

# South Texas District 5930

January 2012

## 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 will be limited to 120.

In addition, our other special guest will be Maya Conlon-Kremer. Maya has just returned from representing District 5930 as Ambassadorial Scholar to Spain where she received her Master's Degree.

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.

**Reception with Ron Burton** - This will be a private reception with Ron Burton and attendance is limited to 40 people due to space constraints. [Additional details concerning the reception, including cost, is available here.](#)

If your Club has a Fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation, you are encouraged to create a table top display for this evening. Contact information below.

**Registration is now available online at**

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

Art Zeitler, 5930 Rotary Foundation Chairman



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## Club Excellence Program

District Governor Lauro Solís has been working on defining and preparing the Club Excellence Program for July 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

Final approval of the message, reporting guidelines and general information is happening now. Stay tuned on the district website for it's distribution. It will be shared as a Home Page Story and under the menu item District > District Awards.

## Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary Community Service

Joyce Gray, Director of the Calhoun County Combined Community Ministries, accepted with gratitude a donation presented by Pam Lambden, Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary Community Service Chair at the December 30, 2011, Rotary meeting. With the help of fifteen volunteers, Ms. Gray and the organization provide food and funds for necessities to Calhoun County residents in need through donations from the United Way, Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary Club, various area churches and civic organizations, and an annual food drive.

Submitted by Scott Hollingsworth



## 40th Anniversary Celebration of Rotary Club of North Harlingen

Greetings Fellow Rotarians!  
Please join us for... 40th Anniversary Celebration of Rotary Club of North Harlingen

Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 6:00 p.m.  
Golden Palms, Texas Room  
2101 Treasure Hills Blvd., Harlingen

RSVP to Minerva Simpson, 956.440.1521

Looking forward to a great evening!

Harlingen & San Benito Rotary Clubs are hosting the 18th Annual Shrimp Fest & Auction Thursday, February 16, 2012 Casa de Amistad - Harlingen 5:30 - 7:30 PM \$20 per person

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## Outgoing GSE Team to the Philippines

Rotarian Jim Elder, President of Rockport Rotary Club, is the team leader for this years GSE from District 5930 to the Philippines.

They started a blog for all of us so we can track them and comment on their travels.

[gsesouthtexas2012.blogspot.com](http://gsesouthtexas2012.blogspot.com)

You can read and follow by just going to the web page above. If you want to comment, you will need to have a Gmail account. If you don't have one, they are free accounts from Google. Go to <https://accounts.google.com/> to sign in or create an account.

From Their Blog -

Welcome! We are the Rotary International Group Study Exchange (GSE) group from South Texas, District 5930. We are currently preparing for our trip to the Philippines!! We will be visiting District 3860 in Cebu and Mindanao, Philippines. We are very excited. There is a lot to do before our departure on February 8th. Let's meet the team!

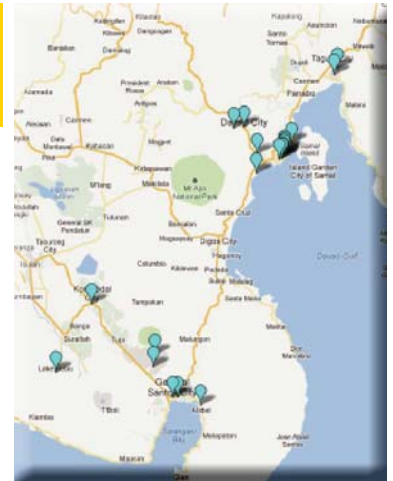
Meet GSE Group Leader Jim Elder. Jim lives in Rockport, Texas and is retired. Prior to retirement, Jim was a pilot in the U.S. Navy, eared a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Arts, taught Theater at universities, and was a corporate pilot.

Meet GSE team member Alexis Cano. Alexis lives in Kingsville, Texas and works as the International Student Advisor at Texas A & M - Kingsville. Alexis spends her free time with her husband and her 3 year old son.

Meet GSE team member Tiffanie Hoover. Tiffanie lives in Rockport, Texas and works for her families business that specializes in R/V and boat sales and service. Tiffanie spends her free time with her husband and 2 young boys.

Meet GSE team member Colleen McCue. Colleen lives in Port Aransas, Texas and works as the Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator at the Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve and the University of Texas Marine Science Institute. Colleen moved to South Texas just a year ago and is loving it.

