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The Lone Star Telegram

Rotary District of Central Texas 5870



## DISTRICT 5870 FOUNDATION DINNER

**February 6, 2016**

**North Austin Marriott**  
2600 La Frontera Blvd  
Round Rock, TX 78681



### **SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:**

**JOHN GERM, Rotary International President Elect**  
Rotary Club of Chattanooga, TN  
Chair of International PolioPlus Committee

The Club with the most members present at the  
Foundation Dinner will get **1 FREE PAUL HARRIS**  
**FELLOW** to give to anyone they want.

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## Message from District Governor:

Tim and I hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend! Officially I have had the honor to visit 61 clubs and 2 alternate meeting times, and one new Interact club.

If you have never visited a club other than your own, you are missing a joyful, humbling, impressive, enlightening experience. I have always felt that Rotarians are the best folks to know of any community.

These DG Official visits have just reaffirmed that for me! I am so very grateful for Rotary, and I'm humbled to be counted among you amazing Rotarians. What a gift!!!



Pints for Polio has proven to be a worthwhile promotion/fundraiser. So far, the Rotary District of Central Texas 5870 has raised about \$25,000.00 of outside funds all while promoting Rotary, the work we do and how we are the boots on the ground to End Polio Now!!!! Great Job!!! Please keep this up. It's great for PR/PI; Great to involve and educate new, potential & future members; all while raising awareness and funds to see this fight to it's end.

BTW, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will graciously triple funds raised; and we are not done yet! Some of our clubs are holding their Pints for Polio event in the Spring of 2016. Please let Jill McNabb and Pam Blankenzee know when your next event will be so we can let the whole district know, and help Promote your event. If you have completed your event, Please get those funds raised for Polio Plus, turned in to The Rotary Foundation ASAP.

As you know we are coming to the end of another tax year. Please get your donations to the AF-SHARE fund of The Rotary Foundation turned in by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> so that: A) you receive your well-deserved tax credit. & B) We can maybe celebrate YOU &/or YOUR CLUB at the Foundation Dinner held on Feb, 6th 2016. Rotary International President Elect John Germ will be there to Present awards. Very few Rotarians around the world will be able to say they got their award from the RI President Elect. Please be there to show your support for all the good we do in this world and for your fellow club members winning awards! Registration is now open on the District Website. Tables are reserved on a first come, first reserved bases by your member's registrations. Registration opened just a little over a week ago for the Foundation Dinner and it is already over 30% sold out. It is going to be a very elegant event and I hope you can attend.

I am so very proud of our district for many reasons, but mostly because of the great generosity of many of our members. We have today 5 new Major Donors, and 10 are working to finish up their Major Donor by the end of 2015-2016, that I know of so far. We have a few Rotarians that have made the Pledge this year to be Paul Harris Society members. We are nearly half way to reaching your goal of \$500,000.00 to the Annual Fund of the The Rotary Foundation. As you know, we will get half back to do great DAP and Global Grants, 3 years from now. With certainty, I can tell you this will not be enough to do all the amazing Life improving Projects, Rotarians in the District of Central Texas 5870 are so very passionate about. We need to raise more to do great Life changing projects in our communities and around the Globe. Thank you so much for continuing to give as you are able.

Last but not least, Tim and I would like to thank all the clubs that so generously gave a donation to ShelterBox USA in support of the DG Spouse Project this year. I hoping to have a grand total of your support in early Jan. 2016. BTW, ShelterBox USA featured Rotary District of Central Texas 5870 on their website home page last month. Isn't that great!

So as we move forward in to Dec. 2015 Please Hold your elections for next year's Board and get the next year's PE, Secretary, Treasures, Membership Chair, PR Chair, and Foundation reported into RI no later than Dec.31st. These offices will start receiving emails from RI in Jan. 2016 to get them ready for next year. You will be glad you did!

Tim and I wish you all a Safe, Happy Holidays & Happy New Years!!!

## ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

Every year, hundreds of thousands of people — children, families, and entire communities — benefit from projects funded by The Rotary Foundation. When you give to Rotary, you enable local leaders to create sustainable solutions to their community's most pressing needs.



Although Rotary gives back in countless ways, we focus our service efforts in [six areas](#): promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies.

With your support we can do even more. By making a gift of any size, you can be part of this positive change.



## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotary members and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. This support is essential to make possible projects, funded with Foundation grants, that bring sustainable improvement to communities in need.



## The Jerry Johnson Testamentary Trust Match

District 5870 has a unique method to help you become an initial (first-time) Paul Harris Fellow. Over the past six years, 692 Rotarians in 54 different clubs have taken advantage of this program, resulting in 389 PHF's. We hope to be able to help you, too.

The Jerry Johnson Testamentary Trust (the "Trust") will generally match contributions of new cash made during the current Rotary year to the Annual Fund-SHARE on a 1-to-1 basis in the amounts of \$100 to \$500 for any active Rotarian in District 5870 who is not yet a first time Paul Harris Fellow. (More information below)







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Here's how it works:

1. Before making an eligible contribution, please contact PDG Rich Kaye via email at [richkaye@hot.rr.com](mailto:richkaye@hot.rr.com) and let him know how much you intend to contribute. The Trust will establish your baseline and monitor Rotary Foundation (TRF) reports to (1) verify that the funds have been received and posted properly to TRF records, and (2) determine the amount of the match for which you qualify.
2. Send your contribution directly to TRF using either The Rotary Foundation Contribution Form (123-EN) or going on-line at [www.rotary.org/give](http://www.rotary.org/give). Once the contribution appears on your record, the Trust will submit the match.
3. It is not necessary to make a contribution that, when matched by the Trust, will result in a PHF in order to take advantage of the program. For instance, if you have already contributed \$500 to date, and now elect to contribute just \$100 more, the Trust will match that \$100.
4. There are a few exceptions. Please note that the Trust:
  - a. Will not match contributions less than \$100, and will not match more than it actually takes to achieve the PHF. For instance, if you have already contributed \$500 to date, and now elect to contribute \$300 more, the Trust will only match the first \$200 so that you achieve PHF status. Because of this, If you already have contributed more than \$800 toward your first PHF you are generally not eligible for the match.
  - b. Will not match contributions made to PolioPlus, Endowment Fund, Rotary Peace Centers, and Global Grants. While these contributions are both appreciated and important, they fall outside the parameters of the Trust.
  - c. Will not match Foundation Recognition Point transfers.
5. If applicable, please provide me with the mailing address to which your PHF certificate and pin can be mailed by TRF.

Yours in Rotary Service,

PDG Rich Kaye

Trustee, Jerry Johnson Testamentary Trust Donor Advised Fund

Revised December 7, 2015

## Per Capita Foundation Giving – as of November 29, 2015 (Top 25 Clubs)

The top 25 Clubs to date on a per capita basis are shown below. As a comparison, the top 25 Clubs from 2014-2015 are also shown.

Top 25 Per Capita 2014-15		Top 25 Per Capita 2015-16	
Club	Per Capita	Club	Per Capita
Killeen Heights	\$774.37	Killeen Heights	\$582.56
Harker Heights	\$709.93	Temple-South	\$324.96
Killeen Evening	\$669.85	Lakeway/Lake Travis	\$168.40
Austin University Area	\$496.22	Killeen	\$156.06
Marble Falls	\$469.95	Marble Falls	\$110.67
Temple-South	\$440.02	Taylor	\$102.86
Temple	\$313.80	Austin Capitol	\$100.00
Belton	\$259.32	Lexington	\$100.00
Killeen	\$218.92	Cedar Creek	\$93.10
Marble Falls Daybreak	\$202.32	Austin Cosmopolitan	\$84.44
Austin Cosmopolitan	\$190.66	Northwest Waco	\$81.09
Corsicana	\$171.95	Cameron	\$76.73
Georgetown-Sun City	\$164.17	Georgetown-Sun City	\$58.80
Georgetown	\$159.69	Salado	\$54.55
Mexia	\$159.62	Marble Falls Daybreak	\$54.48
Austin Westlake	\$156.14	West Austin	\$48.10
Cedar Park	\$153.95	Austin	\$42.96
Round Rock Sunrise	\$151.92	Temple	\$42.17
Fairfield	\$149.40	Waco	\$41.15
Giddings	\$148.38	Yoakum	\$40.47
South Austin	\$145.26	McGregor	\$34.17
Northwest Austin	\$144.17	Austin Westlake	\$33.33
Bee Cave	\$142.80	South Austin	\$32.81
Austin-Oak Hill	\$140.62	Corsicana	\$31.54
West Austin	\$139.57	East Austin	\$30.00
<b>Total District</b>	<b>\$176.24</b>	<b>Total District</b>	<b>\$62.67</b>

## Foundation Giving – as of November 29, 2015, (Top 25 Clubs)

The top 25 Clubs to date on a dollar basis are shown below. As a comparison, the top 25 Clubs from 2014-2015 are also shown.

Top 25 Annual Fund Giving 2014-15	
Club	Total
Killeen Heights	\$89,827
Harker Heights	\$41,176
Marble Falls	\$30,547
Temple	\$26,359
Temple-South	\$19,801
Austin	\$19,579
Georgetown	\$18,843
Austin University Area	\$18,360
Waco	\$16,983
Northwest Austin	\$12,110
Georgetown-Sun City	\$10,835
Corsicana	\$10,145
Killeen Evening	\$8,708
Killeen	\$8,100
Lakeway/Lake Travis	\$7,510
La Grange	\$7,471
West Austin	\$6,420
Marble Falls Daybreak	\$6,272
Austin Cosmopolitan	\$6,101
Bastrop County	\$5,865
Pflugerville	\$5,730
Belton	\$5,705
Round Rock	\$5,500
Giddings	\$5,490
South Austin	\$5,084
<b>Total District</b>	<b>\$466,691</b>

Top 25 Annual Fund Giving 2015-16	
Club	Total
Killeen Heights	\$60,004
Temple-South	\$16,248
Waco	\$10,370
Austin	\$8,763
Marble Falls	\$8,300
Lakeway/Lake Travis	\$7,915
Killeen	\$5,150
Georgetown-Sun City	\$3,881
Temple	\$3,753
Taylor	\$3,600
Cedar Creek	\$2,886
Austin Cosmopolitan	\$2,871
Corsicana	\$2,145
Austin Capitol	\$2,100
West Austin	\$2,020
Cameron	\$1,995
Georgetown	\$1,865
Northwest Waco	\$1,784
Marble Falls Daybreak	\$1,580
La Grange	\$1,525
Yoakum	\$1,457
Lexington	\$1,100
South Austin	\$1,050
Pflugerville	\$1,000
Austin-North by Northeast	\$840
<b>Total District</b>	<b>\$165,974</b>

## PolioPlus Contributions – as of November 29, 2015, (Top 25 Clubs)

The top 25 Clubs to date are shown below. As a comparison, the top 25 Clubs from 2014-2015 are also shown.

Top 25 PolioPlus Contributions 2014-15		Top 25 PolioPlus Contributions 2015-16	
Club	Total	Club	Total
Northwest Austin	\$12,225	Georgetown	\$2,880
Austin	\$11,107	Austin	\$1,515
Austin University Area	\$6,550	Killeen	\$1,100
Georgetown-Sun City	\$6,040	E-Club of 5870	\$1,000
Georgetown	\$3,240	Waco	\$830
Temple-South	\$2,500	Austin-North by Northeast	\$777
Killeen	\$2,475	La Grange	\$730
Killeen Heights	\$2,308	Austin Capitol	\$610
Marble Falls	\$2,100	Rockdale	\$580
Round Rock Sunrise	\$2,000	Taylor	\$529
Rockdale	\$1,955	Round Rock Sunrise	\$500
La Grange	\$1,400	Shiner	\$500
Bastrop County	\$1,029	Northwest Austin	\$465
Fairfield	\$1,003	Cameron	\$250
Yoakum	\$1,000	Northwest Waco	\$250
West Austin	\$925	West Austin	\$250
Austin-North by Northeast	\$865	Killeen Heights	\$240
Bosque County (Clifton)	\$774	Austin University Area	\$200
Burnet	\$500	East Austin	\$200
Cameron	\$500	Georgetown-Sun City	\$200
Giddings	\$490	Itasca	\$150
Killeen Evening	\$460	Fairfield	\$100
Belton	\$458	Flatonia	\$100
Marlin	\$400	Lakeway/Lake Travis	\$100
Temple	\$375	Marble Falls	\$100
<b>Total District</b>	<b>\$64,243</b>	<b>Total District</b>	<b>\$14,531</b>



## Interview with Doug Lowe President of the Sun City Rotary Club

### **Please tell us what factors helped you decide to join Rotary:**

The strongest factor was my older brother who was a life-long Rotarian in Southern Arizona and District Governor in 1995-1996. Other factors included emphasis on "service above self", the 4-Way test and the time now to dedicate to Rotary.

### **As President, what's your biggest concern for the coming year?**

Membership. I strongly believe that District 5780 should hold a District Membership Summit in 2015-2016. I would be willing to assist with planning and facilitation.

### **Of your Club's activities, what do you consider the one thing that best identifies what your Club is all about?**

Breakfast With Santa fundraiser/community service to help needy families and children enjoy the holidays with clothes, toys and food. It has grown every year since it began 15 years ago and will serve more than 175 children this year at a cost of about \$42K.

### **What is your Club doing this year to attract new members?**

Attended the Zones 21b & 27 2nd Annual Membership Summit. Need to look into more flexible structures for clubs to make them more available and attractive to younger members. However, quality should not be sacrificed for quantity.

### **Do you have any advice to offer others in the District about how best to achieve a successful fund-raiser?**

Complete or review a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment before initiating a new fundraiser. If it supports a real need, it will be supported well by the community.

### **Do you have any innovative plans for Rotary-related publicity during your Presidency?**

No, but keep trying to get media coverage for any Rotary activity or event.

### **What's the best book you've read in the past 3 years?**

The Century Trilogy, Ken Follett

### **What's your favorite quotation?**

Emerson. "In every man there is something where in I may learn of him, and in that I am his pupil."

### **What's your favorite restaurant in your community?**

Longhorn Steakhouse

**What one thing would you most recommend as a "must see", a "hidden treasure", for visitors to your community?** The Palace Theater. Every musical they present is of highest quality and entertainment supported by outstanding volunteers from the local and surrounding area, Broadway moved to Texas.





## Interview with Gail Peek President of the Temple Rotary Club

### **What factors helped you decide to join Rotary?**

I was not familiar with Rotary. A friend invited me to lunch. It was a Rotary lunch meeting. I saw a number of people in the community whom I respected a great deal. I visited a few more times, and was asked to join. I did not immediately say yes, but after a few months decided to join.

### **What is your favorite quotation?**

If not you, then who? Whenever I feel overwhelmed and doubtful that I can take on one more task, I think of this simple question. It empowers me.

### **What do you consider the one thing that best identifies what your Club is all about?**

Our Club stresses education. Two school superintendents are members of our Club, Dr. Robin Battershell of the Temple Independent School District, and Dr. Susan Kincannon of the Belton Independent School District. Each month we honor an Educator of the Month from each school district. This is always a wonderful meeting as we honor these educators who do not often receive the recognition they so richly deserve.

### **What is your Club doing this year to attract new members?**

The Temple Rotary Club, the Temple South Rotary Club, and the Belton Rotary Club all meet at noon. In order to attract more members, the three clubs are collaborating with an evening meeting time. We call the evening meeting Rotary After Work. Individuals join one of the three Clubs, and attend the evening meeting. Rotary After Work has also proven to be a good opportunity for meeting make-ups.

### **Do you have any advice to offer others in the District about how best to achieve a successful fundraiser?**

Our major fundraiser is a Spaghetti Supper. It still raises good revenue, but this year we explored additional approaches that helped our bottom line. A few years ago we added a dessert table bake sale for indoor diners. This year we expanded the dessert sales to our "to go" line and tripled our sales of desserts. We are also experimenting with collaborating with other Rotary Clubs on ticket sales, and fundraising opportunities for those clubs. Whatever you decide on for your fundraiser, it is important to set short term and long term fundraising goals. Annually assess whether the fundraiser is meeting these goals. If the horizon is not favorable, start searching for ways to improve the fundraiser, or search for an alternative fundraiser.

### **Do you have any innovative plans for Rotary-related publicity during your Presidency?**

Our Club has been quite successful in getting photos of our events in our local paper. In addition, we were able to get local paper publicity of our DAP Grant in which we helped a local youth group in an underserved section of Temple with a community garden. This coming year our Club will celebrate its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Plans are in the works for some fun-filled events, including publication of a 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet. One of the local freelance writers for the local paper is working with our Club on this project.

### **As President, what is our biggest concern for the coming year?**

Membership, membership, membership. We are a mature club with an aging membership. We have made concerted efforts to bring in more members, and improve our demographics. Keeping up with these two ends of the spectrum requires more planning. Nevertheless, we are finding ways to keep Rotary fresh and relevant for our seasoned members, and a fun experience for our newer members. We are incorporating a mentoring program that pairs newer members with our seasoned members. The point is no Rotarian is too old or too young to serve. We hope these efforts will make our club inviting to all and attract more members.

### **What is the best book you have read in the past 3 years?**

One of the best books I read at any time is *Democracy in America* by Alexis de Tocqueville. The book was published in the nineteenth century. It is one of the best descriptions and analyses of our democratic system. Many of the things de Tocqueville observed in the 1830's are hauntingly relevant today.

### **What is your favorite restaurant in your community?**

This is an easy one. Pignetti's in Temple is wonderful for its food, its atmosphere AND the owner, Clinton Harwell, is a member of our Club!

### **What one thing would you most recommend as a "must see", a "hidden treasure", for visitors to your community?**

The Bell County Museum in Belton, Texas is a wonderful resource in our community. The Museum has many exhibits that are a rich story of the Central Texas community. The bonus is the Museum's Executive Director, Beverly Hadley, is a member.



## Interview with Damon Bererle President of the Burnet Rotary Club

### **Please tell us what factors helped you decide to join Rotary:**

The motto "Service Above Self" was the first thing that caught my attention. After visiting the club a few times and seeing what is possible through Rotary, how could I not join and be a part of such a great organization.

### **As President, what's your biggest concern for the coming year?**

Membership engagement and retention. We are only as strong as our members.

### **Of your Club's activities, what do you consider the one thing that best identifies what your Club is all about?**

Our club is the founding organization of the Hill Country Community Foundation. This foundation donates over \$400,000.00 every year to graduating Seniors of Burnet High School. Any Senior that is going to attend higher education and applies is guaranteed a scholarship. Our club is dedicated to our community and the youth that will lead it someday.

### **What is your Club doing this year to attract new members?**

To engage our current members in order to retain members while attracting new members from our community. We have had a wonderful influx of new members, these new members have been on fire for Rotary and have started recruiting new members. Seeing that, we have had several veteran members who are sponsoring new members as well.

### **Do you have any advice to offer others in the District about how best to achieve a successful fund-raiser?**

Enthusiasm and involvement. If you can create a fun and fulfilling environment that impacts your members and the community you will see success is anything you do.

### **Do you have any innovative plans for Rotary-related publicity during your Presidency?**

Our club is involved in several programs related to our community. I want to see the public more aware of the things we do. We recently joined forces with the School District and honor a "Rotary Student of the Month" as well as with the Burnet Chamber of Commerce we have a "Rotary Spotlight" which recognizes local business owners/workers who go above and beyond in the community, someone who exemplifies "Service Above Self" without being a Rotarian. Our latest program is a car magnet that a different member every few weeks displays on their car that simply states "I Am Rotary" this is an effort to engage the general public to ask what it means.

### **What's the best book you've read in the past 3 years?**

The Explicit Gospel by Matt Chandler – I highly recommend it!

### **What's your favorite quotation?**

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."  
Thomas A. Edison

### **What's your favorite restaurant in your community?**

A new one called Mama's Home Cooking. The new owners have taken this town by storm with great food and wonderful giving hearts who already show a passion for Burnet and Rotary!

### **What one thing would you most recommend as a "must see", a "hidden treasure", for visitors to your community?**

I invite you to one of our club meetings, Wednesdays at noon. Our "hidden treasure" has got to be the wonderful people who live here.

# Early Act First Knight

## Bastrop ISD

- Bluebonnet Elementary (Cedar Creek Rotary)
- Cedar Creek Elementary (Cedar Creek & Bastrop Rotary)
- Emile Elementary (Cedar Creek & Bastrop Rotary)
- Lost Pines Elementary (Cedar Creek & Bastrop Rotary)
- Mina Elementary (Cedar Creek & Bastrop Rotary)
- Red Rock Elementary (Cedar Creek & Bastrop Rotary)
- Bastrop Intermediate (Cedar Creek & Bastrop Rotary)
- Cedar Creek Intermediate (Cedar Creek & Bastrop Rotary)



## Smithville ISD

- Brown Primary Elementary (Cedar Creek & Bastrop Rotary)

## Killeen ISD

- West Ward Elementary (Killeen/ Harker Heights Rotary)
- Willow Springs Elementary (Harker Heights Rotary)
- Reeces Creek Elementary (Killeen Rotary)
- Harker Heights Elementary (Harker Heights Rotary)
- Haynes Elementary (Killeen & Killeen Evening Rotary)



## Austin ISD

- Dawson Elementary (Austin Rotary)
- Pecan Springs Elementary (Cosmopolitan, University Area, East Austin, Austin & E-Club Rotary)

## LaGrange ISD

- Hermes Elementary (LaGrange Rotary)

## Georgetown ISD

- Mitchell Elementary (Georgetown Rotary)
- Williams Elementary (Georgetown Rotary)

## Jarrell ISD

- Jarrell Elementary (Georgetown Sun City Rotary)
- Jarrell Intermediate (Georgetown Sun City Rotary)

## Giddings ISD

- Giddings Elementary (Giddings Rotary)

## Flatonia ISD

- Flatonia Elementary (Flatonia Rotary)

## Shiner ISD

- Shiner Elementary (Shiner Rotary)

## Waco ISD

- Parkcrest Elementary (Northwest Waco Rotary)

## Round-Top Carmine ISD

- Round Top – Carmine Elementary (LaGrange Rotary)







## Working with Peace Corps

Peace Corps, an independent U.S. federal agency, sends U.S. citizens abroad to help tackle the most pressing needs around the world while promoting better international understanding of American culture and enhancing global awareness. Peace Corps Volunteers live and work alongside the people they support for a period of two or more years and concentrate efforts to create sustainable change that lives on long after their period of in-country service. Peace Corps currently has volunteers in more than 60 countries.

While in service, each Peace Corps Volunteer is tasked with addressing one of the following sectors:

- Education
- Health
- Community Economic Development
- Environment
- Youth in Development
- Agriculture

These sectors align closely with Rotary's areas of focus, which provide the framework for Rotary members' work around the globe.

Learn more at [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov).

### Why work with a Peace Corps Volunteer?

A Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV) offers access to local contacts, community development insights, and funding possibilities within a particular community. Involving a PCV in your project will increase its reach, impact, and sustainability.

Peace Corps Volunteers work with nongovernmental organizations, host-country governments, and local community members to identify and address local needs. PCVs can help you identify prospective beneficiaries and work with you to find the most effective way to address a community's needs. They also can help oversee a project's implementation, assist with training, and help you make arrangements with community members to ensure a project's sustainability.

Rotary and Rotaract club projects are strengthened when clubs in different countries form an international partnership. Returned Peace Corps Volunteers often maintain relationships with their host community. Returned Peace Corps Volunteers can help connect clubs at home in the U.S. to ones with which they worked while abroad. Such links can lead to international Rotary partnerships that provide resources for projects in the host country.

### How to work with a Peace Corps Volunteer

Peace Corps Volunteers live in the community they are helping, and are eager to meet with others who are invested in improving communities. To introduce Rotary to a Peace Corps Volunteer:

- Invite the volunteer to a club meeting or Rotary event.
- Invite the volunteer to visit a project your club has undertaken in your community.
- Invite the volunteer to make a presentation at a club meeting about his or her work and experiences in-country.
- Explore how the volunteer can serve as a cross-cultural liaison between the host club and existing or potential club project partners in the U.S.
- Ask for the volunteer's assistance translating documents and communications from English into the local language.



To identify collaboration opportunities, check Peace Corps' website for [lists of countries](#) where Peace Corps works. Even if a volunteer lives far from your club's area, he or she still may be able to assist with contacts in your region.

Contact [rotarypartnership@peacecorps.gov](mailto:rotarypartnership@peacecorps.gov) to connect with Peace Corps post in your country.

### **How to create a Rotary Community Corps in collaboration with Peace Corps Volunteers**

Rotary Community Corps (RCCs) are made up of people who are not Rotary members but who work in partnership with Rotary clubs to improve their communities. Each RCC is sponsored by a Rotary club and acts as its partner in service.

Some RCCs are created for a specific project, while others tackle larger, entrenched problems on an ongoing basis. Each RCC sets its own goals based on its community's specific needs. As representatives of the community being served, RCC members bring enthusiasm, creativity, and sustainability to the projects they help design and implement. They offer community solutions for community challenges.

Work with the community's Peace Corps Volunteer to determine whether a new RCC should be established to undertake project work and to ensure a project's sustainability after the volunteer has returned home. Learn more about [Rotary Community Corps](#).

### **How to work with Returned Peace Corps Volunteers**

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs), volunteers who've completed their service abroad and have returned to the U.S. often maintain strong relationships with their host communities and with the local Rotary or Rotaract clubs. To introduce your club to a Return Peace Corps Volunteer:

- [Contact a Peace Corps Regional Recruitment Office](#) to connect with the local RPCV alumni network in your region
- Invite a returned volunteer to attend your club meeting or a Rotary event.
- Invite a returned volunteer to make a presentation about his or her work abroad and, if applicable, about how he or she worked with local Rotary or Rotaract clubs.
- Ask a returned volunteer to facilitate an introduction to the Rotary or Rotaract clubs with which he or she worked while abroad.
- Invite a returned volunteer to use his or her community development expertise to assist your club with its projects.

## **Rotary Interact Service Club at Fulmore Middle School (Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Austin)**



We are honored to introduce Rotary to our newest Interact Club in District 5870 sponsored by the Rotary Club of Austin. Our own Judge Lee Yeakel came to the October club meeting and talked with the club members and swore in their new officers. What a great experience for the young future leaders! The club under the leadership of club members Sherry Workman, Darrick Eugene and Debbie Simmons are off to a great start, learning service and leadership skills and will be working on their service projects soon. They are also learning to live by the Four Way Test and our Rotary Motto "Service Above Self". This Interact club is unique in the fact that is in actually part of a leadership/ Pals class at Fulmore under the direction of their teacher Mrs. Jennifer Stewart and Principal Mrs. Lisa Bush.



The Rotary Club of Caldwell presented a \$1,000 check to Jody Hammons representing the MAKE A DIFFERENCE WALK FOR CANCER, Burleson County Cancer Resource Program. Headquartered in Caldwell, provides assistance to individuals who have been diagnosed with cancer, by assistance for expenses related to their cancer treatment.

Individuals may call 936 245-4372 for more information. Rotary meets every Tuesday in the Board room at Burleson St Joseph Health Center.

### **THANKS TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY from the Rotary Club of Austin!**

The American Cancer Society called Rotary to see if the teachers at Pecan Springs could use tons of bulletin board, binders, hanging file folders, letter trays and computer typing trays. The teachers were thrilled when Mary Reynolds delivered the carload of supplies to the school twice and it was all gone in less than a day to various classrooms at Pecan Springs. The hanging file folders were perfect timing because Pecan Springs teachers finally got their new furniture that was purchased with bond money and all of the teachers now have lateral files but had no hanging file folders to put in them. It is always such a treat when the teachers get office supplies that make their work easier and it is hard to spend the limited educational funds for teacher supplies.

# OPERATION VACATION



**Thank You for your Service  
Rodriguez & Vernon  
Family!**



The Rotary Club of Austin and Killeen hosted the Rodriguez family on October 13-15 at the Hilton Austin Hotel downtown. The family received two nights with meals at the hotel, a rent car for the weekend from Killeen Toyota, spending cash from Killeen Rotary Club, a gift basket of goof=dies from the Austin Rotary Club as well as a family style BBQ at the County Line on the Hill with all the trimmings on Saturday nite. "The family was blown away and texted me to tell me that they could not believe perfect strangers treated them like they were someone special", said Mary Reynolds, Chair of the Operation Vacation for Rotary. What a great project to show our service personnel that we do appreciate the sacrifices they make for us.

SFC Nick Vernon and his wife Wendy and two year old son, Cayton enjoyed a weekend of much needed R & R in Austin at the Hyatt Regency Austin this month thanks to Operation Vacation and some great sponsors. The Rotary Clubs of Austin and Killeen work with Ft. Hood to select an enlisted soldier who has served overseas and arranges a car arranged by Toyota Killeen. The Rotary Club of Austin along with the hospitality community sets up a room and meals at one of Austin's finest hotels as a thank you for their military service. This gives the soldier a chance to have special bonding time with his family. Rotary puts together a bag with souvenirs, snacks and gifts and County Line Restaurant provides a Texas BBQ dinner on Saturday with all the trimming. Vernon could not believe he was treated like such a VIP for just doing his job but this is a great way for Austin to say thank you for their service to our country and keeping us safe.

**Don't forget the green light project for Veterans. Be sure to change out one of you're outside lights on your home or business to show veterans that we remember them every day and the service they gave to our country. They are always heroes to all of us-let's show it with a green light!**



# Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 12/12/15



The Gates Foundation is currently matching all Rotarian Raised Polio Donations \$2 for each \$1 Contributed (Up to \$35Mil/Yr.)

**Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!**

**PolioPlus: "This Close" Is Not Close Enough**

**Advocate, Donate & Educate to END POLIO NOW & FOREVER !**

14,000,000 Children Saved from the Paralysis of Polio Since 1988

	Year-to-date 2015	LY to D 2014	Total 2014	Total 2013	Total 2012
Total paralysis cases					
Globally	66	324	359	416	222
- in endemic countries:	66	305	340	160	216
- in non-endemic countries:	0	19	19	256	6

**Polio cases reported this week:**

**Pakistan 6, Afghanistan 0**

**2015 Polio Case Breakdown by Country** (Green Numbers are 2014 Totals)

**Endemic Countries** – 49 Pakistan (2014-306), 17 Afghanistan (2014-28)

**Post Endemic** 0 Nigeria(2014-6)

**2014 Importation Countries** – 0 Cameroon (2014-5), 0 Eq. Guinea (2014-5)

0 Somalia (2014-5), 0 Ethiopia (2014-1), 0 Syria (2014-1), 0 Iraq (2014-2)

Terry Ziegler, [bigzlumber@aol.com](mailto:bigzlumber@aol.com) District 5890 Rotary Foundation Committee Chair





## District 5870 2015-2016 Major Events



***Save These Dates!***

### Foundation Dinner 2016

**The Austin Marriott North @ La Frontera**

***Date: February 6, 2016***

Major Donor Reception before Dinner

Guest Speaker: RIPE John Germ



### February 2016

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28	29					

### Conference of Rotary Clubs 2016

**Horseshoe Bay Resort**

***Dates: June 23-26th, 2016***

Excellent Entertainment Planned



### June 2016

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**If you would like to help out with the Conference of Rotary Clubs 2016 please contact:**

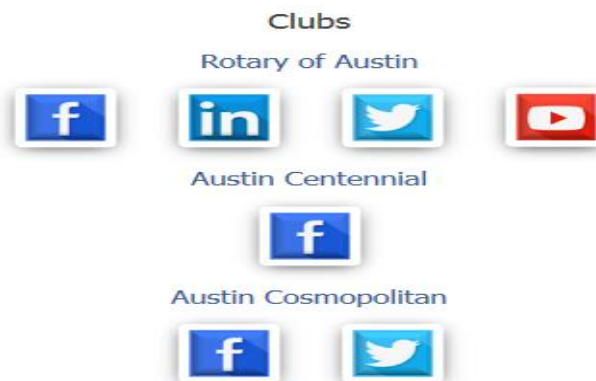
**Jeff Matera, [jmatera@lakeviewlaboratories.com](mailto:jmatera@lakeviewlaboratories.com) , Conference of Rotary Clubs Chair**

## Upcoming Club Events within the District

November 2 thru December 17	<b>Austin Westlake Rotary Raffle Fundraiser</b> \$20 each or 6 for \$100 (Win Dream Vacation)
December 17	<b>Lake Travis Rotary Jeopardy</b> Come play Jeopardy @ Fore Restaurant
February 6	<b>Rotary District 5870 Foundation Dinner</b> North Austin Marriott @ La Frontera Speaker: John Germ
February 20	<b>Caldwell Rotary Casino Night</b> Expo Fairgrounds @ 7:00pm to 10:00pm
March 5	<b>Pflugerville Rotary Casino Night</b> Pflugerville Hall

**Reminder: Go to the District Website then to the social media page and LIKE and SHARE each and every Club Facebook page.**

***All 62 clubs within our district have a Facebook page.***



## Newsletter

To get your club featured in the newsletter or to submit an article about your club.

Please email Jill McNabb at [jill.mcnabb@gtfcu.org](mailto:jill.mcnabb@gtfcu.org)