

## How Jim Henry's District Developed

The story of Rotary in Texas parallels the story of the entire Rotary movement which had begun when Chicago attorney Paul Harris invited a few friends to meet him after work February 23, 1905 for what is now regarded as the first meeting of the first Rotary club. Just 8 years later civic leaders in Austin and Waco, a thousand miles south of Chicago, received club charters from the National Association of Rotary Clubs (now known as Rotary International.) Without social media in those horse-and-buggy<sup>1</sup> days, it was unusual for a new concept like Rotary to “go viral,” but the world’s first service club was a fresh and exciting concept.

Chartered in 1913, our Austin and Waco clubs are older than the very concept of Rotary Districts. In August 1910 Rotary’s first national convention was held in Chicago, home of the original Rotary club. There were only 16 clubs but by August 1911 when the second annual convention convened in Portland, Rotary had grown to 27 clubs.

Clubs organized rapidly from that time forward creating a steady flow of questions for officers of the National Association of Rotary Clubs. At first, NARC aggregated clubs into Divisions, each under a Vice President’s jurisdiction. Rotary’s third annual convention, held August 1912 in Duluth Minnesota, changed NARC into IARC, the International Association of Rotary Clubs, because of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Canada – chartered in April 1912.

Rotary’s 6th convention (San Francisco, July 1915) replaced Divisions with geographical areas known as Rotary Districts. District 12 was comprised of clubs in Texas and Louisiana. Our first governor, serving through June 1916, was William H. Richardson, Jr. who had been a charter member of the Rotary Club of Austin and its 3rd president. Waco Rotary Club invited Governor Richardson to hold his Conference in their city. It convened on November 1, 1915, in Waco’s Retail Merchants Association offices in the Amicable Building. IARC President Allen Albert of Minneapolis and IARC Vice President Robert Cornell of Houston attended our first district conference.

District 12’s second Governor was Lynn B. Milam from the Rotary Club of Dallas, a club that had been meeting since April 1911 and has the distinction of being the first Rotary Club in Texas. In 1917, Louisiana clubs were reassigned to an adjoining district. District 12 then consisted of the 19 clubs in Texas. Houston became the only other club to provide District 12 with a Governor, Elijah Coles, because by the June 1918 completion of Coles’ term, Rotary’s growth had again caused redistricting. Lone Star Rotarians became Rotary District 18, whose first DG, Thomas S. Reed, came from the

Beaumont club. District 18's second governor came from a club in present day 5870, the Rotary Club of Austin. Dr. Robert E. Vinson's day job was president of the University of Texas.

During Rotary's 1922 international convention IARC became RI when convention delegates changed the name of the parent organization from the International Association of Rotary Clubs to Rotary International. The state of Texas except for the area south of the eastern boundary of New Mexico became District 13 with 83 clubs. Three years later, with about 100 clubs, Texas was split into Districts 41, 47 and 48 effective July 1, 1925. Austin, Waco, and the area northwest became District 41.

Texas had nearly 6,000 members in about 125 clubs in 1926 when San Antonio's Harry H. Rogers became the first Texan to serve as president of Rotary International. Our district number changed to 128 in 1937, then 131 in 1948, then 187 in 1949, and in 1958 we became 587. During 1991, each of Rotary's 491 districts added a zero after their district number in anticipation of a larger number of small districts to ease the workload on district governors. Instead, RI's legislative council created assistant governors. The zero remains.

As Rotary continues to add clubs, we add to 5870's history. Between July 1, 2019 and June 30 of 2020 each club in our district writes a new chapter of its history. This year, Burnet celebrates 50yrs and Fairfield 75 yrs of Service Above Self. (Anniversary club details follow this narrative.)

District 5870 begins 2019-20 with 57 clubs. Worldwide 1.2 million Rotarians meet weekly in more than 36,000 clubs located in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Their humanitarian efforts impact lives at both the local and international level.

Rich Kaye, District Historian

<sup>1</sup> Henry Ford had begun production of his Model T in 1908, just 3 years after Paul Harris established the world's first civic service club in 1905 in Chicago. Paul referred to that 1905 meeting as "horse-and-buggy days" in Rotarian magazine's February 1946 edition. (Rotarian Magazine's February 1946 edition was already in the mail when Paul Harris died on January 27, 1946 at the age of 78.)

