

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

October 22, 2012

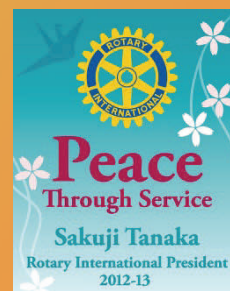


Governor's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

It has been an absolute joy traveling around the district and being with so many service minded individuals! Our local and global communities benefit from the caring and sharing of Rotarians world wide. Show your Rotarian pride by telling the story of our outstanding organization and inspire someone to join us.

Peace Through Service,
Brenda



Welcome to Rotary!



Sponsor Kay Hohman, chamber of Commerce representative; **Chuck Rittenhouse** CPA; Sponsor Neil Johnson, Food Bank Volunteer; **Sean-Michael Hazuda**, President of Montgomery County Food Bank.



L-R: Bill Presnal, College Station Rotary Club President, **Jerry Kingsley** (Computer Programmer), Jane Kingsley (spouse), Marlee Kingsley (daughter) D.5910 Ambassadorial Scholar Alum, and Werner Rose, Sponsor & College Station Rotary Club President-Elect.

WELCOME TO ROTARY!



L-R: April Sebesta PR Chair, **Kevin Ali** with Terracon (Consulting Engineers and Scientists)



L-R: Membership Chair Bill Perry, new member **Daniella Mead** and President Mark Stevens.

Caribbean Bound!



Interviews were held in Montgomery at Lone Star College Oct. 20th to select our representatives for the Group Study Exchange Team. Congratulations! We are proud to have these outstanding ambassadors represent District 5910 when they travel to District 7020 (10 countries in the Caribbean) May 11—June 8, 2013. Thanks to the following for serving on the interview team: John Delaney (Chair), AG Doris Lockey, AG Chris Turner, DGE David Johnson, Carol Herrington, Jennifer Bergman, PDG Ulli Budelmann and AG Roschelle Springfield.





Lake Conroe

Staff

President Mark Stevens hands the keys to a 2012 Yamaha to Bridgewood Farms facility client Shawn Patterson. The customized golf cart equipped with specialized safety equipment was the club's District Simplified Grant project. Bridgewood Farms is dedicated to helping the mentally challenged. Looking on is BF Executive Director Flo Nelson. (Photo by Brad Meyer)



Beaumont Vocational Service Awards

Barbara Otto, Katharine Carmichael, Deborah Jordan, Valencia Flores, Elizabeth LeBlanc, and Leslie Woodward. Their professions are varied and diverse, but all exemplify "service above self" to society in their chosen occupation.

CROCKETT



President Sonny Tunstall presents Governor Brenda with a beautiful commemorative Houston County throw. She also received the traditional Davey Crockett cap.



Can I borrow your broom?

Governor Brenda enjoyed visiting with the Crockett club. On Wednesday evening a social was held in her honor at Tchoupitoulas (pronounced Chop-uh-toolas).

Roll of Fame Nominations

Induction into the Roll of Fame is the highest award conferred by District 5910 and is intended to recognize those Rotarians who have distinguished themselves by outstanding service to their clubs, communities, and District 5910. The deadline for nominations is March 8, 2013. However, nominations must be received by February 15, 2013 to be included in the 2013 - 2014 District Directory. All other nominations received after that date will be published the following year. For nomination criteria or nomination form click [here](#). Once D5910 site opens scroll down to Forms & Important Documents to download on left side of page.

District Conference

Don't forget. Sign up today to join us May 3-5, 2013 in Palestine for the District 5910 conference. Join us as we celebrate our collective achievements! If you register and pay in full by October 31st, 2012, your name will be entered into a drawing for a free conference registration. To register click [here](#).



November is Foundation Month.

Need a Program? Help is a phone call away!

Contact your Foundation Coordinator.



