

South Texas District 5930

December 2011



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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Lupita and I want express our heartfelt "Thanks" to all Rotarians in our district for their gracious welcomes we received when we made our club visits. This district is truly blessed by our Rotarians that are working on increasing membership, giving to the RI Foundation and working the many service projects to better our Rotary communities.

As we start into the Christmas holidays, I want to echo RI President Kalyan Banerjee comments on the emphasis on the family. Family is where everything begins and family, and not the individual, is the building block of our community ... and of Rotary. From our family to your family, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous Rotary year.



SAVE THE DATE -

Paul Harris/Rotary Foundation Dinner

Saturday February 18, 2012 - Corpus Christi Town Club.

The Guest Speaker will be Ron Burton (Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma), President Elect Nominee of Rotary International. Ron has been selected to be President of Rotary International for Rotary year 2013-14. While serving as Rotary International Director and Rotary Foundation Trustee, he was one of the principal architects of the Rotary Foundation's Vision Plan and will provide insights as to why the changes are being made and the advantages for the future. An opportunity for fellowship and questions and answers with Ron will also be provided. Tickets and website registration will be available in January. Tickets will be limited to 120.

Also, at the Dinner, various Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians will be recognized for their contribution and support of the Rotary Foundation. Participation by Clubs in activities sponsored by the Rotary Foundation will also be recognized.

More information will be available in early January.

Art Zeitler, 5930 Rotary Foundation Chairman

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Southside Corpus Christi Rotary Paul Harris Awards

The Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi presented Southside members ADG Betty Frantum with a Paul Harris plus 5 and club treasurer Kathy Funk-Baxter with a Paul Harris plus 1. We are so proud of these members for supporting the Rotary Foundation!

Submitted by Lari Young



Foundation Barn Dance

The winner of the District raffle was ADG Charlie Lopez from McAllen.

Submitted by Aida Lerma



Calhoun High Students of the Month

News from the Rotary Club of Port Lavaca

Mike McGuire, Vocational Service Chairman, introduced Calhoun High students of the month James Yi and Jennifer Den, who were accompanied by Dana Dworaczyk.

Submitted by Scott Hollingsworth



Rotary Club Of Southside Corpus Christi Moody High School Students of the Month for October 2011

Each month The Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi recognizes and honors top students who exhibit the motto of Rotary to give "Service above Self." The students honored on November 2, 2011 were Ruben Martinez and Stephen Gonzalez from Moody High School which is Southside Rotary's partner school in many Rotary-related projects. The students honored remark that receiving this award gets them more interested in what Rotarians do and prompts them to do online research about getting involved with Rotary.

RUBEN MARTINEZ is a senior at Moody High School and plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Ocean/Environmental Engineering.

He is Vice President of the Key Club, a member of Future Business Leaders of America, and Team Captain of the Moody Baseball team. Ruben volunteers in the community by feeding the homeless, delivering meals to the elderly, and is a student leader in his church youth group.

Ruben says he enjoys the "satisfaction of achieving stellar work in all aspects of life: church, family, school, and baseball."



STEPHEN GONZALEZ is also a senior at Moody High School and would like to attend the United States Naval Academy or to carry on the family tradition of attending Texas A&M University College Station. He plans to major in Mechanical Engineering and has future plans of running for political office. Stephen is active as a community volunteer in the Boys and Girls Club Feed the Homeless program, as an Intern for former State Representative Solomon Ortiz Jr., and as a church usher. His extra-curricular activities include Cross Country and Track, National Honor Society, and duties as a Student Ambassador. Stephen has been named the 2011 South Texas Distinguished Scholar Student Athlete, 2011 Trojan of the Year, and 2010-2011 South Texas Runner of the Year.

Pictured from left to right in the photo are: Ruben Martinez, Southside Rotary President Debbie High, and Stephen Gonzalez.

Photo Credit: Dr. Gary Blum

Submitted by Lari Young

Raymondville Rotary Club - November Students of the Month.

On Wednesday, November 16, 2011 the Raymondville Rotary Club recognized two high seniors as their November Students of the Month.

Selected as the Female Student of the Month was Annika Garza. Annika is currently ranked 5th in her graduating class. She is a three year letterman in volleyball and a two year letterman in softball. Annika has been involved in the National Honor Society and currently serves as Treasurer. She also serves as Treasure of her Sr. class. She plans on attending the University of Austin and major in Nursing.



