

Final Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

June 30, 2013

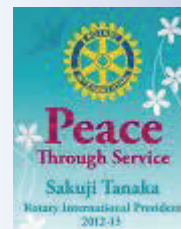


Governor's Message

Rotarians,

Time for me to say farewell as we welcome our new Governor David Johnson! Stack and I want to thank each of you for this very special year. Participating in your service projects and fundraisers, and seeing the importance of your community service efforts was especially meaningful. My year as Governor will always be very memorable because of your hospitality, friendship, support and kindness. I am extremely pleased with our Rotary Foundation giving totaling \$323,684.55 as of June 29th...outstanding! Thanks to your support we had 100% club participation for both the Annual Fund and Polio Plus. May God bless each of you as we continue to seek Peace Through Service.

Brenda



WELCOME TO ROTARY!



Beaumont-Spindletop

L-R: Cindy Westfall sponsored Cheryl Kizer (middle) being congratulated by Liz Robinson, President.



Beaumont

The club also welcomed a new member recently. Mary Poole is welcomed by Centennial President Becky Mason and President-Elect Chad Blanchard. Mary is Marketing Director at Baptist Hospitals Southeast Texas. She is very active in civic groups and sits on the Board of several. Her classification is Hospitals-Marketing.

Galveston names 9 PHF's!



Above L-R: John Clyburn, Sonny Vaiani, Steve Mataro, John Knecht, and Bert Sweetman; Tom LaRue, Club president, in background.

Below L-R: Cathy Cashio-Bertand, Sheryl Green, Chuck Herrera, and Carolyn Clyburn; with Tom LaRue, President, Rotary Club of Galveston.





We Remember PDG Jack McCullough Nacogdoches

Photo of Jack and ElaRuth was taken at his District Officer Installation in Nacogdoches 06/24/2006

Dr. Jack Dennis McCullough Jr. died on June 16, 2013. He was born August 8, 1931, to Col. Jack D. McCullough and Helen Williams McCullough in San Antonio, Texas. He was a 6th generation Texan — his Forefather, Freeman George, was among “The old 300 Settlers” arriving with Stephen F. Austin to inhabit an area later to become Texas.

Dr. McCullough is survived by his wife, ElaRuth Bankston McCullough, and they recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. He is also survived by two sons and three grandchildren; Thomas and Maria and son Fred, Bruce and Diana and children, Lindsay and Miles.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Harvey and Jay Ray.

Jack graduated from Stephenville High School, Tarleton Jr. College and University of Texas in Austin. He was awarded the master's degree from Stephen F. Austin University and completed a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University in Biology and Oceanography. As a recipient of National Science Foundation Scholarships, McCullough was able to earn both graduate degrees in the biological sciences.

While a student at the University of Texas, he was in the ROTC and upon graduation he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army. Jack served his country seven years as an officer, attaining the rank of Captain.

Jack taught in public schools in the Houston Independent School District for eight years as an advanced level biology teacher. He was also a biology instructor at Texas A&M University.

Jack began teaching in the Biology Department at Stephen F. Austin State University in 1964. Jack retired in December 2000 as the director of the Environmental Science Graduate Studies Program. His academic specialty was in water quality-aquatic ecology and water pollution. Upon retirement, Jack was awarded the status of Professor Emeritus. Other honors included Regent's Professor Award for Research; Distinguished Professor Award by the Alumni Association; and the SFA Foundation Faculty Achievement. He served as President of the Texas Academy of Science and also as Editor for the Texas Journal of Science.

McCullough published 50 or more scientific papers, many of which were presented to scientists at state, national and international scientific conferences. His greatest joy was the supervision of 150 graduate students in scientific research and writing as a partial fulfillment of student's requirements for the masters degree.

In 1981, McCullough joined Nacogdoches Rotary Club where he served the Club as President, Board of Directors, and 3 years as Assistant District Governor. He proudly served International Rotary District #5960 as District Governor. Jack and ElaRuth traveled to many Rotary International Conferences and participated in mission trips to the Amazon River villages and Central American villages helping to improve the health and living conditions of the villagers.

After being retired for several years, Dr. McCullough was invited by the SFA School of Forestry to become a water and environmental science researcher. He was fortunate to have the opportunity to do the base line studies of Lake Naconiche before empoundment in 2010. He had, in 1980, studied Nacogdoches Reservoir, and he was proud to know that Nacogdoches had access to good water and good fishing.

