

Rotary
District 5910



People of Action

Upcoming Events

[RYLA Weekend Retreat](#)

Jan 04, 2018 – Jan 07, 2018

[RYLA 2018 - Volunteer Registration](#)

Jan 04, 2018 6:00 PM –
Jan 07, 2018 3:00 PM

[RYLA 2018 - Student Registration](#)

Jan 05, 2018 6:00 PM –
Jan 07, 2018 3:00 PM

[RYLA 2018 - Club Commitments](#)

Jan 05, 2018 6:00 PM –
Jan 07, 2018 3:00 PM

[International Assembly](#)

Jan 14, 2018 – Jan 20, 2018

[SCRYE Winter Meeting](#)

Jan 26, 2018 – Jan 28, 2018

[Enter 2018-19 Clb Officers in ClubRunner](#)

Feb 01, 2018

[Mid-Year Meeting and Pre-PETS](#)

Tentative: Lone Star College -
Montgomery
Feb 03, 2018

[Long Term Outbound Orientation Meeting](#)

Lone Star College
Feb 10, 2018

[Short Term Applicant & Parent Interviews](#)

Feb 10, 2018

[2nd Long Term Outbound Orientation meeting](#)

Feb 17, 2018 – Feb 18, 2018

[Rotary International Anniversary](#)

District 5910 News

January 2018

[Rhonda Herrington](#)

Rotary Club of Palestine
District Governor 2017-2018
Rotary District 5910



Stories

[RYLA 2018 SendOff](#)



As the District R YLA TEAM sets up camp and stokes the fire, and students prepare for the weekend ahead, the rest of the Rotarians of District 5910 send everyone wishes for an unforgettable experience. Safe travels!

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[Monthly Designation](#)

Feb 23, 2018



District Grants 2017-18

DISTRICT GRANTS

As of December 26, there was \$5,768 available for distribution in District Grant funds.

If the club has already received a District Grant, a second grant request may be submitted. Grant projects must be completed and reports submitted to Bobby Chapman by May 1, 2018.

Dave Johnson
Grants Co-Chair 2017-18
979-775-3587
979-219-4499 (cell)

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DISTRICT DISASTER RELIEF GRANTS

Have you applied for Disaster Relief Foundation Funds?

The District 5910 Foundation and RI Foundation Donor Advised Fund have money available for Hurricane Harvey Relief Grants. Get your applications in as soon as possible.



The District Disaster Relief Foundation Fund Committee is currently accepting applications from Rotary Clubs in our District to aide in Hurricane Harvey relief. Applications are reviewed and a response is returned within 10 days. Please be sure to review the criteria. Please submit your application via email to Amy Killgore at amy.killgore@gmail.com.

Information and forms here:
[GRANT CRITERIA](#)
[GRANT APPLICATION FORM](#)

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Mid-Year/Pr e-PETs Meeting**You ar e Invited!**

Rotary District 5910
 Mid-Year Meeting and Pr e-PETS
 8:30 – 1:00 pm
 Saturday , Feb. 3, 2018
 Tentative location: Lone Star College-Montgomery
 Registration fee: \$30

Who should attend?

- Presidents - meet with Governor Rhonda to plan second half of your year
- Presidents-elect - meet with Governor-elect John to prepare for PETS (March 1-4 in Dallas)
- Presidents-nominee - meet with Governor-nominee Betsy to get acquainted and start thinking about your work together
- Assistant governors – meet with one of the above groups
- Club leaders, emerging leaders, committee chairs, all interested Rotarians - discuss and share best practices and club success stories

Email any questions and information requests to Becky Mason (BeckyLMason@mac.com) who is assisting District Trainer Emken Linton on this session.

**CLICK ON BUTTON TO
REGISTER NOW!**

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Roll of Fame Nominations**Roll of Fame Call for Nominations: Deadline Mar ch 1, 2018**

As chair of District 5910's Role of Fame Committee for 2017-2018, I am reminding that Role of Fame nominations need to be submitted. Attached are copies of the District's (a) requirements for Role of Fame nominees and (b) Nomination Form, both of which were sent previously.

Please have your club review its membership and nominate one Rotarian that you feel deserves our District's highest honorary award. The nominee must be able to attend the District Conference later in the spring to receive the award. Please submit the nominees' names for review by the District Roll of Fame Committee

no later than March 1, 2018. Recipients are expected to appear in person to accept the honor.

