

## **April 2018**

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April is Rotary's Maternal and Child Health Month. According to the World Health Organization, 5.6 million children under age five died in 2016. More than half of those deaths were due to conditions that could have been prevented or treated by access to simple, affordable interventions.

Rotary members provide help to mothers and children in need by offering families training in how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breastfeed, and how to protect themselves and their children from illness. Here's how you can



APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

support mothers and children during Maternal and Child Health Month.

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future.

The Rotary Foundation reaches mothers and children in need by giving communities the help and training they need to take control of their own maternal and infant health care. Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

## **Mobile prenatal clinics**

Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.

### **Cancer screening**

Rotarians provided a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness trainings around Chennai, India, where there is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis.

### Preventing injuries and deaths

Rotary members launched a \$3 million, five-year pilot to save lives of mothers and children during home deliveries in Nigeria. Since 2005, they've also repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas — 500 more than their initial goal — restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.

During April, Rotary Maternal and Child Health Month, take action to support mothers and children:

- 1. In cooperation with local ministries of health, develop or support programs that provide immunizations and antibiotics. Measles, malaria, pneumonia, AIDS, and diarrheal diseases are the leading causes of death in children under five.
- 2. Promote good nutrition. Include water, sanitation, and hygiene efforts to maximize child nutrition. Diarrheal diseases caused by contaminated water exacerbate malnutrition in children.
- 3. Providing information about and access to family planning resources. Just filling the unmet need for contraception could reduce the number of maternal deaths by nearly one-third.
- 4. Supporting accredited training programs for health professionals.

## Carol Holmes, District 5840 Governor

Throughout the District, we have many activities planned for the end of our Rotary year 2017-2018. There are so many



projects being completed from all the clubs.

We have completed AG Training, Training, President Elect District Leadership Training, and Club Training. Leadership DGE Kathy Hubbard and incoming District Trainer, Monica Gutierrez have done a fantastic job!

One of our main projects this year has been the club tree planning project, RI President Ian Riseley's initiative to support environmental sustainability worldwide. I had the opportunity to be with Brady Club as they planted two big oak trees on the 10th hole of Brady Golf Course as a memorial to Leroy Keese, a golf buddy of many Brady golfers. Rotary SA coordinated an amazing project with more than six clubs participating -- over 150 volunteers and 54 students -- all helping to plant 90 trees in McAllister Park in San Antonio, and finishing the day with debris pickup. The Wimberley Club is planting trees along the Blanco River in the area that was destroyed by the Memorial Day Flood a couple of years ago. There are many other examples of tree planting projects in the District, and without the vision of President Ian Riseley, we would never have thought of this to help our environment.

Here are a couple of special dates to add to your calendar:

• District Conference at Horseshoe Bay Resort, May 4-6, 2018. I hope you have signed up! If not, do it now on www.rotary5840.org and don't miss out on this exciting time at this family-friendly, vibrant resort.

• Installation of our incoming District Governor, Kathy Hubbard, and her District Leadership team, June 22, 2018 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Boerne. Please visit www.rotary5840.org to register!

Looking forward to being with you and your clubs for fun and fellowship over the next few months of our Rotary year.



For more information and to register for the District Conference, please go to: http://www.rotary5840.org/Stories/2018-district-conference

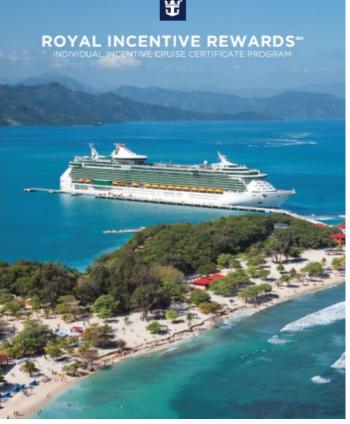
## Rotary District 5840 Raffle Cruise

As in years past, Rotary District 5840, is holding a Royal Caribbean Cruise Raffle at the District Conference on May 2018. Many have not received your tickets, or will do so this week, otherwise contact your club President and have them follow up with me.