### [Governor Henry's Anniversary Clubs](#)

To help 2019-20 Club Presidents plan club calendars, our District Historian compiled a list of round numbered club charter anniversaries that fall between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. While a club could celebrate every year like children's birthday parties, it is traditional to save the club party for a round number. Our list displays every 5th year. Years divisible by 25 are such major milestones that RI licensed vendor Russell Hampton ([www.ruh.com](http://www.ruh.com)) sells membership lapel pins customized for 25th, 50th, 75th, and 100th year club members. Pin price ranges from \$2.70 to \$3.65 apiece depending on quantity. Go to their price list by using one of these links:

- [www.bestclubsupplies.com/25th-Anniversary-Lapel-Pin/productinfo/R10465LP/](http://www.bestclubsupplies.com/25th-Anniversary-Lapel-Pin/productinfo/R10465LP/)
- [www.bestclubsupplies.com/50th-Anniversary-Lapel-Pin/productinfo/R10470LP/](http://www.bestclubsupplies.com/50th-Anniversary-Lapel-Pin/productinfo/R10470LP/)
- [www.bestclubsupplies.com/75th-Anniversary-Lapel-Pin/productinfo/R10475LP/](http://www.bestclubsupplies.com/75th-Anniversary-Lapel-Pin/productinfo/R10475LP/)
- [www.bestclubsupplies.com/Centennial-100th-Anniversary-Lapel-Pin/productinfo/R10478LP/](http://www.bestclubsupplies.com/Centennial-100th-Anniversary-Lapel-Pin/productinfo/R10478LP/)

Celebrate	Age	Charter Date	Club Name
9-Jan-2020	35	9-Jan-1970	Burnet
14-May-2020	90	14-May-1945	Fairfield

Take a snapshot during your anniversary celebration and send it to district newsletter editor Pam Blankensee (pblankensee@ca.rr.com) and to district historian PDG Rich Kaye (richkaye@hotmail.com),

**Mark your calendars February 23, 2020 – Rotary International Celebrates 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

### [Charter Dates & Sponsors for District 5870](#)

Club Name	Club ID	Charter Date	Sponsor
Austin	1928	1-May-1913	San Antonio ( <b>D-5840</b> )
Austin Central	89873	19-Feb-2019	E-Club of 5870
Austin Cosmopolitan ( <b>Note 6</b> )	77086	27-Aug-2007	Austin
Austin University Area ( <b>Note 1</b> )	24231	23-Dec-1986	North Austin
Austin Westlake	1930	23-Mar-1982	South Austin
Austin-North by Northeast ( <b>Note 2</b> )	1954	3-Feb-1960	Austin
Austin Southwest ( <b>Note 5</b> )	1929	17-Jun-1982	South Austin
Bastrop County ( <b>Note 9</b> )	27512	24-Jul-1990	LaGrange
Belton	1931	1-Mar-1921	Waco
Bosque County (Clifton)	1932	17-Feb-1975	Waco
Burnet	1933	9-Jan-1970	Marble Falls
Caldwell	1934	14-Mar-1935	Bryan ( <b>D-5910</b> )
Cameron	1935	8-Apr-1938	Belton
Cedar Park-Leander ( <b>Note 8</b> )	26397	12-May-1989	Northwest Austin
Copperas Cove	1936	6-Jan-1975	Lampasas
Corsicana	1937	1-May-1921	Fort Worth ( <b>D-5790</b> )
East Austin	29111	24-Nov-1992	South Austin
E-Club of 5870	86821	9-Jun-2015	Austin University Area

