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District 5910 News

December 2016



Gig Langston

District Governor 2016-2017
Rotary District 5910

Stories

From the Governor

Rotarians and Rotary Friends:

WHAT'S ZONE?

Many of you were probably like me when you first joined Rotary. Our Rotary world consisted of the weekly meeting we attended in our home city or the one where we worked.

The first September or October after becoming a Rotarian, I was asked to join the group that was traveling to Huntsville in a motor home for a Membership/Foundation Seminar. During a very different Saturday, I discovered that Rotary existed in other places than my normal Thursday noon lunch. On the way back, the bar opened so I was hooked. When is the next District meeting, I thought?

The District Conference came the next spring and I remember asking the District Governor what type of training sessions we would be undertaking. "Oh no!" was the answer. "This is a celebration of our year together". I thought this is really a neat organization. We are here to have fun and enjoy our Rotary friendships.

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Fortunately, I have been able to make most of the district meetings and conferences since then. By 2005, I made my first Rotary International Convention in Chicago and my world of Texas based Rotary was changed forever as I met Rotarians from around the world.

Now my Rotary world orbited just fine for many years around my Thursday meetings, District meetings and Conferences, two PETS and several RI Conventions. When I was asked to think about serving as District 5910 Governor, part of the discussion centered on training and that annual Zone Institutes would be a key to my training. Not wanting to be a "dummy", I quietly thought to myself, "What is a Zone"? Believe it or not but somehow after serving as club president twice, Rotary Zone Institutes had slipped through my training. A new Rotary world opened up at the 2013 Zone Institute in Bastrop, Texas. Texas Districts are part of RI Zone 21B No one at Zone asks you for the name of you club. They want to know what and where your district is. Many in my classes would become my District Governor classmates as we began our training for that position. These classmates are from Zone 27 and their districts are in New Mexico, Montana, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Nebraska, Idaho, South Dakota and Wyoming. These friendships have become an extra added plus to my service as your Governor.

If I have piqued your interest in Zone, you are in luck for the 2017 Zone will be held in Houston at the Omni Hotel, September 12-17th. NO airline expense!!

Now when asked, what's Zone? I simply say, among excellent training sessions, it is foremost Rotary friendships.

Yours in Rotary,

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Gig Langston

District 5910 Governor 2016-2017

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2017 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION PROMO

REGISTRATION FEE INCREASES ON 12-15-15



The Rotary International Convention is our biggest event of the year! In addition to celebrating all things Rotary, this year we'll also be commemorating The Rotary Foundation's centennial with a birthday party, book signing, and film festival.

Celebrate Together in Atlanta

The Rotary Foundation is turning 100! Let's celebrate together in the city where it all began in 1917. The Rotary Convention travels to Atlanta, Georgia, USA 10 -14 June 2017. We'll look back proudly over a century of "doing good in the world" — and look ahead to the challenges Rotary will tackle in the century to come. It promises to be the best and biggest party in a hundred years!

Register Now and Save

Take advantage of your opportunity to save. Be sure to register **before 15 December** for early registration savings at riconvention.org.

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Announcement for District Governor 2019-2020 Proposals

**OFFICIAL NOTICE
FOR
2019-2020
DISTRICT
GOVERNOR
PROPOSALS**



This is the official notice that District Governor Gig Langston has issued a request for all clubs in

the district to propose individuals to serve as the District Governor-Nominee-Designate (DGN-D) position, which will determine the governor for our district during the 2019-2020 Rotary Year. As the Immediate Past District Governor, I, Doris Lockey will serve as the Chair of the District Governor-Nominee Committee.

