

# South Texas District 5930

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

## A Message from your District Governor

As we get closer to the end of our Rotary year, I want to remind all of our district Rotarians to send in your club RI/PolioPlus pledges. The good news is that we have achieved a full year without a reported polio case in India. RI will drop India from the PAIN (Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Nigeria) and concentrate on PAN (Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria). As Rotarians, we will keep our promise we made to the world to eradicate the Polio virus.

Our District Conference will be held on South Padre Island on April 26-29. Make plans to attend this event, this is another opportunity to learn, fellowship and catch up on Rotary news. We will have our District All Clubs Luncheon on Friday, April 27, so please bring your bells to start of our meeting. Sat. will be our New Generation day, as we celebrate our district 4-Way Speech contest, honor Youth Exchange, Interact and Rotoract clubs. Also the inbound and outbound GSE teams will be sharing their travel experiences.

On a final note, I had an opportunity to work with Rotarian Tom Plumb in "Hands to Honduras" building schools in underserved areas. What a great feeling to help others we don't even know.....Service above Self. I would urge all Rotarians to get involved with International service projects, after all we are Rotary International. If you can't go, then support Tom with a small monetary donation. If every club in our district would pledge a minimum of \$100, I guarantee it will make a BIG difference in the children of Honduras.

Reach within to Embrace Humanity.  
Lauro H. Solís  
District Governor

**Join Us at the Padre!**  
2012 District 5930 Conference  
April 26-29, 2012



Details and Registration on the District website [www.Rotary5930.org](http://www.Rotary5930.org)

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## The District 5930 Conference Program (pages 4-7 & on the District website) for our upcoming District conference at the Isla Grand Beach Resort on South Padre Island, Texas.

On Thursday, April 26, 2012 onsite registration will begin and there is a luau buffet staged pool side at the Resort hotel for all of our early arrivals. Dress is island casual/comfortable. You will have an opportunity to meet Michael Abdalla, RI president's representative and Jean, his wife along with David Hall, RI Regional Major Gifts Officer for The Rotary Foundation. Lauro Solis, District Governor and Lupita, his wife will be on hand along with J.D. Simpson, District Governor Elect, Maxie Houser, District Governor Nominee and many of our past District Governors.

In addition, Joanne Brooks, a Polio survivor will join us and be our keynote speaker on Friday night. This year's conference will be informative as well as fun. Friday's first plenary session will begin at 9am to update us on District business followed by numerous Rotary programs and topics you will not want to miss. Our All District Luncheon will be held at noon on Friday, April 27, 2012. Our keynote speaker will be Michael Abdalla, RI president's representative followed by a check presentation to TRF Polio Eradication from the generous contributions obtained during the collaboration of our local Rotary clubs with the Viper's Basketball organization. You will not want to miss it. Friday afternoon will be action packed with plenary sessions involving The Rotary Foundation and related programs and international projects sponsored by our local Rotary clubs. You will have an opportunity to meet both the Group Study Exchange teams (Inbound and Outbound) Friday afternoon. The theme for Friday night's dinner is Western with a good ole Texas BBQ so put on your western jeans, boots, and hat for the occasion.



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Saturday will be filled with various youth related programs and activities including presentations about youth exchange, Earlyact, Interact, and Rotoract clubs as well as the All District 5930 "Four Way Test" Speech Competition. A separate track of activities will be offered for our youth in attendance that day to give them hands on life learning skills and an appreciation for preservation of our environment. Youth activities will culminating with an ice cream social that afternoon. A round table session will be offered on Saturday afternoon for Rotarians interested in serving at the District level. Also, the District is offering a training session for Rotarians interested in receiving instruction on Emergency preparedness and how our District and local clubs can assist the community in the event of a mishap, natural disaster, etc. See the program guide for more details. The Governor's Banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, April 28, 2012 beginning at 7pm and the dress is black tie optional. Lauro Solis, District Governor invites everyone to attend his awards and recognition banquet.



Breakfast will be served at 9am Sunday morning, April 29th and culminate with a special "Celebration of Life" ceremony to honor and remember Rotarians and family members that have passed away this year. Thank you in advance for volunteering to participate in this year's program. Encourage others to attend and sign up today via our District's website: [www.rotary5930.org](http://www.rotary5930.org).

## Hotel Information

Hotel Reservations are still open. The special prices will be closing soon. Isla Grand Beach Resort, 500 Padre Blvd, South Padre Island, TX 78597 800-292-7704 or 956-761-6511

- Special Rotary Group Rates Apply for Hotel Reservations. Use Reservation Code: 1205RD5930.
- Call Isla Grand Beach Resort - 956-761-6511 for more information relating to hotel accommodations.