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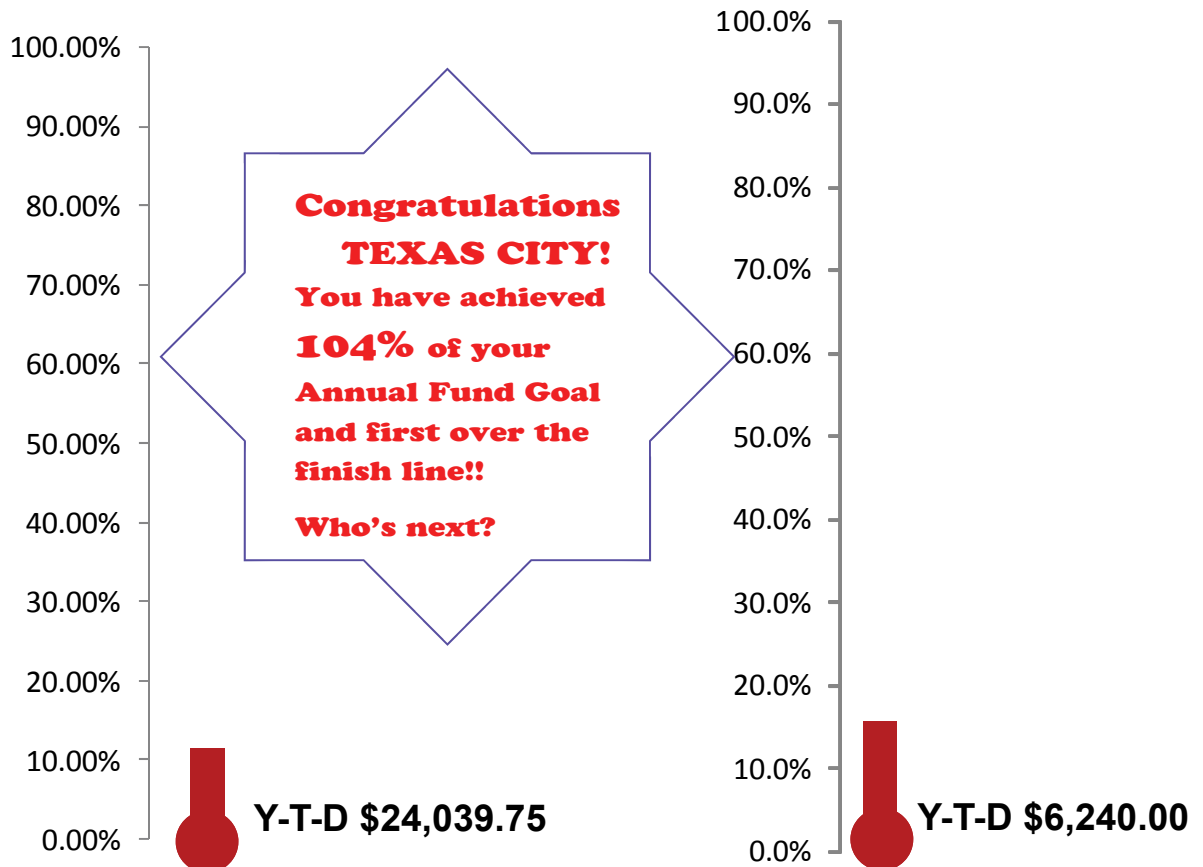
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2012-2013 District 5910 Goals

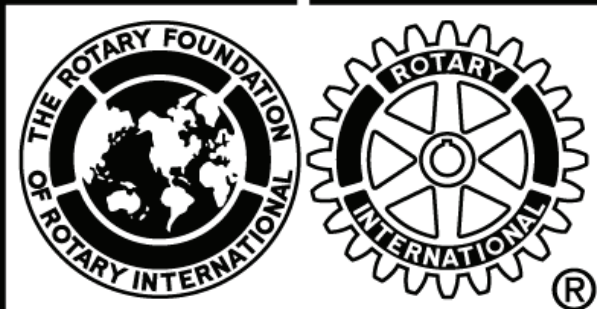
41 clubs changing the world

Annual Fund \$209,490.00

Polio Plus \$40,000.00



Why We Give





IN MEMORY

Patsy Long Derr (PDG 5870)

1935-2012

Our friend and Rotary mentor, Patsy Derr passed away at her home in Harker Heights surrounded by family and friends on Oct.17 at 1pm. The visitation will be held on Friday, October 19, at the Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home at 1615 South Fort Hood Street Killeen, TX 76542 between 6PM and 8PM. The memorial service was held at the First United Methodist Church at 3501 East Elms Road Killeen, TX 76542 at 2 PM on Saturday, October 20th.

