

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

November 12, 2012



Governor's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

Yesterday was Veteran's Day. U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day for November 11, 1919. (Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.) On May 13, 1938 a Congressional Act  made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday: "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'." In 1954  Congress and President Dwight Eisenhower renamed it to Veteran's Day to honor all who have served in the armed forces.

My Uncle Mitch Sharpnack, who served as a glider pilot in WWII, passed away Nov. 11, 2012 in Cleveland, Oklahoma at age 90. I salute him and all who have sacrificed for our freedom. God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America!

Peace Through Service,

Brenda



The Rotary Foundation

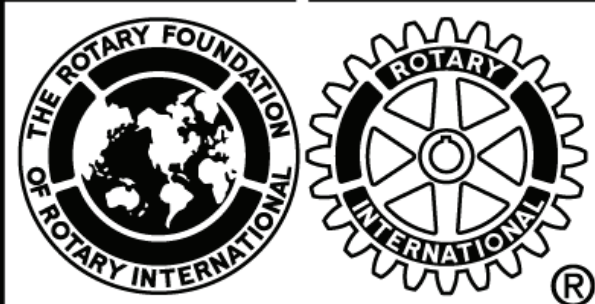
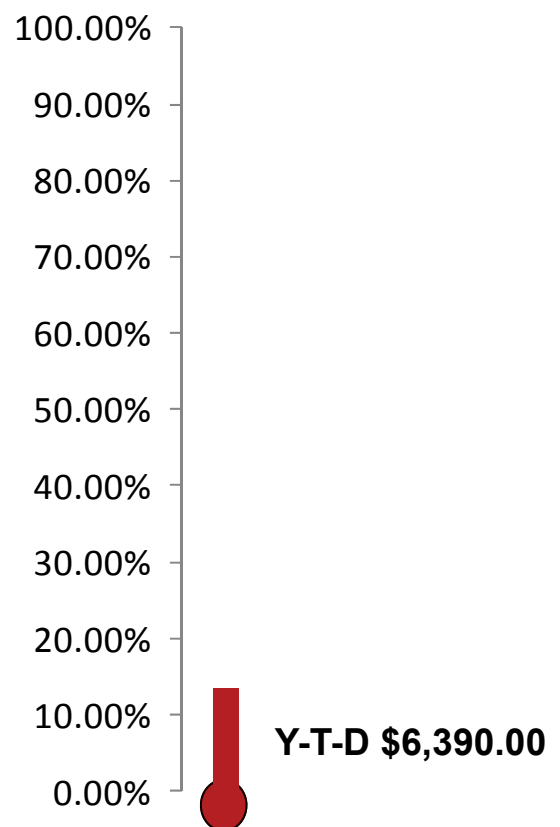
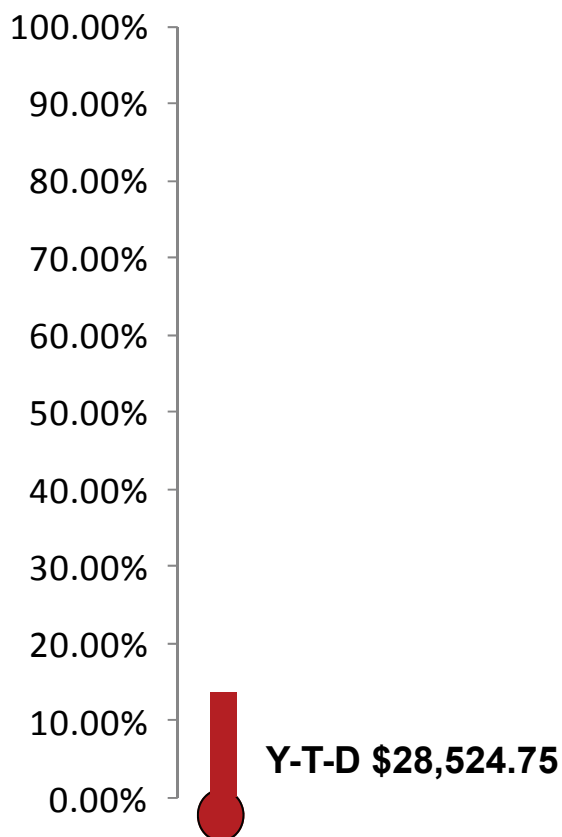
2012-2013 District 5910 Goals

41 clubs changing the world

Permanent Fund Y-T-D \$ 12,125.00!!

Annual Fund Goal \$209,490.00

Polio Plus Goal \$40,000.00



***Why
We
Give***

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Governor Brenda had the honor of inducting a new member during her visit to the Rotary Club of Aggieland. Pictured l-r: Gary Martin (sponsor), Governor Brenda, new Rotarian **Sandra Etuc** and Jarrod Hix.