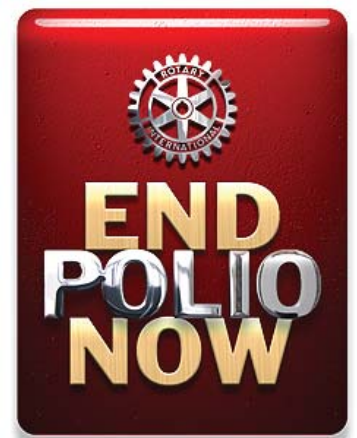


## Meals and Registration

[Use our NEW convenient shopping cart to register and make your meal choices.](#)

## Sponsorships and Ads

We need your help to keep the cost of our annual district conference down. Without the financial support of sponsors, the cost of bringing the 2012 District Conference to fruition would be significantly higher. Your sponsorship will allow your Conference Committee to maintain the standards set at Conferences in previous years, while containing costs and providing affordable registration fees. [Read about our sponsorships and ads here.](#)



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## 2011-2012 ROTARY DISTRICT 5930 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, April 26, 2012

**4:00 P.M. Registration Opens**  
**5:30-7:00 P.M. Hospitality Suite Open**  
**7:00 P.M. Ice Breaker and Fellowship (Outside near Pool)**  
**Dress: Very Casual (Island Style)**  
Convener: Andy Hagan, District Conference Chair  
Opening Remarks: Lauro Solis, District Governor  
Introduction of RI Representatives & Guests  
Invocation: Andy Hagan, Conference Chair  
Dinner: Luau Buffet  
Closing Remarks: Lauro Solis, District Governor  
**9:00 – 10:00 P.M. Hospitality Suite Open**

### FRIDAY, April 27, 2012

**8:00-8:45 A.M. Breakfast**  
Welcome: Andy Hagan, District Conference Chair  
Pledge: Andy Hagan, Conference Chair  
Invocation: Andy Hagan, Conference Chair  
Four Way Test: Andy Hagan, Conference Chair  
Breakfast Buffet  
**8:00 A.M. Registration and Project Displays Open**  
**9:00 A.M. Plenary Session 1: District 5930 Business Meeting**  
Convener: Andy Hagan, Conference Chair  
State of the District: Lauro Solis, District Governor  
Treasurer Report: Aida Lerma, District Treasurer  
Strategic Planning: F.J. Brewerton, PDG/District Strategic Planning Chairman  
Disaster Response: Steve Chung, District Disaster Preparedness Chairman  
Membership: Terri McGraw, District Membership Chair  
Public Relations: Nancy Paulson, Webmaster/Editor/Chair  
**9:50 AM. Break**  
**10:00 A.M. Plenary Session 2: Local (Non International) Club Projects**  
Convener: Jose Ceballos, District Grants  
Information on How to Obtain  
District Simplified Grants in  
July 2012 for Local Projects &  
Presentations by Rotary Clubs  
Relating to 2011 DSG Projects  
Door Prizes  
**11:15 A.M. RYLA – Rotary Club of Corpus Christi Update and New Video**  
**11:45 A.M. Break**  
**12:00 P.M. All District 5930 Club Luncheon**  
Convener: Bettina Tolin, AG Area 9  
Ring the Bell: Rotary Club Presidents  
Pledge of Allegiance: Roberto Valencia, RC of Brownsville Historic

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	Invocation:	Dinah Bowman, AG Area 4
	Four Way Test:	Brad Benter, RC of McAllen South
	Lunch	Mexican Buffet
	Opening Remarks:	Lauro Solis, District Governor
	Introduction of RI President's Representative	F.J. Brewerton, PDG
	Keynote Speaker:	Michael Abdalla, RI President's Representative
	Rotary & Vipers Team up:	Ros Salmeron, RC of San Benito
	Closing Remarks:	Lauro Solis, District Governor
<b>1:20 P.M.</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Plenary Session 3: The Rotary Foundation</b>	
	Convener:	Arthur Zeitler, TRF District Chair
	TRF Bequest Society:	David Hall, RI Regional
	Painless Giving: Flexible Techniques For Named Funds, Donor Funds and other TRF Gift Structuring	Major Gifts Officer for TRF
<b>1:45 P.M.</b>	<b>International Projects - Matching Grants Projects</b>	
	Convener:	Art Zeitler, District's Rotary Foundation Chair
	Presentations By Various Clubs On Recent Matching Grant Projects	
	Door Prizes	
<b>2:45 P.M.</b>	<b>Scholarships and Fellowships Program Update</b>	
	Convener:	Tiffany Hull, District Committee Chair
<b>3:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>3:15 A.M.</b>	<b>Polio Plus and the Bill &amp; Linda Gates Matching Grant Update</b>	
	Convener:	Betty Frantum, District Committee Chair
<b>3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Group Study Exchange: Philippines GSE TEAMS</b>	
	Convener:	Marilyn Spencer, PDG and Jim Elder, RC of Rockport
	Group Study Exchange Presentations	Inbound/Outbound Teams
<b>4:30 P.M.</b>	Foundation Giving Updates	Jim Deuser, APF Giving Chair
	Door Prizes	
<b>4:45 P.M.</b>	<b>Free Time</b>	
<b>5:30-7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Hospitality Suite Open</b>	
<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Texas BBQ Dinner</b>	
	<b>Dress:</b>	<b>Western Style</b>
	Convener:	JoAnne Settles, AG Area 2
	Invocation:	Albino Carrasco, RC of Brownsville
	Dinner	Sunrise
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker:	BBQ Buffet
	Keynote Speaker:	Betty Frantum, AG Area 3
	Introduction of RI Regional Major Gifts Officer of the Rotary Foundation	Joanne Brooks, Polio Survivor
	Importance of Supporting TRF	J.D. Simpson, District Governor Elect
		David Hall, RI Regional Major Gifts Officer

