District 5910

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Upcoming Events

[College of Governors Holiday / Winter Luncheon]
Dec 05, 2015

[GETS - Global Grant Scholar Training]
Dec 05, 2015

[Club election results due to RI, DGE and posted]
Jan 01, 2016

[Rotary International Semi-Annual Dues payment due]
Jan 01, 2016

[RYLA 2016 - Volunteer Registration]
Jan 07, 2016 – Jan 10, 2016

[RYLA Weekend Retreat]
Woodlake
Jan 08, 2016 – Jan 10, 2016

[RYLA 2016]
Jan 08, 2016 – Jan 10, 2016

[RYLA 2016 - Club Commitments]
Jan 08, 2016 6:00 PM –
Jan 10, 2016 12:00 PM

[District 5890/5910 All Club Meeting]
Crowne Plaza - Houston near the Reliant Park - Medical Center
Jan 12, 2016

[International Assembly]
Jan 17, 2016 – Jan 23, 2016

District 5910 News
December 2015



Doris Lockey
District Governor 2015-2016
Rotary District 5910

Stories

[From the Governor]

Rotarians and Rotary Friends:

Over the coming weeks I hope you each of you will take time to stop and reflect on the many opportunities we have to serve through Rotary. As RI President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran said, "Every one of us has something to give –whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion. Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world."

November seemed to be a really busy month for most clubs throughout the district. Every time I opened my email there was another update or note about your projects and events. Many of those are highlighted in this issue. I hope you enjoy reading and hearing about the "gifts" being given to our communities and throughout the Rotary world. Keep those reports coming and remember to make plans to share them in the Hall of Friendship at the District 5910 Conference in April 2016.

Bulletin Editor

Jacque Chapman *(If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor)*

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Does your club have a big event you would like to share in the Rotary World? Send the event information to rotarian@rotary.org with "calendar" in the subject line. It just might appear in the *Rotarian* magazine. Get Rotary's free Club Locator app and find a meeting wherever you go! www.rotary.org/clublocator.

Hope you enjoy the newsletter and have a great December!

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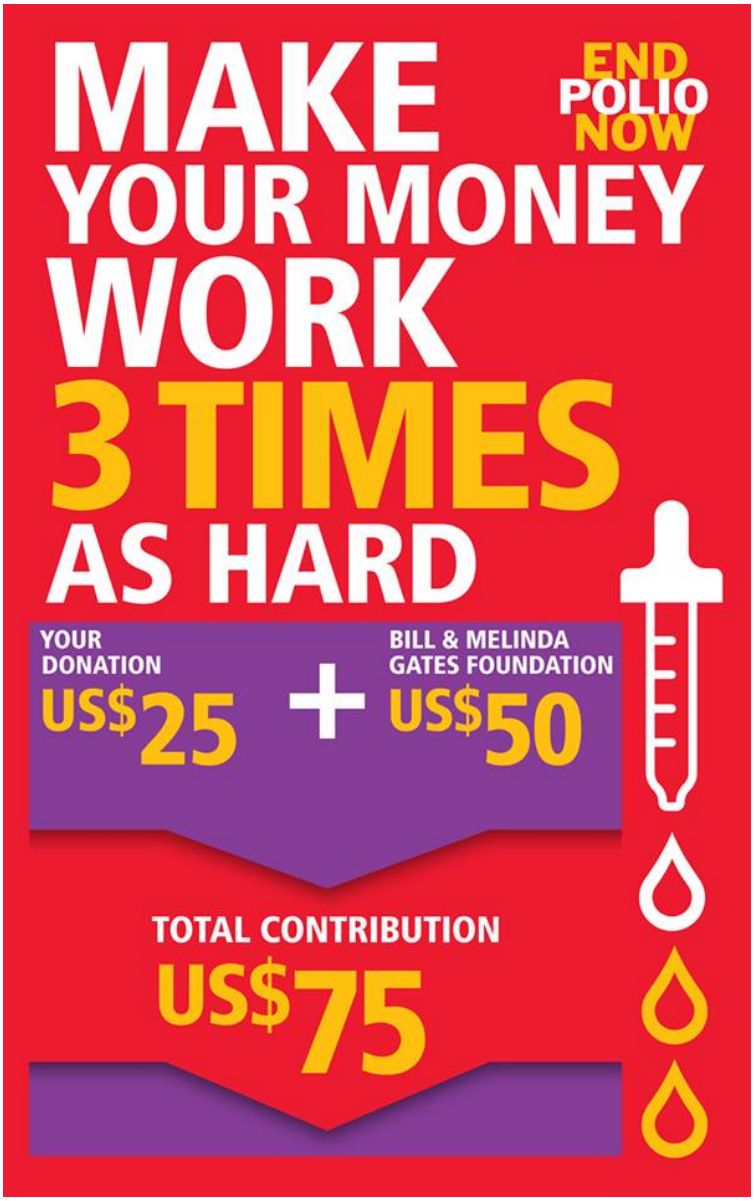
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HEADLINE: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

We Are Close!

On "Giving Tuesday" or any other day...



Give the Gift of Rotary

Give the Gift of Rotary

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Peace Conference

Rotary | ROTARY WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE 2016

Presidential Conference Series
Hosted by Rotary Districts 5330, 5320, 5340, 5300, 5280, 5240

www.peaceconference2016.org | 15-16 January 2016

Rotary District 5330 and five Southern California sister districts are hosts to the President Ravindran's Presidential Conference on Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution - Rotary World Peace Conference 2016 and all are invited.

