

South Texas District 5930

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Polio: An American Story

University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College

2011 Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) Speaker:

David M. Oshinsky, Pulitzer Prize-winning author



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011

7 PM in the SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY BUILDING LECTURE HALL

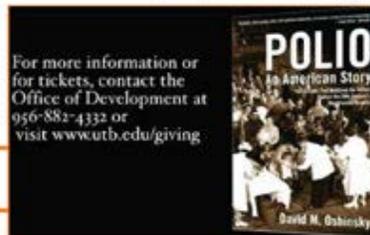
David M. Oshinsky's "**Polio: An American Story**" was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for History in 2006. His reviews and essays appear regularly in the New York Times and other national publications.

In 2009, PBS aired the documentary, "The Polio Crusade," based on "Polio: An American Story."

Oshinsky delivered the main commencement address at UT Austin in 2007. He is a member of the university's Academy of Distinguished Teachers.

Rotary Clubs of District 5930 are urged to send a club representative from POLIO-PLUS and/or THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) committee(s).

[UTB-TSC's DLS event YouTube video link](#)



For more information or for tickets, contact the Office of Development at 956-882-4332 or visit www.utb.edu/giving

More Details to follow on the Website > Calendar > Special Events

Website Redesigned & Updated

To all who are are receiving the newsletter without going to the Districts website first:

We now have an expanded and upgraded website.

Read about some of the new features and find out how to login.
www.Rotary5930.org

As time moves forward more and more data will be entered by the web master or the committee chairperson concerning the activities of South Texas Rotary 5930.

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Another Successful Year in Honduras

The Port Isabel Rotary Club has sponsored Hands to Honduras, Inc. since 2007. Hands to Honduras, Inc. has been doing community development projects in Honduras since 1999...just after Hurricane Mitch devastated the country. Port Isabel Rotarian, Tom Plumb, is the president of Hands to Honduras and has been a member of our local Rotary Club since 2005.

Since 2007, the Port Isabel Rotary Club has sponsored the construction of 29 classrooms or schools, provided latrines for 11 schools, provided power to five villages, built two playgrounds, provided computers and science equipment for schools, and is currently working on 4 community water projects. These projects are in Trujillo, Honduras.

Rotarian Tom Plumb has just returned from his third trip to Trujillo, Honduras this year totaling 3 months of oversight. He coordinated work crews from around the country totaling 42 people during this past February and returned for the dedications of projects earlier this month. Scot Johnson from Laguna Vista and William Hernandez from Brownsville were among this year's Rotary work crew. Others from Edna, Corpus Christi, McAllen, Brownsville, and Pittsburg, Texas, joined volunteers from Vermont, New Hampshire, Virginia, and New York City.

This year \$43,000.00 was raised nationwide for the effort. The volunteers along with local villagers built a three classroom school in Ilanga Viejo, a kindergarten in Bella Vista, a kindergarten in Cunda, and a classroom (and new roof) in Las Crucitas. They also paid for playground equipment for a playground that was built last year. Four ongoing water projects were also worked on. In Barrio Buenos Aires a sediment settlement tank is being built, in Barrio Cristales pipeline is being laid for a previously constructed water tank (Rotary District 5830 based in Tyler, Texas is currently constructing a slow sand filter tank and a clean water tank), in Barrio San Martin a slow sand filter tank was just completed and work on a clean water tank is underway, and in Bonita Oriental a waterline project serving a mountain community is nearing completion. Each project is adorned by a plaque of the major donors providing funding for that project and a plaque recognizing the international and Host clubs.

Volunteers pay their own expenses to visit this ocean front community for 9 day periods each February. Expenses amount to about \$1,200.00.

Next year another six classrooms are planned as well as the completion of the four water projects. For more information, to volunteer or to make a tax deductible contribution, call Tom Plumb at 346-5595.



RECOGNITION AWARDS DECLINED

The departing 2010-11 Board of Directors for North Harlingen Rotary Club (l to r) Nasario Ortiz, Offie Alvarez, Emily Reyes, Ellie Santa Ana, Dennis Woolam, Tom Segel and President Minerva Simpson declined accepting any personal plaques or memorabilia in recognition of their service. Instead they had funds allocated for that purpose used to purchase a North Harlingen Rotary Bench for the patio of the Harlingen, Texas Public Library.