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9:00-10:00P.M. Closing Remarks: Lauro Solis, District Governor  
**Hospitality Suite Open**

## SATURDAY, April 28, 2012

8:00 AM. **Breakfast Meeting**  
Welcome: Andy Hagan, Conference Chair  
Invocation: Andy Hagan, Conference  
Chair  
Breakfast Buffet  
Youth Exchange An Exchange Student's Perspective

8:00 AM. **Registration and Project Displays Opens**

### 9:00 AM. **Plenary Session 4: Rotary's Fifth Avenue of Service**

Convener: Jesse Hernandez, Youth Programs  
Chair  
Earlyact: Jesse Hernandez, Youth Programs  
Chair  
Interact: Pace High School Interact club  
Rotoract: UTB Rotoract Club  
Youth Exchange: Jim Teeter, District YE  
Chair

Door Prizes

9:45 AM. **Break**

### 10:00 A.M. **Plenary Session 5: All District Four Way Test Speech Contest**

Convener: Ed Ramirez, Jr., Four Way  
Speech Contest Chair  
Area Contestants: Areas 1 – 13 Represented  
In Random Order

11:55 A.M. **Break**

### 12:00 Noon **Luncheon**

Convener: Alan Johnson, AG Area 8  
Flag Presentation: Youth Exchange Students  
Pledge of Allegiance: Gail Hoffman, AG Area 5  
Lunch Buffet  
Introduction of Keynote Speaker: F.J. Brewerton, PDG  
Keynote Speaker: Michael Abdalla, RI President's  
Representative  
Announce Speech Winners: Ed Ramirez, Jr., District Four Way  
Speech Contest Chairman  
General Announcements: Andy Hagan, Conference Chair

1:30 P.M. **Free Time For Rotarians and Guests (Optional)**

### 1:45-4:45 P.M. **Plenary Session 6 – District Disaster Preparedness Training**

Convener: Steve Chung, District Disaster Preparedness  
Chairman

### 1:45-2:45 P.M. **Plenary Session 7 - Prospective District Leadership Forum**

Convener: Maxine Houser, District Governor Nominee &  
Billy Settles, PDG

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<b>5:30-7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Hospitality Suite Open</b>	
<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Governor's Banquet: Recognitions &amp; Awards Night</b>	
	<b>Dress:</b>	<b>Black Tie (Optional)</b>
	Convener:	Javier Compean, District Lt Gov.
	Pledge of Allegiance:	Paul Petit, AG Area12
	Invocation:	Ed Gonzalez, AG Area 13
	Dinner	Plated Surf & Turf
	District Recognition Awards	Lauro Solis, District Governor
	Closing Remarks:	Michael Abdalla, RI President's Representative
<b>9:00-10:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Hospitality Suite Open</b>	

## Saturday, April 28, 2012 Youth's Schedule of Activities

<b>Theme:</b>	<b>Peace Through Service – Developing Youth Awareness</b>
<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Registration and Sign In</b>
<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Introductions &amp; Ice Breaker Activities</b>
	<b>Scavenger Hunt during Beach Cleanup</b>
	<b>Special Arts and Crafts Activities</b>
	<b>Games: Team Building and Leadership Skills</b>
	<b>Good Samaritan, Coping Skills &amp; Preparedness Awareness</b>
	<b>Presentations on Preserving and Protecting Our Environment</b>
<b>12:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Everything You Wanted to Know About Sea Turtles</b>
<b>2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:15 P.M.</b>	<b>What is Rotary and What Does Rotary Mean to You?</b>
<b>3:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Ice Cream Social</b>
<b>3:45 P.M.</b>	<b>Closing Remarks and Sign Out</b>
<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

## SUNDAY, April 29, 2012

<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	Buffet
	Convener:	Billy Settles, PDG
	Invocation:	Andy Hagan, Conference Chair
	Celebration of Life:	George Dawson, PDG
	Closing Remarks:	Lauro Solis, District Governor & Michael Abdalla, RI President's Representative
<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Adjourn / Check Out</b>	

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## District Assembly

**Make Plans to attend**

**South Texas District 5930 Assembly**

**May 19, 2012**

**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**\$20 Includes Lunch**

**Pay on arrival, but please register NOW on the District website.**



Our District Assembly is where incoming officers and interested Rotarians can get information to help them with their duties during the upcoming year.