The Rotary World Peace Conference 2016 will bring together more than 100 experts with solutions (blueprints for success) to major issues that are occurring in our personal lives, homes, schools, businesses and communities around the world. We are inviting leaders from health care, academia, government, public safety, religions, business, and communities to meet together to share the solutions presented by experts.

Read more in the documents listed below or link to the event website at:
www.peaceconference2016.

Peace Conference Overview
Peace Conference Marketing

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HEADLINE: DISTRICT NEWS

District Literacy Programs Highlighted

SPOTLIGHT ON LITERACY PROJECTS

by Birda Gaskin

ROTARY CLUB OF PALESTINE

Palestine has long realized the importance of literacy projects. Two of the signature projects are:

ACADEMIC OLYMPICS
We recruit students from eight to ten of our area high schools as well as academies and home school associations to come on a Wednesday after our Rotary meeting at 1:30

pm. The competition is usually during April at our Trinity Valley Jr. College campus where they compete by answering questions about any subject. Five students are on a team at a time competing and we have a Rotarian Moderator, Score Keeper, Timer and helper (if needed) to put on each completion between each two school groups. Each team competes against all the other schools one at a time and we determine a winner depending on how many wins each team has. If there is a tie we have them compete in a winners round so we can pick the top three teams. We give out metals, take pictures for the paper and recognize the top three teams.

The Rotarians have fun doing the competition as do the kids and the adults learn how few of the questions we can answer. We have found the best training for the Rotarians is at the Rotary meeting on the day of or the week before the competition to have a competition between Rotarians made up of groups like the current board of directors versus the committee chairs. We can use real questions or better yet Rotary questions and try to mess up every way we can to teach the club how to run the competition and handle problems that might come up during the actual competition later. We have a blast doing it and it helps jell the club members.



DICTIONARY PROJECT

Normally, an encyclopedic dictionary is given out to every third grader in the county. (This means visiting eight or more schools.) The dictionary has 4 sections. The presenter (a Palestine Rotarian) tells the class a little about Rotary – that they are a service organization, etc. He then asks the students to look up the word service. The first student to find the answer gets a small prize. Additional questions are asked using all the sections of the dictionary. The goal is to show them how to use every part of the book.

The books cost about $2.00 each. Some years we have money to give the teacher a full set of books as well as one for each student. If we only give out the one to the student, it is up to the teacher as to whether the student leaves it at school or takes it home. In the front is a label with the club

name, four way test and a place for the child's name. Occasionally this is the first book that the child has been given to be their own.

ROTARY CLUB OF VIDOR

Vidor is involved in many literacy projects. Most people know of their Green Bus. Twice a month during the school year, they go to low-income apartment complexes to feed supper to kids and let them check out books. In the summer, they go to at least four income locations every single week, taking sack lunches, books, and often peanut butter for the family.





Besides the Green Bus program, The Vidor Rotary has established lending libraries. These are housed in local businesses, and the United Christian Care Center.

In addition, they provide a free book to each child who completes the summer reading program at the Vidor public library every year. They also give free books from the Green

Bus to children at their community-wide garages sales, held twice annually.

Last summer, Vidor Rotary hosted a month-long summer reading camp for low-income children. They took them to the public library's program every week, and the Green Bus gave them a free book a week. In addition, they made sure the kids met the library reading goals, fed them two meals a day, and made reading come to life for them. A different author was focused on each week. They even had a kangaroo visit to read to them.

Another project Vidor is starting is called R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs). A dog will help with his trainer, working with reluctant readers in the elementary schools.

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Call for DGN Nominations

Rotary District 5910:

This is the official notice that District Governor Doris Lockey 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 2018-2019 Rotary Year. As the Immediate Past District Governor, I, Don Taylor will serve as the Chair of the District Governor-Nominee Committee.

The current Governor succession is as follows:
2015-2016 Doris Lockey – Rotary Club of Lake Conroe
2016-2017 Gig Langston – Rotary Club of Angelina (Lufkin)
2017-2018 Rhonda Herrington – Rotary Club of Palestine
2018-2019 to be determined

The application period for District Governor for the Rotary Year 2018-2019 is now open and will remain so through December 31, 2015.

For Qualifications and information on the process, link on "Read More."

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Candidate Qualifications
For the purpose of complying with Article 13 (13.020), of the Bylaws of Rotary International in selecting a District Governor-Nominee a district nominating committee procedure shall be used. The qualifications of candidates for District Governor-Nominee shall be as set out in Article 15 (15.070) of the Bylaws of Rotary International. A candidate shall be selected by a nominating committee procedure in accordance with Article 13 (13.010) of the Bylaws of Rotary International.

Nominating Committee
The Nominating Committee shall consist of the immediate Past District Governor, who shall serve as the chairperson of the committee, plus one (1) Rotarian from each area of the district represented by an Assistant Governor. These members shall be active members of a club in the district and shall be well-informed about Rotary and Rotarians in the district. In order to help insure that they are well informed, they shall have served a full term as a club president prior to their service on the committee. Additionally, they should be active at the district level as evidenced by their attendance at three (3) of the (5) five district conferences immediately preceding their service on the committee.

Qualification Interview
The committee may request that those individuals proposed by clubs to serve as District Governor-Nominee be present at a meeting of the committee to be interviewed concerning their qualifications for the position. