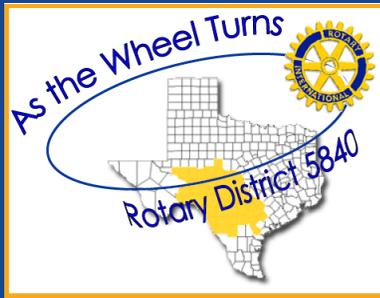




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## November 2017

### Rotary District 5840 Leaders

District Governor **Carol Holmes**  
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DGE **Kathryn Hubbard**  
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Dear fellow Rotarians,

November is Foundation Month, and time for us to take a look at where we are in our Rotary Foundation: what it's done, what it's helping us do now, and how we can move forward.

Last Rotary year, our Foundation received US\$304 million in total contributions: that included \$140 million to the Annual Fund, \$28 million to the Endowment Fund, and \$108 million to PolioPlus. All of those gifts are now hard at work, Doing Good in the World: supporting Rotary's work today and strengthening our organization for tomorrow. The Foundation approved 494 district grants and 1,260 global grants, with a total of \$111 million in funding.

As you all know, polio eradication is the number one priority of Rotary and our Foundation. It has been a historic year for polio eradication, with unprecedented new support and fewer cases of polio than ever before. As announced at our Atlanta convention in June, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has increased its commitment to our polio eradication initiative, and will match 2:1 all Rotary contributions up to 50 million dollars, for the next three years. If Rotarians raise \$50 million per year, the Gates Foundation will match this with \$100 million: resulting in \$150 million for polio eradication in each of the three years. In total, more than one billion dollars in new funding for polio were pledged by governments and key donors in Atlanta.

It was a great lead in to the 2017-2018 Rotary year, and Rotarians have been doing an amazing job not only of raising the money to fulfill our commitment, but keeping public awareness of polio high. Our fifth annual World Polio Day, on 24 October, was a great success; our livestream event, broadcast from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation headquarters in Seattle, was our largest ever, with over 149,000 people viewing and Vice-President Dean Rohrs representing Rotary in the program. Another 3,428 World Polio Day events took place around the world. It's not too late to be a part of it; head over to the End Polio now website to see the recorded video.

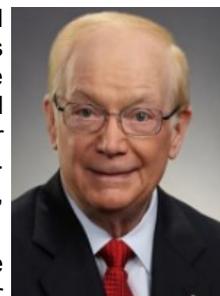
In 2016, 37 children were paralyzed by the wild poliovirus. So far in 2017, that number stands at 13. We are on our way to zero, and you can follow that journey with the updates that are published every week by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

It's important to remember that we have to keep doing everything we can do to End Polio Now, not only until the last child is paralyzed, but until eradication is certified by an independent commission. We expect that to happen at least three years from the last time wild poliovirus is found, in a child, a water supply, or anywhere else. Only then will we celebrate the end of polio - and the greatest work yet of Rotary and our Rotary Foundation.

Sincerely,

Ian Riseley  
Rotary International President, 2017-18

Paul A. Netzel  
Foundation Trustee Chair, 2017-18



### Carol Holmes, District 5840 Governor



*How long has it been since you have spent a Saturday with a group of Interact students at one of their conferences? November 4 was the Interact Conference held at Winston School with 148 students attending, the largest group ever. These are the best that Rotary has to offer as far as high school and middle school future Rotarians. Not only were they learning but they were having fun!*



*We had Parent helpers, Interact sponsors, PDG's, DG, DGE, DGN attending as well. We want to thank especially Charles Karulak, Headmaster of Winston School, and Mike Canales, who is our Youth Services Chairman for the District for organizing this. What an exceptional day.*

*Their speakers were outstanding: Youth Exchange: Dr. Rebekah Piper; Rotaract, Ms. Hannah Boring; and RYLA, Ms. Jessica Skelton. Dr. Cynthia McNeeley, a polio survivor, and Michael Thornton talked about what it is like to live with the results of polio, and that our fight is not over. The students had set up a table with all the equipment to present the "Purple Pinkie" to all attendees, which is how they identify those children who have been vaccinated in other countries. We went to the table, had our pinkies painted, and the students made \$350 for Polio Plus.*

*I had the pleasure of having lunch with the presidents of Interact. We talked about all kinds of things, projects for their clubs, several club presidents offered their help with other clubs, things to improve their membership and activities. Made me want to be an Interact student!*

*After lunch we gathered once again to listen to a presentation by Ms. Susan Burkholder on "Human Trafficking" which was a very thought-provoking presentation and very important subject for our young people.*

