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### Rotary District 5840 Leaders

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Hope all of you had a wonderful 4th of July holiday! The Del Rio Rotary Club hosted us at their yearly Rodeo Fundraiser. They have been doing this for 12 years, raising funds for projects, entertaining Del Rio, and putting Rotary's name out there!!!



You will be seeing more of Rotary "getting our name out there" this year. Look for more presence on Facebook and on our [www.rotary5840.org](http://www.rotary5840.org) website. We hope that you will do that for your clubs as well.

If you don't have a club Facebook page, now is the time to start one. Ask your friends to like your page. Did you know that you can also have a private page for your club that you can use to communicate with each other?

We will be providing Tech Tips in our newsletter, and developing short YouTube videos to help you take advantage of the opportunities available through the internet and social media.

Watch for "Where in the District is Judy".

Have a great week!

Judy Hutcherson, RN  
District Governor 5840  
2016-2017

## The Rotary Foundation turning 100



The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, The Rotary Foundation taps into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact. Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating, and a unique funding model mean that we make the very most of your contribution. Give and become a part of Rotary's life-changing work!

In 2016-17, The Rotary Foundation turns 100. That's a century of Rotary members changing lives and improving communities all over the world. And that's definitely something worth celebrating. Through our Foundation, Rotary members have supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, provide basic education, and grow local economies. We've also been a leader in the fight to eradicate polio worldwide. The centennial is the perfect time to share this impressive record with the world. Join us in making sure that every Rotary member and people in every community know about the vital work of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation.

### 2016-2017 District 5840 Goals

- Net 100 New Members
- 100 Attendees at Rotary International Convention in Atlanta
- 300 Attendees at District Conference in Fredericksburg
  - 30 Clubs to Qualify for Presidential Citation
  - \$20 per Rotarian to Polio Plus
  - Every Club Contributes to the Annual Fund
  - Hold a Million Dollar Dinner
  - Every Club on Social Media



**Assistant Governors** are the connection between Rotary clubs and District leadership. They are the conduit for information that flows both ways – from the District to the Clubs, and from the Clubs to the District.

**Who are they?** Assistant Governors are seasoned Rotary leaders, all are Past Club Presidents with experience in leading Clubs – so they understand the challenges and opportunities that come with Club leadership!

**What do they do?** Assistant Governors visit their assigned clubs regularly to build relationships that encourage discussion about Club concerns and needs, and to provide information, resources, and advice that will facilitate club success.

## 2016-2017 District 5840 Assistant Governors

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## ROTARY ANNOUNCES \$35 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO END POLIO

Courtesy endpolio.org

Rotary committed an additional \$35 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio – donating a total of \$70 million in 2016 alone. The announcement comes on the heels of significant strides made against the paralyzing disease, leaving just two polio-endemic countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan. If current progress continues, 2016 may mark the last case of wild poliovirus.

“While we are experiencing unprecedented success against polio, it is imperative to maintain high immunity and quality surveillance in all countries of the world until polio is fully eradicated,” said Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee. “We must protect the progress in polio-free parts of the world, as well as stopping transmission in Pakistan and Afghanistan.”

Speaking today at Rotary’s annual international convention, Dr. Rebecca Martin, Director of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Center for Global Health, emphasized the importance of remaining vigilant. “All countries remain at risk for importation of poliovirus as long as it is circulating in Pakistan and Afghanistan”, said Martin. “Now is the time the world must act rapidly and together in stopping any outbreaks of polio. Countries need to detect virus and respond with vaccination through quality immunization campaigns.”

To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, experts say \$1.5 billion is urgently needed. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to previously polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to fight polio, with Korean Rotary clubs donating more than \$14.6 million to the effort. In addition to contributing funds, Korean Rotary members have traveled at their own expense to immunize children against polio in India. Through 2018, every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to billion \$35 million a year.



**\$35 Million**

In new funding from Rotary for polio eradication



**Multi-District Training Institute - Zone 21b will be held on August 6, 2016 in Austin, Texas. For more information, please go to**

<http://www.rizones21-27.org/multi-district-training-institute-zone-21b/>

## San Antonio West Provides Dinner for Fisher House Guests

by PDG Jerry Hardy

Pictured is a family staying at the Lackland Fisher House enjoying dinner provided as a Rotary service project. Fisher House is a hospital hospitality house and Lackland guests are military individuals and families away from home for medical treatment in San Antonio. Rotarians in the background L-R are Angie Williams, Elizabeth Lanto and club president Joel Azrikan. It's a quarterly project for the club and the Lackland Fisher House is looking for more groups to fix dinners for thirty people offered every Tuesday and Thursday evening. If interested, please contact volunteer coordinator Alexandra Murray, (210) 671-6029, or email her at: [Volunteer-FHI@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Volunteer-FHI@sbcglobal.net)



