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District 5910



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District 5910 News February 2018

Rhonda Herrington

Rotary Club of Palestine
District Governor 2017-2018
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FEBRUARY IS

PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/ RESOLUTION MONTH

"Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict -- alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence." Dorothy Thompson

Rotary

TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary, Change Lives

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Mid-Year/Pre-PETs Meeting

Hurry! Register immediately!

Mar 15, 2018



**Rotary District 5910
Mid-Year Meeting and Pre-PETS
8:30 – 1:00 pm*
Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018
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

**CLICK ON BUTTON TO
REGISTER NOW!**

[CLICK HERE FOR MAP.](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR AGENDA.](#)

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

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District Grants 2017-18

**Rotarians: Attention! There is STILL \$5,768
available for distribution in District Grant funds!
APPLY NOW!**

**Even if the club has already received a District Grant, a second
grant request may be submitted. Don't put it off! Make
application NOW for all or part of these funds.**

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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Roll of Fame Nominations

Roll of Fame Call for Nominations: Deadline March 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

What? You still have club members that haven't registered for the District Conference April 27-29th?



Oh Boy..... Well, there is still time. You'll want a "vest" for Friday night, so hurry and register!!!! Cut off is February 28th for vest guarantee....

Who has the most registered? Huntsville, Texas City and Beaumont!!!

Don't be left out! Your club members can register [here!](#) Save money, don't wait until the last minute!!!

See you in Palestine!

Sloan Shuffler
Conference Chair
sloan@sloancpa.com

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Beaumont Invitation



**RESERVE
A SEAT!**

IN CELEBRATION OF
2018 INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY. YOU ARE
INVITED TO HEAR

SYLVIA WHITLOCK, PH.D.

SPEAK AT THE
ROTARY CLUB OF
BEAUMONT, TX.

03-07-18

Dr. Sylvia Whitlock

FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT
OF ANY ROTARY CLUB IN THE WORLD
DUARTE, CALIFORNIA

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 (2355 IH 10 South, Beaumont, 77705). Advanced reservations are required and you must reserve a seat before **February 28**. Reservations and tickets are available through [the online link at the club's event page \(click here.\)](#)

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.

Take a road trip on March 7 and visit the Rotary Club of Beaumont for this opportunity with this amazing Rotarian!

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Membership Matters

Membership Matters in District 5910

As we embrace 2018 and explore the many opportunities to build our membership, I remain optimistic that we are about to experience a major increase. As a Rotarian since 1999, I recognize we must first retain our current membership and then employ a strategic plan to

recruit the right prospective members that will be invested for a lifetime. As we enter our halfway point to our 2017-2018 year, I encourage each President and Club Administrator to review your current club membership rosters and develop a collective plan to retain, grow and promote your Membership.



Rotary membership has been on a continuous decline in our paired Zones 21b & 27. District 5910 began the year (7-1-17) with a total membership of 2233 in our 39 clubs and today we currently sit at 2227, leaving our District at a (-6). While we have observed exceptional growth in several of our Clubs others have seen tremendous decline. However we must acknowledge that we have time to conclude this Rotary year with significant positivity and it is all up to each of us. I know we will continue to bring new members into Rotary and demonstrate the reason why the oldest service organization in the World has more than 1.2 million members.



The commitment to service as well as our love for Rotary defines why District 5910 makes a major impact in communities across our 39 clubs and if each Rotarian would bring one new member into Rotary over the next 6 months, just imagine what we could do. Now are you ready to for the charge.....Incredible Rotarians making a Difference around the World.....**Membership Matters!**



It was a tremendous pleasure to share time with these remarkable future leaders during RYLA 2018.....I facilitated the Ethics leadership activities and express true appreciation to fellow Rotarians that assisted....Esha, Mary Beth and Ernestine...what great fun!

Demetress Harrell
District 5910 Membership Chair

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Message from Social Media Chair

"ROTARY IN THE NEWS"

As a reminder, I collect quarterly publicity items from around Rotary District 5910 and prepare an internal report on behalf of DG Rhonda to submit to our Zone Coordinator to share with Rotary International.

