

Rotary
District 5910



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Lone Star College Montgomery
Oct 14, 2017
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

[Rotary Youth Exchange Information
Meeting](#)

Lone Star College - Montgomery
Oct 14, 2017
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[Fall Outing for Inbound RYE Students](#)

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Interviews](#)

Lone Star College - Montgomery
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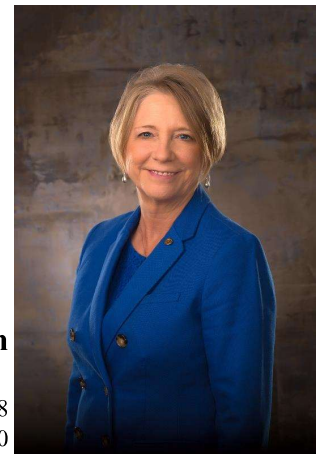
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September 2017

Rhonda Herrington

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Rotary District 5910



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OCTOBER IS
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH
"To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world."
Dr. Seuss
Rotary
www.rotary.org

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REGISTER NOW!



**Rotary International District 5910
Foundation, Membership and
Public Image and Disaster Relief
Seminar
Saturday October 14, 2017**

District Training for Members of:

- Your Club Foundation Committee
- Your Club Membership Committee
- Your Club Public Image Committee
- Any engaged member of your club

COST: \$20.00 per participant

Provided: Light breakfast and lunch

Time: 8:30am – 1:00pm

Where: Lone Star College

**Register on the district website:
www.rotary5910.org**


**INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN ON HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF EFFORTS
FROM DISTRICT 5910 and ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**



**Lone Star College Montgomery
Building A-100 (Commons Bldg.)
5000 Research Forest Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77381**

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RYE Outbound Meeting



Rotary Youth Exchange
*Quality School Year and Summer Exchanges
 ...that you can afford!*

To learn about ...
Rotary Youth Exchange Programs
For High School Age Students

Meet us on Saturday Morning, October 14
Begin at 10:00, End by 12:00

Programs Described – Questions Answered
Hear from Former Exchange Students & Parents

Lone Star College, Montgomery Campus
 3200 College Park Drive – Near The Woodlands
 Building G, Room 102
 (NOTE: Formal address is Conroe, Texas 77384, but NOT in Conroe)

For more info contact

Rotary Youth Exchange, District 5910 at
 5910rye@gmail.com
 936-295-6606 or 936-661-3997

Rotary District 5910 rotary youth exchange 8-9-17

District Grants 2017-18

Posted by David Johnson on Oct 01, 2017

DISTRICT GRANTS: REVISED METHODOLOGY

District Grant Opportunities, as of September 10:

1. District Grants are available to Clubs who have completed the necessary grants training and have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in file with the District.
2. The maximum match from the District is \$3,000 with a minimum of \$1,000, equal to the Club's contribution.
3. Clubs which applied for district grants by June 1 received grants totaling approximately \$53,000 in August.
4. Final reports are due by May 1, 2018.
5. Rotary International has recognized the devastation and destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey. We have the opportunity to revise our district grant applications. If your club's circumstances have changed and you wish to reallocate funds to a different project, or request additional funds, **Rotary has given us the latitude to revise our District Grant for the 2017-2018 year. We need to know right away if you would like to make any changes. We have an additional \$10,000 (approximately) in funds which may be used for district grant projects related to Hurricane relief.**
6. The time frame is compressed since we are now in October and the projects must be completed and the final report filed by

May 1, 2018.

7. Grant applications need to be submitted to Dave Johnson and Walter Hinkle **ASAP**.

Walter Hinkle (new co-chair of grants) and I will be at the District Meeting October 14, and will be happy to discuss your grant and the process. Walter's contact information is – whinkle@laseranswering.com, office (979) 361-3301, cell 214-883-0679.

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

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A Survivor's Story

Posted by Sally Andrews

A Survivor's Story: Damaged but Determined



My front yard before flooding

It's hard to describe what I felt during Hurricane Harvey, but I'll try. I've lived in the same home for 33 years and never come CLOSE to flooding, so I didn't carry flood insurance. As the waters began to rise on August 29, Tim and I honestly were not too concerned. But later in the day we watched it creep up the slab onto the porch, then begin flooding the porch. Then it climbed those last three inches and was suddenly coming in everywhere.