*You have a chance to be a part of another Student activity January 12-15, 2018, which is the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) weekend. Volunteer your time to chaperone or just go out and experience what our young people are accomplishing in the name of Rotary!*



**Did you know that Rotary District 5840 has a Facebook page? If so, have you shared any of the stories on the District's Facebook page with your friends? Below are just a few of the stories that have been posted and shared recently on the Rotary District 5840 Facebook page.**



**Rotary Club of San Saba, Texas** added 3 new photos.

4 hrs · 🌐

New members are the lifeblood of every organization. The Rotary Club of San Saba inducted five new members today. Beth Landers, Cydney Pearce, Michael Bohensky, Sam Savani, and **Bill Phillpotts**. The induction ceremony was conducted by Jackson Moss, District 5840 Membership Chair, of San Antonio. If you too are interested in serving your world and community talk to a member about membership. #1DistrictAllHeart



**San Antonio North Central Rotary Club** is at **The Winston School San Antonio.**

Saturday at 10:08 AM · 🌐

President Christine Tovar presents a check to Kitchen on the Street.



**Rotary Club of Northwest San Antonio** added 3 new photos — with **Brenda Sanchez Carrasco** and 2 others at **The Salvation Army San Antonio Area Command.**

Yesterday at 8:12 PM · 🌐

**Rotary Club of Northwest San Antonio** donated the Halloween costumes and a little party for the families tonight at the Salvation Army.



**Eagle Pass Rotary Club** is ... feeling grateful.

1 hr · 🌐

Our Rotarians Honoring Our Veterans thru our Annual flag Project 🇺🇸💛



**The Rotary Club of Boerne** added 3 new photos — attending **Arbor Day- 20 new trees!** at **Boerne Lake.**

10 hrs · Boerne, TX · 🌐

Thank you Jennings Anderson Ford for this Vehicle that we get to use ... doing what we do ...Serving Our Community 🙌 great usage today at the tree planting project with the City of Boerne and Burkett Arbor Care!



**Rotary Club of New Braunfels** added 4 new photos — with **Jp Kesselring** and 2 others.

6 hrs · 🌐

Getting ready for #wurstfest !!

#rotary #newbraunfels #nbtx



**Rotary Club of Uvalde** added 3 new photos — at **Ssgt. Willie de Leon Civic Center.**

Wednesday at 4:26 PM · 🌐

Almost Halloween Carnival Time!!! We are ready to give away some bicycles!



**Bill Phillpotts** added 2 new photos.

32 mins · 👤

Great turnout at The Brady Rotary Club on World Polio Day, October 24, 2017.

👍 5

1 Comment

👍 Like

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XAVIER  
TOSON

District Governor  
Designate 2020-21



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5840*

*We are proud to announce that Xavier Toson of the Alamo Ranch Rotary Club has been selected Rotary District 5840's District Governor Nominee Designate. Xavier will serve as our District Governor during the 2020-2021 Rotary year.*

*Congratulation Xavier!*

## LIFE HAS INTERESTING CYCLES....

In 2001 the Rotary International Convention was hosted by District 5840 in San Antonio. After the Convention, the District 5840 Host Organizing Committee had \$320,000 remaining.

The President of Rotary International for that year was Frank Devlyn, from Mexico City.

The Rotary Foundation had recently established donor advised funds within the Foundation. It was decided to place the remaining funds in a District 5840 Donor Advised Fund, who would manager our funds for us. The proceeds of the \$320,000 would provide grant funds in the future for the District.

Our District and Rotary Foundation has been benefitted greatly since establishing our own Donor Advised Fund. We have given the Rotary Foundation \$58,460 over the years. The Clubs in our District have received \$194,505 in matching grants from the DAF proceeds of the initial corpus.

That means that the District has been able to accomplish, as a minimum, \$389,010 worth of humanitarian projects it would not have otherwise achieved. Plus, we still have the corpus of \$320,000 working for the future.

Recently several states along the Gulf of Mexico and Mexico City were ravaged by natural disasters...hurricanes and earthquakes.

Mexico City particularly experienced one of the worst earthquakes in its history. The Rotary Foundation, in response to these disasters, established respective Donor Advised Funds. These allow Rotarians to contribute to the assistance of the disaster areas.

The District 5840 Donor Advised Fund decided it would provide \$5,000 to the Mexican Earthquake Disaster Relief DAF. This is the home area of Past President of RI Frank Devlyn.

What a unique and special moment for us to give back to the former President of RI, from the Donor Advised Fund his International Convention's success afforded us the ability to establish!!

