

THE DISTRICT

A Weekly Update from Governor Brenda Walker

September 17, 2012



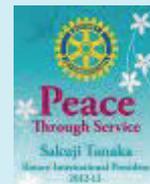
Governor's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

I want to extend thanks to Bobby Morris and all the hard working Rotarians from The Rotary Club of Lake Conroe for hosting our Membership/Foundation/Public Relations meeting Sept. 15th. 132 attended the event from 33 clubs. During the meeting we received information on "Ignite" which will hopefully produce a healthy increase in members for District 5910. Our new grant structure "Future Vision" was discussed and while it may have seemed overwhelming let me assure you it is just a matter of learning a new way of doing things. I am confident our clubs will get the hang of it and be off and running by July 1st. I am proud to be Governor in District 5910!

Peace Through Service,

Brenda



WELCOME TO DISTRICT 5910!



VIDOR

L-R: Vidor President Sally Andrews, **Darrellyn Ford** (Education).



BEAUMONT-SPINDLETOP

Cindy Westfall (sponsor), **Paul Koester** (new member --Marketing/Advertising) and Liz Robinson president).



BEAUMONT

Robert J. Robertson has chosen to return to active membership after an absence of several years.

Robert is adjunct professor of history at Lamar University, and author of two books with Texas A&M University Press: *Her Majesty's Texans: Two English Immigrants in Reconstruction Texas* (1998); and *Fair Ways: How Six Black Golfers Won Civil Rights in Beaumont, Texas* (2005). Moreover, he has been seriously committed to compiling the history of our club for the Centennial publication. We warmly welcome Robert Robertson back home.

*DGE Presented at Governor-Elect Training Seminar
Overland Park, Kansas*



L-R: RI Director Andy & Anita Smallwood, DGE David Johnson, Jetta and RI President-Elect Ron Burton.



**GREG PODD ELECTED TO DIRECTOR
ZONES 27 & 21b**

Greg Podd is a C.P.A. (Certified Public Accountant) and a P.F.S. (Personal Financial Specialist) having operated his own practice since June 1979. During his professional tenure, he has written four professional continuing education courses and has been the keynote speaker and chairperson at five national conferences.

Greg has served as a member of the Zone 25, 26 Executive committee (2004, 2005, and 2008) and Treasurer for the Zone Institute for 2004 and 2005. During the Zone Institute for 2006, 2007 and 2008, he served as the District Governor Nominee trainer and author of the course material. During the Zone Institute for 2004, 2005 and 2008 he served as a District Governor-Elect trainer, and author of course material and as a District Governor trainer and author of the course material. Greg has been a speaker at many District Conferences, President Elect Training Seminars, Membership Seminars and Foundation Seminars.

Greg is the recipient of the "Service Above Self Award" and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service Award. Greg and his wife Pam have been married for 34 years, and have three beautiful children; Kyle, Melanie and Bryan and one grandchild, Carter. All members of the family are Paul Harris Fellows with Greg and Pam being Multi Paul Harris Fellows, Paul Harris Society Members, Rotary Foundation Sustaining, Bequest Society Members and Major Donors.



Our Condolences

William Donald "Bill" Dale

DICKINSON

William Donald "Bill" Dale, 90, was born March 30, 1922 in Denver, Colorado, and passed away September 12, 2012. He died at home, surrounded by family and caring caregivers. Shortly after birth, his family returned to Elmer, Missouri where he grew up. In the small town of Elmer, the Dale Building is the skyscraper; a two story brick building that was the family's mercantile store in the early 1900's.

He served in the United States Air Force and was a navigator in World War II. Before going off to war, he came to Ellington Field for training. While stationed there, he met and married Vira Dell McRee Dale. After the war, he returned to Houston. In April 1947, his father in law F. B. McRee established McRee Ford in Dickinson where he joined the organization. During the early years, he attended night school for seven years, achieving a degree in Accounting from the University of Houston. Mr. Dale served as President of McRee Ford from 1984 until October 2010.

Mr. Dale was instrumental in the forming of the Rotary Club of Dickinson, and was the last surviving charter member. During his service to the Rotary Club of Dickinson, he was a Rotary District 5910 Roll of Fame honoree and held many leadership positions.

