

Upcoming Events

<u>District Grant Applications for 2018-19 Due</u> Jun 01, 2018

<u>Installation of John Hathaway as</u>
<u>District Governor</u>
Jun 16, 2018

RYE Pre-RI Convention Meeting Jun 21, 2018 – Jun 23, 2018

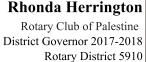
<u>RI Convention</u> Jun 24, 2018 – Jun 27, 2018

Interact Leadership Training
Lone Star College-Montgomery
Aug 11, 2018

Membership, Foundation & Publc Image Seminar
UTMB
Aug 25, 2018
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



District 5910 News June 2018





Stories

Monthly Designation



D5910 Membership Matters

Membership Matters in District 5910

During our District Conference we honored some impressive clubs for their membership growth and we continue to support the leadership of our Rotarian body.

Membership remains a very vital component to the success of every Rotary Club. As we come to close to the end of our Rotary year it is important to review, revise and reduce your club rosters to display your actual club membership. Our District has 39 clubs and many have been impacted by a declining membership. However as we define and develop new strategies to grow your membership, you will be able to reset and reestablish methods to becoming a vibrant club. Here is one method offered by the Club clinic which provides 10 successful tips to hosting a open house essential to growing your club membership.



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What are some of the benefits for me, as a Rotarian?

This may be a question Rotarians ask themselves often but never forget to look at the big picture and expose yourself to all that Rotary International can offer. Do you have the Rotary Global Rewards app? If not take time to download it today and don't forget to make plans to attend one of our RI Conventions. Of course we will be in Houston, Texas in 2022 which will be the center of our District 5910.

This year I will once again have the pleasure to present during the Convention sessions. While this is a wonderful opportunity, it is the chance to enjoy fellowship with Rotarians from around the world that is so empowering.



My Rotary Fellowship is "Rotary of Doctors & Healthcare Professionals" and we will have time to enjoy food, fun and fellowship during our dinner as well as planning sessions. The World of Rotary Fellowships is open to you and all you have to do is select your interest to open the doors to many possibilities. Go beyond the doors of your Club meeting and invest in the actions of RI.

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 January/February/March 2018? 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.

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 recent service project. Personalize it. Include a quality photo and quotes from the recipients 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

Use the MyRotary brand center to customize your photos with these buzz words. Ask me me for the recorded how-to webinar!

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

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

2018 Membership Foundation and PI Seminar



Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange

Much has happened this past month for everyone involved in youth exchange. The last weekend in April, all 11 inbound students, 6 of our 7 outbound students, and 3 Rotex students (former outbound students) participated in the District Conference in Palestine. On Friday evening they all enjoyed the many fun activities the "S'more Camp" had to offer and on Saturday morning they presented the "traditional" Youth Exchange Program, which every year is much anticipated by everyone attending a District conference. The program started with a flag ceremony, where each inbound student carried the flag of his/her home country and the outbound students carried the flag of the US. Seeing these young people serving as ambassadors for their home countries is always a special and a little emotional event.





Each inbound student then gave a short speech, highlighting one or two important events they experienced during their stay in the US and the outbound students focused on what they hope to gain from living a year abroad. They all did an excellent job!



The program became quite emotional when Glen Mattingly announced that after an uncountable number of years he decided to step down as District Youth Exchange Officer and everyone could feel how difficult it must have been for him to give up this passion of his live (not his young age but the problem with his vision unfortunately left him no other choice). The long standing ovation that he received for all he had done over so many years was a well-deserved "Thank You" for the exceptional work that he has done for the program. The District is fortunate to have Carol Mattingly continuing as District Youth Exchange Officer and Glen, of course, will continue to help wherever his help is needed.