Jack believed in giving back to Nacogdoches, thus he served on numerous committees, led historical walking tours and narrated for bus tours. He was on the Eagle Scout Board of Review to approve young Boy Scouts to become Eagle Scouts. He was a long-time member at Westminster Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to SFA Alumni Association to the McCullough Family Scholarship, C/O SFA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 6096 SFA, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962.

Liberty Vino Night



Liberty hosted it's first annual Wine Tasting fundraiser on June 20th. L-R: Paul Schmidt, Diane Huddleston, Ada Fay Schmidt, Sandra Sterling, Linda Jamison, Gloria Stratton, Bruce Stratton and Rotary President Jim Sterling. The crowd of nearly sixty enjoyed a wonderful Italian feast prepared by the Magnolia Ridge Country Club, Mike Jerome, General Manager. Wines tasted included: Chateau St. Michelle Chardonnay (Washington State), Haak Vineyards Texas Blanc du Bois (Santa Fe, Texas), B&G Vouvray (France) Las Rocas Garnacha (Spain) and Villa Rogole Chianti (Italy)

Scholarship Recipients



From left Ashleigh Simmons, Community in Schools Program graduate; Rotarian Bert Sweetman, project chair; James Lusby-Garcia, BHS graduate; Christopher Reitmeyer, graduate of O'Connell High School; and Rotary Club of Galveston president, Tom LaRue.

ROTARACT CLUB FORMED



The Rotary Club of Beaumont is proud to announce the official chartering of the Beaumont Rotaract! Expressing appreciation to the club sponsor to the group, Steve Lucas, Centennial President Becky Mason presented the charter from Rotary International to Rebekah Maxwell (Ambassadorial Scholar). It is appropriate that in the Rotary Club of Beaumont's Centennial year, the Beaumont Rotaract Club was officially born. Congratulations Beaumont Rotaract!

BEAUMONT



CENTENNIAL PLAYGROUND

The Rotary year might be coming to a close but the enthusiasm and excitement in Beaumont remains high. The Centennial events of the year were energizing and motivated members to new levels of involvement. The club continues to work steadily at the completion of the Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground. We will announce a grand opening and ribbon-cutting event and hope many can come to be a witness to this celebration.

Rotary International Convention - Lisbon, Portugal

June 23-26, 2013

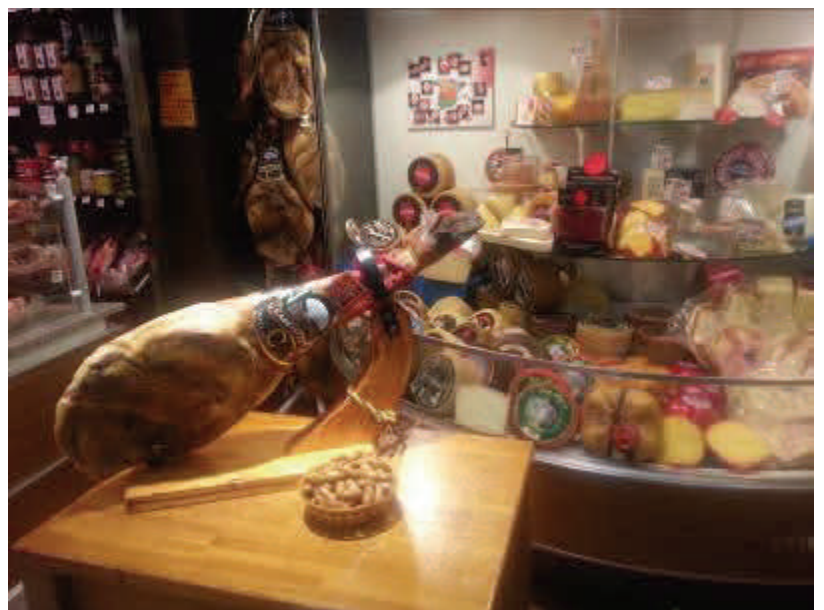


The RI Convention hosted over 24,000 Rotarians .

Great speakers, fellowship, food and entertainment! Governor Brenda thanked RI President Sakuji Tanaka for his leadership.