Meet GSE team member Rae Mooney. Rae lives in Port Aransas, Texas and works as a marine scientist for the the Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve and the University of Texas Marine Science Institute. Rae loves her job because she gets to work outside on the water.



Google map can be found at

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=204574277023350173808.0004b4b0d4c6cdd0c31b2&msa=0&ll=6.815989,125.359497&spn=0.874049,1.454315>



## District 5930 Rotary Foundation Chairman visits Port Lavaca Noon Day

Art Zeitler, accompanied by his wife Carol Ann, was the guest of Port Lavaca City Manager Bob Turner at the January 6, 2012, Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary meeting. He is District 5930 Rotary Foundation Chairman and talked about the present status, coming changes, and operating philosophies of the Foundation. He invited Port Lavaca Rotarians to the District meeting in Corpus Christi on February 18 that will feature 2013-2014 President of Rotary International Ron Burton of Norman, Oklahoma.



Jim Story introduced Lance Schultz and Kristy Treaster, Rotary students of the month at the January 6, 2012, Port Lavaca Noon Day Rotary Club meeting. They represent the Theatre Arts program at Calhoun High and each spoke about their plans and goals.



Photos by Mike Rivet  
Submitted by Scott Hollingsworth

## Polio Update

### Rotary's Challenge reaches US\$200 million

Rotary's Challenge for polio eradication has reached the US\$200 million milestone. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded The Rotary Foundation an additional \$50 million grant, which is not a challenge grant, in recognition of Rotary's early achievement of this milestone.

- [Check out the new Rotary Voices blog posts on polio](#)
- [Help End Polio Now](#)



In other news

- ['Peace Through Service' is 2012-13 RI theme](#)

Tanaka asks Rotarians to work for peace in simple ways every day.

- [Rotary is 'well on the way' to a new Foundation](#)

Trustee chair presents highlights of the Future Vision pilot.

- [Banerjee shares advice for building stronger clubs](#)

Keys to a successful year include serving as a role model, promoting trust.

Submitted by Betty Frantum, ADG



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## ROTARY NIGHT AT THE RG VIPERS BASKETBALL GAME

### SECOND ANNUAL ROTARY NIGHT at the VIPERS BASKETBALL GAME

January 7, 2012 was the second annual Rotary Night at the Vipers basketball game. The game was a fundraiser for End Polio Now receiving \$10 from every Rotary ticket sold. The actual total number of tickets that were sold was 183 which equaled \$1,830 for End Polio Now. This meant that we were short the sale of 17 tickets or \$170.00 to reach \$2,000.00. In speaking with District Governor Solis, he presented me with a challenge to raise \$100.00 the night of the game and he would match it with \$75.00 to be sure we would raise over \$2000.00. An announcement to this effect was made on the bus in route to the game and we raised the \$100.00. Thanks to the generosity of the Vipers Basketball Staff and Team, who made this event possible, as well as Rotarians, Friends of Rotarians and District Governor Lauro Solis.

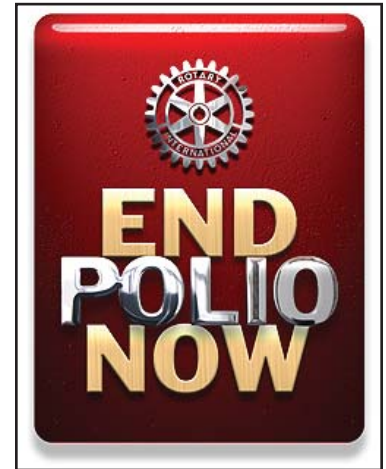
The Clubs that Participated in this Effort are:

- Harlingen High School Interact Club
- Brownsville Sunrise Rotary Club
- Rotary Club of Edinburg
- Halingen High School South Interact Club
- Rotary Club of Port Isabel
- Rotary Club of San Benito
- District 5930

The Vipers made available bus transportation from the Lower Valley. The bus was filled to capacity with fifty seven passengers being treated to Pizza, all sorts of goodies and beverages compliments of the Port Isabel Rotary Club. It was a great time for fellowship on the bus as well as at the game. The Vipers played an exciting winning game against Dakota. The final score was 114-100. The Rotary Clubs were recognized throughout the evening from the JumboTron and by the bright red Rotary Shirts with the large print "End Polio Now" logo on the back.