Fairfield	1939	14-May-1945	Mexia
Flatonia	1940	4-Dec-1939	Hallettsville
Georgetown	1941	28-Feb-1962	Taylor
Georgetown (Sunrise)	31399	20-Mar-1996	Georgetown
Georgetown-Sun City	50754	24-Oct-1997	Georgetown
<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Club ID</b>	<b>Charter Date</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Giddings	1942	8-Mar-1955	Rockdale
Hallettsville	1943	8-Sep-1928	Yoakum
Harker Heights	82890	1-Feb-2010	Killeen Heights
Hillsboro	1945	1-May-1921	Waxahachie ( <b>D-5810</b> )
Hutto	69940	27-Jun-2005	Round Rock
Itasca	1946	22-Mar-1937	Hillsboro
Killeen	1947	12-Feb-1960	Belton
Killeen Heights	22997	26-Jun-1985	Killeen
La Grange	1948	18-May-1954	Schulenburg
Lakeway/Lake Travis ( <b>Note 7</b> )	28486	22-Jan-1992	Austin
Lexington	61733	3-Apr-2003	Giddings
Marble Falls	1950	15-May-1950	Austin
Marble Falls Daybreak	62133	13-May-2003	Marble Falls
Marlin	1951	24-Aug-1931	Mexia
McGregor	1952	1-Apr-1924	Temple
Mexia	1953	26-Feb-1923	Corsicana
Navarro County/Corsicana	24685	1-Jun-1987	Corsicana
Northwest Austin	1955	17-Jun-1980	Austin
Pflugerville	31668	7-Jun-1996	Northwest Austin
Rockdale	1957	3-Mar-1953	Cameron
Round Rock	1958	1-Apr-1983	Georgetown
Round Rock Sunrise	53857	20-Jun-2000	Round Rock
Salado	31136	6-Dec-1995	Belton
Shiner	1960	19-Jul-1946	Hallettsville
Somerville	1961	15-Oct-1946	Caldwell
South Austin ( <b>Note 4</b> )	1962	12-Feb-1958	Austin
Taylor	1963	1-May-1921	Waco
Temple	1965	1-May-1921	Waco
Temple-South	21228	16-Aug-1983	Temple
Waco	1966	1-Jun-1913	San Antonio ( <b>D-5840</b> )
Waco Sunrise ( <b>Note 3</b> )	1944	18-Feb-1983	Waco

Waco-Lake Brazos	1938	27-Feb-1967	Waco
West Austin	1967	8-Jun-1953	Austin
Yoakum	1968	10-Sep-1923	Cuero ( <b>D-5840</b> )

**Note 1:** Austin-Silicon Hills and Austin University Area merged on November 29, 2012. They choose to retain the name Austin University Area, and to use that club's number and charter date for the merged club.

**Note 2:** North Austin and Austin Northeast merged on November 1, 2012 to become Austin-North by Northeast. They choose to retain the club number and the charter date of North Austin.

**Note 3:** Formerly known as Waco Westside.

**Note 4:** South Austin and Austin-Onion Creek merged on February 21, 2014. They choose to retain the name South Austin, and to retain the club number and the charter date of South Austin.

**Note 5:** Formerly known as Austin-Oak Hill

**Note 6:** Formerly known as Cosmopolitan Austin

**Note 7:** Bee Cave-Spicewood and Lakeway/Lake Travis merged on September 2, 2017. They choose to retain the name Lakeway/Lake Travis, and to retain the club number and charter date of Lakeway/Lake Travis.

**Note 8:** Formerly known as Cedar Park

**Note 9:** Cedar Creek and Bastrop County merged on March 18, 2018. They choose to retain the name Bastrop County, and to retain the club number and charter date of Bastrop County

## Former Clubs of District 5870

Club Name	Club ID	Charter Date	Sponsor	Action	Date
Austin Capitol	59587	11-Sep-2002	Austin University Area	D	15-May-2018
Austin Centennial ( <b>Note 3</b> )	30763	15-May-1995	Northwest Austin	D	30-Jun-2019
Austin Northeast	22338	18-Jan-1985	North Austin	M	1-Nov-2012
Austin-Onion Creek	83407	28-Jun-2010	Austin	M	21-Feb-2014
Austin-Silicon Hills	79365	4-Jun-2008	Austin	M	29-Nov-2012
Bee Cave-Spicewood ( <b>Note 1</b> )	83377	28-Jun-2010	Lakeway/Lake Travis	M	02-Sep-2017
Cedar Creek	77971	3-Jan-2008	Bastrop	M	18-Mar-2018
Elgin	51609	20-Nov-1998	Giddings	T	22-Oct-2010
Killeen Evening	27106	12-Apr-1990	Killeen Heights	D	29-Jun-2018
Lampasas	1949	21-Jul-1966	Marble Falls	T	15-Dec-1988
North Austin	1954	3-Feb-1960	Austin	M	1-Nov-2012
North Shore Lake Travis ( <b>Notes 2,3</b> )	30763	15-May-1995	Northwest Austin	M	30-Sep-2013
Northwest Waco	1956	30-Jun-1953	Waco	D	30-Jun-2017