Please keep in mind that:

Both the seller and buyer of the winning ticket will each receive a 6 or 8 day cruise in a Royal Diamond Balcony Stateroom for 2.

All sales needs to be sent to The Rotary Foundation Annual Share Fund. Your club treasurer can take care of this. Your sales amounts are credited towards your Paul Harris points account.



Sold ticket stubs need to be mailed to me at by the end of April. My address is 1077 Shady Cove Lane, Spring Branch, Texas 78070. You can destroy the unsold tickets.

Sincerely, Joe Ramirez District 5840 Rotary Foundation Chair Joeramirezsat@gmail.com 210.859.2515



## **Horseshoe Bay Resort**

### Slick Rock Course:

Built in 1971, with multiple tees on every hole, more than 71 sand traps and 12 water hazards, Slick Rock embodies the Robert Trent Jones, Sr. philosophy of "hard par, easy bogey." Slick Rock also is home to the awe-inspiring "Million Dollar Hole" (No. 14) featuring a winding cart path that takes golfers on a ride through a waterfall that spans more than 35 yards and empties more than 8,000 gallons of water into Slick Rock creek each minute.

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## **Play for the Day**

4 Man Best Ball Scramble 9 Holes 2PM Start (Register as a team or we can pair you with others) Competition Hole Sponsors Available for:

Hole-In-One Sponsor

Longest Drive Sponsor

Closest to the Pin Sponsor

Putting Contest Sponsor



### THE FOUR WAY golf TEST

first Is it your ball? second Is it in the fairway for all concerned? third Will it build goodwill and better scores? fourth Will it be beneficial to take a drop?

## Don't miss out on a beautiful weekend in the Hill Country!

Register for the entire district conference and get more discounts. Discounted rooms at Horseshoe Bay Resort are only \$179 a night for Rotarians and their guests. Come stay and play with Rotarians from all over District 5840.



Contact: Sarah Eckert-Maurer Eckert.Sarahbeth@gmail.com Register online www.District5840.org

### **SPONSOR / PLAYER FORM**

#### Sponsor Levels:

- \$500 "Paul Harris" Lead Sponsors (Headline signs and booth at Pro Shop +4 Golfers and more...)
- \$250 "Competition" Sponsors (signs and a booth Competition Holes +1 Golfer)
- \$100 Rotary Hole Sponsor (sign and booth on tee box + 1 Golfer)

#### 9 Hole Tournament Player Fees:

\$100 Per Player (includes Friday Dinner)

\$50 Per Player

Discounted rounds available for players on Sunday!

Complete and Return:

#### Business/Sponsor

Name:	
Contact:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Sponsor:	



District Conference 9 Hole Golf Tournament

## May 4<sup>th</sup> 2018



We need Sponsors, GOLFERS and just individuals that want to have a lot of fun. See all of you soon!

## **ROTARY DAY SA** 6 ROTARY CLUBS \* 135 VOLUNTEERS \* 54 INTERACT MEMBERS 95 TREES PLANTED \* TONS OF LITTLER REMOVED #ROTARYDAYSA #PEOPLE OF ACTION

Rotary Day SA was a great success! Rotarians and their family and friends gathered on March 24, 2017 at McAllister Park to make a difference in our community. We hope to make this an annual event. If you could not make it this year, we will see you next time!