Before the District Conference, all inbound student filled out a questionnaire about their experience as an exchange student in the US. The two excerpts below from one of our inbound students (Maëlys from France) perfectly describe the impact that a year living in the US has on the students and why everyone involved in Youth Exchange is so passionate about what they are doing:

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The other major event this past month was the weekend-long second orientation at Camp Allen in Navasota, at which our seven long-term outbound students got prepared for their year-long stay abroad. It is always a busy event where students learn everything that is important for their time overseas, from how they have to prepare themselves all the way to the "Do's and Don'ts" while living with host families in another country, far away from their own families and friends. The students always feel a little overwhelmed but, not surprisingly for us, when they come back after a year, they all agree how helpful the prior orientations have been.



Facilitating the orientation were Glen & Carol Mattingly and Marcus & Nisa Gillespie (Huntsville), Chris Turner (Friendswood), Doris Lockey (Lake Conroe), and Ulli Budelmann (Galveston). They received significant help from three Rotexes, Zoe from Dayton, who spent a year in Thailand, Jake from Conroe, who each spent a year in France, and Emma from Galveston, who lived in Spain for a year.



Having Rotexes participating in the training is crucial because, and not surprisingly, students much better and very carefully listen to what Rotexes have to say since they have already experienced everything that is ahead of them.

A fun part of the orientation every year is a talent show on Saturday evening. It is always amazing to see what kind of hobbies our outbound students have; several showed their talents as musicians and others demonstrated how good they are as a quilter, painter, actor, or singer.



A busy weekend, indeed. A big "Thank You" to, and on behalf of, all who attended the camp (which included one "guest" outbound student, Jill, from District 5830).



A final orientation will happen in July shortly before the students start an experience that, no doubt, will change their lives.

CLUB NEWS: Beaumont

Research has determined that lower income children often cannot keep pace with their peers in reading skills during the summer recess as compared to children of middle-income families who may have easier access to books in their homes and visits to the local library. It is referenced as the "Summer Slide." Beaumont Rotarians decided to make a difference by providing summer reading to every child in the

first grade at Martin Elementary School. We shared an overview of our project and the first phase of work completed in the May Newsletter.

The Rotary Club of Beaumont worked on the next phase of the literacy project in mid-May. Rotarians added a personalized book plate inside each of the ten books the students selected as their choice of summer reading material. Books were added to specially-designed book bags and labeled for each child. We had a lot of fun, stacking and sorting, sticking and bagging!





With these tasks complete, the only thing left is to deliver the book bags to the classrooms during the last week of the school year and encourage the children to read, read! We plan to return to the school in the fall and let the new Second Grade students read their favorite book of the summer to Rotarians, demonstrating how their reading skills have continued to improve rather than taking a "summer slide" this year!

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CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

CHS INTERACT CLUB INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS AND INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Cleveland High School Interact Club inducted new members and installed officers for 2018-2019 on Monday, May 14. Mistress of Ceremonies Rotarian Ernestine Belt gave a brief history from when Rotary International approved the first Interact Club on November 5, 1962, and new members that Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people aged 14 to 18 and that clubs are generally sponsored by a Rotary club or clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. Interact helps students develop leadership skills and personal integrity, demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others, understand the value of individual responsibility and hard work and advances international understanding and world peace. Mrs. Belt led the members in the Interact Pledge and installed the officers. Officers for the 2018-2019 year are: President Julissa Rivera, Vice President Natalie Azola, Secretary Jose Hernandez, Treasurer Aman Sayed, Historian Erica Gonzales, and Service Project Chair Yulizma Mota. Light refreshments were served after the ceremony.



Interact members recite the CHS INTERACT OFFICERS pledge. 2018-19

Cleveland Rotary Awards 10 \$1000 Scholarships in 2018

On May 22, the Rotary Club of Cleveland awarded 10 \$1000 scholarships to seniors at Cleveland High School and Tarkington High School. Since 2000, the Rotary Club of Cleveland has awarded over \$160,000 in scholarships to local students.



Pictured (left to right): Rotarian Ernestine Belt, Cleveland High School Rotary Scholarship recipients, and Rotarian Tommie Daniel.

