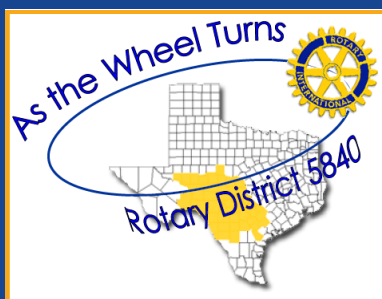




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Carol Holmes,
District 5840
Governor
July 2017



Welcome to the new year of Rotary. I am really looking forward to serving as your District Governor for 2017-2018. This should be an exciting year with over 35,000 new presidents coming into office all over the world. Also, there is the prospect of our ending polio this year. As you probably heard, at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Bill Gates and the Gates Foundation pledged \$450 million to put an end to polio and \$1.2 billion was pledged by Rotarians all over the world. Imagine, polio eradicated in 2018. "Rotary- Making A Difference."

I would like to thank PDG Judy Hutcherson for guiding us throughout 2016-2017. She did a fantastic job, she visited all the clubs, helped those who needed help, completed many projects, and I thank her for her assistance in preparing me for District Governor.

Just a few weeks into the year and I have had the privilege of installing six new presidents, attending the Del Rio Rodeo, and am now beginning my club visits. I am already so inspired by the clubs I have visited and their enthusiasm for Rotary. We have been struggling this year with our membership, but we are putting all that behind us with a new commitment to our clubs. You will be meeting Jackson Moss, District Membership Chairman, and his membership team as they travel throughout the District proclaiming his membership battle cry, "Hold what you have... plus one" – that's his membership goal. He will have lots of new ideas to give you.

There will be many opportunities this year to attend various seminars, Rotary Leadership Institute, Zone, Club Leadership Training, Pints for Polio, our District Tree Planting Project, District Conference at Horseshoe Bay Resort, just to name a few. Take advantage of all these opportunities and get to know your fellow Rotarians and all the great activities they have planned for their clubs. You too will be inspired as I am as we work together throughout our District.

Dear fellow Rotarians,

For many years, one idea has stood at the heart of all our service: sustainability. Sustainable service means our work continues to have a positive impact long after Rotary's direct involvement has ended. We don't dig wells and walk away; we make sure communities can maintain and repair those wells. If we build a clinic, we make sure that clinic has a way to keep running without ongoing support from us.

One way I'd like for you to contribute in our quest for sustainability is through my tree planting initiative. I ask that you have one tree planted for each member of your club sometime between now and Earth Day, April 22, 2018. The Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group is a great resource that can help you get started. Share your progress online by using [#pledgetoplant](#)

I hope that the result of this effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring, which is itself most worthwhile. I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility, not only to the people on our planet—but to the planet itself on which we all live and on which we all depend.

During my six presidential conferences this year, environmental sustainability is one of many topics up for discussion. Each conference will focus on how peace relates to one of Rotary's five other areas of focus. My hope is that attendees are inspired take action after attending a conference and will develop new initiatives. Learn more about each of the conferences and how to register.

As I mentioned to you all earlier this year, Rotary Peace Fellow Marie-Paule Attema has already begun her studies and has shared her first blog post, which you can read here. I'm pleased to report that my home country of Australia has welcomed her with open arms and we all look forward to reading her next post as her journey progresses.

Beginning this Rotary year, the Rotary Friendship Exchange program has been expanded to include both Rotarians and non-Rotarians, with an emphasis on including young professionals on exchanges. These exchanges are a unique chance for cultural immersion and interchange, as well as an opportunity to build global understanding and boost vocational and leadership skills.

If you're interested in participating, contact a district Rotary Friendship Exchange chair. Find exchange partners through the Rotary Friendship Exchange Matching Board. Contact the Rotary Service team for more information.

As district governor, you will receive special recognition if 60 percent or more of the clubs in your district qualify for the 2017-18 Rotary Citation.