That night Tim tried to sleep, but I couldn't. I lay awake in my bed with all the lights on because I was so afraid, watching the water rise up the walls and furniture in the bedroom. I guess I was in shock, for lack of a better term. The next day, it continued to rain hard and the water kept rising, so we got evacuated. That was a whole other nightmare!

Looking back, I see people with three inches to three feet to eight feet of water in their homes. No matter the amount, the destruction and expense are overwhelming. Floors, cabinets, and walls have to be ripped out in most cases. We lost two cars which flooded, and the

truck had to be put in the shop for flood damage. A lot of our lives can be found out by the road. We lost appliances, furniture, gym equipment, and many, many precious memories. We have great damage in a small building on our property, which belongs to the non-profit founded in memory of my daughter to aid children and youth with cancer.

The list goes on and on. We will recover, but it's going to take a long, long time. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

Sally Andrews

[Disaster Relief](#)

Posted by Hugh Summers



Home in Vidor

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Monetary Donations can be sent to the District 5910 Disaster Committee at:

Rotary District 5910 Charitable Foundation
c/o Bobbie Applegate, 985 IH-10N, Suite 111
Beaumont, TX 77706

Donations can also be sent to one or more of our clubs.

For further information contact D 5910 Disaster Chair Hugh Summers, C- 903-724-5800 or ahsummers@embarqmail.com

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[RYLA 2018](#)



Dear Club Presidents and Club RYLA Chairs,

It's hard to believe, but it is time to begin the selection process for RYLA 2018. Many Rotarians and clubs in District 5910 were affected by Hurricane Harvey...19 clubs out of 39. It will take weeks, even months for people and clubs to recover. Some schools are still closed and may remain so for some time. We hope RYLA 2018 will be a welcome diversion for selected students. **All D5910 Clubs are asked to send 1**

or more students. The flat fee of **\$175 per student** remains unchanged.

[CLUB COMMITMENT FORM LINK](#)

Deadlines:

10/13/17 Club Commitment Online Form Due

10/31/17 Club payments Due

11/20/17 Club selected [students's online registrations](#) due

11/20/17 Student medical forms due (will be emailed to Parent/Guardian after student registers)

Mail copy of your Club commitment confirmation email with your Club's payment by October 31, 2017.

Payable to: District 5910 RYLA

Mail to:

Birda Gaskin

10023 Sagecourt Dr

Houston, TX 77089

Questions? Contact Birda at (832) 236-0408 or gaskinbirda@gmail.com

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[Membership Resources](#)



District Membership Chair, Demetress Harrell, reminds you to continue growing! The world needs more Rotarians! Use resources available on the [Membership page of the website.](#)

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[TORONTO Convention](#)



Registration Goal for District 5910 114
 Paid Registrations as of 22-Aug-17 = 32 28%
 Total Registrations as of 22-Aug-17 = 35 30%

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CLUB NEWS: Angelina



Check out the September activities and events of the [Angelina \(Lufkin\)](#)

[Club](#) by clicking on the image or

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CLUB NEWS: Beaumont

What do you get when you take 600 sets of squirmy feet and add 25 Rotarians and friends who are armed with Brannock devices (foot measuring devices)? A whole lot of smiles and a little bit of CHAOS!



That was the scene at Martin Elementary School when an impressive group of Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Beaumont convened to measure the feet of children in the badly damaged area that is adjacent to the Neches River. After experiencing massive flooding in that area, the school district identified Martin and the surrounding neighborhood as the place with the most critical need.



Rotarian Alice Teeler concentrates on getting the measuring done accurately.

With thanks to the local Sear's for providing a discount on this HUGE shoe order and many donors - both local and from afar, every child in the school will receive a new pair of shoes. Beaumont Rotarians are "People of Action!"

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CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

CLEVELAND: Rotarians in Action Following Flooding

Rotary in action at the Cleveland Independent School District's Distribution Center on Saturday, September 9. Thank you to Manhattan Beach, CA for bringing much needed supplies to our area, including hygiene kits, clothing, school supplies, baby supplies, blankets, pillows, towels, cleaning supplies, scrubbing supplies, pet supplies, and shoes (Skechers generously committed to donate shoes to Cleveland). During the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, Cleveland Rotarian Amanda Brooks (Liberty County Extension Service) provided shelter at Stancil Park Arena for large animals.