Has your Rotary club gotten any good publicity during October/November/December 2017? Please scan and email items or copy and paste web links showcased in your local newspaper or on a local TV or radio broadcast to bunny@bcins.net. I would like quarterly publicity submissions by January 15, 2018.

If you have a notable project or program you want to share with the Rotary family, remember to upload info and images to **Rotary Showcase**, which is accessible through your personal login to MyRotary.org. Let me know if you would like help!

Need an idea? Prepare a profile story about your Club's **RYLA** students and the impact this Rotary leadership program has on them. Personalize it. Include a quality photo and student quotes about their experience. Send it to your local news outlet(s) with a short What, When, Where, & Why. If it gets published or broadcast, send me a copy.



Also, continue posting stories on your website and social media pages with these different hashtags to promote #Rotary #PeopleOfAction:

#TogetherWe,

#Connect
 #Inspire
 #Transform
 #EndPolioNow

Thank you for your commitment to make a difference through Rotary this year!

DID YOU KNOW?

RI President Riseley is asking Rotary members to work together to advance the tradition of *Rotary: Making a Difference* in 2017-18. He is challenging all 1.2 million Rotarians to simply plant a tree before Earth Day on 22 April 2018. For ideas and tree-planting advice, see the [Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group](#) or download their "1.2 million tree planting" [brochure](#). You can share your stories online using #pledgetoplant or in Rotary Showcase in the [environment category](#).

Best Regards,
 Bunny Pratt | D5910 Public Image Chair | bunny@bcins.net | 979.571.9826

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[RYLA 2018 Recorded in History of 5910](#)

RYLA 2018!



RYLA 2018 was "an experience I will never forget," said one person who attended.

"It was the best weekend of my life!"

"The only thing wrong with it was that it was too short!"

Photos taken throughout RYLA 2018 continue to be uploaded to a slideshow as we are able so you and the participants can enjoy again and again. With appreciation, the majority of the photos shared here were taken by PDG Hugh Summers and Beaumont President Tim Sudela.



Forward any photos you would like included in the album to
admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org.

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Rotary Youth Exchange at SCRYE

Rotary Youth Exchange

On January 26, 2018, our 11 Inbound Exchange Students and 9 Rotarians including DGE John Hathaway and DGN Betsy Robinson, flew to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to attend the annual winter meeting of South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE).



While the students enjoyed a fun-filled weekend together with over 180 other Rotary Exchange Students from 27 different countries world-wide, the Rotarians attended business meetings, where they learned about the latest changes of the rules and regulations of the program, discussed “hot topics” in Youth Exchange, and received helpful information to make the program even better than it already is.



From left: Jany Hatanaka (Brazil), AG Birda Gaskin, PDG Doris Lockey, PDG Ulli Budelmann, Carol Mattingly, Paulo Saragiotto (Brazil), PDG Hugh Summers, DGE John Hathaway, DGN Betsy Robinson, PGD and YEO Glen Mattingly, and Nancy Hathaway.

Early Sunday morning, 11 tired students (after a Saturday/Sunday lock-in with the other 180+ students and night-long dancing, talking, and no sleep) and the Rotarians overloaded with information about

Rotary Youth Exchange flew back to Houston IAH. Almost certainly, when home at their host families, the students went straight to bed to make up for the sleep they missed the night before.



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Scholars Attend GSETS

District 5910 Rotary Global Grant Scholar nominees, Anthony Collier and Ryan Nunez, attended the 2018 Global Scholars-Elect Training Seminar (GSETS) on January 6th! The seminar provided information about Rotary International, the Rotary Foundation, common challenges with moving abroad, what to expect as a scholar, and other travel and culture information. Anthony and Ryan also had the opportunity to meet and network with other Rotary Scholars and Rotarians from eight districts.



The Scholars attending the 2018 Global Scholars-Elect Training Seminar

In addition to our scholars, their Rotarian Sponsors, Dave Zimmerman and Rebekah Maxwell attended the seminar. We look forward to seeing our two scholars progress through their experiences abroad. Anthony plans to study in Egypt and Ryan plans to go to the Netherlands, both starting in the fall of 2018.