To earn this year's citation, the following activities are required of clubs:

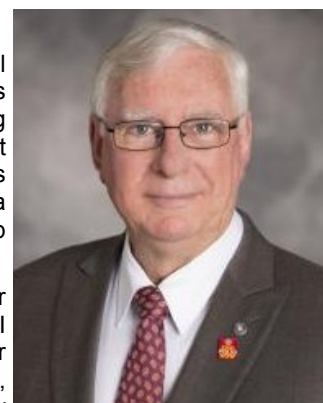
- Pay your July 2017 and January 2018 club invoices on time
- Report volunteer hours and service project contributions in Rotary Club Central

Please ask each club to accurately track the hours and the money they spend on their service, so we can get those important year-end numbers.

In addition, at least four club goals must be achieved in the following categories: support and strengthen clubs, focus and increase humanitarian service, and enhance Rotary's public image and awareness. Download your copy of the 2017-18 presidential citation for more information. If you have questions, contact the Rotary Awards team.

Now that you have stepped into your new role as district governor, I hope you to take the time to reflect on why you chose to take on this position, and the impact you can have on the clubs in your district. There's a great deal of work ahead of us, but it's only when we come together that we are able to embody **Rotary: Making a Difference**.

Sincerely,
Ian Riseley
Rotary International President, 2017-18



If your club has changed its meeting day, time, or location, please email our District webmaster, Terri Politi at texastp@gmail.com, and our District Newsletter editor, Dan Clark at danclark@ibc.com, so we can make sure the information is updated at the District level. In addition, it is important that you visit the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org to update your meeting information as well.

Rotary President-elect Sam F. Owori dies

Sam F. Owori, Rotary International president-elect, died unexpectedly Thursday as a result of post-operative complications from a planned surgery. Sam was a member of the Rotary Club Kampala, Uganda, for 38 years.

“Rotary has become a way of life for me – with the intrinsic value and core belief in mutual responsibility and concern for one another as a cornerstone,” Sam said when he was nominated last year. “I feel immense satisfaction knowing that through Rotary, I’ve helped someone live better.” Sam’s term as Rotary’s 108th president would have begun on July 1, 2018.

“Please remember Sam as the outstanding, hard-working Rotarian he was,” said Rotary International President Ian Riseley. “In this difficult time, I ask you to keep his wife, Norah, the Owori family and Sam’s millions of friends around the world in your thoughts.” Under Sam’s leadership, the number of clubs in Uganda swelled from nine to 89 over the course of 29 years. Sam saw in Rotary members “an incredible passion to make a difference,” and wanted to “harness that enthusiasm and pride so that every project becomes the engine of peace and prosperity.”

Sam was the chief executive officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda (ICGU), whose mission is to promote excellence in corporate governance principles and practice in the region by 2020. Previously, he was executive director of the African Development Bank (AfDB) and managing director of Uganda Commercial Bank Ltd. (UCB) and director of Uganda Development Bank. He has also served as corporation secretary of the Central Bank of Uganda (BOU).

He had served as member and chairman of several boards including FAULU (U) Ltd (now Opportunity Bank), The Uganda Heart Institute, the Centre for African Family Studies (CAFS), Mulago Hospital Complex, Mukono Theological College, and the Kampala City Council.

Sam also was the currently vice chair of the Hospice Africa Uganda, and member of the board and chair of the Audit Committee of PACE (Programme for Accessible Health, Communication and Education) in Uganda. “Sam was a special person in so many ways, and his unexpected death is a huge loss to Rotary, his community and the world,” Riseley said. “In addition, we are establishing details on plans to celebrate his life as they become available.” Rotary is establishing a memorial fund in Sam’s honor and will provide further details soon.



ONLINE GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

As was announced at District Conference, the Grant Management Seminar is NOW available online!! Go to www.Rotary5840.org, register and get the logon instructions. The cost will be \$20.

The club's President Elect and one other person is required to take the course. We encourage anyone interested to also take the course. Completing the course will create better understanding of the Grant process and prepare the club for succession planning. The course will be available 24/7, work at your own pace, and will allow you to review the materials until May 1, 2018.