Submitted by Thomas Segal



ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

North Harlingen Rotary Club outgoing president Minerva Simpson (r) announced her selection as Rotarian of the Year was Dennis Woolam, formerly a San Benito Realtor and the club's Program Director. Dennis not only provided members and guests with a wide range of civic and business programs during the 2010-11 Rotary Year, but was particularly diligent in working on the club's project to provide new books for the children's section of the Harlingen Public Library. He was also a participant in all of the club's special service projects.

Submitted by Thomas Segal



Annual Golf Tournament

Save the Date
Sunburst Rotary Club Annual Golf Tournament

\$100 Per player
Sponsorships available
proceeds benefit scholarships
Door Prizes
Lunch Provided
Details to follow
ContactInfo : Rachel Palmer, email : Racheltpalmer@yahoo.com

SPECIAL AMBASSADOR

Marketing Executive Nick Consiglio visits with North Harlingen Rotary Club President Minerva Simpson upon his return from a month long visit to Portugal. Nick, who was sponsored by the North Harlingen club, was a member of a Group Study Exchange team that toured business locales, historic sites and Rotary clubs in that country. There were also members from the banking, education, finance and social services fields who made up team membership. One of the many differences the team noticed was Rotary meetings in Portugal are normally quite long, lasting sometimes three hours. At one meeting Nick and the team found they were giving their presentation on the Rio Grande Valley at an 11:30 p.m.



Submitted by Thomas Segal

Southside Rotary Flag Project

Members of the Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi spent the July 4th weekend helping Boy Scout Troop 232 place over 76 flags in the Country Club Townhomes area. The Southside Rotary Flag Project helps fund troop trips to camp and other activities and celebrates our country's independence and the sacrifices of our troops. 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.

ATTACHED PHOTOS:

PHOTO far right: Scout Quint Pincelli with Troop 232

PHOTO right: L-R: Chad Sanders (Troop 232), PDG Don Ratcliff (Southside CC Rotary), Quint Pincelli (Troop 232), Anita Spreen (Southside CC Rotary).

Submitted by Lari Young



BE PREPARED!

An Automated External Defibrillator or AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the heart rhythm and determines if a shock is needed. AEDs are devices that treat the most common cause of sudden cardiac arrest by delivering an electrical shock to a person's body. AEDs were created for use by lay users in commercial and public settings such as when Governor Lauro Solis of Rotary District 5930 attends a District event, Zone Meeting, P.E.T.S., or while making one of his 56 Official Rotary Club visits. A quick calculation of these various events, meetings and club visits by Governor Lauro that he is expected to make in 2011-2012 Rotary year was approximated to be 74 such functions. Thinking in a rough order of magnitude (rom) it's estimated our Governor will be in the immediacy of ~3,785 Rotarians not counting possible spouse, guests, food servers, etc.

Based on the calculations and D5930's recent and continuing emphasis placed on Emergency Preparedness the Rotary Club of Mission presented Governor Lauro with a fully equipped AED at his Installation Dinner on June 24th. The Governor has an AED certification and therefore capable in its use should an emergency situation occur. The AED is stored in a black backpack, emblazoned with the Rotary wheel, for him to carry in the hope the AED will never be need. Oh yes, the Rotary Club of Mission had one stipulation that went along with the presentation, that the AED be passed onto the next Governor of Rotary District 5930 and that it remain in the district until being removed from service. Be prepared!



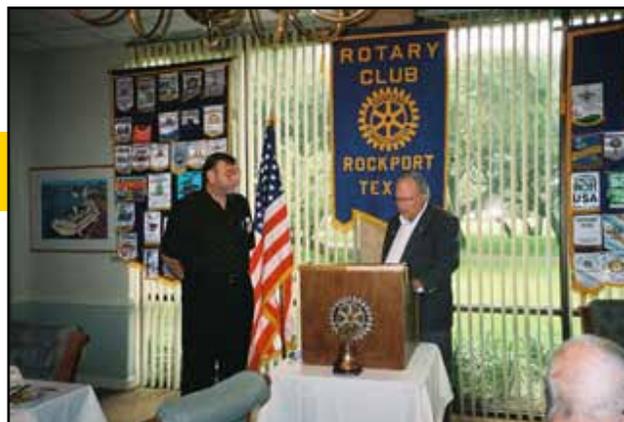
Submitted by Fran Ciancarelli

Additional Note: Newspaper story in The Progress Times regarding the AED presentation to Governor Lauro Solis by the Rotary Club of Mission on June 24th, 2011.

Rockport installs its President

Past District Governor George Dawson installing 2011-12 President Jim Elder at the Rockport Rotary Club meeting on June 30, 2011.