In attendance was Mr. Fred Perez who was a guest of the Edinburg Rotary Club. Mr. Perez is a Polio Survivor. He was introduced to everyone in attendance, which made the event most special by highlighting the awarness that Polio still exists in the USA.

Submitted by Ros Salmeron



## Cajun Fest in Edinburg

The Rotary Club of Edinburg and its Service Over Self 501.c.3 Foundation Present:



**Cajun Fest**  
"mardi gras in the swamp"

**10<sup>th</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**Saturday February 11, 2012**  
**ECHO Hotel and Conference Center**  
**Edinburg Texas**  
Doors Open 6:00 PM Till ?

Delicious Cajun Cookin'  
Rockin' Cajun & Country Music  
Blackboard, Silent, and Live Auctions  
"Cajun Hold-Em" Poker Tournament

**TICKETS ARE \$100.00 PER PERSON! DON'T WAIT!**  
**CAJUNFEST SPONSORS GET COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS!**  
(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "SERVICE OVER SELF FOUNDATION")

CAJUNFEST PROCEEDS FUND THE ROTARY CLUB OF EDINBURG'S HUMANITARIAN, EDUCATIONAL, AND YOUTH ORIENTED PROGRAMS THAT FOCUS ON: WORLD-WIDE ERADICATION OF POLIO...POVERTY AND HUNGER...SCHOLARSHIPS...YOUTH LEADERSHIP

CAJUNFEST 2012 IS A FUNDRAISING EFFORT TO SUPPORT LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ROTARY PROJECTS. WITH THE PLANNED PROGRAM AND REFRESHMENTS, CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 21 WILL NOT BE ADMITTED WITHOUT PARENTS, GUARDIANS, OR ADULT SUPERVISION.



**Tickets Available Now!**  
Ask any Edinburg Rotarian or call the Echo at  
**956-383-3823**  
Visit:  
[www.cajunfestedinburg.org](http://www.cajunfestedinburg.org) or [www.edinburgrotary.org](http://www.edinburgrotary.org)  
for more details.



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[Download a printable flyer](#)

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## North Harlingen Rotary Club has been busy

### 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.



### A SIMPLE GIFT IS PRICELESS

North Harlingen Rotary Club President-Elect Julian Alvarez displays a plate which is part of the dinnerware his club purchased to enhance the meal service of Loaves and Fishes of the Rio Grande Valley. The shelter program, that provides beds for the homeless and hot meals for the hungry serves two meals a day, every day of the year. The North Harlingen Rotary Club assists by volunteering at the shelter and financially through a variety of projects. During 2011 Loaves and Fishes served 141, 797 hot meals to the hungry. By their providing Melmac type dinnerware to the shelter, the North Harlingen Rotary Club saved the shelter \$4270 in revenue it would have been required to spend on paper products to serve that number of meals. That same amount of dollar savings will benefit Loaves and Fishes for years in the future.



### NEW ROTARIAN

Bryan Wren, (r) Assistant Director of Aviation at Valley International Airport in Harlingen Texas receives his Certificate of Membership and a framed copy of the Rotary Four-Way Test from North Harlingen Rotary Club President Nasario Ortiz. Mr. Wren holds a B.S. in Professional Aeronautics and Masters of Science degree in Aeronautical Safety from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He has also completed programs, including AAAE's Basic and Advanced Airport Safety, Airport Planning, and FEMA emergency management courses. Bryan resides in Harlingen, Texas with his wife, Trea and two children Nathaniel and Melanie.



Submitted by Thomas Segal

## 7th Annual Fish Fry with Corpus Christi Northwest

The Rotary Club of Corpus Christi Northwest will be hosting our 7th Annual Fish Fry on Saturday March 24, 2012. The evening of fun includes our fish fry dinner, fundraising auction, and dance. We also have activities for the kids! Proceeds support local charities, but most importantly will benefit scholarships for graduating seniors at both Calallen and Robstown High Schools.



Here is where you come in.