Photos courtesy of The Rotary Club of San Antonio website











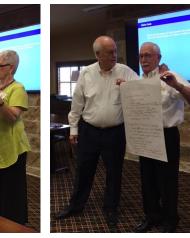






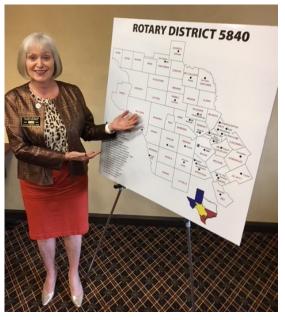
# Lots of training going on in Rotary District 5840













## District 5840 Club Leadership Training









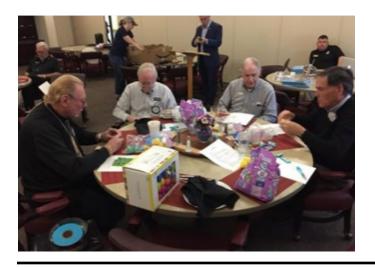




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## San Antonio West Rotary Club plays Easter Bunny

On March 20. 2018, the Rotary Club of San Antonio West filled Easter Eggs to be used for the Agora Ministries' Easter Egg Hunt.





## Leon Springs Night 2018 brings Fiesta to the Hill Country

Six local Rotary clubs along the IH-10 corridor were out in force on April 14, 2018 to celebrate Leon Springs Night 2018. The ShelterBox crew was also on hand demonstrating how Rotary can help provide shelter, clean water and light to disaster and war plagued areas around the world. Thanks to all the volunteers that came out to make this event a success.

Photos courtesy of PDG Judy Hutcherson and Darcee Grivel

















## Spotlight on Ballinger High School Interact Club

The Ballinger High School Interact Club is the northern most Interact club in our district. It is located 36 miles northeast of San Angelo. The school has a population of about 270 students. The Interact club was chartered on May 1, 1991.

Interact Officers:

President: Jon Binder Vice-President: Emma Duke Secretary: Kinley Gray Treasurer: Reagan Helms Rotary Liaison: Mrs. Jill Davis Sponsor: Mr. Dennis Mitchell



These are three of our major projects:

Adoption Day Picnic - On this day children in the foster care program spend a fun day with prospective parents. The Interact club members assist with games, arts & crafts activities, and horseback riding. They also help serve a nourishing meal. Watching the children's faces as they enjoy the games and spend time with the prospective adoptive parents is a most gratifying experience.

**Pancake Supper** - This fundraiser is collaboration between the Ballinger Rotary Club and the Ballinger HS Interact Club. The proceeds from this very popular annual event help defray the cost of the Adoption Day Picnic. The Rotarians prepare the pancakes and sausages while the Interactors bus the tables and help as needed. Working side by side with the Rotarians and serving the community is a wonderful privilege.

**Trunk or Treat** - Another great service opportunity is the town "Trunk or Treat" celebration. The Interact club joins other community organizations celebrate Halloween in a safe environment. Members of the organizations come out in costumes and help everyone get into the Halloween spirit by passing out candy to the local children.

## Congratulations to the Ballinger HS Interact Club!













Article and photos courtesy of the weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks Ranch





It was a great morning for a Food Distribution at Fabra Elementary. Over 11,000 pounds of food were provided to families in need! Champions High School Interact Club and Champion High School HOSA members assisted along with Dr Hinojosa and several of his faculty members. Sandie Ford, Tami Charest along with Dr Hinojosa wish to thank those who helped in making a difference for others.

## Knighting Ceremony at Gonzales Elementary

It was another amazing Knighting Ceremony at Gonzales Elementary. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gonzales, the student of the EarlyAct FirstKnight were knighted for discipline and trustworthiness by Sir Cass and Lady Charnell. You can learn more about the EarlyAct FirstKnight program at www.eafk.org











Saturday, May 12, 2018 Morgan's Wonderland San Antonio, Texas

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Rotarians: \$10 Youth: \$5 (all youth club members will pay their Advisors)

> Fun Activities \* Food \* Service Project Awards Ceremony



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## **Principal for a Day: Having the Right Stuff**

Courtesy of the Judson ISD Blog



Rotary eClub of District 5840 Melissa Jones

The way people describe being principal at a public school is as varied as the type of people who di it day in and day out. It's big job with lots of responsibility. Judson ISD's Principal for a Day helps the community to see and experience what goes on in our schools on a given day. This is the fourth year and it continues to be a wonderful experience. Melissa Jones, president of the Rotary eClub of District 5840, recently served as Principal for a Day of Ed Franz Elementary. Congratulations Melissa!