Submitted by Jerry Channell



PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Outgoing North Harlingen Rotary Club President Minerva Simpson displays the Rotary Presidential Citation that was awarded to her club and presented by Rotary District 5930 Assistant Governor Lionel Bentencourt of San Benito (l). The Presidential citation is awarded to clubs worldwide who have completed an extensive list of projects and services that reflect the spirit of Rotary and "Service Above Self". Included in the requirements are the recruitment of new members, news updates to members and the community, maintaining a club website, and sponsoring a Four Way Test speech contest. The recognized club must also hold vocational service programs, recognize high ethical standards and public values, complete a significant community service project, complete a project that enhances its public image, and complete a public service project that benefits young people. In addition, the North Harlingen Rotary Club sponsored a Group Study Exchange team member, worked on adoption awareness and numerous other service oriented efforts.



Submitted by Thomas Segal

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary Club President Skip Sockell graciously accepted the Presidential Citation recognizing the club's contributions during the year. Former District Governor Russell Cain presented the award at the June 24, 2011, meeting on behalf of Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith.



Submitted by Scott Hollingsworth

State Representative Hunter

Members of the Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary Club welcomed Representative Todd Hunter at the July 22 luncheon meeting. Mr. Hunter spoke to the group about expansion of tourist trade in the area and touched on several pieces of legislation that will benefit local citizens. He also presented Resolutions from the State of Texas to Cherie Cain and Rotarian Larry Nichols in recognition of their numerous contributions to the Calhoun County Historical Commission, Friends of the Calhoun County Museum, and many other civic organizations. Both are past chairmen of the Commission. Mrs. Cain is the wife of Past District Governor Russell Cain.



Submitted by Scott Hollingsworth

Port Aransas Installation

The Port Aransas Rotary Club installed its new president on June 23rd. Jodi Goike is shown being sworn in by Dennis Roberts, past Governor of District 5930. At the same ceremony, Chuck Borders won Rotarian of the Year Award and the Perfect Attendance Award went to Linda Zahn, Charlie Zahn, and Kim Fon. Kim Fon was also recognized as a new Paul Harris Fellow.

The Port A Rotary Club meets on Thursday at noon at Pelican Landing. (Image courtesy of Alan Fon.)

Submitted by Guthrie Ford



New Officers for Victoria

The new officers for the 2011-2012 Rotary year in Victoria Rotary Club include:

- President - Art E. Calvo
- President Elect – Clara Prater
- Vice President – Louis Boldt
- Secretary – Cindy J. Staley
- Treasurer – Bob Bailey
- Sergeant at Arms – Sara Hounshell
- Past President – James Johnson

About Victoria Rotary Club

Victoria Rotary Club was chartered in 1919 and has served the community and world for over 90 years. Its projects include a sporting clay shoot fundraiser in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club, an adoption awareness picnic, organ donor registration at Health-a-Rama, Salvation Army bell ringing, Kidz Fest for free immunizations, the Knowledge Bowl benefiting the Adult Literacy Council, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Four-Way-Test Speech Contest, scholarship awards, monetary grants to local non-profits through the Victoria Rotary Foundation and, most recently, the sponsorship of an Early Act-First Knight program introducing Rotary principles to elementary school students.

Submitted by Lynne Voskamp



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Paul Harris Fellowships

The Victoria Rotary Club awarded seven Paul Harris Fellowships during June. Members of the club receiving the honor were John Brill, Sara Hounshell, Wes Hendrix, and Dennis Brown. These members received the award due to their outstanding service to their communities and the world. Non-Rotarians receiving the award were Dale Fowler, President of Victoria Economic Development Corporation, for his work to develop Victoria's economy; Selina Reyna, Principle, for her leadership at DeLeon Elementary in implementing the Early Act-First Knight program sponsored by Victoria Rotary Club; and Ginny Stafford, Chief Executive Officer for Mid-Coast Family Services, for her work in helping women and families in crisis in Victoria. Earlier in the year the Victoria Rotary Club was granted a Rotary District Simplified Grant for Mid-Coast in the amount of \$4,500, and the Victoria Rotary Foundation granted them an additional \$1,000.

right top: left to right John Brill (member); James Johnson (President)
right second: left to right Sara Hounshell (member); James Johnson
right third: left to right Dale Fowler (President of Victoria Economic Development Corporation); James Johnson
right fourth: left to right Wesley Hendrix (member); James Johnson
below left: left to right Dennis Brown (member); James Johnson
below center: left to right Selina Reyna (Principle of DeLeon Elementary); James Johnson
below right: left to right Ginny Stafford (CEO Midcoast Family Services); James Johnson