Selected as the Male Student of the Month was Francisco Ledesma, Jr. Francisco is currently ranked 2nd in his graduating class. Francisco would like to attend either Texas Christian University or the University of Texas and pursue a degree as a Pharmacist. Francisco is currently on the Varsity football team and was excited to express that the "Barkats" are still in the play-offs. He also plays basketball, is a member of the National Honor Society where he is the Vice-President. Francisco is a Catholic who indicates that he helps his church community any chance he gets. He is very competitive and is challenging himself to try and be #1 of his graduating class.

Rotary congratulates both Students!

Submitted by Vilma Cervantes

American Cancer Society Presentation

Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary President Danny Cano and Community Service Chairman Pam Lambden presented a donation to Carolyn Shannon, President, and Russell Cain, Vice President, of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society on November 11, 2011.

Submitted by Scott Hollingsworth



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ROTARY NIGHT AT THE RG VIPERS BASKETBALL GAME

SECOND ANNUAL ROTARY NIGHT at the VIPERS BASKETBALL GAME

Game Date is Saturday, January 7, 2012
at State Farm Arena, Hidalgo, Texas
Cost \$20.00 each

Plans are underway for the 2nd Annual Rotary Night at the Vipers Basketball Game to End Polio Now in the World. Rotary Night at the Vipers will be on Saturday, January 7th at 7 p.m at State Farm Arena in Hidalgo, Texas. All Rotarians, guests, family and friends are cordially invited to join in the fun filled night. Tickets are \$20 each and the Vipers donate \$10 to Rotary End Polio Now for every Rotary ticket sold. All Rotarians, families and friends of Rotary are welcome to join us in this funfilled to support the effort to End Polio Now.

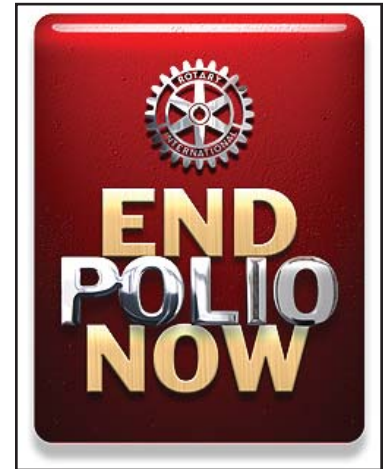
Just to let you know that Rotary Night at the Viper Basketball game to End Polio Now tickets are still available. Game Date is January 7th. [A form to order tickets is available here.](#) If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call or email. More information is available on the District website - www.Rotary5930.org. We look forward to your participation and support in this effort.

For Information Contact Ros Salmeron rosc604@gmail.com or 956-536-9241
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Picture #1 L-R Shu Muthyala, Executive Vice President of the Vipers Basketball Team, Ros Salmeron, Chairperson for this Event, Bert Garcia, President of the Vipers Team and Nick Nurse, Head Coach of the Vipers.

Picture #2 Ros Salmeron, Chairperson of this Event, Nick Nurse, Head Coach of the Vipers, Bert Garcia, President of the Vipers and Shu Muthyala, Executive Vice President

Submitted by Ros Salmeron



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Southside Corpus Christi Rotary Hometown Hero

The Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi honored fellow Rotarian and Representative Todd Hunter as Southside Rotary's 5th Annual "Hometown Hero" at a fundraising dinner held on Thursday October 27, 2011 at the Corpus Christi Country Club. The club presented Representative Hunter with his first Paul Harris Fellow Award. Over \$8,000 was raised to support the club's wheelchair ramp project and scholarships to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Del Mar College.

Pictured Left to Right:

Photo 1: No caption

Photo 2: Representative Todd Hunter, DG Lauro Solis

Photo 3: DGE JD Simpson, DG Lauro Solis, PDG George Dawson

Photo credits: Dr. Gary Blum

Submitted by Lari Young



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Supporting Boy Scouts in Port Lavaca

Three local leaders of the Boy Scouts of America gratefully accepted a donation from the Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary Club at the November 4, 2011, luncheon meeting. Shown here are John Beauregard, Rotary Deputy District Governor Steve Marwitz, Ron Molina, and Marty Sepulveda.