Pictured are Cleveland Rotarians Ernestine Belt and Amanda Brooks with Rotarians from Kingwood, Texas.

On Sunday, September 17, members of the Rotary Clubs of Cleveland and Bryan joined together at the home of Scott & Pam Hargraves in Cleveland, whose first floor of their home was completely flooded, to help with the clean-up.



John Delaney brought 2 members of the Bryan Club, and the Rotary Club of Cleveland members were Ernestine Belt and Tommie Daniel. Floors were wiped down, mopped, trash stacked high was moved to the road, and dishes washed/dried. The Bryan Club also brought many supplies that were delivered to Beaumont by Ernestine Belt.

Community Health & Resource Fair

Members of the Rotary Club of Cleveland participated in the A2A Dental Community Health & Resource Fair on Thursday, September 20, at the Cleveland Civic Center.



Rotarians Ernestine Belt and Tommie Daniel brought to the attention of many in attendance about polio and its effects using pictures of iron lungs, RI literature including the October 2017 issue of The Rotarian. They were able to let people know that we are this close to eradicating polio in the world – only 8 new cases this year. Both Ernestine and Tommie had a sibling (her sister, his brother) that had polio and were able to explain personal stories in regards to their siblings who survived. We were able to talk with people about the END POLIO NOW campaign and provided an opportunity for those in attendance to make their pennies, dollars count!

The Cleveland Rotary Club Annual Fundraiser has begun for 2017. Starting in 2000, scholarships totaling over \$175,000 have been awarded to graduating seniors at both Cleveland Tarkington High Schools. The tickets are \$20 each, with only 700 sold. This year there are four prizes: first, a 2017 Polaris Sportsman 570 from Martin Powersports, with donations by T. W. & Claire Garrett, Prosperity Band, and First Bank & Trust; second, a \$1000 Furniture Gift Certificate donated by CBS Furniture; third, a \$500 Sears Gift Card, donated by Charlie Rice of Sears and Tommy Dunn of Edward Jones; and fourth, a Private Part for 30 donated by Fish Tales, either delivered or pickup. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, November 8, at the Rotary Club Meeting at noon at the Cleveland Senior Center. Tickets are available from Rotary members and at the local banks. Join in helping a great tradition continue supporting our young people.



Pictured at the kickoff (top with Win Me Sign) Rotary President Scott Lambert; (left to right) Rotarians Tommie Daniel, Kenneth Riggs, James Leach, Bob Coleman, Ernestine Belt, Larry Middleton, Amanda Brooks, Eisha Jones, Tasha Childress, Claire Garrett, and Charlie Rice.

Cleveland Rotary Club welcomed our own Rotarian Eisha Jones, who spoke about TUFF Kids (Trained Unwavering Focused & Fit) which

she helped to start in Cleveland and serves as the Financial Advisor. This year's summer camp program was held at Samuel Wiley Park, with challenging programs emphasizing exposure to the many different choices available in life and well as sports, nutrition, behavior improvement, and teamwork. Eisha was supported by Cleveland Rotarian Amanda Brooks, County Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for Liberty County. Support was also received from the Austin Memorial Library and Cleveland ISD.



Pictured (left to right) with local supporters: Rotarian Tasha Childress of Prosperity Bank; Rotarian Claire Garrett; Rotarian and speaker Eisha Jones of TUFF Kids; Rotarian Amanda Brooks of the AgriLife Extension Service.