Schulenburg	1959	27-Aug-1951	Hallettsville	T	17-Jul-2007
Teague	1964	31-May-1939	Mexia	T	27-Sep-1990
Teague	55234	21-Mar-2001	Mexia	D	30-Jun-2014
Temple Sunrise	31349	1-Mar-1996	Temple-South	D	14-Sep-2011
Waco Elite	79301	3-Jun-2008	Waco Sunrise	D	22-Jul-2009

**T:** Terminated – Board Decision

**D:** Terminated – Disbanded, Club Decision

**M:** Terminated – Merged

**Note 1:** Formerly known as Bee Cave

**Note 2:** Formerly known as Lago Vista

**Note 3:** Austin Centennial and North Shore Lake Travis (Lago Vista) merged on September 30, 2013. They choose to retain the name Austin Centennial, and to retain the club number and the charter date of North Shore Lake Travis (Lago Vista).

## [Chronology of our District Governors](#)

Dist	Year	Governor	Club	Dist	Year	Governor	Club
<b>12</b>	1915-16	William H. Richardson, Jr.	Austin	<b>128</b>	1943-44	William H. Bradfield	Garland
	1916-17	Lynn B. Milam	Dallas		1944-45	Basil Earl Masters	Kilgore
	1917-18	Elijah Coles	Houston		1945-46	R. E. "Prof" Jackson	Denton
<b>18</b>	1918-19	Thomas S. Reed, Jr.	Beaumont		1946-47	Elwyn Quinn	Unknown
	1919-20	Robert E. Vinson	Austin		1947-48	J. P. Pickens	Athens
	1920-21	Henry Jacob Lutcher Stark	Orange	<b>131</b>	1948-49	Oliver P. Harris	Taylor
	1921-22	George C. Holmgreen	San Antonio	<b>187</b>	1949-50	Rev. Nelson R. Hawkins	Itasca
<b>13</b>	1922-23	John V. Singleton	Waxahachie		1950-51	Jack H. Dillard	Waco
	1923-24	Lester W. Dawley	Paris		1951-52	Eli Rubin	Hallettsville
	1924-25	Harry H. Rogers	San Antonio		1952-53	Howard O. Smith	Marlin
<b>41</b>	1925-26	Walter D. Cine	Wichita Falls		1953-54	George Marshall	Austin
	1926-27	William C. Edwards	Denton		1954-55	E. T. "Trap" Hines	Cameron
	1927-28	Ellis H. Boyd	Fort Worth		1955-56	Clarence R. Miller	Austin
	1928-29	Rue B. Parcels	Amarillo		1956-57	Ben W. McKie	Corsicana
	1929-30	R. Bernard Bryant	Stamford		1957-58	Norman P. Crawford	Belton
	1930-31	Raymond H. Nichols	Vernon	<b>587</b>	1958-59	Floyd E. Johnson	Waxahachie
	1931-32	Thomas D. Brooks	Waco		1959-60	O. V. Koen	Austin
	1932-33	H. C. "Andy" Anderson	Ranger		1960-61	Donald Eastland	Hillsboro
	1933-34	O. B. Sellers	Fort Worth		1961-62	I. A. Shepherd	Taylor
	1934-35	Thomas H. Taylor	Brownwood		1962-63	James H. Simpson	Hallettsville
	1935-36	James M. Wilson, Sr.	Floydada		1963-64	Patrick E. Taggart	Waco