Thanks for your deliberation and assistance.

William C. "Bill" Leigh
District 5910 Roll of Fame Chairman

Link to nomination documents:

[District Roll of Fame Criteria](#)

[District Roll of Fame Nomination Form](#)

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[2018 District Conference](#)



Attention Campers!!! Start Packing your Gear!

No doubt you've heard something about the 2018 District Conference April 27-29, 2018, and want to know more! You're in luck, just check out our website: 5910conference.org.

To begin with, however, you need to register ([click here to register](#)).

If you plan to stay onsite, be aware, we are severely limited on rooms.

Rooms must be paid for by registering online with a credit card. [Click here to book a room.](#)

If you would like to consider "bunking it", the room cost is cheaper, and you'll get a different experience. Check out the "Camp Hearn Dorm Rooms" [here](#).

Looking forward to seeing you in Palestine in April!

Sloan Shuffler
Conference Chair
sloan@sloancpa.com

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[FUNDRAISER: Texas City](#)

ROTARY CLUB OF TEXAS CITY
8th Annual Mardi Gras Mainland Gala
"HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD"



The Rotary Club of Texas City is excited to announce the 8th Annual Mardi Gras Mainland Gala “HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD” masked event for 2018. The spectacular event is set for January 27, 2018, at the Doyle Convention Center in Texas City. There will also be a Fun Run and Parade again this year. You can go to www.mainlandmardigras.com and sign up for all three events.

The proceeds from the Gala will help provide funding for the many community and international projects and programs Rotary provides and/or has provided such as the Rotary Pavilion, Rotary Fitness Trail and updates to the Trail, Shoal Point Lighthouse and Layettes for Nicaragua. Rotary also supports educational projects and programs for Texas City ISD.

New this year we have added a “Royal Court” which includes nominees from our Galveston County Rotary Clubs which include Galveston, The Mainland, Friendswood, Dickinson, League City and Texas City. The King and Queen will be crowned at the Gala. If you so choose, you can wear your favorite Mardi Gras mask to add a festive touch to the evening.

The Gala will begin at 7 p.m. with a steak and shrimp dinner catered by Joe’s BBQ, open bar, silent and live auctions and continuous music throughout the evening from “The Lineup” a local premier band.

[Click here to view the advertisement which includes the Royal Court.](#)

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[Beaumont Invitation](#)



You do not want to miss this opportunity! The Rotary Club of Beaumont is bringing Dr. Sylvia Whitlock to Beaumont to speak on March 7 in celebration of International Women's Day 2018. Dr. Whitlock will speak at the Club's meeting at Noon at the MCM Elegante. Advanced reservations will be required and information will be sent soon so you can reserve your seat.

In 1982, while an Elementary School Principal in Duarte, CA., Sylvia Whitlock was invited to join the history-making EX-Rotary Club of Duarte. Dr. Whitlock became President of that club in 1987, the year the United States Supreme Court ruled that the club be reinstated, thus making her the first woman in the Rotary World to head a club as President. She has served as President twice, Secretary, Treasurer, and Foundation Representative. At the district level, she chaired the Four-Way Test Speech committee for six years, chaired the Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee for six years, chaired Simplified Grants for two years and received a Service Award from DG Don Aikin. She has been an Assistant Governor, presenter in Governors Institutes, and speaker in Rotary Clubs conventions and meetings, here in the United States and abroad, including South Africa and Jamaica.

Dr. Whitlock is multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor and Member of the Bequest Society. Also, she has received numerous awards and recognitions including Global Citizen Award from the United Nations Association in 2013.

[CLUB NEWS: Angelina](#)



Angelina & Lufkin Rotary Clubs bought and decorated a Christmas tree for a community wide fundraiser for the Museum of East Texas.



Angelina Rotarian ringing bells for the Salvation Army. Pictured is President Barbara Thompson and her husband Tommy. Other Rotarians not pictured are Dr. Patricia McKenzie and Nancy Minton.



Distinguished Angelina Rotarians were honored doing the Annual Boy Scouts of America Banquet. ARC Assistant Governor Dr. Patricia McKenzie and Club President Barbara Thompson are on hand to celebrate with Charda & Louis Bronaugh.



Let the games began and update of fundraiser. Paula Havard giving out tags to attending Rotarians for gifts drawing.



Crystal Williams giving updates to the club about our Wizards Basketball Team fund raiser. Also in picture are a few of toys brought by members for toy drive for the Salvation Army Angel Tree.