### **Purpose of the District Assembly**

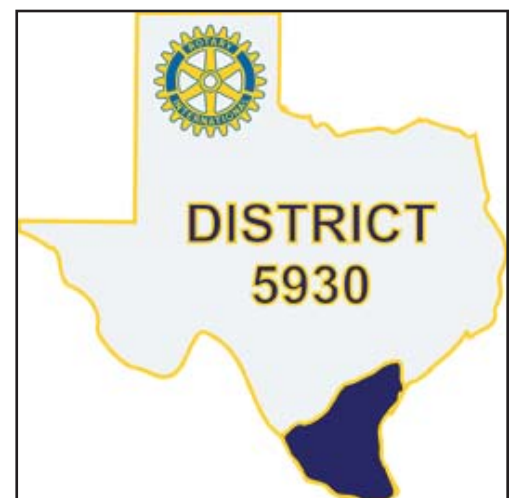
- Prepare R5930 incoming club leaders for their year in office and building their leadership team.
- Provide the governor-elect, assistant governors and district committees the opportunity to motivate club leadership teams and build a robust district wide working relationship.

### **Who should attend:**

- President-elects
- Club Leadership team members for 2012-13
- Club Treasurers
- Club Secretaries

### **Those interested in the following programs and activities:**

- District Grants
- GSE and Youth Exchange
- Interact, Rotaract, Early Act
- Membership



Read about the topics to be presented on the District website -

[www.rotary5930.org](http://www.rotary5930.org).

If you would like an additional topic - call or email District Governor Elect JD Simpson, (361) 550-2907 or [jdsrotary5930@gmail.com](mailto:jdsrotary5930@gmail.com)



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## Incoming GSE Team from the Philippines

We look forward to the GSE team visit from District 3860 in the Philippines! They arrive in Corpus Christi on April 1 then travel to Victoria, Rockport, Kingsville, Laredo, Rio Grande City, McAllen, Harlingen and Brownsville. Their trip ends with our District Conference at South Padre Island. They will depart our district from the McAllen Miller Airport, on May 1.

Team Leader Pitok Sueno, Rotary Club of Marbel, is a resort owner. Past president of the Rotary Club of Marbel, he has served Dist. 3860 as assistant governor, senior assistant governor for programs, chair of the district awards committee and district secretary. Pitok is a major donor to the Rotary Foundation.

Team member Dr. Edelyn Badilla is 35 years of age and single. She is an obstetrician-gynecologist/oncologist at the Edelyn Badilla Clinic in Tagum City. Her team membership is endorsed by the Rotary Club of Tagum Golden L.A.C.E.S.

Dr. Jamila Balchand, team member, is also 35 and single. She is a pediatrician who works for the Davao Medical School Foundation and practices medicine at the Ricardo Limso Medical Center, in Davao City. She is endorsed by the Rotary Club of South Davao.

Team member Temujin "Tek" Ocampo is 39 years old and is married. He is a TV news anchor at GMA Davao. His team membership is endorsed by the Rotary Club of East Davao.

Retrina Fuentes, team member, is 40 and single. She works as a prosecutor for Davao City. Her team membership is endorsed by the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao.

The visiting GSE team shown in the photo are, from left to right, team leader Perfecto "Pitok" Sueno and team members Dr. Edelyn Badilla, Dr. Jamila Balchand, Temujin "Tek" Ocampo and Retrina Fuentes.



## HANDS TO HONDURAS COMPLETES ITS FOURTEENTH YEAR

Hands to Honduras, Inc. (a 501 c 3 organization) sponsored by the Port Isabel Rotary Club since 2007 has just completed its fourteenth year doing community development work in Honduras. The organization, led by Port Isabel Rotarian, Tom Plumb, has been working in Trujillo, Honduras since 2007 and has completed 32 classrooms, five power projects, and one water project (with three others underway)...among other things...in the villages surrounding Trujillo. Five Texas Rotarians were joined by three Vermonters, one Montanan, one Virginian and and a Honduran woman from a nearby village who stayed with the volunteers at their hotel, to build three 20x25 classrooms in the village of Las Lemus. Volunteer levels were at 25% of their normal strength because of security fears and the economy. The volunteers discovered during their visit that the security issues were all media hype (except for those involved in drug trafficking)...and this reality can be verified by DG Lauro Solis, one of the five Texans on the trip. DG Lauro and Tom were joined by Texas Rotarians Bettina Tolin and Jim and Joyce Deuser. This was the Deusers fourth year joining the work crews.