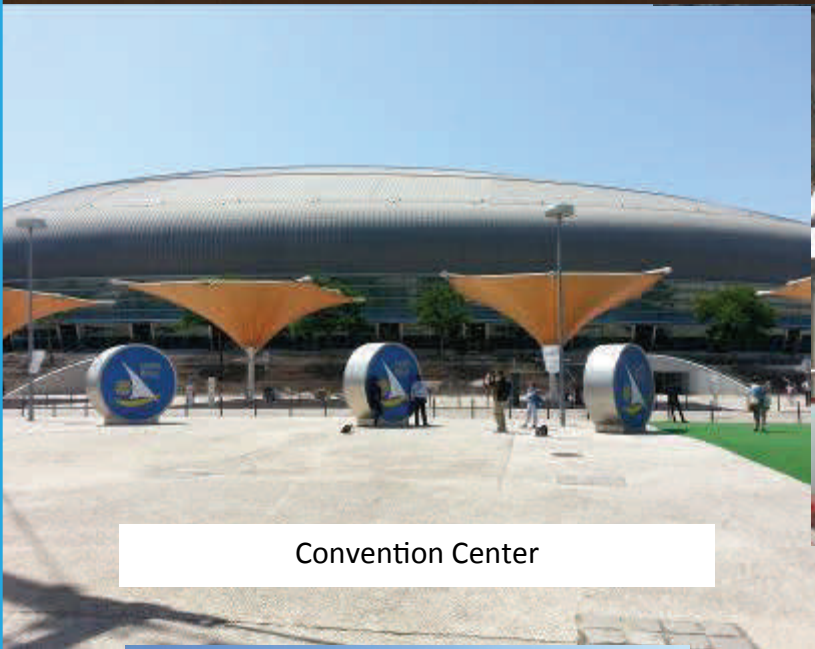
The Food



The Sights



Zones21A-21B & 27 River Tagus Cruise and Dinner



Convention Center



House of Friendship



Governor Brenda with Glen & Kathy Brewer
in House of Friendship "On to Sydney" booth

The Events

Governor Brenda and Stack at Foundation Major Donor Dinner.



Foundation Trustee Noel & Sis Bajat served as table hosts for the President's Luncheon. Also seated at table were Governor Brenda and Stack, PDG Rose Austin and Milton and Rotarians from England and Panama.

Fellowship



On to Sydney Luncheon

Past RI President Ray Klinginsmith served as our table host. PDG Rose and Milton Austin and Rotarians from Canada, Nigeria and China also joined us.



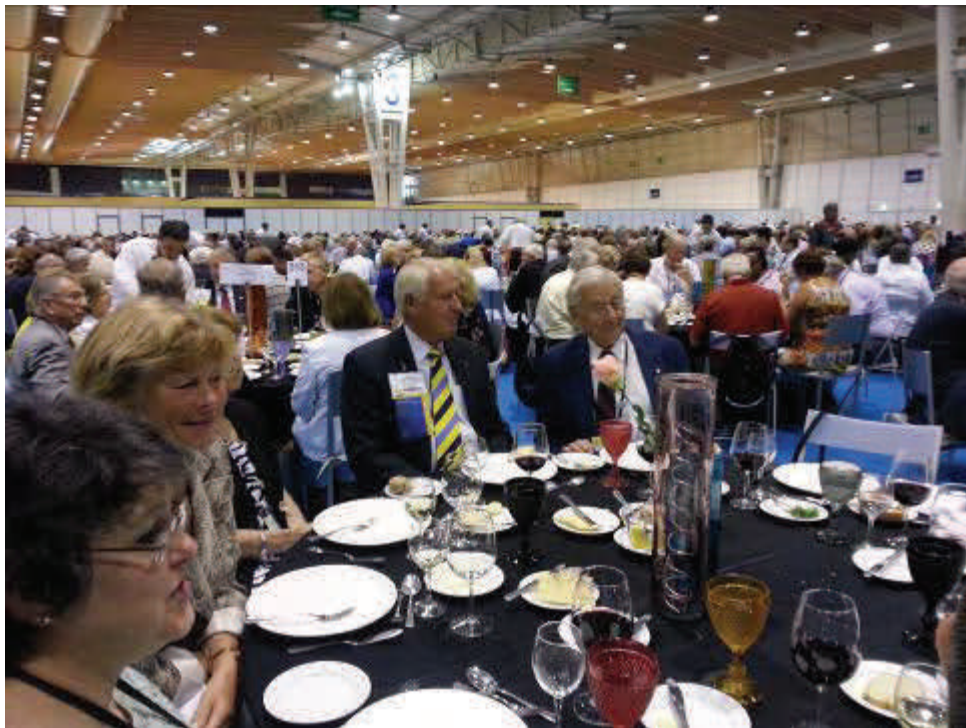
L-R: Milton Austin, Governor Brenda, PDG Rose Austin, Carol and Glen Mattingly.