The current Governor succession is as follows:

2016-2017 Gig Langston – Rotary Club of Angelina (Lufkin)
 2017-2018 Rhonda Herrington – Rotary Club of Palestine
 2018-2019 John Hathaway – Rotary Club of The Woodlands
 2019-2020 – To Be Determined

The application period for District Governor for the Rotary Year 2019-2020 is now open and will remain so through **December 31, 2016.**

[Continue reading entire document with qualifications and procedures delineated by accessing here.](#)

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Rotary Youth Exchange Activities

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Fall Outing in Palestine

The weekend of October 21st-23rd, the Rotary Club of Palestine welcomed twelve inbound exchange students, and several RYE counselors, to their city and to the lodge on beautiful Crystal Lake. Beginning Friday afternoon, Hugh Summers hosted the students at his ranch just outside of town where the kids had a great time riding segways, a full size electric train, a self-propelled railroad handcar, and a variety of unusual wheeled “vehicles” that most had never seen before. That evening, the students were treated to a personalized tour of the Palestine Haunted house, courtesy of the Palestine Fire department. Judging by their screams and smiles, they absolutely loved it. On Saturday, the kids rode in the town parade in a pickup truck pulling a float created by the Palestine Rotary club. The weather and the experience couldn’t have been better. In the afternoon, they made boats (to ride in) out of pieces of scrap cardboard and raced them in Crystal Lake. Most of the boats didn’t make it more than a few feet before sinking; but, the kids had great fun with the competition, cheering their teammates, and laughing as their less-than-seaworthy boats sank into the waters of Crystal Lake. Before leaving on Sunday morning, they held “Olympic” competitions in which they raced in canoes and kayaks. This group of students has truly bonded together, even more so than is usual – as shown by their tears as they said their goodbyes until they meet again at the RYLA event in January.



RYE Interview Meeting One

On November 12, members of the District RYE Committee, assisted by four former RYE Outbound Students (ROTEX students) and two current inbound students, met at Lone Star College-Montgomery for a day-long session to interview prospective exchange students and their parents. Interviews are part of the process of ensuring that all outbound students are mature enough to go on an exchange and that they will serve as good ambassadors for our District and our country. A total of 15 students and their parents were interviewed, and eleven of the students plan to go on the long-term exchange. The number of students interviewed is up significantly from last year, and we hope that this trend will continue.



As the monthly reports of both our outbound and inbound students show, the exchange program is profoundly important to them – a truly life-changing experience.

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2017 District Conference

District 5910 Conference
April 21-23, 2017
LUFKIN, TEXAS
 HOST HOTEL: HAMPTON INN & SUITES



SAVE THE DATE!

Hosted by
ANGELINA ROTARY CLUB
LUFKIN ROTARY CLUB

*You'll Love
 Lufkin!*



2017 District 5910 Conference Director Nancy Westbury reminds you to mark your calendar dates to attend. We look forward to seeing you in LUFKIN!

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CLUB NEWS: The Mainland

Food Drive by The Mainland Club



The Rotary Club of the Mainland's Annual Food Drive was held on Saturday Nov. 19 in the front of the La Marque Walmart Supercenter, 6410 Interstate 45. Rotarians and students from area high school Interact clubs collected non-perishable food for local food pantries



Walmart shoppers exchanged a grocery bag of food for a delicious BBQ lunch served on site by the Rotarians. The food drive was a great success and helped replenish the shelves in the food pantries.

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CLUB NEWS: League City

League City Packing Backpacks



Galveston County Club Presidents help the Rotary Club of League City stuff backpacks at the quarterly Galveston County Club Presidents Meeting with their Assistant Governors.

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CLUB NEWS: Aggieland

Aggieland Club Distributes Thanksgiving Baskets



Saturday, November 19th we did our signature service project for the year, our Annual Thanksgiving Baskets. This year we assembled and delivered a record 450 Thanksgiving meals, plus gave out 20 HEB gift cards to needy families.



We had a number of all star volunteers that delivered double digit numbers of baskets, but one person was our MVP for the day. Tamara Jones, an Aggie Rotaractor, and Class of 2017 from Houston, Texas delivered 25 baskets, all on her own, coming back 3 times to pick up additional routes. We could not do all of this without the generous spirit of volunteers like Tamara, not to mention the generosity of our sponsors, HEB, Lock-N-Roll Storage, Ruffino Meats, Patterson Architecture. And major thanks for our Project Coordinator Dwight Groves for all his hard work to make this event so successful.

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CLUB NEWS: Texas City

Texas City Honors Vets and Award Recipients and Helps Community

The Rotary Club of Texas City hosted a Veteran's Day Salute on November 13, 2016 to recognize all Veteran's in the area. This was done in conjunction with the City of Texas City.