Submitted by Scott Hollingsworth



Border Town Laredo

Laredo Rotary Club Meeting was a lively affair on November 23, 2011.

We have the cast from Border Town Laredo (Laredo Police Officers) that appears Thursday evenings at 8pm. on A and E. These guys are great example of Service Above Self and risk their lives as shown on TV.

They are not actors, but the real deal.

We are so proud to have these officers that cares the City Of Laredo and to our Community.

Submitted by Terri McGraw



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Monthly Attendance Report - October 2011

Not all clubs have the RI Integration turned on and syncing. Those who do not have it turned on will 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. These instructions are also posted on the District Website > Home Page > Stories. Please contact the Webmaster, Nancy Paulson if you need assistance with these procedures.

We also have some clubs who have not paid the District Dues yet.

	Member Count October	October Attendance %	RI Integration turned On
Alice	0	0.00%	
Aransas Pass	0	0.00%	
Brownsville	0	0.00%	yes
Brownsville Sunrise	0	0.00%	
Calhoun County	10	88.00%	
Corpus Christi	256	38.50%	
Corpus Christi Evening	0	0.00%	
Corpus Christi Northwest	16	42.19%	
Corpus Christi Sunrise	0	0.00%	
Donna	10	69.00%	yes
Edcouch-Elsa	9	64.25%	
Edinburg	31	97.41%	yes
Edna	30	47.60%	
Falfurrias	0	0.00%	
Freer	10	86.00%	
Ganado	0	0.00%	
Goliad	0	0.00%	
Harlingen	0	0.00%	
Harlingen Sunburst	33	77.78%	yes
Historic Brownsville	20	51.19%	yes
Ingleside	16	73.44%	yes
Kingsville	51	54.40%	yes
Kingsville Sunrise	12	62.50%	
Laredo	0	0.00%	
Laredo Daybreak	42	96.00%	
Laredo Gateway	42	61.25%	

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Monthly Attendance Report - October 2011, continued

	Member Count October	October Attendance %	RI Integration turned On
Laredo Next Generation	33	47.66%	yes
Laredo-Under Seven Flags	0	0.00%	
McAllen	45	76.00%	
McAllen Centennial	0	0.00%	
McAllen North	33	80.77%	
McAllen South	88	80.40%	yes
Mission	43	80.59%	yes
North Brownsville	35	75.00%	
North Harlingen	0	0.00%	
Padre Island Corpus Christi	0	0.00%	
Pharr	14	81.48%	
Port Aransas	0	0.00%	
Port Isabel	38	71.00%	yes
Port Lavaca	50	78.00%	yes
Portland Rotary	27	70.64%	yes
Raymondville	17	52.94%	yes
Rio Grande City	20	76.39%	yes
Rockport	37	75.70%	yes
San Benito	24	60.00%	
San Diego	0	0.00%	
Sinton	24	70.70%	
Southside Corpus Christi	50	72.00%	yes
Taft	15	73.00%	
Three Rivers	0	0.00%	
Victoria	0	0.00%	
Victoria Northside	0	0.00%	
Victoria Sunrise	34	73.10%	yes
Weslaco	0	0.00%	
West Corpus Christi	0	0.00%	
West Hidalgo County (Tabasco)	0	0.00%	
	1215	41.16%	32%

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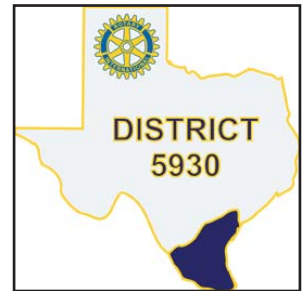
Website Sections with new or updated information:

1. The Rotary Foundation > Rotary Peace Fellowships
2. Membership > Rotary Fellowships > International Travel Host Fellowship
3. Home Page Stories

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?](#)

[Watch a video on getting printed pages from our ClubRunner site.](#)



**Thanks to the
57% of the clubs
who report attendance
through the District Website.**

Calendar of Events - December 2011

	Submit membership attendance report	Use the District Website
TBA	District Exec. Meeting	
December 24	Deadline for submitting Newsletter articles for next month	Nancy Paulson

Thanks to the Clubs who have turned on RI Integration.

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.

Send all information to :
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