The Rotary Club of Cleveland and members of the Cleveland High School Interact Club were among many organizations and individuals throughout Cleveland that joined together to help with the City of Cleveland Clean-Up Cleveland campaign on Saturday, May 19. Members were given t-shirts and bags to collect trash in various parts of Cleveland. At noon, lunch was served and door prizes were awarded. Pictured are members of the CHS Interact Club and the Clean-Up Cleveland t-shirt.



CLUB NEWS: Dickinson

Dickinson Rotary is a proud sponsor of the Gulf Coast Special Olympics. This year, Rotarians and Interact students volunteered at the Spring Games, and Rotary provided the funds for the Special Olympics Banquet.



Carla Voelkel, Dickinson Rotary President, presented a donation to Laurie Rodriguez, DISD Special Programs Director and Joshua Abrashoff, DHS student, for the Special Olympics Banquet.



Pat Bumpus, Dickinson Rotarian, and members of the DHS Interact Club helped with track events at the Special Olympics Spring Games held at Sam Vitanza Stadium.



Laura Koehler and Carla Voelkel attended the Special Olympics Awards Banquet. Special Olympians received medals and senior students received letter jackets. Special Olympics presented a plaque to Rotary Club of Dickinson for their support.

CLUB NEWS: Fredonia Club

The Fredonia Rotary Club welcomed 2 new members! Dudley Hargrove, owner of NTX Computer Services - sponsor Paul Smith Becky Rewolinski, retired - sponsor Mary Frances Bradford. Becky volunteers for First Methodist Church, Love Inc., and is the Vice President of the Board for Nacogdoches Hope Food Bank.



(L to R): Jeremy Terrell, Paul Smith, Dudley Hargrove, Mary Frances Bradford and Becky Rewolinski

A recent guest speaker of the Fredonia Rotary Club was Rachel Payne with the Pineywoods Beekeepers Association (PBA), which was established in 2001. The PBA welcomes beginner, hobbyist and

commercial beekeepers from Nacogdoches and Angelina County, as well as surrounding counties.



(L to R): Jeremy Terrell, Rachel Payne, Mary Frances Bradford, Olivia Payne and Jesse Payne

#ServiceaboveSelf - Another great member of Fredonia Rotary club, Father Michael \bigcirc

The students of Christ Episcopal School raised \$704 to assist in the purchasing of another water well in Tanzania. An additional \$300 was given at Christ Church this past Sunday by Douglas and Diane Dickey after Father Michael Caldwell shared the desire to raise at least \$1,000. Now that the total is \$1,004, Father Michael did what he promised and dyed his beard blue. The teachers and their students worked hard to raise these funds by selling different items that they made, prepared, or bought.





(L to R): Rotarian Father Michael Caldwell, Head of School Catherine Oliver

Fredonia Rotary member Robin Dawley arranged for Clayton Collier, Hydrex Environmental Drone Division, to tell us about their new drone technology, providing high resolution aerial imagery,



(L to R): Robin Dawley, Clayton Collier, Mary Frances Bradford, David Shofner and Wes Jensen

The Fredonia Rotary Club hosted Kristi Hachtel, Supervisor, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services as their guest speaker recently. Kristi gave an overview of local services provided to assist children, adults, and families in need.



(L to R): Claire Robbins, Polly Etta Sunda, Jeremy Terrell, Kristi Hachtel, Mary Frances Bradford, DFPS interns Morgan Curl and Bethany Talmon, Wes Jensen



Congratulations to long-time Fredonia Rotary Club Rotarian George Barham who was inducted into the District 5910 "Roll of Fame" recently. George received the honor at the District Conference dinner and awards event held April 28th at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine, TX.