The District 5910 Scholar Nominees with sponsors (l to r) District Chair/Rotarian sponsor from Beaumont Rebekah Maxwell, Scholar Anthony Collier, Scholar Ryan Nunez, Rotarian sponsor Dave Zimmerman

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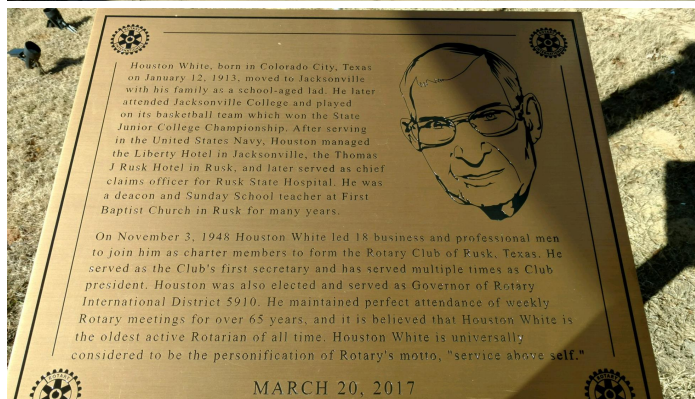
Celebrating with PDG Houston White

Rotarians enjoyed celebrating Rotary Past District Governor (PDG) Houston White's 105th birthday at the Rusk Rotary Club meeting on January 17, 2018.



PDG Houston White posed with Palestine PDG Brenda Walker, District Governor Rhonda Herrington and PDG Hugh Summers.





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FUNDRAISER: Huntsville



The Rotary Club of Huntsville is hosting a wine tasting and fundraising event called WineQuest on Feb. 23 at Magnolia Lake. Tickets are \$55 for one and \$100 for two.

The event will feature food from local restaurants, a live jazz quartet and more than 20 wines available to sample. For ticket information and to find out more about the Rotary Club, email Rotarian Marjolein Lemmon at mstenfert@yahoo.com.

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CLUB FUNDRAISER: Vidor

Plan Now to Pass a Good Time with Vidor Rotary!

Vidor Rotary Club's*third annual***CAJUN MUSIC NIGHT**

Saturday, February 17

6:00-10:00 p.m.

Benoit's – 3085 Highway 12

\$10 per ticket --- gumbo, rice, potato salad



Music by the Dallas Street Ramblers

Silent auction

Wine pull

Dancing

Cupcakes with prizes!

Sodas for sale

BYOB



Tickets: 409-651-8390, find us on Facebook, or ask any Vidor Rotarian.

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CLUB NEWS: Angelina

President Barbara Thompson and the Diboll RYLA Students at RYLA Youth Leadership at Woodlake, TX.



Director of Pineywoods Place speaks to the club about new incentives offered at Pineywoods Place.



Membership Coordinator for 5910 Demetress Harrell taught ethics at RYLA.



Paula Havard teaches the club about the banner program



Martha Coleman, St. Patrick Catholic School Principal, shares the history of the school that was built in 1946 and remain a staple in our community.

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CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

The Cleveland Rotary Club is well known for its scholarship program, supported by their annual fundraiser. Graduating seniors from Cleveland and Tarkington High Schools are selected and receive \$1000 for their higher education. One such student gave the Rotary members the best Christmas present they could receive. Rotarian Steve Racciato, who is the Director of the Health Center of Southeast Texas (HCSET), welcomed Alejandra Ruiz – guest speaker, employee of HCSET, and winner from Tarkington of a Rotary Scholarship in 2015. Alejandra is soon graduating from Lone Star College Kingwood with an Associate Degree in Healthcare Information and Technology and enrolling for a Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Administration at the University of Houston. She has been employed by HCSET since her junior year at Tarkington. Her poise and dedication to her education were inspiring. Remember to support the activities of the Rotary Club in the community to keep this success going.



Pictured (left to right): Rotarian Tommie Daniel, Rotarian and speaker host Steve Racciato, guest speaker Alejandra Ruiz, Rotarian and District 5910 Assistant Governor Ernestine Belt.

