

**Rotary District Conference**April 17-19, 2015**“ServiceWithFellowship”****Friday - April 17****Veteran’s War Memorial of Texas (McAllen):**

Morning 8:45 am - 10:20 am Tour by Col. Frank Plummer and special ceremony

**Renaissance Conference Center (Edinburg):**Noon 11:30 - 1:30 pm All Club Luncheon, Electronic Showcase of Club Service Projects, President’s Representative McLaurin’s presentation; Four-Way Test winner /or runner-up presentation; Youth Exchange Students Flag Ceremony; Governor's Awards and Recognitions. **Sponsors: City of Edinburg, Texas and Edinburg Rotary Club**

Afternoon DG Art Zeitler and President’s Representative William McLaurin and spouses travel to Corpus Christi

Conference Hotels: Emerald Beach and Best Western Marina Grand Hotel

Evening **Art Center of Corpus Christi:**6:00 - 10:00 pm “Kick up your Boots & Party Under The Stars” - Barbeque (Cotten’s BBQ), Dance & Silent Art Auction (Country Western Band “River Rock”). **Sponsor: NavyArmy Community Credit Union****Emerald Beach Hotel:**10:30 pm -12:00 am Hospitality Suite (Rooms 501-503). **Sponsor: Laredo Next Generation Rotary Club****Saturday - April 18****Ortiz Center:**All Day (or Part Day) 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Hall of Fellowship: Photo displays of District international projects, Costa Rica Scholarship trip, Rotary Days Victoria and Rotary Foundation Laredo dinner; Shelter Box display; Wildlife photo contest pictures (San Patricio Room) **Sponsor: Bay Area Title Company**

9:00 am - 4:30 pm Child Care (ages 0-5) (Aransas Room) (separate lunch)

9:00 am - 2:30 pm Future Rotarians (ages 6-12) “Rotary Warriors for Kids” (Jim Wells Room), and Shelter Box (San Patricio Room) (separate lunch)

9:00 am-12:00 pm Rotaract/Interact/Rotary Youth (ages 13+) “Warriors Games” and “Character Mail Mart” (Kleberg Room)

Morning 7:30 am - 300 pm Conference Registration (Ortiz Lobby)  
Rotary Polio Awareness Walk Registration (Ortiz Lobby)7:30 am - 8:45 am “Rotary in India” Breakfast, DG Art Zeitler’s India Rotary Trip presentation (Kleberg Room). **Sponsor: C.C. Distributors, Inc.**9:00-9:45 am **Plenary Session #1.** District Governor's Greeting; Business Meeting; Legislative Session; Other Reports and official business; IGNITE Premier Club awards and Outstanding Rotary Days awards (Nueces Room)9:50-10:50 am **Plenary Session #2.** Showcase Presentation of Rotary Foundation Funded Projects and Grants Success Stories 2014-15 - “Why We Are Rotarians - Rotary Moments That Tell The Story”. DG Art Zeitler, Rotarian Tom Plumb Club President Juan Lira; and Presentation of Rotary Foundation District Service Awards and Paul Harris Society Recognitions (Nueces Room)11:00-11:45 am **Plenary Session #3.** (“Rotary Warriors - Leadership Engagement”). An interactive workshop on how to recognize and utilize diverse membership interests in order to lead a successful Rotary Club (make Club diversity a strength and not a weakness) (Nueces Room)

**Saturday - April 18 (con't)**

**Ortiz Center: (con't)**

Noon 11:45-1:35 pm “**Cheeseburger in Paradise**” **District Luncheon**. Music interlude (Jimmy Buffett “classics”), Electronic Showcase of Club Service Projects, Four-Way Test Winner/or Runner-up presentation; President's Representative William L. McLaurin, Jr's presentation; Governor's Awards (including “Presidential Citations” & “Exemplary Club Awards”) and Governor's recognition for District officers (Corpus Christi Room) **Co-Sponsors: PDG Russell and Cherre Cain, 2008-09 - Port Lavaca and Rotary Club of Corpus Christi**

Afternoon 1:45 - 2:35 pm **Plenary Session #4**. “Rotary Showcase” - Presentation of Youth Programs, Membership Programs and local Club Projects - an interactive opportunity to ask, share and observe (Nueces Room)

2:45 - 4:30 pm **Breakout Session**. Rotaract - Interact Conference and Service Project - assemble Birthing Kits (also includes Rotary Youth and Future Rotarians) (Nueces Room)

2:45 - 4:30 pm **Additional Breakout Sessions**. (two 45 minutes - with 15 minute break) (Jim Wells and Kleberg Rooms):  
1) “Wildlife In Focus” Coastal Bend Wildlife Photo Contest - and how it works with Rotary (Jim Wells Room)  
2) A presentation of the new District Public Relations Took Kit (Kleberg Room)  
3) “Future District Leaders” with DGE Betty Frantum (Jim Wells Room)  
4) Grants and Scholarships - How, When, What To Do with RFCC-elect Betty Lara (Kleberg Room)

**Emerald Beach Hotel:**

3:00 - 7:00 pm Rotary Polio Awareness Walk Packet Pickup (foyer adjacent to Hotel lobby)

4:30 - 6:30 pm Hospitality Suite (Rooms 501-503) **Sponsor: Corpus Christi Evening Rotary Club**

**Emerald Beach Hotel &**

**Best Western Marina Grand Hotel:**

6:00 pm and 6:50 pm RTA Bus to Aquarium from hotels (2 departure times - approximate)

**Texas State Aquarium:**

Evening 7:00 -11:00 pm Big Kahuna's Party & Dinner & Governor's Special Awards presentation and full Aquarium visit experience including wildlife shows, special theme photo booth opportunity and special dinner seating in the exhibit area. **Sponsor: Johnstone Supply**

9:30 pm and 10:30 pm RTA Bus from Aquarium to hotels (2 departure times - approximate)

**Emerald Beach Hotel:**

10:00 pm - 12:00 am Hospitality Suite (Rooms 501-503) **Sponsor: Corpus Christi Evening Rotary Club**

**Sunday - April 19**

**South end of Seawall (north end of Emerald Beach parking lot):**

6:30 - 7:15 am Rotary Polio Awareness Walk - late registration

7:30 - 8:30 am “Rotary Polio Awareness Walk” (2 miles) - Polio Awareness Fundraiser starts and ends at south end of seawall (north end of Emerald Beach parking lot). **Sponsor: Law Office of Arthur Zeidler**

**Emerald Beach Hotel:**

9:30 - 10:30 am President's Representative and District Governor's Closing Remarks; Celebration of Life Ceremony. Adjourn (Outrigger Room)

12:00 noon Both Hotel Check-Out Times

General Thematic description: The following is considered relevant to this weekend - Cowboy hats, tropical shirts and Jimmy Buffett music!