(L to R): District 5910 President Rhonda Herrington, George Barham

Elyce Rodewald, Education Coordinator for SFA Gardens presented a program recently to the Fredonia Rotary Club. Since joining SFA Gardens in 2001, Rodewald has reached thousands of children and adults through after school and special programming aimed at introducing the community to the natural world. This diverse programming includes garden seminars, lectures, tours, and special children's programming such as Nacogdoches Naturally and Bugs, Bees, Butterflies and Blossoms, a cooperative program with the SFA's James I. Perkins College of Education.



(L to R): Stan Sisco, Mary Frances Bradford, Elyce Rodewald

One your Mark! Get set! RUN!

The 29th Annual Fredonia 5/10K was a tremendous success! "It's all about the kids," said event chairperson Wes Jensen. "We are excited to feature the Central Heights Cross Country members as our celebrity runners to lead off this year's run." Central Heights superstars running our race this morning. The Central Heights Track/Cross Country team lead off the event held Saturday, May 5th. "We have 10 graduating seniors and they are excited to have this be their final run," said Central Heights Cross Country Coach Shelly Binford. Proceeds benefit the Fredonia Foundation Scholarship Fund a local charity of the Fredonia Rotary Club and support the Club's vision.

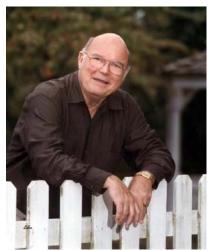


(L to R): Central Heights runners Alli Durham, Tyler Garner, Grace Castilaw, Hadley Watts and Emily Castilaw get ready to lead off the event



Runners prepare for the start of the 29th Annual Fredonia 5/10K event held on Saturday, May 5th.

In loving memory ~ fellow club member, Dr. Barry Roberts,



passed away recently in Nacogdoches.

Dr. Roberts was a tireless advocate for children. A longstanding Rotarian, he led the Nacogdoches Rotary Club's commitment to Polio Plus, the successful campaign to eradicate polio world-wide. Dr. Roberts was instrumental in both Nacogdoches Rotary clubs active participation in Polio Plus and strongly supported the admittance of women into Rotary clubs. We were fortunate to have Dr. Roberts in our club.



Congratulations to fellow Rotarian and Fredonia Club member - Lorraine Brown!

The American Association of University Women Nacogdoches Affiliate hosts an annual banquet to honor five important women who have contributed much to the Nacogdoches community. At the 34th Annual Woman of the Year Banquet, fellow Rotarian and club member Reverend Lorraine Brown was honored as a Religious Leader. The Rev. Lorraine Brown is the Associate Pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Nacogdoches.

Our guest speaker Mr. Alton Frailey, Interim Superintendent for Nacogdoches ISD presented a dynamic program about the future of Nacogdoches ISD. Frailey is a Nacogdoches County native and retired in 2016 after a 33-year career in public education, the last nine years as superintendent of Katy ISD near Houston. At Katy, Frailey was responsible for operations of 60 campuses, more than 73,000 students and a \$700 million budget.



(L to R): Richard Humphreys, Mary Frances Bradford, Alton Frailey, Paul Smith

A program on Immigration Law and the Immigration System was presented by Attorney Amelia Fischer of the Fischer law firm to the Fredonia Rotary Club. Fischer very interestingly outlined the most prevalent misconceptions about immigrants, the current immigration system and its impact in our area.



Jeremy Terrell, Amelia Fischer, Mary Frances Bradford and Albert Weatherly



Just sending a special invitation to join the Fredonia Rotary for lunch on Tuesday, June 19th, at the Fredonia Hotel Convention Center to celebrate 40 Years since the club charter on June 23, 1978. Please rsvp by Friday, June 15th.

CLUB NEWS: Friendswood



Friendswood Club President, Luis Briones, and Reverse Draw Fundraising Chair, Sally Branson, recognized Mike Foreman and Robert Griffon at the Club's meeting and thanked them for their sponsorship which helped raise \$27,000 that will benefit local and international charities.