Staying at an ocean front hotel, the volunteers spent their days building the school out of cinder blocks, and their nights in "fellowship." The highlight sfor all volunteers were meeting and working with the villagers and playing with the children in Las Lemus. The school will be completed in early April. Power lines were extended to the new school and the school has been wired by volunteers from Little Rock, Arkansas. These three classrooms replace an open air thatched roof school in which 88 children were taught by three teachers...all at the same time. The villagers work alongside the volunteers and complete the school once the volunteers go home after their 9 day visits. The village also must provide a mason and all the dirt and sand necessary for the construction. A local date palm oil processing facility, AgroPalma, paid for the mason and helped buy the land for the community.

Additionally, this year, one of the four community water projects that have been underway for a couple of years, was completed and dedicated. A combination sediment settlement/slow sand filter tank was completed



The old school serving 88 children taught at the same time by three teachers.



The reason why we do it



Texas Rotarians Jim and Joyce Deuser and DG Lauro Solis working alongside Honduran volunteer Karina Alberto and villagers



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## HANDS TO HONDURAS COMPLETES ITS FOURTEENTH YEAR (con'd)

in Barrio Buenos Aires...providing clean water for 424 families. It was funded in part by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant applied for by the Port Isabel Rotary Club. The matching funds were provided by the Sebastopol, California Rotary Club and California District 5130.

Fundraising and recruitment for 2013 is underway...with four classrooms and one of the water projects identified as potential projects. Volunteers pay their own expenses. For more information contact Rotarian Tom Plumb at [tplumb@rgv.rr.com](mailto:tplumb@rgv.rr.com)



Port Isabel Rotary President Bettina Tolin working alongside a Vermont and Montanan volunteer and local villagers



The Buenos Aires sediment settlement/ slow sand filter tank providing clean water for 424 families

The new Las Lemus school nearing completion



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## Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary Club News

Presiding Vice President Mike Rivet and sponsor Jan Regan introduced new member Sherre Clegg, Manager of Victoria College Calhoun County Center, at the February 24, 2012, luncheon meeting of the Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary Club.



Five recipients of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) presented a very interesting program at the February 24, 2012, meeting of the Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary Club. Pictured here are P.L. Noon Day Rotary Vice President Mike Rivet; P.L. Breakfast Rotary Club Past President Chad Flisowski who manages the high school program; students Sarah Wynn, Caitlin Carter, James Hsu, Megan Tschatschula, and Christina Wang; and sponsor Steve Marwitz. Each of these outstanding students demonstrated leadership qualities that earned a Rotary scholarship for the District RYLA training course.



Mike McGuire, Vocational Service Chairman for the Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary Club, congratulated students of the month Rebecca Bumpers and Brandon Sainz at the March 2, 2012, Rotary luncheon meeting. They were accompanied by Calhoun High art instructor Nick McIntyre. The students displayed examples of their art and spoke briefly about their goals and aspirations in the art world.



Haley Meadows (far right) of Edna took top honors at the Rotary Four-way Test speech competition on March 7, 2012. She will represent Area 1 at the District level contest in April in South Padre Island. Other contestants (left to right) were Andrea Tung of Port Lavaca, Kimberly Morales of Ganado, and James Hsu representing Calhoun High School.



Submitted by Scott Hollingsworth



## North Harlingen Rotary Club News

**FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF:** While North Harlingen Rotary Club Secretary Ellie Santa Ana cuts the birthday cake, charter members Fred Parce and Bert Keyes prepare to receive the first slices of the club's anniversary dessert. The North Harlingen Rotary Club celebrates its 40th Anniversary this month. During its decades of serving the Valley community, these Rotarians have given generously of their time, talent and treasure to a wide variety of worthy causes. They are strong supporters of education and annually hold speech contests. They have provided multiple thousands of dollars in scholarship support. The North Harlingen Rotary was in partnership with San Benito at the start of its adoption awareness program. From volunteerism to Board membership and strong financial support, the club works tirelessly to advance the programs of Loaves and Fishes, a shelter that feeds the hungry and provides safe lodging for the homeless. Support of the Harlingen Public Library has also been important to members of the club, as is the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.



**40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER CELEBRATION:** February ended with the North Harlingen Rotary Club holding a formal dinner to celebrate its four decades of service to the community and international charitable causes. (Top photo) President Nasario Ortiz greets Texas State Representative Eddie Lucio III, who presented both a Senate and a House Proclamation to the club honoring its accomplishments. (Photo two) Rotarians watch as various commendatory presentations are made. (Photo three) The Ladies of Rotary assemble for a group photograph, left to right they are Minerva Simpson, Ellie Santa Ana, Offie Alvarez, Velma Bowman, Emily Reyes and Arlene Garza. (Photo four) John Kutzenburger displays his Paul Harris lapel pin. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of 19 years of service working as the club's primary representative at Shrimpfest, the major fund raising event of four combined Rotary clubs.



Submitted by Thomas Segel





## Laredo Daybreak Rotary Club News

Pictured are members of the Martin High School Interact Club sponsored by the Laredo Daybreak Rotary Club as they were installed in the School Library recently. The club president is Astrid Alejandra Rangel and the teacher sponsors are Sylvia Garza and Oralía Aguilar.

Submitted by Daniel (Danny) Guevara



## Raymondville Rotary Club News

On Wednesday, March 7, 2012 the Raymondville Rotary Club honored two high seniors as their March Students of the Month from LaSara High School. Pictured L to R are Johnathan Resendez and Lilliana Salinas.

Johnathan will be graduating as the Salutatorian of his 2012 graduating class. He has been involved in the National Honor Society, Student Council, Robotics, 4-H, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Johnathan has also participated in football, cross country, basketball, baseball, soccer, and track. He will be graduating with 12 college hours from the University of Tx-Pan American. He plans to attend college and major in Physical Therapy.

Lilliana will be graduating as the Valedictorian of her 2012 graduating class. She has been involved in Robotics, Masterminds, and Band. Lilliana has also participated in volleyball, basketball, softball, and cross country. Lilliana will be graduating with 30 college hours from the University of Tx-Pan American where she has maintained a 4.0 average. Lilliana plans to attend college and major in Business Administration. She would also like to pursue a Law degree and someday be a corporate attorney.



The Raymondville Rotary Club congratulates both students and wishes them well in their endeavors.

Submitted by Vilma Cervantes

## North Harlingen Rotary Club News

**SPEAKING OUT:** North Harlingen Rotary Club Community Service Director Mike Buck introduces 4 Way Test Speech contestants to the club. Second Place Winner Angel Yanez (left) is a senior at Harlingen South High School and plans to attend Texas A&M University. The First Place Winner, Mallory Winters is a senior at Harlingen High School, an officer in the school's JROTC program, a RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) participant and plans on entering the United States Coast Guard Academy. Each year the North Harlingen Rotary Club offers a variety of scholarships to outstanding students at Harlingen high schools and Texas State Technical College.



Submitted by Thomas Segel

## Southside Corpus Christi Rotary Club News

Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi "Student Achievers" for March 2012 are Moody High School students Nicholas Bishop and Catherine Pizana. Each month the club recognizes and honors top students who exhibit the motto of Rotary to give "Service above Self." Moody High School is Southside Rotary's partner school in many Rotary-related projects.

PHOTO CREDIT: Dr. Gary Blum  
Submitted by Lari Young



The Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi's "Ramp Champs" built a wheelchair ramp on March 3 at a home on Osage Street in Corpus Christi as part of the club's ongoing community service Wheelchair Ramp Project. The club builds about six ramps per year for those in need and will be raising funds to continue the project on Wednesday, April 25 at their 6th annual Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon at the Corpus Christi Country Club. For information on the luncheon or to learn more about the Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi please go to our website at <http://www.southsidecorpuschristi.rotary5930.org> or find us on Facebook! We'd love to have you on our team.

Pictured front row (left to right), Mary Moreno, Kathy Funk-Baxter, Anita Spreen, Dyke Henderson, and Erasmo Nava.  
Pictured second row (left to right), Kyle Fuehrer, Michelle Maresh, Gary Jeffress, Scott Sutherland, Joe High, and Rod Vaughn.  
Not pictured (taking picture) is Debbie High, Southside CC Rotary President.





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## Southside Corpus Christi Rotary Club News

### Southside Corpus Christi Rotary Flags for Eagles

Members of the Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi have started a new recognition program, "Flags for Eagles," for Eagle Scouts in Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 232, Corpus Christi. Members wanted a way to recognize the outstanding efforts of Scouts who earn this highest rank in Scouts. Only about 2% of the total number of Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle. At a recent Eagle Scout ceremony, for Eagle Scouts Chad Sanders and Tyler Smith, Southside Board of Director, and Chartered Organization Representative for BSA, Pack 69, David Walker, presented both Eagle Scouts the US Flag flown over the US Capitol and a Texas Flag, flown over the Texas Capitol. The US Capitol Flag program began in 1937 when a Member of Congress requested a flag that had flown over the Capitol. US Congressman Blake Farenthold's office was helpful in obtaining the US Flag. Texas Representative Todd Hunter, District 32, donated the Texas flag for both of the Eagle Scouts. Members of the Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi have gotten to know the Scouts in BSA Troop 232 through our work together to place flags for Patriotic Holidays. The Southside Rotary Patriotic Flag Project helps fund troop trips to camp and other activities. For more information on the Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi please visit our website at <http://www.southsidecorpuschristi.rotary5930.org> or find us on Facebook.



