

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

March 4, 2013



Governor's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

March is Literacy month. I had so much fun learning to read with Dick, Jane, Sally and Spot. Our lives are enriched by reading, and I am extremely proud of our clubs in District 5910 for their literacy efforts and projects implemented throughout our communities. Reading gives us the ability to study other cultures thus leading us to a better understanding of the world we live in.

Peace Through Service,

Brenda



Welcome to Rotary!



President Ellen Clark poses with new member **Brian McDonald** (Dir. Bus. Dev.—Cantex) and sponsor Kenny Blanda.



Pictured on the left is **Charles Shelton**, Owner of Charles C. Shelton, Esq. (classification: Law-Estate Planning), and on the right is **Lum Edwards, III**, Partner/Vice President of J. S. Edwards & Sherlock Insurance Agency (classification: Insurance-Casualty) who is re-joining the club after an absence of a few years. Interestingly, Lum Edwards, III, is the great-grandson of James Edwards, a founding member of the Rotary Club of Beaumont 100 years ago.

WELCOME ROTARIANS!



Pictured l-r: President Tyler Johns, *Wayne Scott* (Retired-Executive Director, Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice), Bill Green (Sponsor) and PDG Dan Davis.



Pictured l-r: President Tyler Johns, Don Johnson (Sponsor), Lindsey McCaffety, *Tyler McCaffety* (Loan Officer, First Financial Bank), PDG Dan Davis and Rotarian Robert Pate.

WELCOME TO ROTARY!

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Top l-r: President Tom LaRue, Billie Rinaldi and sponsor PDG Ulli Budelmann.

Bottom l-r: President Tom LaRue, Ed Rismiller and sponsor Robyn Bushong



Welcome to Rotary!



L-R: President Carter Dale and **Marna Robertson** (Public School Administration)



Rotary Club of Nederland

HOFNOD

(Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs)

Kids get hooked on fishing at Ned's Doornbos Park

By **Mary Meaux**
The News staff writer

NEDERLAND — Doornbos Park pond was a fisherman's dream on Saturday as children of all ages were reeling in rainbow trout.

The picturesque pond, home to ducks and other waterfowl, was previously stocked with 500 of the trout just in time for Nederland Rotary's Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs annual tournament.

Cameron Copeland, 7, of Nederland, was bringing in the fish sometimes two at a time while his brother Evan, 4, enjoyed a hot-dog nearby. His parents, Michael and Michelle Copeland shared in the excitement.

The fishing father knows a bit about fishing and instead of using whole kernel corn opted for Powerbait Trout Nibble. He also rigged up the fishing pole without a



Mary Meaux/The News

Dan Ashe with Texas Parks and Wildlife weighs rainbow trout caught by **Jake Gauthier, 10**, during Nederland Rotary Club's Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs event at Doornbos Park in Nederland on Saturday.

hook so as to fish deeper in the pond, he said.

"This is awesome," Michael Copeland said as he baited his son's hook.

Both parents feel the event is something positive for children.

"I think this is a good event for the kids," Michelle Copeland said.

A few yards away

Austin Luce, 3, gave a squeal as he reeled in a trout with some help from his father **Ryan Luce**.

"Mom, I got four," Austin Luce told his mother **Angela**.

Austin and his twin sister **Addison**, of Port Neches, are no strangers to the fishing event. Two

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years ago with some assistance from mom and dad, the tykes took top honors in their age group.

"They were reeling them in sitting on my lap," Ryan Luce said.

Stephen Savant, co-chair of the event, said the weather was perfect for the Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs tournament. Last year's event was canceled due to heavy rain and flooding.

"We have a great turnout this year," Savant said.

Fellow co-chair **Debbie Dupuis** said more than 150 children were registered for the event as of 10 a.m. with more arriving.

Sponsors of the event included **BASF**, Academy Sports and Outdoors, Community Bank of Texas, Eaton Meats, RFS Group, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Savants and Walmart. Prizes were given to children in four categories.

A goal of the Rotary Club and city officials of Nederland is to introduce

children to a healthy activity while spending quality time with parents and/or grandparents. This is a way to motivate children to adopt fishing as a wholesome pastime with friend and family instead of falling into peer pressure and unhealthy activities such as drugs, according to information from the Rotary.

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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES
PORT THE NEWS

Monday, February 25, 2013

CLEVELAND

Governor Brenda and Stack joined Cleveland Rotarians working in the concession stand at the 29th Annual Rotary Baseball/Softball Tournament. Over the past eight years Cleveland Rotary has awarded over \$122,000 in scholarships. Following setup at the concession, President Ernestine Belt hosted everyone for homemade chili.



L-R: Governor Brenda, Tommy Dunn, Kenneth Riggs, Bill Kercheval, T.W. Garrett and President Ernestine Belt.