Students from the 11th Grade at both Cleveland and Tarkington High Schools attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference at the Woodlake, Texas, Piney Woods Baptist Encampment, January 5-7, braving low temperatures to learn leadership skills in a fun environment. Sponsored by the Cleveland Rotary Club, five students from each school and a student from Mt. Belvieu – gathered for encouraging and inspiring speeches and projects developed to instruct students on working together as a group to build the future stronger.



Pictured are the students with Rotarian New Generations Chair Ernestine Belt and Rotarian Eisha Jones.

Cleveland Rotary Club presented their annual “Don’t Meth with Me” program originally developed by Livingston Rotary Club to all 5th grade students at Cleveland Eastside and Tarkington Intermediate Schools on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.



Rotary members Ernestine Belt, Jennifer Bergman, Scott Lambert, and Amanda Brooks led the students in the slogan “I am the future – Don’t Meth with Me” and illustrated what can happen after using methamphetamines only once – it destroys hopes and dreams.



Family members of drug users gave their personal testimonials. The students were given t-shirts, wrist bands, pencils, and pledge cards to remind them to avoid drugs.

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CLUB NEWS: Dayton

The four students Dayton Rotary sent to RYLA camp came to speak at the weekly meeting. They had lots to share about everything they learned. Some of the highlights were the obstacle courses and building a car as a team.

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CLUB NEWS: Dickinson**Rotary Club of Dickinson receives more than \$110,000 to help two Dickinson organizations with Hurricane Harvey recovery**

Hurricane Harvey may have devastated the M.I. Lewis Social Service Center and the Dickinson First United Methodist Church when it pounded the Gulf Coast in late August; however, the road to hurricane recovery will come a little faster for these groups thanks to three grants requests awarded to the Rotary Club of Dickinson totaling more than \$110,000. Both of these long-time groups are special to the Rotary Club of Dickinson, as they have served the Dickinson community for many years.

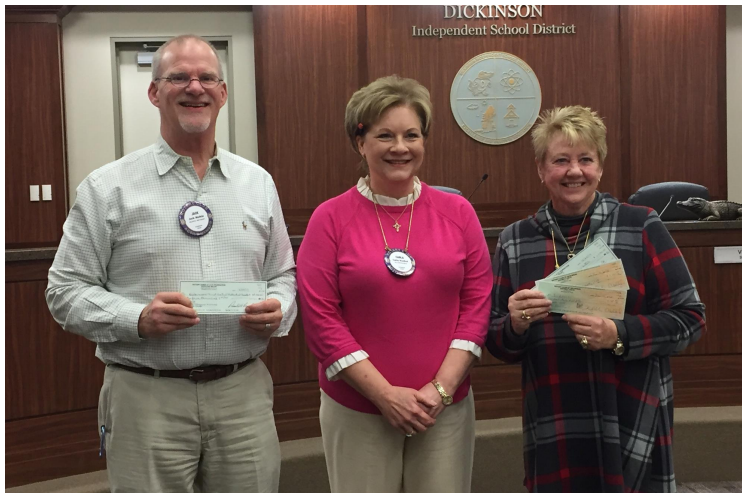
M.I. Lewis Social Service Center received \$76,405 from two different grant requests. The first totaled \$65,000 from the Rotary International Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Committee, while the other \$11,405 grant came from District 5910 Disaster Relief Foundation Fund. This money will go a long way toward helping rebuild the M.I. Lewis Social Service Center which is located near the FM 517 and I-45 intersection. This area of Dickinson was severely hit with Hurricane Harvey flood waters. The center's office received over 5 feet of water, completely destroying the facility, equipment and the food pantry supplies, which meets the needs of hundreds of families each year.

The center was fortunate to quickly set up temporary office space at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church; however, there is very limited room making it impossible for the organization to collect and distribute food supplies until they can get their office restored. M.I. Lewis serves hundreds of families each year living within the Dickinson ISD

attendance zones. The Rotary Club of Dickinson is a long-time supporter of M.I. Lewis with monthly donations as well as support for special projects.

