

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

May 20, 2013



Governor's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

Year end is just around the corner, and I am so proud of our collective accomplishments! I will be leaving this week with a delegation from our district to visit the water wells in Nicaragua and will report on the trip in a delayed newsletter which will be published on Tuesday. Because of your efforts it has been a very special and rewarding Rotary year for me personally and for our wonderful district!

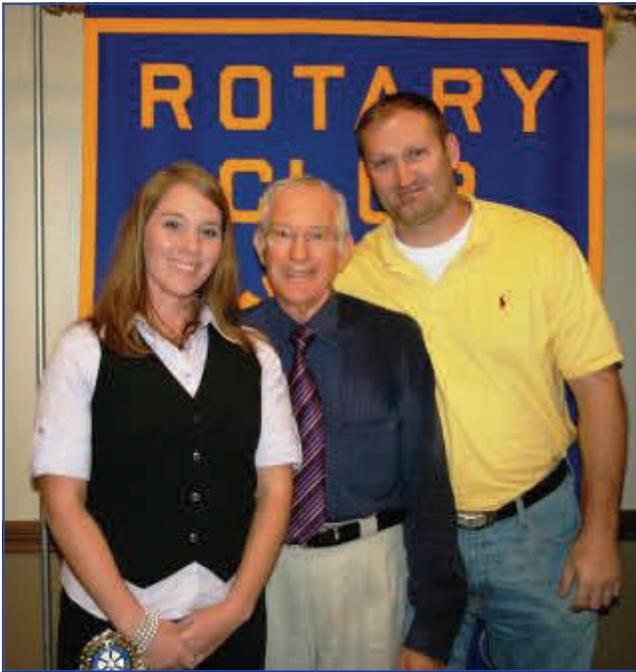
Peace Through Service,

Brenda



WELCOME TO ROTARY!

Huntsville



Christie Cahill is an audiologist at Family Hearing Center and is pictured with her sponsor Phil Allred and husband John. PDG Dan Davis conducted the Induction of new members.



Matt Benoit (center) is flanked by his wife Micki and his sponsor Don Johnson. Matt is the Huntsville City Manager.

You're Invited!

Palestine



**The Rotary Club of
Palestine, Texas,**

Organized: **June 3, 1913**

*Will celebrate one hundred years of
Service Above Self through Rotary*

On: **June 3, 2013**

Please join us in the celebration

Rotary Centennial Luncheon



12:00 Noon, June 3, 2013

\$20.00 per person

Bella Sera Ranch

South Sycamore Street Palestine, Texas

RSVP (by May 28) to:
Rhonda Herrington- **903-724-8515**
or email palestinecentennial@yahoo.com

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...

WE'VE DONE IT!!!...and still 6 weeks to go!!

ANNUAL FUND GOAL \$209,490.00

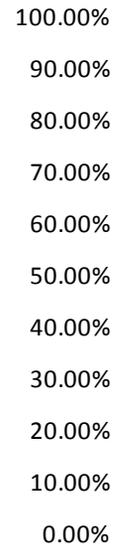
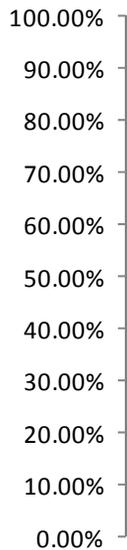
Y-T-D \$242,656.60