T. W. Garrett found the club's trailer useful for hauling items for the tournament.



Preparing for the games to begin.



President Ernestine and Don.



L-R: President Ernestine, Kenneth Riggs, Jay Carnes, Tommy Dunn, Bob Coleman and Stack Walker.

Livingston Pancake Supper



President Ron Boyce and the Pancake crew turned out several hundred hotcakes. The fundraiser netted approximately \$10,000. Proceeds benefit many of the clubs programs such as "Don't Meth with Me", Habitat for Humanity, Dolly Parton's Imaginary Library Literacy, Nicaragua Water wells, Boys & Girls Club and CASA. The event has been held since each year since 1960.

L-R: Janet Higgins, Governor Brenda and President Ron Boyce.



L-R: Leneigh Harkness, Governor Brenda and Judge Kaycee Jones serve pancakes and sausage to a hungry crowd.

CROCKETT



Trip Hobson and Leon Tran spoke of their experience at RYLA 2013 at a recent club meeting.

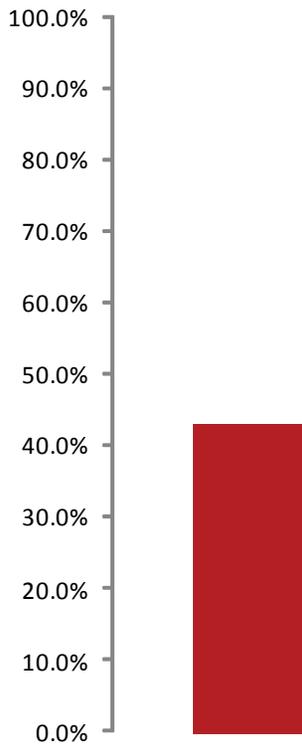
Paul Harris Fellows



L-R: Shelor Edmiston, and Howard Edmiston sponsored Jack Barbee's Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Dr. Douglas Moore PHF. Far right is Spencer Burke whom the club sponsored as a PHF.

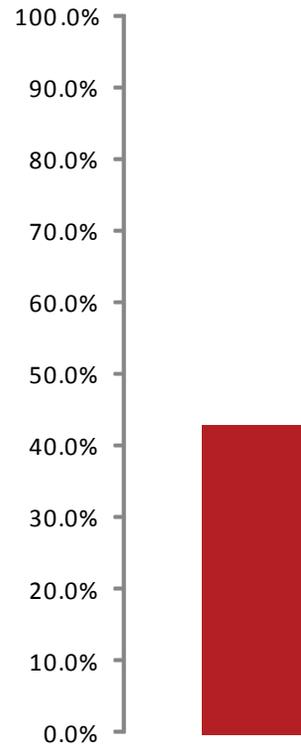
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
2012-2013 DISTRICT 5910 GOALS
41 CLUBS CHANGING THE WORLD
PERMANENT FUND Y-T-D \$12,125!!

ANNUAL FUND GOAL \$209,490.00

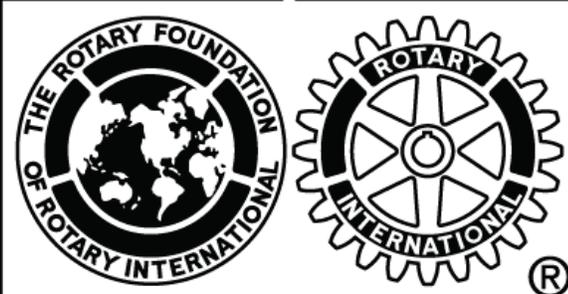


Y-T-D \$89,927.50

POLIO PLUS GOAL \$40,000.00



Y-T-D \$17,225.00



**WHY
WE
GIVE**



Beaumont Celebrates 100 Years!



Beaumont Rotary Club members observed their centennial Feb. 27th with a version of “Happy Birthday to Us,” which was helped along with Craig Escamilla, executive director of the Beaumont Symphony Orchestra, at the keyboard. There wasn’t much fanfare that might befit a centenarian — that will wait for a formal party in April — but a half-dozen members who have been in Rotary for at least 50 years grouped together in front of the club at its regular Wednesday meeting at the MCM Elegante. The group was composed of Charlie Weinbaum, a member since 1949; Tom Lamb, 1953; Alex Broussard, 1954; Lum Edwards Jr., 1957; Louis Beard, 1963; and Dale Dowell, 1963. The oldest living member, Smythe Shepherd, who joined in 1939; and Ken Ruddy, 1956; and Charles Locke, 1958, didn’t attend. In a couple of weeks, the Rotary Club could begin construction on all-access children’s playground near the downtown Event Centre, planned as a gift to the city for the club’s centennial.