Santa Claus and his elf singing Christmas music at the Rotary Club Christmas Party.

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CLUB NEWS: Beaumont



Beaumont Rotarians always enjoy participating in the Salvation Army Red Kettle drive by ringing the bell at the mall and this year was no exception. Club members were joined by friends and family members.



The Club's annual Holiday Party was especially fun with very special entertainment by Martin Elementary music and choir students who provided a special program. There is something very touching about the sound of children's voices in song and between songs, the children presented specially prepared, and memorized messages for Rotarians and guests. These students and all the others in the school were among those who were recipients of new shoes from the club following the Harvey flooding disaster in the area.

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CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

Cleveland Rotarian and Tarkington ISD Superintendent Kevin Weldon introduced members to Dr. Marc Keith, lone finalist for the District's new superintendent. A final decision on his selection will be made soon. Superintendent Weldon will be enjoying his well-deserved retirement and continuing his contributions to Cleveland Rotary. Another welcomed guest was Rotary supporter Josh Good of CBS Furniture, who generously donated the \$1000 gift certificate to the store for the recent Rotary Club of Cleveland fundraiser. Cleveland is fortunate to have so many people interested in the futures of the local students.



Pictured (left to right): Rotarian and Tarkington ISD Superintendent Kevin Weldon, Tarkington ISD Superintendent finalist Dr. Marc Keith, Josh Good of CBS Furniture, and Rotary President Scott Lambert.

Members of the Cleveland Rotary Club received the latest information on the proposed Grand Oaks Reserve Subdivision, located at the intersection of the SH105 Bypass and Hwy. 321 where a new entrance has been taking shape. Amanda DeRosario of Grand Oaks gave details on the 4-tier or phase development with homes for first time buyers to luxury to custom builds.



Pictured (left to right): Rotarian and Speaker Host Charlie Rice, speaker Amanda DeRosario of Grand Oaks Reserve, and Rotary President Scott Lambert.

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CLUB NEWS: Conroe



The Rotary Club of Conroe has adopted Texas Children's Hospital in The Woodland's as a new Community Service Partner. In late November, we held an evening social at the beautiful photography studio of our member Beth Bolack. After a great meal, our children and grandchildren helped us stuff Craft Cart Activity Bags for patients and their siblings who visit the hospital in the outpatient, infusion and emergency room areas. The photo collage features our crew hard and work, and our kids, who were so proud of the work they had done for the children at TCH.



Also pictured is our member Kris Nordstrom McBride, who volunteers at TCH, with the craft cart, fully loaded and ready to distribute the goodies.



The RC of Conroe did it's annual day of bell ringing for the Salvation Army in early December. Again, lots of our kids and even some spouses came out to help with our day of service.

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[Read more...](#)

CLUB NEWS: Dickinson

With a matching grant from District 5910, the Dickinson Rotary provided an Expanded Edition American English Dictionary to all 7th and 8th graders in Dickinson ISD and to all high school students who lost everything during Hurricane Harvey. Each dictionary contained a bookplate with the Rotary emblem and a bookmark with The Four-Way Test. Rotarians presented the dictionaries to students on Nov. 29th. Students learned about Rotary, the history of the

dictionary project, The Four-Way Test and how The Four-Way Test has withstood the test of time.



McAdams Junior High students, administrators and Rotarians



Rotarians, Kim Rich and Vicki Mims, distribute dictionaries to students



Two students, two teachers and campus administrators presented Rotary President, Carla Voelkel, with a special thank you from all students at McAdams Junior High.

In 2016-2017, the Dickinson Rotary Club donated \$1000 to the Nicaraguan Water Well Project. On December 13th, David Standlee visited the Dickinson Rotary and provided an update on the water well project and the impact it has made on the lives of many Nicaraguan families and Rotarians.



He also presented a special certificate to Past District Governor Ann Bragg recognizing her for the club's donation in her honor and her efforts in getting this international project started as District Governor.



Dickinson Rotary President, Carla Voelkel, presented David with another \$1000 donation to use in continuing the work with water wells.

On Dec. 14th, the Rotary Club of Dickinson hosted the annual Christmas Parade, and it was just what the community needed after suffering the ravages of Hurricane Harvey. The theme for the parade was "Hope for the Holidays", and many businesses and community groups were very creative decorating floats that depicted the theme.

