat Anderson as sergeant-at-arms, and Chad Blanchard as President-elect. Directors of the group are Chris Ayers, Slate Babineaux, Richard Bothel, Cindy Cherry, Marcia Crone, Steve Doblin, Joe Domino, Craig Escamilla, Ted Moor, Michael Perez, John Quigley, and John Weitzel. Becky Mason will have support from Immediate Past President David Locke and Presidential Advisor Chuck Mason. Congratulations Becky!



L-R: PDG Chuck Mason, Becky Mason

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Attn: Club Presidents

Please email a digital photo of each new member you induct along with name and classification to brenda.walker@oncor.com. Let's introduce and welcome new Rotarians to the district each week.

Attn: Secretaries

Beginning this July, Rotary clubs will have the option of receiving their semiannual report (SAR) electronically.

Clubs will continue to receive the standard paper SAR unless they choose to opt out, which RI strongly encourages, by updating their club preferences in [Member Access](#). Going paperless supports RI's environmental efforts and also provides:

- Improved service to all clubs
- Faster, more secure, and more effective international delivery
- Significant cost savings
- Increased efficiency at all RI office locations

To make this effort to go green successful, please ensure that your club and club officer's email addresses in [Member Access](#) are current.

Instruction for opting out of the paper SAR

If your club no longer wishes to receive the paper version of the SAR, your club's secretary, president, or executive secretary/director should login to [Member Access](#) and select "Update Club Data, Semiannual Report Preferences." Be sure to save your update.

The electronic SAR will be sent from [Rotary International SAR@microdg.com](mailto:Rotary_International_SAR@microdg.com). Please update your junk mail filters by pre-approving this sender and do not reply to this e-mail address.

District Interact to Meet August 18th

Do your part to spread the word and assist our Interact High School Officers to attend this meeting! Register at www.rotary5910.org.

**ALL INTERACT OFFICERS, ROTARY ADVISORS AND FACULTY REPS...
YOU ARE INVITED!!!!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

DATE: 08/18/2012

INTERACT OFFICER TRAINING

Plan on attending this exciting and fun training . A must for Interact Officers, Faculty Reps and Rotary Advisors. Strengthen your Club, get ideas for successful projects, get the Rotary Interact Handbook and learn more of what Rotary offers for Interact.

Location: Willis High School
1201 FM 830
Willis, Texas 77378
Contact: Michael McBride, Interact District Chair
michaelrdc@aol.com Cell 936.524.3659

TIME: 9:00 AM—2:30 PM

Register on the District Website at www.rotary5910.org
Go to the calendar of events, click on this event. ROTARIAN ADVISORS—register as "member" and then register Interactors and School Rep as "guests".