# Mark your calendar:

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 11am – 1pm

# Professional Clothing Drive

in support of "Dress for Success®"

## Drop off at: Fair Oaks Ranch Golf & Country Club 7900 Fair Oaks Ranch Pkwy

Women: Suits: pants or skirt; Separates: skirts, blouses, jackets. <u>Dire need</u> for women's clothing size 16 and up, women's shoe size 8 and up (black, closed toe, flat or heel).

Men: Suites; Separates: blazers, trousers, shirts, jackets. Shoes, ties and belts. <u>Dire need</u> for casual dress polos, khaki slacks, steel toe boots, heavy denim and Dickie material type work wear as many men secure jobs in trade industries at Toyota, SAWS or CPS.

Clothing should be gently worn and no older than 5 years in style. NO <u>dresses</u>, wool, white suits or wild prints. All items must be cleaned, on hangers, with no stains and no buttons missing.

A tax-deduction form for all donations will be available.

A Community Service sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jair Oaks Ranch For additional

information: http://fairoaksranchrotary.org/ or Fairoaksranchrotary@gmail.com.



The Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club recently welcomed the Randolph High School Interact Club students to speak to their weekly meeting. Thanks go out to Deb Pennerbecker for arranging for the Randolph Interact student to come out and speak to the club. Special thanks also go out to Cheri Armstrong with Meca Sportswear for sponsoring this luncheon. ROTARY CLUB OF HONDO • D'HANIS SERVICE ABOVE SELF

2018 Career Day High school students talk with local business representatives about future job possibilities.



# SEEKING COMMUNICATION MINDED ROTARIANS



Become a part of the happening District digital media team.

We are seeking Rotarians with special skills in

Media &



# Communications: Writers/bloggers, Photographers/Graphics designers, Videographers, Reporters, Social Media.

If you would like to work with the District 5840 Digital Team, please contact Jan King, District 5840 Public Image Chair, at jan.king@outlook.com

## ATTENTION CLUB NEWSLETTER WRITERS

If you are in charge of your Rotary Club's newsletter, there is now an easy to use club newsletter creator that works seamlessly with your club's membership list. This story is great news for you "would be publishers" that have been struggling all these years trying to manage your club's weekly newsletters.



ClubRunner has a new bulletin creator tool that makes it very easy to stay in touch with all of your club's members and keep them up to date on the good things going on with your club. The great part is the bulletin tool is part of the Rotary District 5840 Website.

To see this great new tool, go to www.Rotary5840.org Go to the top right corner of the page and use member login to gain access to the District's 5840 member area. Look for the tab or hyperlink marked eBulletin 3.0 and you should see a page similar to the one below.

If you do not have access to this website please contact your CLUB PRESIDENT or CLUB TECHNOLOGY CHAIR and they will help you with the website login procedures.

In response to the request of many Rotarians, your Rotary District 5840 Leadership Team has created a Speakers' Bureau, to give your club a selection of dynamic, inspiring speakers, who are willing to speak at no charge.

Ideally, our Speakers' Bureau list will allow your club to conveniently contact, invite and coordinate all logistics, well in advance of your weekly meetings, special events or service projects. Uplifting speakers may keep you, your members, prospects and guests, meaningfully engaged with Rotary's ideals.



To become a member of our Speakers' Bureau please email the speaker's name, contact information and their topics to: alice.white@ttu.edu Topics that are engaging will help attract a larger audience for your club's programs.

Information regarding the Speakers' Bureau is now available on the District website: <a href="http://www.rotary5840.org">www.rotary5840.org</a> Thank you for your help, as your sharing of Rotary and the many things it is doing around the world enriches all of our lives.

At your service,

Carol Holmes, 2017-2018 Rotary District 5840 Governor