	1936-37	Fred A. Wernple	Midland
<b>128</b>	1937-38	Lewis R. Ferguson	Denton
	1938-39	Hubert T. Johnson	Waco
	1939-40	Charles W. Wooldridge	Palestine
	1940-41	George A. Kelly	Longview
	1941-42	John C. Calhoun	Corsicana
	1942-43	John Bert Graham	Waxahachie
<b>Dist</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Governor</b>	<b>Club</b>
<b>587</b>	1971-72	R. J. "Jack" Forrest	Mexia
	1972-73	Thomas M. Bullion	Taylor
	1973-74	Richard S. "Dick" Merrill	South Austin
	1974-75	Wilson E. "Pat" Speir	Austin
	1975-76	C. E. "Gene" Neal	Fairfield
	1976-77	Colin "Ick" Hook	Killeen
	1977-78	Vann S. Taylor	Temple
	1978-79	W. H. "Bill" Bradfield	Shiner
	1979-80	D. L. Alford, Jr.	Caldwell
	1980-81	James L. "Jim" Lilly	Northwest Waco
	1981-82	Erroll Wendland	Temple
	1982-83	Herman Focke	Mexia
	1983-84	William I. "Bill" Jordon	Bosque County (Clifton)
	1984-85	Virgil Waggoner	South Austin
	1985-86	John K. "Ken" Braselton	Northwest Austin
	1986-87	Bobby E. Parker	Belton
	1987-88	Joe Lee Kirgan, Jr.	Fairfield
	1988-89	Robert "Bob" Adams	Killeen
	1989-90	Jose Guerra	South Austin
	1990-91	James R. "Jim" Witte	Yoakum
<b>5870</b>	1991-92	Harry B. Macey, Jr.	Temple
	1992-93	James L. "Jim" Stoner	Austin
	1993-94	Clift Price	Austin University Area
	1994-95	John M. "Mike" Pinson	Killeen Heights
	1995-96	Gonzalo Garza	Northwest Austin
	1996-97	John P. Salem, Jr.	Marble Falls

	1964-65	Calvin I. "Pete" Matthews	Yoakum
	1965-66	Maurice Acers	Austin
	1966-67	Arthur Kasper	Shiner
	1967-68	Carl Welhausen	Yoakum
	1968-69	Thomas H. "Tom" Little	Cleburne
	1969-70	Dave Smith	Austin
	1970-71	Sam J. Gardner	Northwest Waco
<b>Dist</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Governor</b>	<b>Club</b>
<b>5870</b>	1997-98	James V. "Jim" Robinson	North Austin
	1998-99	Billy D. Archibald	Mexia
	1999-00	William D. "Bill" Bryce	Georgetown
	2000-01	Patsy Long Derr	Killeen Heights
	2001-02	Rex Weaver	Killeen
	2002-03	Tom Chamberlain	Temple
	2003-04	Barbara Warden	Marble Falls
	2004-05	Gene Davenport	Georgetown
	2005-06	Ed Mullen	Killeen Heights
	2006-07	James D. "Jim" Osbon	Austin Oak Hill
	2007-08	Barry Curlee	Austin
	2008-09	Ronald "Ronney" Reynolds	Austin
	2009-10	Timothy "Tim" Buckley	Northwest Austin
	2010-11	Ruth Allison	South Austin
	2011-12	Suresh Pahwa	Austin University Area
	2012-13	Rick Price	Mexia
	2013-14	Rich Kaye	Killeen Heights
	2014-15	Hanspeter Tobler	Northwest Austin
	2015-16	Melinda Osburn	Lakeway/Lake Travis
	2016-17	Bruce Golden	Austin
	2017-18	Gene Holiman	Northwest Austin
	2018-19	Jerry Chapman	Cedar Park-Leander
	2019-20	Jim Henry	Northwest Austin
	2020-21	Rick Stacy	Marble Falls
	2021-22	Beverly Luedke	Temple-South