LONE STAR P.E.T.S.



DISTRICT 5910



DGE David Johnson met with the 2013-2014 Presidents-Elect and Assistant Governors for training at the DFW Hyatt. Kent Hutchison led discussion regarding roles and responsibilities.

RI President-Elect Ron Burton chose **“Engage Rotary Change Lives”** as the 2013-2014 theme. L-R: Assistant Governor Leon Willhite, Ron & Jetta Burton, Sherri and President-Elect Carson Wages.



SUMMERS
HONORED FOR
WORK WITH
BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA



Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

PDG Hugh Summers accepted a special Eagle award in honor of his tremendous support of Scouting. Community leaders attended the breakfast held in Palestine. Pictured with Hugh is President-Elect Carson Wages.

Hugh started his Scouting career when he was eight when he joined the Cub Scouts Pack 317, earned his Webelos/Arrow of Light and at the age of 14 earned his Eagle rank and 3 palms. He was awarded the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow out of the Sam Houston Area Council and served as an Asst. Scout Master while in College. He has held most of the District Level jobs in the East Texas Council including Roundtable Commissioner, District Commissioner, District Chairman (getting the 1976 Pacesetter Award in the Council) and got training at Philmont Training Center for several of them. He has served for over 20 years on the Board of Directors of the East Texas Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and was Council Activities Chairman. He worked with Troop 440 ever since coming back to Palestine in 1973 serving in all jobs in the Troop including Scoutmaster and currently Chartered Organization Representative. He helped start up Pack 440 at the First Presbyterian Church and served in most jobs in the Pack including Cubmaster and currently as Chartered Organization Representative. In the District he is currently Asst. District Commissioner and on the Council Board of Directors. He has received the District Award of Merit and Council Silver Beaver Honor as well as the Cliff Dochterman Award (Community Service Award).

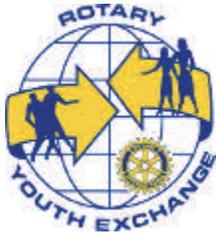
LAST CALL

Roll of Fame Nominations

To date we have received nominations from the following clubs:

Beaumont	Galveston	The Woodlands
Beaumont/Spindletop	Lake Conroe	Vidor
Bridge City/Orangefield	Nederland	Woodville
Bryan	North Port Arthur	
Conroe	Palestine	
Dayton	Port Arthur	
Dickinson	Texas City	
Galveston	The Mainland (LaMarque)	

Please note: *Nominations received after March 8, 2013 will not be accepted.*



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Palestine

Galveston

Beaumont

Lake Conroe

Friendswood

Nacogdoches

Dayton/Liberty

The Woodlands

Aggieland/Bryan

HELP!

Rotarians,

Our dedication to youth and their understanding of cultural differences has always been exemplified through Youth Exchange. *I applaud the clubs who have graciously committed to host a Youth Exchange student for 2013-2014.* We have 3 inbound students who need a host club! Inbound students arriving in August must equal outbound students. Although this is several months out, hosting agreements must be made now. YE Chair Glen Mattingly and the YE committee are working diligently to get these students placed. I know there are clubs not listed who are planning to host, and we need your commitment form now. Please contact Glen asap! Stack and I have hosted two YE students, and it was a pleasure keeping our students from Japan and Germany. We still keep in touch, and it was rewarding knowing we shared our home and American values with young people from other countries. The Youth Exchange program provides an excellent opportunity for our students to gain multi-cultural perspective and establish life long international friendships!

MEMBERSHIP DECLINE IN OUR ROTARY ZONE!!

The Chart shows the current gain or loss of members in our zone as of Feb 19, 2012.

THANK YOU DISTRICT 5910! WE ARE CURRENTLY IN A POSITIVE POSITION AND SHOW A GAIN OF 12 MEMBERS. THIS IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO SEND IN YOUR SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

DISTRICT	JULY 1, 2012	FEB 19, 2013	CHANGE
ZONE 21B			
5790	2879	2866	-13
5810	2845	2792	-53
5840	2602	2604	2
5870	2707	2752	45
5890	2665	2646	-19
5910	2319	2331	12
5930	1841	1867	26
ZONE 21B Totals			0
Zone 27			
5390	1811	1816	5
5400	1860	1833	-27
5420	1743	1727	-16
5440	3205	3200	-5
5450	3138	3130	-8
5470	2252	2198	-54
5520	2695	2696	1
5610	2063	2066	3
5630	1302	1270	-32
5670	1140	1133	-7
5690	1606	1614	8
5710	2548	2594	46
5730	1790	1779	-11
5750	2023	2033	10
5770	1340	1343	3
Zone 27 Totals			-84
Overall total			-84