Submitted by Lynne Voskamp



Supports Suzuki Legacy

McAllen Rotary Club

Young children with developed rhythm skills perform better mentally in early school years. Suzuki based his approach on the belief that “Musical ability is not an inborn talent but an ability which can be developed. Any child who is properly trained can develop musical ability, just as all children develop the ability to speak their mother tongue. The potential of every child is unlimited.” Students are selected through an interview process. These interviews begin in the fall of each school year. Overall children consider it fun and challenging they feel that the benefits of playing an instrument via the Suzuki method help them learn discipline, goal setting and constructive use of time.

The South Texas Symphony Association believes so strongly in their Suzuki program “Success Thru Strings”, that it provides Valley children with the opportunity to study violin regardless of the family’s ability to afford private violin lessons. Two-thirds of the students participating in this program receive scholarships. This funding comes from individual donors, business owners, corporations and organizations like the McAllen Rotary Club. “The 2010/11 Board voted on supporting this program at the beginning of my term;” said Max Grubb, President. “The McAllen Rotary Club; hosted Italian classical concert pianist, Francesco Attesti a member of the Rotary Club of Cortona Valdichiana (district 2070) for a benefit concert of Rotary Projects including “Success Thru Strings” (STS) at Navarro Elementary. Attesti provided music by Frédéric Chopin, Franz Liszt (to celebrate his 200th anniversary) and George Gershwin. Additionally, our members sold raffle tickets in December for a Nilgai Blue Bull Hunt; 100% of the funds raised also supported Rotary programs. The McAllen Rotary Club distributed \$5,400 to the South Texas Symphony Association after a stellar performance by the kids.”

Kathleen Hawkins, a member of the Valley Symphony Orchestra and Suzuki instructor said; “This is a lot of money that will go a long way with our program. By participating in club service projects, Rotary members learn about their club’s involvement in local projects and volunteer their time and talents where they’re most needed. This success will make a big impact on our program and parents who are interested in “Success Thru Strings” for their child should contact the symphony office at 956-661-1615, for more information.

Photos by Alexander:

“Success Thru Strings” performing at McAllen Rotary Club

Back Row: Kathleen Hawkins (and daughter), Max Grubb, Larry Kopp, Fawn Foudray-Golich, David Reed with the “Success Thru Strings”.

Submitted by Daniel J. Tanguma



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Group Study Exchange

DG Lauro has set up a Group Study Exchange with Dist. 3860 in the Philippines.

I am asking each of you to get the word out to your club members about this opportunity to go to the Philippines as part of the team, and to ask your members to recruit young professionals who are not Rotarians – using the attached flier.

How to use the flier: Please print copies to take to your meetings, place it on your club websites, email it to members, place it in your bulletins, and/or in any other usual means of communication with your members.

If you have any questions, please contact me. The flier includes informative Rotary web pages as well.

Thank you for your support!

Marilyn Spenser, PDG, GSE Chair



Editor's Note: Flyer is available on the District Website > The Rotary Foundation > Group Study Exchange

SERVICE AWARD WINNER

Thomas D. Segel receives the 2011 North Harlingen Rotary Club "Service Above Self" Award from outgoing President Minerva Simpson. This is the club's highest service recognition for an individual Rotarian. Segel, the club's Public Information Director, also serves as editor of the the club's weekly bulletin and has performed this service for the past eight years. Since the year 2001 he has also served as editor of the Rio Grande State Center newsletter. In addition to being involved in all of the humanitarian and service projects undertaken by North Harlingen Rotary Club, Segel has remained actively involved in a variety of local non-profit activities, and service on charitable boards, including service on the Board of Directors for Loaves and Fishes, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Rio Grande State Center Citizens Advisory Board and the Harlingen Performing Arts Foundation Board of Directors.



Submitted by Thomas Segal

Scholarship Recipient

Mike McGuire, Vocational Lane Chairman, (left) and President Danny Cano (right) showed their Aggie spirit in honoring scholarship recipient Hunter Cady. Hunter graduated from Calhoun High with a straight A record and will enter A & M in the fall. The Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary Club is proud to help deserving students pursue higher education through its scholarship programs.