## District Governors by Club

<b>Club</b>	<b>Governors</b>	<b>Latest</b>	<b>Year</b>
Austin	12	Bruce Golden	2016-17
Northwest Austin	6	Jim Henry	2019-20
Killeen Heights	4	Rich Kaye	2013-14
Mexia	4	Rick Price	2012-13
South Austin	4	Ruth Alison	2010-11
<b>Club</b>	<b>Governors</b>	<b>Latest</b>	<b>Year</b>
Temple	4	Tom Chamberlain	2002-03
Waco	4	Patrick E. Taggart	1963-64
Killeen	3	Rex Weaver	2001-02
Marble Falls	3	Rick Stacy	2020-21
Taylor	3	Thomas M. Bullion	1972-73
Yoakum	3	Jim Witte	1990-91
Austin University Area	2	Suresh Pahwa	2011-12
Belton	2	Bobby E. Parker	1986-87
Corsicana	2	Ben W. McKie	1956-57
Fairfield	2	Joe Lee Kirgan, Jr.	1987-88
Georgetown	2	Gene Davenport	2004-05
Hallettsville	2	James H. Simpson	1962-63
Northwest Waco	2	Jim Lilly	1980-81
Shiner	2	Bill Bradfield	1978-79
Austin-North by Northeast	1	Jim Robinson	1997-98
Austin-Oak Hill	1	Jim Osbon	2006-07
Bosque County (Clifton)	1	Bill Jordon	1983-84
Caldwell	1	D. L. Alford, Jr.	1979-80
Cameron	1	E. T. "Trap" Hines	1954-55
Cedar Park	1	Jerry Chapman	2018-19
Hillsboro	1	Donald Eastland	1960-61
Itasca	1	Nelson R. Hawkins	1949-50
Lakeway/Lake Travis	1	Melinda Osburn	2015-16
Marlin	1	Howard O. Smith	1952-53
Temple-South	1	Beverly Luedke	2021-22

### [Past Rotary International Directors from District 5870 Clubs](#)

Rotary International is governed by a board of directors composed of the international president, the president-elect, the general secretary, and 17 zone directors. Approximately 15 Rotary districts form a zone. A Rotarian who serves as a



member of the RI board of directors represents two zones. The paired zones alternate nominating a PDG from their zone to serve on the RI board for two consecutive years. During 2015-16, 5870 was represented by RIVP/RID Greg E. Podd residing in D-5450. Effective 1 July 2016 Jorge Aufranc is the RI Director representing us. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur and is a Past Governor of District 4250 which includes Belize, Guatemala & Honduras.

Rotarian	Years on RI Board	Club
Don Strickland	1973-1975	Somerville
C. E. "Gene" Neal, Jr.	1981-1982	Fairfield
Jack Forrest	1983-1985	Mexia
Mike Pinson	2002-2004	Killeen Heights

### [Service Above Self Award Recipients in District 5870](#)

The Service Above Self Award is Rotary International's highest honor for individual Rotarians. Annually the award recognizes up to 150\* Rotarians worldwide who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. \*To put that 150 Rotarians limit in perspective, Rotary has about 530 districts. District 5870 is honored by having the following recipients.

Rotary Year	Rotarian	Club
1991-1992	Randall W. Bryan	Mexia
1996-1997	C. E. "Gene" Neal, Jr.	Fairfield
1999-2000	John Michael Pinson	Killeen Heights
2000-2001	William Bradfield	Shiner
2000-2001	Wilson E. "Pat" Speir	Austin-Oak Hill
2001-2002	Jack Forrest	Mexia
2001-2002	Charles E. Buzzard	Temple
2002-2003	Dave Smith	Austin
2003-2004	Billy Archibald	Mexia
2003-2004	Patsy Derr	Killeen Heights
2006-2007	Colin "Ick" Hook	Killeen Heights
2007-2008	Dr. Clift Price	Austin University Area
2009-2010	Gene E. Davenport	Georgetown
2010-2011	Vic Neimeyer	South Austin

Rotary Year	Rotarian	Club
2011-2012	Bill Lopez	Yoakum
2011-2012	Mark Warchol	Austin Westlake (earned while a member of D-5810)
2012-2013	Ronney Reynolds	Austin
2013-2014	Tim Buckley	Northwest Austin
2014-2015	Mary Reynolds	Austin
2018-2019	Rich Kaye	Killeen Heights

### Distinguished Service Award Recipients

The Distinguished Service Award is the Rotary Foundation's highest honor for individual Rotarians. Four complete Rotary years after receiving a Citation for Meritorious Service, a Rotarian becomes eligible for the Distinguished Service Award. A recipient's exemplary service to the Foundation must extend beyond the district and occur over an extended period of time.