Known as "G Daddy", he was a guiding force in the lives of family and friends, and influenced the lives of many employees, friends and others over his life and career. He was an active member of the Methodist Church in Dickinson for over 65 years.

Bill Dale is survived by his wife of 68 years, Vira Dell Dale, son Mitchell Dale and wife Dianne, son Michael Dale, granddaughter Molly Dale Crow and her husband Dain, grandson Carter Dale and wife Kari, great grandsons Carson and Cooper Crow, and great granddaughter Natalie Dale. The family acknowledges the loving care and attention given him by his caregivers these past years.

Pallbearers are Carter Dale, Dain Crow, Carl Dyess, Mark Webster, Cecil Henry, and Dr. Mike Magliolo. Honorary Pallbearers are the Employees of McRee Ford and other related companies.

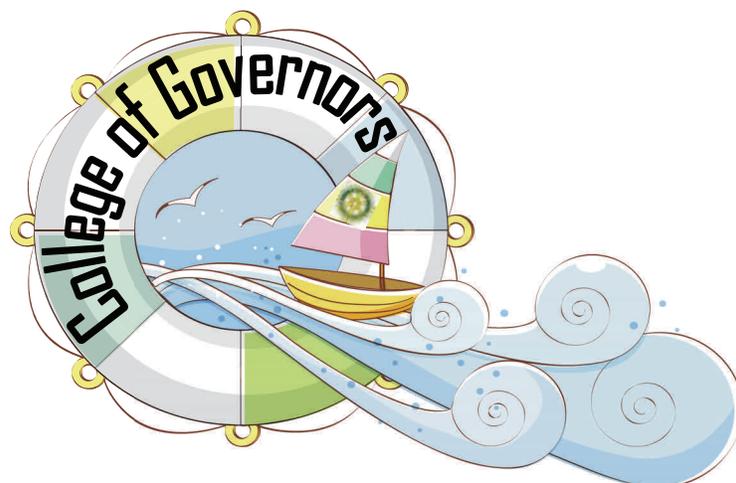
In lieu of flowers, the family request donations in his memory to be made to Alzheimer's Association of the Houston & Southeast Texas Chapter, 2242 West Holcombe Blvd., Houston, 77030-2008, First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 200 FM 517 West, Dickinson 77539, or M. I. Lewis Social Service Center,

P. O. Box 1542, Dickinson 77539.

The services were Saturday September 15 at the First United Methodist Church of Dickinson with burial services following at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster. Dickinson President Carter Dale is Bill's grandson.

COLLEGE OF GOVERNORS

District 5910 Past District Governor's meet three times annually for fellowship and an update on the district. Governor Brenda hosted the group for the Fall meeting at the Walden Yacht Club in Montgomery. 31 attended the event.



Foundation Membership Public Relations Meeting

Montgomery High School

Hosted by The Rotary Club of Lake Conroe

33 clubs were represented at the meeting. Membership Chair Rose Austin presented the new member initiative “IGNITE”, PR Chair Alfred Anderson discussed Public Relations and Assistant Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator Suzi Howe discussed qualification steps for our new grant model “Future Vision”. 132 attended the meeting.



EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO



GOVERNOR BRENDA SERVES UP NACHOS TO HUNGRY FAIR ATTENDEES.



GOVERNOR BRENDA WAITS FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY PRESIDENT GARY SOUTHARD. INTERACT STUDENTS MEGHAN AND STEPHANIE ALSO ASSISTED. PDG ROSE AND MILTON AUSTIN WERE ALSO ON HAND TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CLUB.



Polio Chair Mike Berger auctioned off two bottles of wine and a book *"One Hundred Years of Service"* autographed by author David Forward. Items were donated by DGN Don Taylor, PDG Hugh Summers and Governor Brenda. Proceeds from the auction \$400 will be donated to The Rotary Foundation to END POLIO NOW! Thanks Mike for your auctioneering expertise!!

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

PICTURED ARE FRIENDSWOOD ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT, ALLAN RASMUSSEN, OFFICER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT BRANDON BLAIR, AND CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD POLICE CHIEF BOB WIENERS.)