We hope you will consider attending our fundraising event on Saturday, March 24, 2012, at VFW Post #3837, 12030 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas. We will begin serving the meal at 6:00 pm, with auction beginning at 7:00 pm. General admission is \$10.00 for adults and children under the age of twelve eat for half-price. The purchase of a \$50.00 GOLD Ticket admits two (2) adults for all you can eat delicious catfish and hush puppies and qualifies you to enter the following drawing:

- 1st Prize - \$1000.00
- 2nd Prize - \$500.00
- 3rd Prize - \$250.00
- Loser's Pot - \$100.00 (must be present to win)
- Every 20th ticket drawn wins \$50.00

If you will be unable to attend but would like to make a gift donation for our continuing community efforts, we will make donating easy for you. Just return the completed "Donated Description Form" with your donation by mail, or by returning both to the person that gave it to you.

We will be honored to acknowledge your donation on the night of the fundraiser and in our ClubRunner bulletin, as well as the Robstown Record following the event.

Thank you for being a generous community partner. Together, we are making a difference in our community. May you be richly blessed in every way!

Submitted by Donna S. Weiss



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## Monthly Attendance Report - December 2011

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.

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

Club	Member Count December	December Attendance %	RI Integration turned On
Alice	0	0.00%	
Aransas Pass	13	64.00%	
Brownsville	0	0.00%	yes
Brownsville Sunrise	0	0.00%	
Calhoun County	10	73.00%	
Corpus Christi	0	0.00%	
Corpus Christi Evening	0	0.00%	
Corpus Christi Northwest	17	33.82%	
Corpus Christi Sunrise	10	78.00%	
Donna	10	62.00%	yes
Edcouch-Elsa	9	41.75%	
Edinburg	31	88.89%	yes
Edna	29	32.20%	
Falfurrias	0	0.00%	
Freer	11	92.73%	
Ganado	0	0.00%	
Goliad	0	0.00%	
Harlingen	78	73.93%	
Harlingen Sunburst	33	73.81%	yes
Historic Brownsville	0	0.00%	yes
Ingleside	0	0.00%	yes
Kingsville	51	46.41%	yes
Kingsville Sunrise	10	66.70%	
Laredo	0	0.00%	
Laredo Daybreak	43	100.00%	yes
Laredo Gateway	0	0.00%	yes

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## Monthly Attendance Report - December 2011, continued

Club	Member Count December	December Attendance %	RI Integration turned On
Laredo Next Generation	34	54.41%	yes
Laredo-Under Seven Flags	8	100.00%	
McAllen	47	72.00%	yes
McAllen Centennial	0	0.00%	
McAllen North	0	0.00%	
McAllen South	86	88.85%	yes
Mission	43	50.00%	yes
North Brownsville	34	50.00%	
North Harlingen	0	0.00%	
Padre Island Corpus Christi	0	0.00%	
Pharr	14	101.79%	
Port Aransas	0	0.00%	
Port Isabel	0	0.00%	yes
Port Lavaca	48	74.80%	yes
Portland Rotary	0	0.00%	yes
Raymondville	17	36.24%	yes
Rio Grande City	20	69.32%	yes
Rockport	39	81.20%	yes
San Benito	22	59.00%	
San Diego	0	0.00%	
Sinton	0	0.00%	
Southside Corpus Christi	52	72.00%	yes
Taft	18	70.00%	
Three Rivers	0	0.00%	
Victoria	0	0.00%	
Victoria Northside	54	72.22%	
Victoria Sunrise	0	0.00%	yes
Weslaco	0	0.00%	
West Corpus Christi	42	53.66%	
West Hidalgo County (Tabasco)	0	0.00%	
	<b>933</b>	<b>36.30%</b>	<b>38% - 21 clubs</b>

Thanks to the Clubs who have turned on RI Integration.

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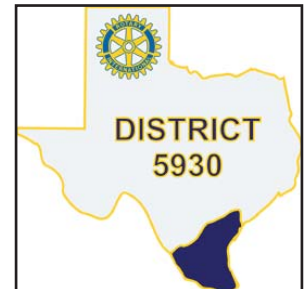
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## Calendar of Events - February 2012

Submit membership attendance report, use the District Website.

- February 11 - Cajun Fest 2012- Edinburg
- February 16 - 18th Annual Shrimp Fest & Auction, Harlingen
- February 18 - District Exec. Meeting, Interviews for DG Nominee
- February 18 - Paul Harris/Rotary Foundation Dinner with Reception
- February 24 - Deadline for submitting Newsletter articles for next month
- February 25 - Pistol Match - Laredo DayBreak
- February 28 - 40th Anniversary Celebration of Rotary Club of North Harlingen



## Website Sections with new or updated information:

### 1. 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.](#)

**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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