Interact Students volunteered to serve hot dogs and drinks to all in attendance.



The local Intermediate School's Choir performed a repertoire of songs for the community in honor of the Veteran's in attendance and the TCHS MCJROTC presented the colors. We had a speaker, Darrell Turner, Staff Psychologist for the Texas City Outpatient Clinic.



The Texas City club held a food drive at the local grocery store on November 19, 2016. Our caterer provided free barbeque sandwiches to all who donated food and Kroger's provided a bag of chips and bottle of water. **A total of 1,842 pounds of food was collected which is enough for 1,535 meals. In addition, \$318.69 in cash was collected which was enough for another 954 meals for a total of 2,489 meals.** All food was donated to the Galveston County Food Bank.

Paul Harris Fellow Banquet and Herb Langford Fellow Banquet

Each year the Texas City Rotary Club has a banquet to recognize new Paul Harris Fellows and those receiving a new level. In addition, we have a

local Rotary Foundation and have Herb Langford Fellows (similar to PHF). We also recognize new HLF Fellows. This year the committee also included the 100th Birthday of the Rotary Foundation. A Birthday Theme was used for decorating and the video about the Rotary Foundation was shown.





Congratulations to our new Paul Harris Fellows and Herb Langford Fellows. Those receiving a PHF this year were Bob Senter, Robert Miller, Tesa Skipper, Stephanie Hughes, Steven Lyons, Joe DeSanto and Patrick Griffin. HLF's were awarded to Chris Delesandri, Tamara Beene, Lee Skipper, the late Grayson Glass (received by his daughters, Sherry Williams and Louann Graves) and Jay Carnes. Jay and Lori Carnes were presented their Major Donor recognition. Members receiving a new level of giving were Ivan Langford+7; Darel Beene+4; Fred Sandberg+4; Lee Skipper+2; Phil Roberts+1; Ruth Rendon+1; Lyman Reed+1; Sandy Gartman+1.

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CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

Cleveland Club Fundraising Fun & Focus on Polio



The Cleveland Rotary Club has completed its 2016 fundraiser used for their scholarships to Cleveland and Tarkington High School graduating seniors and other charitable projects. A minimum of ten \$1000 scholarships have been given each year since 2000.

Gene Lisco, winner of the Polaris Sportsman, joined the Rotarians at the meeting when notified of his win. Pictured: (foreground) Rotarians Constable John Joslin, Kelly Jenkel-Axton, Tommie Daniel, Ernestine Belt, Ashleigh Broussard; (background) Rotarians James Leach, T. W. Garrett, Charlie Rice, Bob Coleman, Buck Anderson, winner Gene Lisco seated on his new 4-wheeler, Rotarian Scott Lambert, donor Victoria Good of CBS Furniture, Rotarians Larry Middleton, Jennifer Bergman.

Picture by Rotarian Claire Garrett.



Members of the Cleveland Rotary Club were visited by Mike Berger, Rotary District 5910 Polio Plus Chairman, with news about the success of efforts to end polio worldwide. He stated that complete eradication of polio is just inches from success. Pictured (left to right): Rotarian and Program Host Kenneth Riggs; Rotarian Tommie Daniel; Cleveland Rotary President Eisha Jones; Rotarian and Assistant District 5910 Governor Ernestine Belt; Rotarian and District 5910 Polio Plus Chairman Mike Berger from Lake Conroe.

Rotarians Ernestine Belt and Tommie Daniel hosted Tomas Mac T-Saoir to dinner



at Pueblo Viejo in Cleveland. Tomas (22) is from Ballyferriter, Ireland, biking across the southern route of America (San Diego, CA to San Augustine, FL) raising money for suicide prevention in Ireland.

[Read full article about Tomas' journey by linking here.](#)

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CLUB NEWS: Beaumont

Beaumont Club Recognizes Vocational Excellence



2017 Vocational Excellence Award recipients and Rotarian nominators

It has become an annual custom for the Rotary Club of Beaumont to recognize those who render exceptional service in their chosen profession and avenue of work on a regular basis. Rotarians are eager to nominate those who they recognize have gone "above and beyond" in doing what others could consider as "just doing my job."