Mike Foreman worked as a "Startender" at Friends Uncorked Wine Bar on Friday, April 13 making \$438. in tips that he could donate to a charity of his choice. Mike chose the Rotary Club of Friendswood Charitable Foundation for Harvey Relief to donate the proceeds and also matched the tips for a total donation of \$1,000. Thanks for your generosity Mike!

CLUB NEWS: Lake Conroe



Charlie Parada was inducted into the Rotary District 5910 Roll of Fame over the weekend. The highest award a Rotary Cub can give its member is a Nomination to our District's Roll of Fame. Congratulations on a well deserved honor- RCLC is lucky to have Charlie in our club!

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CLUB NEWS: Lufkin





Maggie Lee from Anderson elementary along with two students Zamiya and Joshua came to tell the Lufkin Club about the trip they took the Museum of Natural History in Houston which the club helped fund.



Jennifer Allen from the Angelina Arts Alliance speaking about the upcoming season of shows



Starla Bickerstaff of KTRE TV speaking about the changes in the media world.

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CLUB NEWS: Nacogdoches

Kent Ferguson, Chairman of the Rotary Scholarship Committee presented the club's annual scholarship awards totaling \$20,000.00 to sixteen well deserving senior students from Nacogdoches County schools. Scholarship recipients are chosen by the club's scholarship committee composed of Mr. Ferguson and club members Lindsey Vardeman, Ray Morin, MaryAnn Bentley, John Callahan and Crystal Hicks with selection based on a student's class rank and grade point average, extracurricular involvement, essay on the Rotary Four Way Test and interview. This year's scholarships were presented to Avery Arnold, Mary Beall, Blake Bobo, Austin Burton, Lizzy Davis, Katie Durham, Ethan Jacobs, Nelson Kleine, Ray Malik, Allison McGinnis, Brade Mortin, Matthew Morin, Natalie Reed, Preston Still, Shaun Strupe and Ashton Westbrook. The group was very impressive and appreciated by all in attendance.



Pictured front row left to right are: Mr. Arnold, Ms. Beall, Ms. Bobo, Mr. Burton, Ms. Davis, Ms. Durham, Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Kleine. Back Row left to right are: Ms. Vardeman, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hicks, Mr. Malik, Ms. McGinnis, Mr. Mortin, Mr. Morin, Ms. Reed, Mr. Still, Mr. Strupe, Ms. Westbrook, Ms. Bentley, Gregg Nichols, Club President and Mr. Morin.

Shelley Brophy, Mayor of the City of Nacogdoches was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Ms. Brophy presented a program on the "State of Nacogdoches with a Look to the Future" and covered a wide array of city items and topics. The program was enjoyed and appreciated by all in attendance.

Maelys Michel, 2017-2018 Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Normandy, France was a special guest of the club and will be returning home in the next few weeks.



Pictured left to right are Ron Collins, Program Sponsor, Mayor Brophy, Ms. Michel, Dave Wallace, Chairman Rotary Youth Exchange Program and Gregg Nichols, Club President.

Alton Frailey, Interim Superintendent of the Nacogdoches Independent School District was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Mr. Frailey provided an excellent report that included his initial observations and other notions about NISD since his arrival approximately eight weeks ago. The program was very informative and well received by all in attendance.



Pictured left to right are: Ron Collins, Program Chairman, Les Linebarger, NISD Public Relations, Michael Martin, NISD Assistant Superintendent, Robin Thacker, NISD Director of Student Nutrition, Mr. Frailey, Pam Fitch, NISD School Board Chairman and Gregg Nichols, Club President.

In April, the Nacogdoches Club hosted the annual Old Stone Fort Bike Ride. We had 110 bikers, in spite of some cold and wet weather! The bike ride was a big success.



See more photos from the annual Bike Ride in the slideshow.



CLUB NEWS: Orange



Orange Rotary President Steve Aguillard presents check to Kelly Meadows for Playground.