Photos and Article Submitted by Debbie High, Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi President  
Left to Right in photo with people: Chad Sanders, David Walker, Tyler Smith

### ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHSIDE CORPUS CHRISTI HONORS "UNSUNG HEROES"

On Wednesday, March 21 the Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi honored Timothy B. Medrano, a Heavy Equipment Operator with the Street Operations Department, and Mark Blacketer, a Senior Maintenance Mechanic with the Storm Water Department, during their annual "Unsung Heroes" awards at the Corpus Christi Country Club. Supervisors Ed Leonard and Rick Flores stated that both honorees consistently perform their job responsibilities quietly and productively without demonstrating any desire for either recognition or reward and are an inspiration to their supervisors and colleagues.



The Unsung Heroes awards were started by the Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi in 1999 as a way to recognize those workers who give their all every day and deserve to be honored for their dedication and exceptional work in their field. The award recipients received an engraved plaque and certificate from Southside Rotary President Debbie High and Unsung Heroes chair Rendell Webb during the presentation. To learn more about the Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi please go to our website at: <http://www.southsidecorpuschristi.rotary5930.org> or find us on Facebook.

Pictured Left to Right: Ed Leonard, Mark Blacketer, Timothy B. Medrano, Rick Flores  
Photo Credit: Gary N. Blum, DDS, MS  
Submitted by Lari Young

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## 6th Annual Administrative Professional's Day Fundraiser Luncheon

Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi celebrates the 60th Anniversary of Administrative Professionals Day with Luncheon featuring Congresswoman Nelda Martínez

The Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Administrative Professionals Day by presenting its 6th Annual Administrative Professional's Day Fundraiser Luncheon to benefit wheelchair ramp construction and Del Mar College and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi student scholarships on Wednesday, April 25 at noon at the Corpus Christi Country Club. This year's luncheon speaker is Councilwoman Nelda Martínez. Treat your Special Assistant to a beautiful luncheon, dessert, engaging speaker, and great raffle prizes featuring among others an Omni Hotels overnight stay and dinner/breakfast package.

Reservations are now being taken for this event priced at \$35 for individuals, \$60 for 2, or \$300 for a table of 10. Information on other seating packages is available on our reservation flyer. All reservations must be paid in advance and are due by April 21. There will be no meal tickets at the door the day of the event.

To download the flyer go to <http://www.southsidecorpuschristi.rotary5930.org> or visit our Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi Facebook Page. For more information or to reserve over the phone please call Scott Sutherland at (361) 888-4451 ext7704 or e-mail him at [scotts@vbtex.com](mailto:scotts@vbtex.com).

Featured luncheon speaker Councilwoman Nelda Martínez, President/CEO of Nueces Title and a small business owner, has a history of extensive volunteerism, community involvement and public service. She leads by example, with an open communication policy and works for the betterment of the community. She serves on the Corpus Christi City Council, the first Hispanic to take first place among at-large candidates, and as Mayor Pro-Tem on a rotating basis. Councilwoman Martínez will be speaking to this year's theme "Admins, the pulse of the office" and she serves on several organizations: Circle of Red-member/advocate- American Heart Association Southwest Affiliate; Clowns Who Care- Driscoll Children's Hospital; Board Member- Foster Angels/ South Texas-Supporting Foster Children, Former Board President- Palmer Drug Abuse Program; Former Trustee-Art Museum of South Texas; Bishop's Guild Inaugural Organizer; Former Board Member-Del Mar College Foundation; Served on Corpus Christi Community Advisory Council-Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; Former Board Chair South Texas Public Broadcasting Systems, Former President- Executive Women International Corpus Christi Chapter.

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## Monthly Attendance Report - February 2012

Not all clubs have the RI Integration turned on and syncing. Those who do not have it turned on may have a zero (0) in the Member Count Column. A zero percentage in the Month's Attendance means that attendance has not been reported yet.

Emails with instruction on the RI Integration and Attendance Reporting were sent to all Presidents and Secretaries during the week of August 22, 2011. These instructions are also posted on the District Website. Please contact the District Secretary, Tamara Sanchez or Webmaster, Nancy Paulson if you need assistance with these procedures.

	Member Count February	February Attendance %	YTD Attendance %	"RI Integration turned On"
Alice	0	0.00%	0.00%	
Aransas Pass	0	0.00%	48.63%	
Brownsville	0	0.00%	24.89%	yes
Brownsville Sunrise	0	0.00%	63.67%	
Calhoun County	10	75.00%	77.38%	
Corpus Christi	0	0.00%	18.46%	
Corpus Christi Evening	0	0.00%	0.00%	
Corpus Christi Northwest	0	0.00%	30.90%	yes
Corpus Christi Sunrise	12	76.00%	74.38%	
Donna	0	0.00%	54.15%	yes
Edcouch-Elsa	9	60.00%	55.44%	
Edinburg	28	98.17%	91.98%	yes
Edna	27	57.80%	45.73%	
Falfurrias	0	0.00%	0.00%	
Freer	11	68.18%	81.76%	
Ganado	0	0.00%	0.00%	
Goliad	0	0.00%	0.00%	
Harlingen	77	79.54%	76.63%	
Harlingen Sunburst	32	67.39%	76.34%	yes
Historic Brownsville	0	0.00%	31.87%	yes
Ingleside	16	82.81%	73.73%	yes
Kingsville	51	56.00%	55.44%	yes
Kingsville Sunrise	10	70.00%	65.61%	
Laredo	0	0.00%	22.58%	
Laredo Daybreak	43	94.00%	92.75%	yes
Laredo Gateway	0	0.00%	52.53%	yes



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## Monthly Attendance Report - February 2012, continued

Club	"Member Count January"	"January Attendance %"	YTD Attendance %	"RI Integration turned On"
Laredo Next Generation	36	30.00%	49.58%	yes
Laredo-Under Seven Flags	0	0.00%	73.56%	
McAllen	45	71.43%	75.64%	yes
McAllen Centennial	0	0.00%	0.00%	
McAllen North	0	0.00%	53.98%	
McAllen South	87	71.80%	67.73%	yes
Mission	40	58.78%	62.33%	yes
North Brownsville	35	48.00%	61.13%	
North Harlingen	28	84.00%	78.00%	yes
Padre Island Corpus Christi	0	0.00%	3.58%	
Pharr Rotary Club	15	73.33%	85.76%	
Port Aransas	52	46.00%	40.88%	
Port Isabel	38	67.00%	73.00%	yes
Port Lavaca	50	86.80%	81.54%	yes
Portland Rotary	0	0.00%	67.94%	yes
Raymondville	17	71.76%	53.24%	yes
Rio Grande City	20	81.58%	74.63%	yes
Rockport	40	82.50%	76.99%	yes
San Benito	19	77.21%	62.87%	
San Diego	0	0.00%	0.00%	
Sinton	22	68.00%	66.35%	
Southside Corpus Christi	51	66.00%	65.75%	yes
Taft	18	55.00%	63.63%	
Three Rivers	0	0.00%	0.00%	
Victoria	0	0.00%	0.00%	
Victoria Northside	0	0.00%	56.09%	
Victoria Sunrise	29	69.49%	74.86%	yes
Weslaco	0	0.00%	0.00%	
West Corpus Christi	44	51.74%	50.11%	
West Hidalgo County (Tabasco)	0	0.00%	0.00%	
	1012	38.31%	48.82%	41%

Thanks to the Clubs who have turned on RI Integration.

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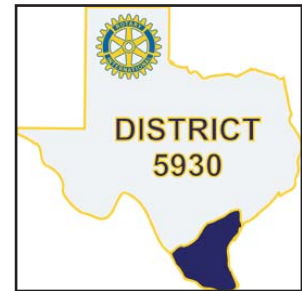
## Calendar of Events - April 2012

Submit membership attendance report, use the District Website.

TBA - District Exec. Meeting

April 14 - District Assembly - Date Changed to May 19, 2012

April 26-29 - District Conderence 2012 - Isla Grand Beach Resort, South Padre Island



## Thanks from the webmaster

My thanks for the patience and understanding with the delay of this month's newsletter. Personal events just overwhelmed me. I am back on a regular schedule and catching up. See you at the conference.

In Rotary Service, Nancy Paulson, Rockport, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor

Remember to get a login and update your profile. Check with your fellow club members - Have they completed this yet?

How to get your personalized username and password? - <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5930//HTML/136869//MemberCheatSheetfor5930.pdf>

Watch a video on getting printed pages from our ClubRunner site. District Website > Home Page Story on Printing Advice

**Secretaries and folks who enter information - Please enter all information concerning your members though your club website (if you have ClubRunner) or through the District Website.**

**Information flows up -**

**Club > District > RI, but not down.**

Do you have exciting club news, photos or fundraising projects you'd like to share? Send in all of your information to share with the District on the website and in our monthly newsletter. Submission deadline is the 24th of each month.

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