Rotary Year	Rotarian	Club
1982-1983	C. E. "Gene" Neal, Jr.	Fairfield
1989-1999	Jack Forrest	Mexia

### Citation for Meritorious Service Recipients

The Citation for Meritorious Service recognizes individual Rotarians who have demonstrated outstanding active service to the Rotary Foundation for more than one year. Examples of eligible service include but are not limited to service on Foundation Committees at the club, district, or international level; participation in Foundation grants or programs; and support of Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Peace Fellows, Group Study Exchange Teams, and Vocational Training Teams. Financial contributions to the Foundation, however notable, are not relevant considerations for this award.

Rotary Year	Rotarian	Club
1974-1975	Richard Merrill	South Austin
1976-1977	Colin "Ick" Hook	Killeen Heights
1978-1979	C. E. "Gene" Neal, Jr.	Fairfield
1982-1983	William Bradfield	Shiner
1986-1987	Jack Forrest	Mexia
1987-1988	Wilson E. "Pat" Speir	Austin-Oak Hill

Rotary Year	Rotarian	Club
1992-1993	Dave Smith	Austin
1993-1994	Gilbert Bartz	North Austin
1997-1998	W. L. "Larry" Prehn, Jr.	Austin
1998-1999	James Witte	Yoakum
1999-2000	John Michael Pinson	Killeen Heights
2005-2006	Patsy Long Derr	Killeen Heights
2008-2009	Gene E. Davenport	Georgetown
2011-2012	Rich Kaye	Killeen Heights
2013-2014	Ken Adams	Killeen
2017-2018	Abbey Tootle	Austin Cosmopolitan
2018-2019	Beverly Luedke	Temple-South

### Recent District Conference Locations

Rotary Year	Governor	Conference Location
1993-1994	Clift Price	San Luis Potosi, Mexico
1994-1995	Mike Pinson	Plaza Hotel, Killeen
1995-1996	Gonzalo Garza	Wyndham Hotel, Austin
1996-1997	John Salem	Hilton, Lafayette, LA
1997-1998	Jim Robinson	San Antonio
1998-1999	Billy Archibald	Waco Hilton Hotel, Waco
1999-2000	Bill Bryce	San Luis Resort Hotel, Galveston
2000-2001	Patsy Long Derr	YO Ranch Resort, Kerrville
2001-2002	Rex Weaver	Plaza Hotel, Killeen
2002-2003	Tom Chamberlain	Radisson Plaza, Fort Worth
2003-2004	Barbara Warden	Omni Bayfront, Corpus Christi
2004-2005	Gene E. Davenport	Austin Marriott North, Round Rock
2005-2006	Ed Mullen	Crowne Plaza, San Antonio
2006-2007	Jim Osbon	Carnival Cruise Lines, Galveston
2007-2008	Barry Curlee	Hilton Airport, Austin
2008-2009	Ronney Reynolds	Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort, Bastrop
2009-2010	Tim Buckley	Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio

<b>Rotary Year</b>	<b>Governor</b>	<b>Conference Location</b>
2010-2011	Ruth Allison	Inn on Barons Creek, Fredericksburg
2011-2012	Suresh Pahwa	Killeen Conference Center & Hyatt Regency Lost Pines, Bastrop
2012-2013	Rick Price	Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort, Bastrop
2013-2014	Rich Kaye	La Torretta Lake Resort & Spa, Montgomery
2014-2015	Hanspeter Tobler	Omni Colonnade, San Antonio
2015-2016	Melinda Osburn	Horseshoe Bay Resort, Horseshoe Bay
2016-2017	Bruce Golden	Omni Hotel, Corpus Christi
2017-2018	Gene Holiman	Elan Hotel, San Antonio
2018-2019	Jerry Chapman	Menger Hotel, San Antonio
2019-2020	Jim Henry	Bevy Hotel & Conference Center, Boerne