The parade was led by Santa, city firetrucks and with Interact students carrying the Rotary banner. Many residents lined the street to catch the candy and toys being thrown by the parade participants. The Cajun Navy came from Louisiana to participate in the parade, and they were recognized by Dickinson Rotary with a special plaque to show appreciation for their help with Harvey relief efforts. At the conclusion of the parade, Santa was available at the Dickinson Library for pictures. It was a great parade enjoyed by all!



Dickinson High School Interact students carried the Rotary banner at the beginning of the parade.



Winning float by Dr. Cool / Professor Heat



Winning float by JSC Federal Credit Union



Appreciation plaque given to the Cajun Navy



Children visited with Santa and had their pictures taken.





Dickinson Rotary supported the Salvation Army by ringing the Salvation Army bells at the Dickinson Kroger on Dec. 3rd. Many donations were received from shoppers throughout the day.

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CLUB NEWS: Fredonia Club

The Rev. Patsy Barham of St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Henderson, Texas shared her recent “bucket list” trip to Israel and the Holy Land. “It was surreal to see the signs to Bethlehem, Nazareth or the Mount of Olives – these are historic places I have studied most of my life, but to walk the streets... just joy!” said Barham.

Fredonia Rotary member George Barham grinned as he introduced his bride to members during the club’s Christmas lunch and final meeting of the year. Barham shared a special Christmas message, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and asked members to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.



Pictured from left to right:

Fredonia Rotary Board Member Wes Jensen, Rev. Patsy Barham, Rotarian George Barham with Fredonia Rotary President Mary Frances Bradford.

Fredonia Rotary member John Branch introduced Assistant Athletics Director for Academic Services Rob McDermid who provided an overview of the success of SFA's student athletes. McDermid is in his sixth year serving as Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Services at Stephen F. Austin. He oversees academics for all 17 of SFA's varsity sports, and works directly with the Lumberjack football and men's basketball programs. During his tenure at SFA, the academic success of the athletic department has improved annually, and is currently at its highest point ever.



PICTURED FROM L TO R: Fredonia Rotary Member John Branch and SFASU Associate Athletic Director for Academic Services Rob McDermid along with Fredonia Rotary President Mary Frances Bradford.

Fredonia Rotary member Stan Sisco introduced 6-time Southland Conference Coach of the Year, SFA head volleyball coach Debbie Humphreys during a recent membership meeting. A humble Humphreys spoke of the incredible support she and her team have from SFA and the Nacogdoches community. Leading the Ladyjacks to their ninth Southland Conference regular season title in the history of the program, Humphreys' latest coach of the year citation comes after her 30th-year directing the Ladyjacks. SFA has been exceptional in Southland Conference play in Humphreys' tenure. Her

presentation highlighted the success of her players and team this season.



Pictured from L to R: Fredonia Rotary Members Stan Sisco, John Branch and Richard Humphreys join SFA Ladyjack Regan Humphreys, six-time SLC Coach of the Year Debbie Humphreys, SFA Ladyjack Lauren Wright, Fredonia Rotary Board Members Wes Jensen and Jeremy Terrell along with Fredonia Rotary President Mary Frances Bradford

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CLUB NEWS: Galveston



Every year the Rotary Club of Galveston hosts its annual Family Day holiday luncheon. Highlights of the luncheon meeting included recognition of U.S. Marines, stationed on the island, who organize the Toys For Tots initiative in Galveston. Present to accept toys donated by club members were (from left standing) Gunner Sergeant Ronny Kersey, Navy Petty Officer, First Class Komi Gayakpa; Staff Sergeant Joaquin Bonel, Sergeant Austin Walton, and Sergeant Dusty Owens. Seated are Club President, Kristen Carlson and Rotarian Mike Guarino.



Each year, members of the Rotary Club of Galveston volunteer to ring bells and collect contributions for the Salvation Army at various locations across the Island. Participating in this year's Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at Walmart are Rotarians and past presidents, V.J. Tramonte and John Zendt.

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CLUB NEWS: Huntsville

Members of the Rotary Club of Huntsville volunteered to fill 50 Christmas stockings for Housing Insecure students at Huntsville ISD.



The stockings were presented to Sally Dowis and Juanita Hall, HISD coordinators, pictured with Rotary club members at the Dec. 6 meeting.

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CLUB NEWS: Lake Conroe



Rotary Lake Conroe Club helping to support our First Responders at the Teddy Bear Drive organized by the Montgomery Area Chamber. We are so grateful for all they do to keep us safe!