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CLUB NEWS: Conroe

Rotary Club of Conroe Celebrates its 85th Anniversary

At a special luncheon on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 the Rotary Club of Conroe celebrated the club's 85th anniversary. The club was chartered in August 1932 with 19 original members. Former Rotarians, former past presidents and current Rotarians from other county Rotary clubs were in attendance as many memories were shared. Recent Past Presidents Thomas Stewart, Nick Davis and Ron Saikowski were awarded additional Paul Harris Fellow Awards for their leadership within the club. Bert Lynch, a 50-year Rotary member, was recognized and awarded a 50-year pin for his support of the club and leadership of the group. Another longtime Rotarian, Richard "Dick" Coyle was awarded an additional Paul Harris Fellow Award, becoming a Paul Harris Fellow plus three. The club continues to support the community in many ways. A few community events include:

- supporting Runyan Elementary and offering recognition of teachers and incentives for students,
- sponsoring the "I Like Me" books which are personalized for each first grader in the Conroe and Caney Creek high school feeder zones,
- supporting the Mike Ogg Scholarship Banquet for student athletes each May,
- Community Blood Drives
- Arbor Day
- Interact

- Student Scholarships
- Food Distribution Drives with Montgomery County Food Bank
- Rotaract



Rotarian Bert Lynch, past president 1973-1974, laughs during the 85th anniversary of The Rotary Club of Conroe on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017, at the North Montgomery County Community Center in Willis. Lynch joined the Rotary Club of Conroe in 1967 and was honored with a 50-year pin and certificate at the luncheon.



Rotary Club of Conroe President Cecily Kelly presents past Rotarian presidents, from the left: Thomas Stewart, 2015-2016, Nick Davis, 2014-2015, and Ron Saikowski, 2016-2017, with a Paul Harris Fellow Award during the 85th anniversary of The Rotary Club of Conroe.



New Rotarian Margie Taylor, center, is inducted by Rotarian District Governor Elect John Hathaway during the 85th anniversary of The Rotary Club of Conroe on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017, at the North Montgomery County Community Center.

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CLUB NEWS: Dickinson

On August 23, Dickinson Rotary welcomed Jenna Simsen and Wally Deats as new members. Jenna was sponsored by Kim Rich, and Wally was sponsored by Steve Casey.



Pictured from left: Jenna Simsen, Carla Voelkel, President, Wally Deats, and Steve Casey, Sergeant at Arms.

Despite the devastation, American flags were delivered and displayed in some Dickinson neighborhoods on Sept. 11 by Rotarians.



Pictured from left: Jenna Simsen, Bob Bragg, Tim Paulissen and David Parker.

The City of Dickinson suffered major devastation because of flooding from Hurricane Harvey. Many residents, churches, businesses and Rotarians have major damage, and many have lost everything. The Rotary Club of Jennings Louisiana reached out to Dickinson Rotary, and they made a special trip to the September 20th meeting to present Betty Lessert, M.I. Lewis Social Service Center Executive Director with a check for \$500. Dickinson Rotary is actively involved with M.I. Lewis, and the money will be used to help families in need.



Pictured from left: Betty Lessert, Dickinson Rotarian and M.I. Lewis Executive Director; Richard Parker, President of Rotary Club of Jennings, Louisiana; Carla Voelkel, President of Dickinson Rotary, and Patsy Richard, President-Elect of Jennings Rotary. A big thank you to the Jennings, Louisiana Rotary Club.

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CLUB NEWS: East Montgomery County

The Rotary Club of East Montgomery County donated cleaning supplies and other items to Mission Northeast to distribute to Hurricane Harvey victims.



In addition, the club donated \$500 to New Beginnings Resources Inc. (NBRI), a missionary ministry, in its efforts to help hurricane victims.



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CLUB NEWS: Friendswood

The Rotary Club of Friendswood is excited to announce two Rotary Members are now "Paul Harris Fellows."



Pictured are PHFs Judy Wiggins and Brett Banfield with Club President Luis Briones.



Friendswood Rotarians are helping Hurricane Harvey flood victims by raising funds. A Friendswood Strong benefit concert was held in collaboration with the City of Friendswood at Stevenson Park with t-shirt sales and online donations.

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CLUB NEWS: Huntsville

Six new members of the Rotary Club of Huntsville were inducted on Sept. 27, 2017.



Pictured are Bruce Lester, Nancy Gaertner, Stacey Edmonson, Vicki Sides, Nan Price & Kevin Byal.

Alpha Omega Academy of Huntsville Interact Officers visited the Rotary Club of Huntsville on Sept. 27 to see their sponsor, Bruce Lester, inducted in the club.