For more information, please contact Joe Ramirez, District 5840 Foundation Chair by email at joeramirezsat@gmail.com or by phone at 210.859.2515



MEMBERS MATTER



By Terry Mendenhall
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Rotary Club Central

Rotary Club Central, at www.rotary.org, is available to club presidents to use as a tool to manage the club and its activities, creating a club history and the ability to set goals and track them and also keep various parts of the Rotary International structure informed. Right now is a very good time for current presidents and PE's to use the tool to end one Rotary year and begin the next. It is also ready made to track performance against club criteria established for a Presidential Citation and Best in District competition. For Presidents, once goals are set, it is a great source for reporting to a club board of directors and District Governor on success and status compared to goals.

We need much greater club participation using the tool. It helps the District understand how to support club efforts better. Currently less than 30% use it. Some have used it in the past, but new PE's don't pick it up. That's why now is the best time to use it in transition from one president to the next.

We were able to provide a very good value statement for clubs and the district to use in publicity this year, because we consolidated information about what clubs did for communities in the 2015-16 year. Here's what were able to say in a press release in January, and repeated in press releases since.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF: ROTARY'S RELEVANCE TO SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS

Rotary Clubs in District 5840 provide \$5.2 million to communities in 44 counties of South Central Texas

District Governor Judy Hutcherson, RN, just announced that last year the 58 Rotary Clubs in Rotary International District 5840 provided \$5.2 million in money, goods and volunteer services to their communities throughout South Central Texas.

"This information about the impact on communities by Rotary Clubs in 44 counties in south central Texas is significant," according to Terry Mendenhall, proud member for 35 years of the San Antonio Northwest Rotary Club. Mendenhall is a retired banking executive and experienced non-profit board member for many community service agencies for over 30 years. "Rotary's work is done by member volunteers exclusively, who raise funds, volunteer their time, perform service projects, award scholarships, evaluate charities and scholars, provide leadership, and are involved in their communities and neighborhoods, as they follow the "Service Above Self" motto of Rotary."

More than half of the Rotary Clubs in this area have established charitable foundations (501c3) over time, with recent fund balances of \$3.9 million to provide a long-term funding future for charitable efforts. These 58 Rotary Clubs have performed 542 service projects, devoting nearly 64,000 volunteer hours to help people and communities <https://www.hondanvilherald.com>, and raised funds for charities in the last year. Projects like: Kingdom for Kids and Diploma Plus in San Antonio; support for the Hill Country Needs Council in Fredericksburg; TxDOT's Adopt a Highway cleanup in San Angelo and Castle Hills; and Texas Missions of Mercy in Brady have made, and will continue to make, a huge impact in our communities. In addition, the Rotary Clubs in this District provided over \$730,000 in scholarships to over 700 deserving young people.

The short version is that Rotary clubs in South Central Texas provided over \$6.0 million in money, volunteer hours, and other resources to their communities, including over 700 scholarships. It's a very powerful statement that enhances our ability to brand and communicate what Rotary clubs do. It's very beneficial in recruiting new members and creating value for Rotary as a brand competing for resources to serve communities and people in South Central Texas

This survey took over 4 months to compile the data, because most clubs don't use Club Central, and when they do, many don't provide complete data. The data is entered under three categories: Your Club, Service, and Foundation Giving. Here are some tips for club presidents and PE's to use in implementing Club Central. The Assistant Governors should review this with them to make sure they understand how to use and enter necessary data in Club Central by June 30, 2017.