The monthly EATS Luncheon was over the moon today! We were so proud and honored to say thank you to all our first responders around the Montgomery Area!



Our #TeddyBearDrive was even bigger and better this year! Rotary Club of Lake Conroe helps support this event with donating lots of teddy bears.

CLUB NEWS: Lufkin

December was an awesome month for Lufkin Rotary Club and our community.



The sights and sounds of Christmas began with our 61st Annual Lufkin Rotary Club Waffle Bake.



We served delicious, melt in your mouth waffles to almost 2,000 people during the three-night event in late November.



It is such a fun project and gives our members an opportunity to let our community know what Rotary does both locally and internationally.



The Waffle Bake was followed up the next Saturday with service to the Salvation Army and the Red Kettle campaign. It is always so heartwarming to see children anxiously and joyfully place change in the kettle. Our Rotary Club is blessed to be a part of this important fund raising event.



We also got to hear about an important water project in Haiti. Bob Ford and Vicki Shimer along with support from First United Methodist Church in Lufkin are providing much needed water filters to the people of Haiti. Sawyer Water Filters provide the filters and Bob and his crew provide the rest of the materials and labor to get them functioning in Haiti. Lufkin Rotary is looking forward to assisting in this clean water project as well and support RI.



Additionally, our club is providing financial support to Anderson Elementary School for their annual science trip to Houston. Accepting the contribution is Principal Cindy Tierney from club president Mark Bush.



Finally, Lufkin Rotary Club was proud to help the Lufkin Police Department bring Blue Santa to Hope Center! Thanks to Brookshire Brothers and Marco's Pizza for helping as well. It was a great event!

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CLUB NEWS: Nacogdoches

The Raguet Choir provided their annual Christmas program at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. The choir has performed for the club for the past 71 years. The choir was first led by Mrs. Francis Cariker Rudisill and began its performances in the early days of WWII. This year's program featured many Christmas classics with a number of solo performances by members of the choir. The choir is currently led by Ms. Traci Cole who is a nine year music teacher at Raguet Elementary.



Pictured are members of the Raguet Choir with Ms. Cole at the piano.



The Nacogdoches Rotary Reader program at Fredonia Elementary was special, as one Rotarian dressed up as the Grinch.

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CLUB NEWS: Orange _

Orange Rotary celebrated the holidays by supporting the Salvation Army's party for children and its bell-ringing for funds. Programs during the month featured holiday themes. Local florist Scott Hasty demonstrated the art of making stunning floral arrangements. The Orange Community Players provided lovely Christmas music.



Florist Scott Hasty demonstrates holiday arrangements as Orange Rotary president Steve Aguillard watches.



Orange Rotarian Heather Montage rang the bell for the Salvation Army Christmas cheer.

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CLUB NEWS: Palestine

Palestine Rotary Christmas Float Earns 1st Place Honor



The float chairman was Kathryn New who designed the float with the Candy Land theme.

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CLUB NEWS: T exas City.

Rotarians enjoyed an evening of food, fun and fellowship at the home of Phil and Paula Roberts. The Rotary Anns provided a wonderful buffet of food and all guests were asked to donate unwrapped toys

and gift cards to help local school age students in need for the holidays. In addition the Rotarians "Passed the Stocking" at the noon meeting for donations. A total of \$600 in cash and gift cards and many toys were collected and donated to five area schools!



Pictured l to r – Ben Baty, Paul Selman, Kirk Broiles, Randy Dietel, R.C. Williams and Roger Whitener.



Pictured are Donna Clawson, Nick Finan, Pam Scoggin, Denise and Darel Beene, Phil Roberts, Bonnie Baty, Stephanie Hughes, Peggy Dietel, Mandy Johnson, Sandy Gartman and Ruth Rendon



Phil and Paula Roberts

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[CLUB NEWS: Woodville](#)



Rotary Club of Woodville's special community service project for the 15th year was Ring The Salvation Army Bell for the Tyler County Unit.

We collected over \$5,200.00 this year for Salvation Army which will remain in Tyler County to help Tyler County residents.





Rotarians rotated on 2 hour shifts greeting with a cheerful Merry Christmas and a smile.



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[With Sympathy .](#)

In Memoriam



Dr. Jack Smith Staggs

9/16/25 - 12/17/17

Huntsville Rotary Club

[Read full tribute here.](#)

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