Pictured are Rotarian Paul Davidhizar (AOA), Interact President Natalie Hsiao, Victoria DeShaw, Kat Primm, Elizabeth Morrow and Will Stewart with new Rotarian Bruce Lester (AOA).

The Rotary Club of Huntsville maintains **Safety Town**, which serves to help kids learn basic safety practices. See a slide show of the recent

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work day at Safety Town by [or click on the photo below.](#)



Pictured are local Rotarians, (front) David Standlee, Li-Jen Lester and Buddy Aber; (back) David Thompson, Bruce Lester, Reagan, retired HISD representative Jim Krier, Paul Davidhizar, Aron Kulhavy, Rotary President Marcus Gillespie and Nisa Gillespie, working on

Huntsville's Safety Town, located at Kate Barr Ross Park. Safety Town is a realistic, child-sized town designed to provide Huntsville ISD students hands-on education. Lessons on the following topics will be provided in the fall: Bicycle safety, electrical, fire and gun safety, identification and meaning of traffic signs, pedestrian safety, poison prevention, stranger danger, traffic rules, the use of the 911 system, and water.

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CLUB NEWS: Lufkin



The Lufkin Club had a full calendar in September. Click on the image

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above or [Lufkin Rotary](#). to see and read about the

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CLUB NEWS: Palestine

Palestine Rotarians working on rebuilding their float on which District 5910 inbound youth exchange students will ride during the 10/21/2017 Hot Pepper Festival.



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CLUB NEWS: Spindletop

The Spindletop Club-Beaumont welcomed a new member in September. Ms. Kara Harrington is a two time soapbox derby winner (even competing in Akron, Ohio) as well as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. She is also a legacy by being the daughter of Rotarian Pierce Harrington.



Pictured are sponsor Mickey Rouse and Kara Harrington.

CLUB NEWS: Vidor

The Vidor Rotary inducted two new members on Monday, September 25th.



Left to right: New Vidor Rotarian Harold Michael of AFLAC, Vidor Rotary President Sally Andrews, and new Vidor Rotarian Rod Carroll, Vidor Chief of Police.

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CLUB FUNDRAISER: Conroe



The Rotary Club of Conroe is pleased to announce its third annual **"Spirits of Texas"** event. The inspiration of past club President and local wine guru Ron Saikowski, "Spirits of Texas" takes advantage of this spooky time of year and pairs Texas wines, distilled spirits and beers with local Texas foods.

This year's event will be held October 24th at the North Montgomery County Community Center 600 Gerald Street, Willis 6 to 9 pm. October 24th is World Polio Day and \$5 from each ticket will be donated to Rotary International's efforts to eliminate polio. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is matching each donation \$2 for every \$1 donated. Your \$5 donation will turn into \$15 which will vaccinate 100 children against this dreaded disease. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be obtained by contacting Cecily Kelly at cecilyk@aol.com or (936) 217-1509.

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Interact Mixer

INTERACT: Honoring First Responders



The fall Interact Mixer will be on Thursday evening, November 16 from 6-8 pm in the Vidor High School Library.

We will honor first responders because a lot of our kids and sponsors were rescued during Harvey! We plan to write notes to them and make little bags of chocolate which clubs can take back to their

hometown to distribute.

Pizza, cookies and drinks will be provided. Please report an estimated head count by Monday, November 13.

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INTERACT: Cleveland

Cleveland Interactors at Meet the Teacher Night

Members of the Cleveland High School Interact Club helped greet students and parents at Cleveland High School's Meet the Teachers night, Thursday, August 24, 2017. Interactors told students about the Interact Club and told them of several projects planned. Several new students will be joining the club.



Pictured (left to right): Karla Ocampo, Cindy Hernandez, Jaretzy Florez, Breana Flores.

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Quick Poll

The length of the newsletter has grown considerably in the last few years - and that's a good thing! Clubs have much to share and readership has increased, meaning we are all learning about ideas and successes of others. However, some consider that the monthly document has grown too lengthy.

In this issue, we are including some club's articles in full, while others have articles included with links to photo albums. We would like to know your opinion and reaction to this tool. Please use the online poll through the link below and let us know what you think.

Monthly Newsletter Suggestions

1. How do you prefer to see
photos and information
about other clubs' projects
and activities in the monthly

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