1. Complete the data entry of complete results for 2016-17 and goals for the 2017-18 Rotary year prior to June 30, 2017. If the goals were not entered for the year, put the goals that were established by the current year president. The only numbers that are provided by Rotary International are the contributions by clubs for the Rotary International Foundation. Only current club presidents are authorized to access Club Central until July 1, when the new president begins his or her term. That's another reason to have both sit down together, with the club Assistant Governor, ideally to enter this data and discuss it.
2. Estimate and track volunteer hours for everything the club does to support the community. Follow the 4 Way test. There is no right or wrong way to do it, but understand that this is what clubs do. There is a lot of time spent planning the activities of club administration, management, training, service projects and fundraisers. My experience is that the vast majority of time is in the category of fundraising, which makes service projects possible. Don't forget that in the volunteer hours estimate.
3. You can list fundraisers as a service project, if that's the best way not to forget it or the volunteer hours that go into planning and execution of the event.
4. Under the Service category, cash donations should include scholarships, contributions to the Rotary International Foundation, any club international projects or disaster relief, which many clubs do. If the club provided scholarships, then enter that as an individual service project and also enter number of people that received those scholarships.
5. Keep the results for the 2017-18 up to date monthly, as events occur. Consider using the reports and graphs the site provides to update club members and the board periodically on how the club is doing against goals and Presidential Citation criteria.



Miguel Segura

District 5840 Public Image Media Chair

Club presidents can use the two surveys below to get a solid start for the new Rotary year. The first survey will help identify and brand your club while the second survey will help you with the communications within your club.

Club Relations Survey

1. What club do you belong to?
2. How do you prefer we communicate with you?
 - a. Email
 - b. Phone call
 - c. Text
 - d. Facebook
3. Do you prefer receiving emails: once a week (with all events included in one email), or ongoing emails (as events come up).
 - a. Once a week
 - b. Ongoing emails
4. What meeting time would be ideal for you?
 - a. 7:30am
 - b. 12pm
 - c. 5:30pm
5. Are you happy with our meeting place, or would you like to change location?
6. What can the club do to encourage attendance at meetings?
7. Would you like to see more social events hosted by the club (bowling, happy hour, etc.)? If so, how often?
 - a. No
 - b. Yes, at least 4 times per year
 - c. Yes, at least 6 times per year
8. What do you think of the price for our meals?
 - a. Too low
 - b. Fair
 - c. Too high
9. What type of fundraising would you prefer to see?
 - a. Raffle tickets
 - b. Sales (candy, chocolate, etc.)
 - c. Required donation from members
 - d. Special events (gala, tournament, etc.)
 - e. Other:
10. Please add any additional comments, observations or ideas for the good of the club.

Club Identity Survey

1. What club do you belong to?
2. Please rank the focus areas in accordance to your importance level (1 being most important, 6 being the least important).
 - a. Promoting Peace:
 - b. Fighting Disease:
 - c. Providing Clean Water:
 - d. Supporting Families:
 - e. Supporting Education:
 - f. Fighting Poverty and Homelessness:
3. What areas of service (within the club) are you most passionate about or interested to participate in?
 - a. Membership
 - b. Administration
 - c. Public relations
 - d. Service projects
 - e. Foundation
 - f. Fundraising
 - g. Speakers
4. List any personal skills you can serve the club with (organizational skills, writing, graphic design)
5. Describe your professional experience / industry background.
6. Please list your marital status. If you have children, how many (include ages)?
7. List your top two personal / recreational interests.
8. Are you involved in any professional or trade organizations?
9. Is there any other charitable organization or cause you're involved with?
10. Do you enjoy our current club speakers, or would you prefer presentations on personal development, educational workshops, etc.?

Alamo Heights Rotary Club awards scholarships

Submitted by Rick Berchin

During May-June 2017, the Alamo Heights Rotary Club awarded academic and vocational scholarships valued at over \$50,000 to 12 individuals from 8 local high schools and universities and over 40 individuals attending local community vocational and GED training activities. Pictured are nine of the high school awardees: From Left: Sophia Bibb, Ricardo Pena, Sophie Tippet, Victoria Flener, Natalie-Rose Garcia, Holden Daum, Abbey Penton, Diana Long, Alexandria Gomez.



Wimberley Rotary Club loses their mentor

Submitted by Carrie Campbell

The Rotary Club of Wimberley lost one of our dear members on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Nadine Cook joined Rotary while working in Houston decades ago. She was a club president and AG during her time in Houston. She moved to Wimberley after retirement and joined our local club a year after its charter. None of the charter members had previously been Rotarians, so Nadine's participation came at the perfect time. She was elected club president and brought the traditions, values, and procedures of Rotary into practice. As a result of her efforts that year, she was awarded "Club President of the Year" by District 5840. She has mentored all of us through the years, and her loss is keenly felt.