Submitted by Scott Hollingsworth

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Youth Exchange Program

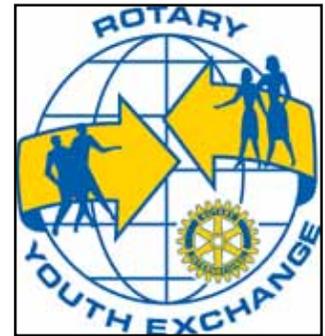
The Youth Exchange Program is being expanded with even more clubs participating this year. The new clubs include Portland, Corpus Christi West, Brownsville Sunrise, Pharr and Weslaco. Unfortunately, our budget from the district has been cut in half. We are hosting eight inbound students and seven outbound students. This is the most that we have had in as many years as I have been involved with the program. We need more clubs to help us financially to support the exchange students! So far we have one club, Laredo Gateway, which has pledged \$500. We need more clubs to help! If every club sent the district a \$100 that would be enough for us to support all the exchange students as well as participating in the necessary conferences. Contributing to the district allows your club to claim participation in the Youth Exchange Program for the 2011-2012 Presidential Citation.

Last year a district from Brazil and D. 5930 were the only two districts in the world to participate in the New Generations Exchange (NGE). This year we will have another exchange with Brazil and with India. So D. 5930 is leading the way in this new type of exchange. The NGE is for young professionals from 19 to 25 to work in a country for up to three months. In fact, two Brazilian Rotarians and I, presented a program on the NGE at the North American Youth Exchange Network (NAYEN) meeting in Sacramento last year and will do so again in Anchorage in March of 2012.

Our district has received awards both from our multi-district, South Central Rotary Youth Exchange, Inc. (SCRYE) and from NAYEN. It is thanks to all the clubs that contribute to the program that we are receiving this international recognition.

Please contribute a \$100 or the amount you can afford to support our district in this worthwhile cause!

Service above self,
Jim Teeter
Chair, D. 5930 Youth Exchange Committee



Corpus Christi Sunrise has moved to Thursdays at 7am and is now meeting at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club. Please come join us for your make up and wake up to a beautiful sunrise and the wonderful food of the Yacht Club.

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Update on Sudan Project

The following email was received by the Rockport Rotary Club. I hope you and all of my rotarian brothers and sisters are well. My name is Awad and I am a rotarian from South Austin. I am originally from Sudan. I came and spoke to your club about a matching grant health clinic in my village in Sudan.

I am a friend of JD Simpson. Your club and the district contributed to this life saving clinic. Now the clinic is built, fully equipped, and staffed. The clinic opened last week. I have some photos of this happy event. Please thank the club and share this great news with them. I thank them all and say may God bless them all.

village website www.mothermaryam.org
Awad

Submitted by Nancy Paulson



Installation at North Harlingen

Assistant Rotary District 5930 Governor Lionel Bentencourt (right) conducts the installation of the new North Harlingen Rotary Club Board of Directors. They are (left to right) President-Elect Julian Alvarez, Public Relations Director Tom Segal, President Nasario Ortiz, Treasurer Offie Aalvarez, Program Director Emily Reyes and Secretary Ellie Santa Ana. They will assume office at once in the club's new meeting location each Tuesday noon at Golden Palms in Harlingen.

Submitted by Thomas Segal



The Rotary Foundation Promoted

TRF-TTD (THE ROTARY FOUNDATION - TABLE TOP DISPLAY)

At a recent Rotary Club of Mission, Texas meeting, Thursday's 12 Noon at Mission's Club at Cimarron, a table top display was set up with The Rotary Foundation's printed booklets, brochures, forms, mailing envelopes and posters.

All materials but the posters and envelopes are available to every Rotarian on the RI website.



L-R (head-to-head): Rotarians; Rudy Peña, Mario González, Steve Austin, Jennifer Hall, Nancy Chapa, Dan Ogletree, Hiram Burguete-Club President, Cathy Garcia, Lindslee Brunson-Club Secretary, Fran Ciancarelli-Club Foundation Chair, Bill Ellis, Matt Ruszczak, Aída Lerma-Immediate Past club President, Paul Petit-Assistant District Governor Area 12, Len Koning, Teri Plata (black Blazer)-guest of the club, Steve Chung, and Polo Garza-RYE.

Photo credit: Clay Everhard

Submitted by Fran Ciancarelli

Calendar of Events

August 2011

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| 3 | Submit membership attendance report | Fran Ciancarelli |
| TBA | District Exec. Meeting | Alice Country Club |
| 6-7 | Multi-District Training | Round Rock |
| 1-30 | Club Visits by DG Lauto Solis see schedule for dates and clubs | |
| 24 | Deadline for submitting Newsletter articles for next month | Nancy Paulson |

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 neslwttter.

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