Governor Brenda and PDG Rose Austin visit with Bobby Morris (Lake Conroe) in House of Friendship.





Port Arthur President George and Martha Newsome joined Governor Brenda and Stack at the table on the Zone 21A/21B/27 River Cruise and Dinner.



Past RI President Carl Stenhammer served as our table host for the President-Elect Luncheon. Also seated at the table were Rotarians from Finland and California.

Programs



Governor Brenda, Dr. Jane Goodall and Ahnise Summers.



On to Sydney Luncheon . Seated with Hugh and Ahnise Summers are RI Director Andy and Anita Smallwood along with their daughters and Rotaractors.

CARE AND CONCERN

Please keep PDG Alex and Marie Broussard in your thoughts and prayers. Alex is dealing with medical issues.

Billie Rae Stelly, wife of PDG Jim Stelly of Orange suffered a stroke and is currently in the Harbor House.

ElaRuth McCullough in the loss of her husband PDG Jack.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

2012-2013 DISTRICT 5910 GOALS

41 CLUBS CHANGING THE WORLD

PERMANENT FUND Y-T-D \$12,125!

2012-2013 US \$100 PER CAPITA (Annual Fund) DISTRICT BENCHMARK **\$232,300.00...**

AS OF 06/29/2013 \$249,924.60

ANNUAL FUND GOAL \$209,490.00

Y-T-D \$249,924.60

119% of goal

POLIO PLUS GOAL \$40,000.00

Y-T-D \$61,634.95

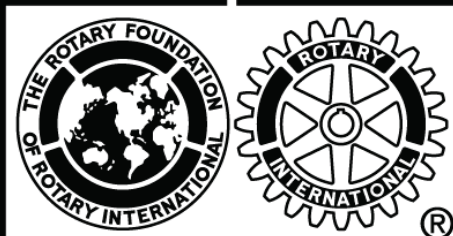
154% of goal

In addition District 5910 donated an additional \$30,000 back to Polio Plus from our district designated funds (funds carried over from prior years) for a total Polio Plus Giving of \$91,634.95

TOTAL FOUNDATION GIVING FROM OUR DISTRICT AS OF 06/29/2013

(includes Annual Fund, Polio Plus and Permanent Fund)

\$323,684.55



District 5910 Accomplishments

2012-2013

- ◆ Hosted 12 inbound students and 12 outbound
- ◆ Hosted GSE Team from District 7020 and funded outbound GSE Team to District 7020
- ◆ Funded 3 graduate student Ambassadorial Scholars to Peru, Chile and China
- ◆ Celebrated 3 Centennials (Beaumont, Galveston and Palestine)
- ◆ Formed 3 new Rotaract Clubs (Beaumont, Galveston and Lone Star College-Montgomery)
- ◆ Formed 3 new Interact Clubs (Caney Creek-East Mont. Co., Dayton, and Monsignor Kelly Catholic-Beaumont)
- ◆ Funded 17 new water wells in Nicaragua
- ◆ Conducted another successful Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp
- ◆ Exceeded Foundation Club Goals and had 100% Club Participation in both Annual Fund and Polio Plus Giving
- ◆ Funded 16 District Simplified Grants
- ◆ Beaumont hosted large club conference
- ◆ Funded Matching Grant for Water Wells (Palestine, Beaumont, Cleveland, Port Arthur wells in Nicaragua and Aggeland well in San Salvador)
- ◆ Donated additional \$30,000 from District Designated funds back to Polio Plus
- ◆ Hosted Foundation/Membership meeting
- ◆ Hosted District Assembly
- ◆ Hosted Mid-Year Meeting
- ◆ Hosted District Conference-Palestine
- ◆ Rotarians from 8 clubs attended the International Convention in Lisbon