Nadine was an active Rotarian to the very end. On May 20th, she was expected at a Rotary book club held at the local nursing home. When she didn't appear we started calling, and one of our Rotarians went to her home to check on her after the meeting. He found her. She had peacefully passed that morning.



Marking the 2nd Anniversary of the Memorial Day Flood

submitted by The Rotary Club of Wimberley

This past Memorial Day marked the 2nd Anniversary of the Memorial Day Flood that forever changed the lives and landscape of Wimberley. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our fellow Rotarians who reached out to us in our time of need. Your support, encouragement, and donations made a difference, and we are truly grateful.



We miss our neighbors who could not stay, and mourn the loss of friends who did not survive. The scars along the Blanco River will be evident for generations to come. We were all touched by this disaster, and learned much about ourselves and our community. We are blessed, even in crisis. The outpouring of generosity and countless acts of selflessness was humbling and renewed our faith in humanity.

We are happy to report that the Wimberley Rotarians who lost their homes in the Flood are all back in residence. The city has recovered economically, and the bond within our community has never been stronger. We have a greater empathy for the chaos, desperation, and daunting challenges facing those who suffer and endure both natural and man-made disasters.

Through tragedy, we have grown to be better citizens and Rotarians - more compassionate, more motivated to assist others in their times of need. You have been our teachers. Thank you!

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Rotarians do.



2017 ROTARY MULTI-DISTRICT TRAINING INSTITUTE

August 11-12, 2017

Frank Fickett Scout Training and Service Center in Austin, Texas

A PERSONAL INVITATION
FROM

Dennis Brigham, Jerry Chapman, Carmen Cuneo, Beverly Grogan, Andy Hagan, John Hathaway,
Kathy Hubbard, Dan Linebarger, Gerald Robinson, and Jessica Sherrill

Your 2018-19 District Governors are excited to warmly welcome you to a fun and exciting time in Austin, Texas!

It is truly an honor and privilege to extend an invitation to all the current and future leaders of your district to attend the Rotary Multi-District Training Institute in Austin, Texas on August 11-12, 2016. Rotary Multi-District Training Institutes are designed to support incoming DGEs and DGNs in preparing their critical leadership team members for their year of service.

We are honored to have an all-star cast to lead our interactive and high quality training. This includes our Rotary International Leadership: Rotary International Director Jorge Aufranc, Rotary International Director and 2017-18 Rotary International Vice-President Dean Rohrs, Rotary Foundation Trustee Elect Brenda Cressey, and Past Rotary International Treasurer Andy Smallwood.

Our targeted training for specific District Positions will be led by our Rotary Regional Leadership teams who bring a wealth of knowledge to share.

DGE/DGN Training will include RID Jorge Aufranc, incoming Rotary International Vice President Dean Rohrs, and Past Rotary International Treasurer Andy Smallwood.

Foundation Training will be led by the multi-talented team brought together by our RRFC Suzi Howe, which includes District Rotary Foundation Chairs, District Grant Sub-Committee Chairs, Alumni Chairs, District Centennial Chairs, District Annual Fund Chairs, District Endowed Fund Chairs, District Scholar Chairs, District Polio Chairs, District Global Grant Scholar Chairs, Paul Harris Society Chairs, Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators, EMGO, ZEPNC

Membership Training will be led by RC Sherri Muniz and RC Kelly Atkinson. Their team also includes: ARC Lisa Faith Massey, ARC Bob Dill, ARC George Ritcheske, and ARC Debbie High. RPIC Lisa Herring will lead the Public Image sessions.

ROTARY CLUB OF HONDO - D'HANIS

Golf Tournament – May 20, 2017

Rescheduled: July 22, 2017

4 Member Scramble



Entry Fee: \$75/per player

Includes: Green fee, ½ Cart & Lunch

Hondo Golf Course

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(830) 741-4653

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