116% of goal

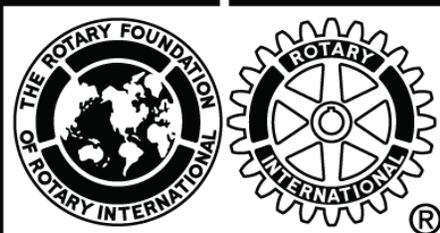
POLIO PLUS GOAL \$40,000.00

Y-T-D \$55,717.95

139% of goal



WHY WE GIVE





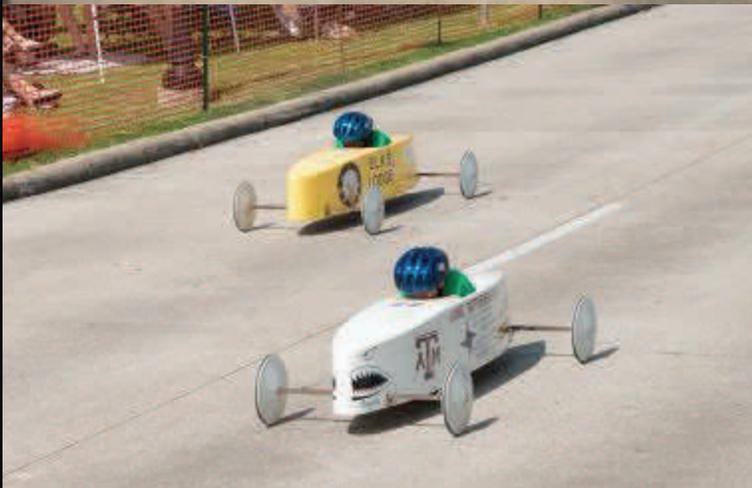
The Woodlands

Vajih Khan made a presentation at the Rotary Club luncheon Thursday, May 9 providing an overview of Rotary's involvement in the pursuit of eradicating polio worldwide. The Thursday presentation focused on creating awareness to end Polio around the world. Since 1988, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have helped immunize more than 2 billion children in 122 countries against polio. When we first began the fight to end this crippling disease there were over 350,000 cases annually. This number has been reduced by 99 percent and we are now closer than ever to creating a polio-free world. As the volunteer arm of the initiative, Rotary's biggest impact has been fundraising, advocacy, and community engagement for the fight to end polio. These skills are now being used to support a new strategic plan to finish the fight against polio which was presented at the Global Vaccine Summit in Abu Dhabi on April 24-25. The plan is a roadmap that if fully funded, would lead to a polio-free world by 2018. Last year, the world saw the fewer polio cases in fewer countries than before - we are "This Close" to ending this devastating disease. For as little as \$0.60 we can deliver a polio vaccine to a child around the world and have the polio free for life. Rotary members have been advocating for government support of the polio eradication program through meetings with world leaders and public awareness events that are already delivering financial commitments.

Beaumont-Spindletop SOAP BOX DERBY



The Southeast Texas Soap Box Derby sponsored by Beaumont-Spindletop began in 2002 fostered by the late Jack Hauser. College Scholarships are awarded to the winners. Proud Grandmother and Beaumont-Spindletop President Liz Robinson cheered on her grand daughter Tori Sparks in her pink racer sponsored by Cow Bayou Marina. The winners will advance to the World Championship race in Akron, Ohio.



Getting to Know You



Karen Schlautman, a Columbus Morning Rotary Club member from Columbus, Nebraska was one of the guests attending the luncheon, May 9. She brought along a banner from her club and exchanged it with Mary Matteson-Parrish, The Woodlands Rotary Club president.



Exchange student Arthur Saunier from France gave us an overview of his home country and some of his experiences here in The Woodlands and the US. His host families are David & Cyndy Kendall, Kelly & Scott Kinney, and Jay & Vanessa Knighton. Among other things Arthur achieved a national Robotics championship status while here in the US.



The Lake Conroe club proudly inducted Janet Millenson as an Honorary Rotarian. Pam Tipton made the proposal. Pictured left to right is: Asst. DG Doris Lockey, Honorary Rotarian Janet Millenson (wife of Rotarian Gary Millenson), President RCLC Mark Stevens, proposer Pam Tipton.



Angelina Rotary Club honors teacher Kim Ray of Hudson Middle School with a Dawn Youdan Memorial Mini Grant. Students of the class designed a Veterans Memory book honoring Local War heroes....SAMS Club donated to the club to make the grant possible. Pictured are left to right: Mike Hampson Lufkin Branch SAMS Club store manager & fellow Rotarian, Hudson Middle School students Amber Schneider, Vanessa Ramos, Lindsey Mullins, 7th grade Teacher Kim Ray, & Principal Richard Crenshaw. ARC were honored by the incredible design & presentation presented by these fine students.