# MEMBERS MATTER

By Terry Mendenhall  
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A very good way to grow Rotary is for clubs not to lose members. Retention of members is as important as finding prospects for new members. Sometimes members leave and we don't even know they are gone, until it's too late. Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Membership Chairs should look around the room each week and look at the check-in sheet or attendance record to see who is not attending. A call, email, or postcard send to the members who are not attending regularly, with a message that we miss you can get them back to the meetings. Also, sometimes members leave because their work schedule changes or maybe they don't know enough about Rotary to appreciate all the things a Rotary club can do for communities, people, and the world. Good Rotary information provided to new members when they join, and programs scheduled and messages about Rotary in the meetings and emails from the President to club members are all ways of teaching new members more about Rotary.

Last year, 2015-16, through the month of May 2016, Rotary clubs in District 5840 had lost 381 members. I will be sending out a letter and a feedback invitation in the next few weeks to those members who left Rotary clubs to find out why. I will provide some Rotary information in the inquiry to these lost members. I will also be telling them when all the clubs in the area of their address meet and what time. I will suggest to them that they might want to give Rotary a second chance. Maybe the club was inconvenient, maybe they didn't like the format of club meetings, maybe they didn't find the club friendly, or maybe they just didn't know what a great organization that Rotary provides for community and international service. With relaxed attendance requirements, it should be easier to stay in Rotary. I tell prospective members that Rotary can be a lifetime organization and vehicle for giving back to the community and people around the world. Sometimes work-life balance issues get in the way. However, there are many ways a member can attend or make up a Rotary meeting. If we find that some of these lost members are recoverable, we can learn something, and we will have a new member prospect for a club in the District.



District Membership Chair, Terry Mendenhall, is a banking a financial services executive/consultant with over 40 years of experience in mortgage lending and real estate. His company, Terry Mendenhall Consulting, is located in San Antonio, and offers expertise to banks, thrifts, mortgage companies, credit unions, and attorneys in residential lending and real estate. He holds a degree in Management from Florida State University, and is a 1998 graduate, with honors, of the Consumer Bankers Association's Graduate School of Retail Bank Management, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Terry has been a Rotarian for 45 years. He has been a member of four different Rotary Clubs: suburban clubs in Denver, Jacksonville, FL, Houston, and San Antonio. He has served as a Club President twice, and has held District 5840 leadership positions for several years, including District Governor Representative, District Treasurer, District Rotary Foundation Scholarship

Committee Chair, and District Membership Chair. A member of San Antonio Northwest Club since 1983, Terry has served as its President, Fundraising Chair, Foundation Chair, and Membership Chair.

Terry's most recent achievements include: five grandchildren, and a weight loss of 65 pounds as part of an improved fitness program and healthy eating focus. Terry is passionate on the topic of work/life balance. He feels that good people make time for things that are important. Rotary can help by providing a fair and balanced discussion on this topic, and by making sure that Rotary appears relevant to those being asked to join. Rotary must demonstrate what Rotarians do for people and communities locally in a very effective way. For us, that's a District message about South Texas.

## Thank you, Joseph

As some of you know, we lost a great man and Rotarian recently. Joseph Benham of the Rotary Club of Kerrville passed away on June 30, 2016. I have had the pleasure of being the newsletter editor for the district newsletter for the past 8+ years, and I can say that no one sent me more items and articles for the newsletter than Joseph. Each time I was putting a new edition together, I could count on Joseph sending me an e-mail letting me know what the Rotary Club of Kerrville was doing for the community.



Verna Benham accepting the Rotarian of the Year award on behalf of Joseph Benham

Joseph was devoted to and loved by his family. He is survived by his wife of more than 48 years, Verna, his daughter, Stephanie Benham-Dickey, married to David Dickey, with daughters Dallas and Madeleine, and his son, David Benham, married to Bennet Benham, with sons JB and Dax.

I spoke with Kerrville Rotary Club past president Stephanie Miller and she said that Joseph was going to be honored as Kerrville Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year at the last meeting of the 2015-2016 Rotary year, but his wife was not going to be able to be at the meeting. Joseph wanted to receive the award when she was in attendance. Unfortunately, Joseph passed away the next day. Stephanie had the following comments to made to Joseph when presenting him the Rotarian of the Year award - "Joe was our Community's treasure. His heart was even bigger than the Santa figure he was known for and he lived the Rotary's motto of Service above Self. I will miss him dearly but hold onto the fact that I was one of the lucky one's that knew him personally."



Joseph Benham, Kerrville Rotarian Extraordinaire