Another recipient of a Rotary Gulf Coast Donor Advised Fund Grant is the Dickinson First United Methodist Church, which received \$35,000 to help replace kitchen equipment lost when Hurricane Harvey flood waters damaged the church facility also located on FM 517. For over 40 years, not only has the church been the location for the club's weekly meetings, but the church women's group has provided home-cooked meals for every meeting. Since September, the Rotary Club of Dickinson has been temporarily meeting in the Dickinson ISD Education Support Center; however, club members are eagerly awaiting the return to the church for weekly meetings once the restoration is complete. In addition to Rotary, First United Methodist Church is also home to several community organizations, Boy Scouts, and Mother's Day Out. Because of damage from Harvey, the opening of a preschool for the community has been delayed.

Dickinson is rebounding from Harvey damage, and the Rotary Club of Dickinson is very grateful for the generous support provided by Rotary International and District 5910 to help our community.



Pictured from left: Jack Matkin, Senior Pastor at Dickinson First United Methodist Church; Carla Voelkel, Dickinson Rotary President; Betty Lessert, M.I. Lewis Social Service Center Executive Director

Ten outstanding students from Dickinson High School had a great weekend at RYLA Camp sponsored by Rotary District 5910 at Pineywoods Baptist Encampment in Woodlake, Tx., January 4th-7th. They had an exciting weekend making new friends, learning about leadership, and creating memories that will last a lifetime.



Dickinson Rotary Youth Leadership Award participants included: Alexia Aguirre, Sully Carpio, Halle Goodman, Jennifer Gutierrez, Te'Anna Martin, Alexandria Martinez, Yesenia Paredes, Clay Sheppard and Roxana Vasquez.

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CLUB NEWS: Fredonia Club

“This is a serious pocketbook and emotional issue for individuals and families,” stated Rotarian Albert Weatherly during the recent membership luncheon of the Fredonia Rotary Club. “When making decisions on long-term care services, you are facing many challenges: legal, financial and eligibility to name a few.” Weatherly was the guest speaker at the Fredonia Rotary Club’s kick-off meeting for 2018.



PICTURED FROM L TO R: FREDONIA ROTARY MEMBER MIKE BAY, NACOGDOCHES CVB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHERRY MORGAN, president mary frances bradford AND ROTARY BOARD MEMBER ALBERT WEATHERLY.



Carlie Allen, Main Street Communications Coordinator and Communications Assistant for the City of Nacogdoches presented a holiday recap and spring showcase to Fredonia Rotary members during a recent membership meeting.

“Retail sales for downtown merchants were good for the holiday season through our promoted events,” said Allen.

Fredonia Rotarian Robin Dawley and President Mary Frances Bradford served more than 300 bowls of delicious chili to the attendees of RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Award. RYLA is held annually at Pineywoods Baptist Encampment, Woodlake, Texas. Cold Weather clothing is ESSENTIAL along with the delicious chili.



“The heart of The Helping house is our kids,” said Amanda Johnson, director of The Helping House during the recent membership meeting of the Fredonia Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. The Helping House is a place for children with autism and other developmental delays that provides support for families in deep East Texas.



Fredonia Rotary members were recognized for service anniversaries and perfect/good attendance by President Mary Frances Bradford and Board member Albert Weatherly.



A few special perfect attendance honors to note went to Mike Bay for perfect attendance since 1978, David Shofner since 1990 and Russell Smith since 1998. Members were presented with a Rotary link key chain in recognition for their attendance, commitment and service to the club.

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CLUB NEWS: Friendswood



Friendswood Rotary Club donated \$500 to the Friendswood Public Library to support their Children's Department early literacy program. The renovated Friendswood Library has several new meeting and study spaces that can be reserved through the library's Reference Department.



Pictured are Matt Riley of the Friendswood Public Library and Friendswood Rotary Club President Luis Briones.



The library has also added Makerspace technology including a 3-D printer and green screen technology.

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CLUB NEWS: Huntsville

Rotary Club bringing Early Act First Knight program to elementary schools

By Marissa Nunez mnunez@itemonline.com

Many of the most famous knights in history were known and respected throughout their kingdoms for their virtuous character and bravery.

With the help of the Rotary Club of Huntsville, Huntsville ISD elementary students will have a chance to be the knights of their campus through the Early Act First Knight program facilitated by The Knights of The Guild.