It is a meeting and event that leaves one feeling humbled and respectful of other professions and those who perform ethically, with a "service above self" attitude that inspires others.

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CLUB NEWS: Lake Conroe

Lake Conroe Club's Grant: Clothing for Kids!



Lake Conroe Rotary Club had an grant project on Saturday, November 5th - Clothing for Kids! We had a wonderful and rewarding time shopping with 39 deserving kids for clothing they needed for school. Thank you Old Navy in Conroe for opening early and partnering with us. We are so blessed to be surrounded by such amazing people with great hearts! You made a huge impact in these kids lives. We spent \$6,000.00 in record time and sent the kids home with smiles and lots of new clothes for school this fall. Thank you to all the Rotarians and friends that came to play and serve Saturday morning for the Clothing for Kids Event!

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CLUB NEWS: Angelina

Angelina Club Focuses on Honoring Veterans



The Club met at the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #113 to learn about all the services they do for the veterans in our community.



Members of the Club along with members of Interact and Rotaract marched in the downtown Veteran's Day parade. Members are pictured with state representative Trent Ashby.



Members of the Club and members of Rotaract joined with members of Interact to complete a Treat for Troops project. Soldiers were sent wrapped empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls with drink mixes, candy and personal notes.



Veteran's Day was our Club's final flag distribution. The flag program has been a part of Angelina Rotary Club for 19 years. After the flags were all distributed, members gathered for a breakfast honoring the program.



A special program was held to honor our members who are veterans, and veteran guest speakers shared their service experiences. Thank you for service Rotarians Michelle Moore and Don Newland!

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ROTARACT NEWS: Lone Star College

Rotaract at Lone Star College Montgomery Shares Club's Events in Photos



Article from a Rotaract Member:

During my involvement with Rotaract at Lone Star College at Montgomery, I have had the opportunity to volunteer and serve the community while spending time with my friends. Rotaract has given me the opportunity to stay motivated and form new friendships with other Rotaract members and officers. In addition, Rotaract has also helped me improve my self-confidence and self-motivation. I also had a chance to be exposed to a wide variety of people with different majors. I love Rotaract's friendly and fun environment, as well as the feeling of being accepted by my friends in the club. Based on my opinion, I would highly recommended participating in Rotaract since it gives people the opportunity to volunteer and help in the community. Rotaract is a fun and exciting way of making new friends and build new skills in volunteering.

Rotaract members can motivate others to volunteer for the good of other people. All in all, Rotaract can be a fun and rewarding experience!

Jimena Gonzalez
25 November 2016

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INTERACT CLUBS: Fall Mixer

Interact Clubs Enjoyed Mixer with Service



On November 17, more than 100 members of Interact clubs crowded into the room and spent a fun evening together, in service to others. With lots of talk and laughter, they met other Interact members, enjoyed fellowship and fun, and completed a massive service project that will be a treat for hospital and nursing home patients. Much appreciation goes to District Interact Chair Sally Andrews and the club members and advisor, Suzanne Lewis, of Monsignor Kelly High School Interact.

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INTERACT: Cleveland

Cleveland High School Interact Club Reaches Out to Community



Cleveland High School Interact Club, sponsored by the Cleveland Rotary Club, is making a positive impact on the local community. Chartered in May 2016 at the end of the school year, the club has grown to 86 enthusiastic members, under the leadership of Mrs. Moszellie Morales, their dedicated faculty sponsor.



In addition to supporting the Back to School Spectacular distributing school supplies and Halloween Treat Street, CHS Interact Club recently manned the Recycle Center at Operation Refuge and hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner to honor sponsors, supporters, and parents. They are working to donate a water well through Rotary International to provide fresh clean water so desperately needed in developing countries. Watch for club members helping in the community – with “At Work” displayed proudly n their signature t-shirts. Two pictures: CHS Interact members at the Operation Refuge Recycling Center and with Cleveland Rotary Club members at their Thanksgiving Dinner.

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Website Help

Posted by Brenda Walker on Nov 01, 2016



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