

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

July 9, 2012



Governor's Message

Rotarians,

I hope you celebrated the 4th of July with family and friends and your night sky was brilliant with fireworks. We have so much to be thankful for in our home sweet home!

Speaking of family...our family of Rotary is shrinking at an alarming rate. While some of our clubs are enjoying growth, the majority have seen a steady decline in the past ten years.

PDG Rose Austin will serve as Membership Chair for 2012-2013 and will be presenting a membership initiative "Ignite" during our Foundation/Membership meeting Sept. 15th.

Some sobering statistics - RI membership records of District 5910 back to 2002. Please look at the chart below (numbers shown are as of 07/01 of each year). It is alarming to see the overall decline in just ten short years. We must reverse this trend by finding service minded people to join our ranks. Every day we interact with business and professional people, but do we stop to consider him or her a prospective Rotarian?

Our 2012-2013 collective net member growth goal is **134** members. Let's commit to adding a record number of new members in 2012-2013!

Attn: President's and Secretaries

Please make sure your member number is correct for July 2012. If incorrect contact RI by emailing data@rotary.org.

Club Name	2002	2003		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Aggieland	40	35	47	40	40	36	43	37	38	40	44
Angelina (Lufkin)	40	38	36	31	33	33	32	30	27	25	27
Beaumont	299	298	302	307	295	286	286	293	277	257	250
Beaumont-Spindletop	56	52	59	52	52	50	53	53	48	47	51
Bridge City-Orangefield	36	39	28	40	42	39	37	39	34	30	32
Bryan	170	174	165	150	138	133	132	137	130	122	120
Center	35	39	44	40	41	37	38	40	41	48	51
Cleveland	28	30	30	30	30	35	38	35	30	28	29
College Station	68	64	70	60	62	62	57	56	50	52	52
Conroe	106	94	82	66	75	78	63	57	56	54	54
Crockett	48	48	47	45	44	41	45	39	44	41	36
Dayton	21	21	18	19	20	22	25	32	24	18	22
Dickinson	49	46	48	46	43	42	40	37	39	38	43
East Montgomery	28	27	32	28	27	31	34	41	32	33	40
Friendswood	39	41	44	42	41	41	38	38	44	47	52
Galveston	159	159	159	148	148	147	134	122	112	99	101
Galveston Island	59	63	65	62	63	60	56	57	50	60	57
Hardin County							20	24	23	17	18
Huntsville	123	121	115	114	114	102	94	95	78	67	70
Lake Conroe	53	49	51	53	50	51	47	53	54	49	50
League City	59	42	47	46	45	33	29	28	36	28	26
Liberty	57	59	60	58	54	55	62	64	72	66	63
Livingston	60	56	53	51	55	47	48	51	50	51	48
Lufkin	73	74	74	72	67	59	56	52	53	53	60
Magnolia	0	25	23	26	21	26	27	27	24	15	19
Nacogdoches	174	177	176	173	166	170	176	169	166	168	162
Nacogdoches - Fredonia	63	61	67	59	55	64	56	50	57	62	58
Nederland	46	47	45	39	31	33	36	37	30	27	31
North Port Arthur	48	48	47	44	36	42	44	37	38	29	26
Orange	115	116	108	109	101	101	112	106	104	97	99
Palestine	109	108	107	104	107	99	104	105	97	91	99
Port Arthur	70	60	57	58	55	60	65	68	60	50	46
Port Neches-Groves	27	26	26	23	23	19	24	20	40	36	37
Rusk	12	13	14	23	15	18	22	27	23	23	22
San Augustine	17	25	24	24	27	30	28	25	31	29	33
Santa Fe-Hitchcock	14	10	16	19	11	14	12	15	15	16	15
Texas City	83	89	80	77	81	85	80	78	78	80	83
The Mainland (La Marque)	44	51	47	43	38	41	38	33	32	30	28
Vidor	23	20	23	23	20	22	14	14	11	11	20

Woodlands, The	144	159	155	164	162	169	157	149	145	156	158
Woodville	25	30	33	35	33	31	26	26	24	27	24
Sum:	2720	2734	2724	2643	2561	2573	2528	2496	2417	2317	2356



In Remembrance

Johnny Shaw, husband of PDG Janis Shaw (Nederland 1999-2000) passed away July 4th. A private burial was held at Vinton, Louisiana.



2012-2013 Group Study Exchange
District 7020
 (10 countries in the Caribbean)

Our team will go to District 7020 (Virgin Islands in the Caribbean) during May 11 to June 8, 2013. The training process requires we start recruiting applicants now. The team includes one Rotarian leader and four non-Rotarian team members between 25 and 40 years of age.

Applications are due by August 10 and interviews will be held on August 18. Please announce this early and often in club meetings starting now and distribute it in writing where possible. “This is truly a "chance of a lifetime," so we need to make it known to everyone as early as possible” states GSE Chairman John Delaney.

Team leader applications are due August 10. We’ll interview applicants on August 18. Applicants must save that date.

We should also be recruiting Team Member applicants. Those applications are due September 30. We’ll interview applicants on October 20. Training will start in November. There's a GSE Brochure on the district website with a description of the program. For additional information see www.rotary5910.org.



DURBIN, KIRK RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOR POLIO ERADICATION EFFORTS PASSES THE U.S. SENATE UNANIMOUSLY

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] – The United States Senate on June 26th unanimously approved a resolution introduced by U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Mark Kirk (R-IL) commending Rotary International and other organizations for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio around the world. The resolution, S. Res. 473, encourages the international community to remain committed to the effort to fully eliminate polio worldwide. Polio was successfully eradicated from India in January, 2011, and is currently found in only three countries: Nigeria, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

At its peak, polio outbreaks in the United States affected 57,000 people annually, paralyzing 21,000 Americans and killing 3,000; however, vaccines developed in 1952 and 1957 contributed to the disease's rapid decline, and the United States has been polio-free since 1979. Given the availability of an effective vaccine, Rotary International, a global association that was founded in Chicago, Illinois in 1905, has made the worldwide eradication of polio one of its highest priorities. It is currently headquartered in Evanston, Illinois, and has 1,200,000 members in more than 170 countries contributing to this effort around the globe. With assistance from the World Health Organization (WHO), the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, UNICEF, the United States and other national governments, Rotary International has helped reduce cases of polio by more than 99% since 1988 from 350,000 cases reported annually to less than 700 cases reported in 2011.