In honor of Patsy's long time support of The Rotary Foundation, those wishing to make a memorial contribution are requested to send that contribution to the Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive , Chicago, IL 60693.

Patsy Long Derr was a graduate of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Central Texas College and Altus, Oklahoma High School. A little over a year after the Supreme Court ruled on May 4, 1987 that Rotary International's exclusion of women violated the U.S. Constitution, Patsy was among the first women admitted to Rotary. Sponsored by Jim Mobley, she was inducted as a member of the RC of Killeen Heights on September 1, 1988. From the start, Patsy was an extremely active member of Killeen Heights' leadership team. Between July 1990 and June 1994, she served in successive years as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and President-Elect. On July 1, 1994, Patsy became the 10th President of Killeen Heights, the first women to hold this position. Patsy was named our Rotarian of the Year for 1996 and, in 1997, was named to the District 5870 Roll of Fame. Following her retirement in 1996 as a Certified Public Accountant and Vice President of Wilson Derr Thompson, PC in Harker Heights, Rotary became Patsy's full-time passion.

From July 1996 through June 2000, Patsy served as our Killeen Heights' Foundation Committee chair and was instrumental in developing many of the programs that have resulted in Killeen Heights being consistently among the top three clubs in District 5870 in both total and per capita giving. This past June, these efforts culminated in Killeen Heights becoming the all-time top giving club in Zone 21b. At the district level, Patsy served as Assistant Governor, Annual Programs Fund chair, Grants Subcommittee chair, and District Rotary Foundation Committee chair.

She was a member of the District's World Community Service Committee, the Group Study Exchange Subcommittee, the Ambassadorial Scholarship Subcommittee, and numerous District Conference Committees. In September 1997, she led the Group Study Exchange team that travelled to District 1070 in England. On July 1, 2000 Patsy became the 86th Governor of District 5870, the first women to ever hold this position. Above District level, Patsy has served as Treasurer for Zones 25 and 26, and as Family Task Force chair, Poverty Alleviation Task Force chair, and Annual Programs Fund Strategic Advisor for Zone 26. In 2004, she served as a member of the RI Water Resources Presidential Task Force. From 2002 through 2007, Patsy served as a member of the Lone Star P.E.T.S. board of directors including terms as Operating Chair (2004) and Chairman of the Board (2007). From July 2009 until this past June, Patsy served as Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) for Zones 21b and part of Zones 27 and 31. In this position she presented represented The Rotary Foundation in nine Districts. While serving RRFC, Patsy was a Foundation discussion leader at three Zone 21b Multi-District Training Institutes, and a Future Vision discussion leader at two Zones 21b/27 Institutes. Patsy was a Paul Harris Fellow plus 8 and a Major Donor Level 2. She was a member of The Rotary Foundation's Bequest Society, District 5870's Paul Harris Society and PolioPlus Society, and the White Hat Society. Patsy was the holder of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Rotary International's Service Above Self Award, one of only nine Rotarians in the history of District 5870 to hold both awards. Prior to becoming ill, Patsy was nominated for The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award. If selected by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, she will become only the second Rotarian in the history of District 5870 to hold all three recognitions. Pat was past president of the Exchange Club of Killeen, and was a charter member and sustaining member of the Junior Service League of Killeen. She was a member of the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce, the Modern Study Club, and the Institute of Humanities in Salado.

Patsy was preceded in death by her husband, U.S. Army Colonel Edward B. (Jack) Derr. She is survived by her two children, Douglas N. Derr (wife Dawn) of The Woodlands, Texas and Barbara Derr Thomas (husband Craig) of Allen, Texas; grandchildren Sarah Katie and Jack Edward Thomas; Mother Katie Long of Altus, Oklahoma; sisters Ruth, Shirley and Kay; and brothers Wayne and Buddy.