Aggieland members were perfect hosts for Governor Brenda's visit. Dinner was hosted at The Shipwreck owned by member Wade Beckman.

BRYAN SALUTES VETERANS



The Rotary Club of Bryan along with volunteers such as Interact and Boy Scouts placed 1,000 flags in Veteran's Park in recognition of our Veterans. Individual donor cards were placed on each flag. The patriotic display was outstanding and will fly for one week at the Park. Excellent project Bryan! Coordinator Bunny Pratt and President Shelley Nelson served as leaders for the project.



Governor Brenda and Stack enjoyed fellowship with members of the Bryan Rotary Club at Madden's Restaurant on Friday evening. The food was delicious! Thanks to President Shelly and Andrew Nelson for the gracious overnight accommodations in their lovely home.

HONORING OUR SOLDIERS



The Woodlands

L-R: AG Rhonda Ellisor, Lt. Col. David Yebra, and President Mary Matteson-Parrish.



L-R: Lt. Col. David Yebra and Marion Archinal

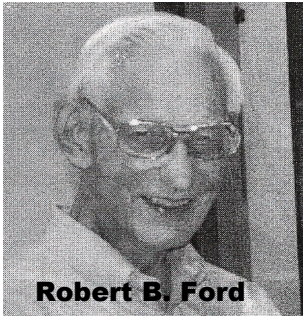
The Woodlands club hosted over 50 veterans at their weekly luncheon. After a local seniors choir, the Goldenaires, sang appropriate patriotic songs for each branch of the service. Lieut. Col. David Yebra, ROTC Professor at Sam Houston University, spoke about his tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq. Yebra was joined by recent Woodlands resident and WWII Army veteran Marion Archinal who is a few months shy of 100. He received a standing ovation.

CARE AND CONCERN GET WELL SOON

Betty Capel of Lake Conroe is home and following hospitalization for a heart attack.

Barb Emery of Bryan suffered a broken arm and will have surgery to-day

Eileen Duitscher (spouse of PDG Stan Duitscher) of Dickinson continues to recuperate following heart surgery.



Robert B. Ford

In Sympathy

Robert B. Ford, age 87 of Liberty died October 23, 2012 in Humble, TX.

Bob was born on February 27, 1925 in Woodland, TX, son of Samuel and Effie Ford. He attended Jeff-David High school and then attended two years of college at the University of Houston. He then entered law school at SMU in Dallas and earned his law degree. He was an attorney for over fifty years. He was an active member of the Liberty Rotary Club and enjoyed traveling and seeing memorials and enjoying history of the Civil War as well as World War II. Bob was also a very active member in the Republican Party in the Liberty area.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and seven brothers and sisters. He leaves behind to cherish his memories his wife of 63 years; Joann Ford of Liberty, sons; Jeff Ford and wife Peg of Missouri City, TX, Greg Ford and wife Kim of Tulsa, OK, daughter; Kathy Hughes and husband Donlee of Houston, TX, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services for Robert B. Ford were held Saturday, October 27, 2012 at 2pm at the First United Methodist Church in Liberty. Burial followed at Cooke Cemetery in Liberty. Donations can be made to the South Liberty United Methodist Church in his memory.

SAVE THE DATE

MID-YEAR MEETING

February 2, 2013

Our last District meeting in September was all business given the important subjects we had to cover. We will host our Mid-Year meeting at South Shore Harbour Resort in League City. Join us on Friday evening for dinner and some fun on the Kemah boardwalk. AG Roy Green has offered us a special Friday night rate of \$89.00.

Our mid-year meeting will be held on Saturday morning and immediately following lunch our Future Vision Chair PDG Roger McCabe will conduct the Future Vision qualifying session. Further details and registration via district website will be open in December. This meeting is primarily for Presidents and President-Elects but we welcome everyone to attend.



INTERACT

Michael McBride, District Interact Chairman presented an informative program to the Cleveland Club on our outstanding Interact program. Pictured is Michael and Club President Ernestine Belt.

VIDOR



Vidor Rotarians held a community wide garage sale and sold Frito pie, doughnuts, and drinks, and gave a free book to every child who visited Vidor Rotary's green bus. Pictured are: Sylvia Kerl, Karen Tipton, Ken Crawford, and Shannah Mackey, as well as future Rotarian Danny Keffer. The event raised around \$500.



Beaumont-Spindletop

District Chairman for Extreme Poverty PDG Roger and Sharon McCabe gave a presentation on projects with our International partner Hope and Relief in Nicaragua.

Pictured l-r: PDG Roger McCabe, President Liz Robinson and Sharon McCabe.



L-R: Barbara Smith of Mid South Bank, Sylvia Kerl of Vidor Health and Rehabilitation and Jeff Leger, principal of Vidor Elementary School, worked hard at the club's Election Day chili dinner on November 6. The club sold nearly 250 chili dinners at the event to raise \$2,400.