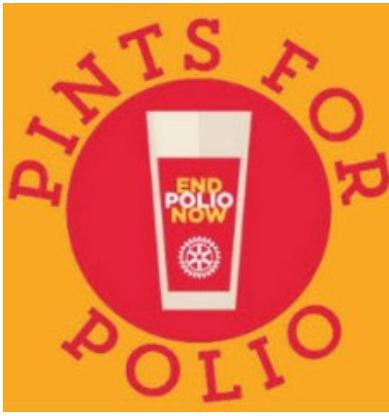
Frank Devlyn responded in his usual gracious and appreciative manner...

Thank you for your help in sending a donation to the Mexican Earthquake Relief DAF

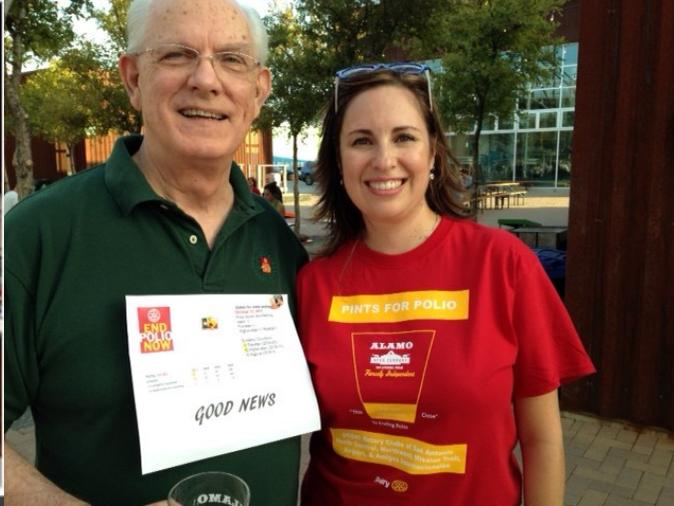
Your Amigo in Mexico City,

Frank Devlyn  
President 2000-2001  
Rotary International

Richard (Dick) Baggett, PDG  
Chair, District 5840 DAF



Across District 5840



We are adding a new feature to our District Newsletter. It will be a question and answer "Spotlight" on our Assistant Governors. Did you know that Rotary District 5840 has 18 Assistant Governors? They meet with their respective clubs at least once a quarter either in person, by phone, or by web conference. Listening to the clubs enables the Assistant Governor to discuss their concerns and needs, and provide information, resources, and advice that will allow them to be more successful. The Assistant Governors keep our District Governor, Carol Holmes, up to date on each club's progress and identify areas that may need attention.



**MIKE DREW**, Assistant Governor  
Area 16 (Kerrville, Kerrville Morning, San Antonio Dominion)

Q: How did you hear about Rotary?

A: ***I was invited to join by a club member.***

Q: When did you become a member?

A: ***January 1998***

Q: What is your home club?

A: ***Fredericksburg Morning***

Q: What is (or was, if you are retired) your profession/vocation?

A: ***Lt Col USAF***

Q: Was Rotary a good fit for you right away or did it take you time to become comfortable?

A: ***Yes***

Q: What moment made you see the importance of your involvement in Rotary?

A: ***When our club started a weekly reading program at the Elementary school.***

Q: What do you most want to accomplish as an Assistant Governor?

A: ***I want to encourage the clubs to become more active in local and district events and encourage financial support of the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus.***

Q: If you could have a personal conversation with every Rotarian in every club in your area, what would you say to each of them?

A: ***I would say to each member that Rotary is much more than attending meetings. You will get out of Rotary what you put into it.***

Q: Do you have any specific suggestions for the clubs in your area?

A: ***Members need to become more involved in District activities and give more to the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus.***

Q: What has been the best part of working with the clubs in your area?

A: ***Getting to know more Rotarians and helping them achieve club goals.***

Q: What advice would you give a Rotarian interested in following in your footsteps to leadership?

A: ***Don't be afraid of accepting leadership roles in your club or at the District level***



*At the Brady Texas Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday, November 7th, Charlie Humphreys had the honor of presenting District Governor Carol Holmes her fourth Paul Harris Pin. The Brady Texas Rotary Club is the home club of our District Governor. Congratulations District Governor Carol.*



*The Brady Texas Rotary Club meets on Tuesday at 12:00 noon at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Brady refers to itself as "The Heart of Texas", as it is the closest city to the geographical center of the state.*

## San Antonio North Central Rotary Club hosts annual Foundation Dinner

Courtesy of the San Antonio North Central Rotary Club Facebook page

November is Rotary Foundation Month. The San Antonio North Central Rotary Club celebrated Foundation Month by holding its annual Foundation Dinner on Monday, November 13, 2017 at The Quarry Golf Club's Restaurant. The theme for the evening was honoring our Veterans and Ending Polio.