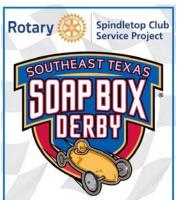
LCM graduate Hayley Edwards receives scholarship from Orange Rotary, presented by Rotarian Maureen McAllister.



Sarah Boehme presents membership award to Amy Peevey of Green Machine team

CLUB NEWS: Spindletop

For the Spindletop club May is all about the Soap Box Derby & in spite of the rain 2018 was another successful project! DG Rhonda Herrington drive all the way from Palestine to Beaumont early on Saturday morning to participate and get a first-hand look at what the Soap Box Derby actually entails. Special thanks to the Beaumont Rotary Club, Lamar University Rotaract, Sandra Womack from the Hardin County Rotary Club and many others who came out to work alongside our club. If you have never attended one of our



derbies, we hope you will make plans to join us next year.



Super Stock Division Drivers



Stock Division Drivers



Super Kids Division Participants & Mentors

We got a rainy start on Saturday but didn't let that slow us down (much):





Once things got rolling the competition was friendly but fierce...











DG Rhonda Herrington got to try her hand at releasing the cars. It is a coveted job but works a lot of muscles!



Rotarians and friends of Rotary celebrating another successful Soap Box Derby. Lots of tired smiles!

CLUB NEWS: Texas City

43rd Annual Frances Levisee Memorial Golf Tournament
Another Successful Fundraising Event – thanks to everyone who
helped and/or participated in some way. Net Proceeds estimated to be
\$22,000.00. Congratulations to the top three teams!!





1st Place Sponsored by Robco – Henry Ortiz, Bruce Warner, Chase Ortiz and Jimmy Donihoo;

2nd Place Sponsored by Guaranteed Roofing and Remodeling – Dale Gass, Kevin Andoe, Randy Crawford and Dale Enders;

3rd Place Sponsored by Hi-Tech Truck Rigging – Ben Baty, Byron Baty, Rick Baty and Woody Abner.

Other winners - Closest to the Pin Hole #7 – Don Higgs; Longest Drive Hole #8 – Mike Rusnak

Scholarship Recipients



Congratulations to five of the seven scholarship recipients. Atarah Langham and Daniela Betancourt each will receive a \$10,000 Frank Webb Scholarship; Kayla Gessell - \$2,000 Lee and Ellen Owens Scholarship; Tara Feigle and Zachary Smith will each receive a \$2000 scholarship.



Congratulations to two more Texas City High School Seniors who will be receiving scholarships for their further education plans. Tristan Langford will receive \$2,000.00 from the Rotary Foundation and Madison Holmes will received the Dr. John Acree Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000.00. Rotarian Stephen Hale will provide \$1,000.00 and it is matched by the Rotary Club of Texas City for same amount.

I Like Me Book Reading

The Rotary Club of Texas City donated and read the I Like Me Books to approximately 500 Kindergarten students in the Texas City ISD. The Mainland Club also participated with the Kindergarten students for their school within TCISD. Texas City High School Interact Club members also participated by reading the books to the students.



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CLUB NEWS: Woodville

Rotary Club of Woodville's annual Memorial Weekend Flag Project.

We placed almost 400 flags at the grave site of veterans from the Civil War period to current at the Woodville Magnolia Cemetery.

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Interact Training



Interact and Rotaract officer training will be held on Saturday, August 11 from 9:00 until around 1:00. Lunch will be served, but not breakfast. There will be sessions not only for the Interact and Rotaract incoming officers, but for sponsors and advisors as well. This is a wonderful training and gets the year off to a great start. Clubs, please encourage your Interacts and Rotaracts to participate, please. Training will be held at Lone Star College in The Woodlands.

The training will include a service project this year. We will raise funds to donate to purchase windows at an orphanage for disabled children in Nicaragua. Each window costs \$90. Students need to bring change to play a game, and that change will be donated to the orphanage. Clubs, if you would like to sponsor a window, please send your donation to Vidor Rotary Club, PO Box 10, Vidor, TX 77670.

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