[Read full press release by linking here.](#)

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CLUB NEWS: Lake Conroe

This year's RYLA camp hosted 287 High School Juniors from Rotary District 5910. Camp was held on January 05-07, 2018 at the Pineywoods Baptist Encampment at Woodlake Texas. RYLA became an official Rotary project in the 1960's. The program emphasizes leadership and personal growth. It encourages leadership of youth by youth, as outlined by Rotary International, every RYLA program covers the following core topics:

- Fundamentals of leadership
- Ethics of positive leadership
- Importance of communication skills in effective leadership
- Problem solving and conflict management
- Rotary's purpose and service to community
- Building of self-confidence and self-esteem
- Elements of community and global citizenship
- Personal Growth in Leadership and Citizenship Skills



The Rotary Club of Lake Conroe sent six students; Kelsi Hopkins, Rachel Lathrop, Nathaniel Colborn, Jack Talley, Daniel Gomez and exchange student Leonardo Barbosa. Member Ashley Harrison-Pena and her husband Jacob attended the weekend as chaperones.

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CLUB NEWS: League City



DGN Betsy Robinson receives her Paul Harris plus Eight pin by Assistant Governor Amy Killgore.



The League City Rotary has provided 4,791 community members with food via our monthly mobile food distributions from July through December 2017. The combined value of this project during this period is **\$149,848!**

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CLUB NEWS: Nacogdoches

Kyle Keller, Head Coach of Stephen F. Austin State University Lumberjack Basketball was speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Coach Keller provided an overview and update of the Lumberjack basketball season currently in progress. Gary Ashcraft, club member and Chairman of the Nacogdoches County United Way provided an update on Coach Keller's inclusion as one of 48 participating coaches in the current 2018 Infiniti Coaches' Charity Challenge. The local United Way continues to be Coach Keller's selected charity and has received a total of \$35,000.00 in past year donations from the event.



Pictured left to right are Gregg Nichols, Club President, Coach Keller, Mr. Ashcraft, Robert Hill, Program Chairman and Stephen F. Austin State University Athletic Director and Mr. Mitchum.

Bill Plunkett, Manager at Lake Naconiche was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Mr. Plunkett provided an overview and update of Lake Naconiche and its excellent amenities, fishing, wildlife and natural habitat. The program was educational and enjoyed by all in attendance. Debi Ryan, Editor and Publisher of The Daily Sentinel and Anita Kite, Director of Nacogdoches County Memorial Hospital District were introduced as new members of the club. Sam Smith, Past President provided an update on the club's playground project currently in progress at Lake Naconiche Park. The project is expected to be completed within the next few weeks and is the most recent addition to the original Rotary Pavilion project completed a few years ago. Ray Mitchum, Chairman of the club's 2018 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) program provided an update of the recent RYLA weekend that included participation by a total of 15 local high school students sponsored by both Rotary clubs in Nacogdoches.



Pictured left to right are Chris Oglesbee, Membership Chairman, Jimmy Mize, Program Chairman, Mr. Plunkett, Farrar Bentley, Sponsoring Member, Ms. Ryan, Ms. Kite, Mary Ann Derby, Sponsoring Member, Gregg Nichols, Club President, Mr. Mitchum and Mr. Smith.

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CLUB NEWS: Orange

The Orange Rotary will have a new meeting place, beginning on Tuesday, February 6. We will meet at Robert's Steakhouse, 3720 W. Park Ave. Orange. We have had great service and food at the Garden District, but need a location that is more centrally located for most members. Please visit us, Tuesdays at noon at Robert's, beginning in February.

The Orange Rotary will donate to the Salvation Army the funds and gift cards that it has collected for Harvey relief. A program in January on the Community Trash-off, sponsored by Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, led us to organize a Trash-off

Team, captained by first year member Randi Brister. Orange Rotary will also collect funds to buy food for the participants. Other good programs were given by the Orange Police Department, and Allen Nation, President of Adaptive Sports for Kids, a non-profit organization that provides year-round sporting opportunities for children and young adults with physical and/or mental disabilities. Sports include baseball, soccer, basketball and others.



Allen Nation addresses Orange Rotary on Adaptive Sports for Kids

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