The guest speaker for the event was Arthur (Art) Zeitler, Past District Governor of Rotary District 5930, and Assistant Regional Rotary Coordinator for Zones 21B and part of 27.



## Kerrville Morning Rotary Club provides books and magazines for St. Lucia library

Submitted by John Aceti

Imagine a library about the size of a doctor's waiting room, two shelves 10 feet long, each holding about 100 books mostly printed from about 1915 to 1940. Not surprisingly it is very lightly visited by the students, especially the boys. Such is the state of the library of the Anse La Raye Primary school consisting of grades 3-6.

Anse La Raye is on the west coast of the tear-drop shaped island of St Lucia, in the Caribbean. St. Lucia is a beautiful, green tropical island which is a tourist stop for some cruise ships. It has some lovely resorts. But none are near Anse La Raye. This fishing town of 6,000 has an unemployment rate of 60%. The students here have little to encourage them to read, widen their horizons, learn skills and bring economic growth to their town.

Kerrville Morning Rotary Club will provide these students with more than 700 books, including educational magazines, which will give a real incentive to the students to read, to take books home to read and to open themselves and their families to the larger world of opportunity.

There have been many who contributed to this literal mountain of books ; Rotarians, members of the community, Notre Dame Library, Comfort Library, and Friends of Butt-Holdsworth Library. while discussing shipping issues with the owner of the local UPS store, Ginny and Bill Bull chose to contribute books. Then they influenced their daughter, Angela Brinkley, who was teaching 5th grade in Morgan City, Louisiana. She was promoted to curriculum facilitator. Because of this promotion, she sent 250 books she had purchased and used in her classroom to Kerrville for this project. Through the generosity of many in the community, a total of 730 books and magazines were collected.



Symmantha Booth, club President Lew McCoy, Carol Aceti (non-Rotarian), Laura Bechtel, John Aceti and Drew Whitehead

The committee who shepherded this project is Rotarians Samantha Booth, Laura Bechtel, Drew Whitehead, John Aceti, chairperson, and non-Rotarian Carol Aceti. Kerrville Morning Club Board of Directors approved the project and allocated the funds for shipping.

This project was affected by Hurricane Harvey. The books are ready to ship and the port of Houston is finally ready to receive them. There has been a delay of several months.

John Aceti has also served as liaison between the Anse La Raye School and the Kerrville Morning Rotary Club. After serving as Global Volunteers in Anse La Raye schools as tutors in 2015, John and Carol observed the dismal state of the materials in the school. John also attended a Rotary club meeting in Castries, the capital of St. Lucia, to encourage their support for the school.

With the cooperation from the St Lucia country manager for Global Volunteers, Chemida Popo-Cox and the teacher/assistant principal of the Primary School, Sylvia Joseph, this project will stimulate reading and a love for books. Both are native St. Lucians and are excited about additional resources for the school. Global Volunteers, an agency which promotes opportunities all over the world for mentors, health workers and agriculture consultants, offered to build additional shelves for the library. Also the school district has hired a librarian. The cooperation between Kerrville Morning Club members, Kerrville community members, Anse La Raye Primary School and the help from Global Volunteers is a plus for the love of reading and a vision of a better world on this island.

**Rotary International District 5840  
Celebr8 Success Registration  
May 4-6, 2018 – Horseshoe Bay Resort**

**Friday All Clubs Luncheon only:**

**\$40.00 per person (pre-registered)**

**\$50.00 per person (walk-in)**

**Full conference registration: Includes the following list of events.**

**Friday All Clubs Lunch**

**Friday night dinner buffet with Rotarian engagement**

**“Drumming Up Rotary” event featuring Drum Café**

**Saturday breakfast**

**Saturday morning activities with Youth Services and box lunch**

**Saturday afternoon Spouse/Partner program**

**Saturday Gala Dinner at Yacht Club**

**Sunday morning farewell**

**\$250.00 per person if registered by Feb 1, 2018**

**\$300.00 per person if registered by Apr 15, 2018**

**Hotel room price per night: Cut off date for hotel reservations is April 3, 2018;**

***\*hotel rate is good for any night between Wednesday May 2 to Monday May 7.***

**\$179.00 plus tax**

**Celebr8 Success with us at this world-class golf and lake resort**

**destination, *Horseshoe Bay Resort***

**Hotel reservations can be made online or call 1-877-611-0112 and**

**use our group code “ROTARY 18”**



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

# SEEKING COMMUNICATION MINDED ROTARIANS

## HELP WANTED

Become a part of  
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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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: [www.rotary5840.org](http://www.rotary5840.org) 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

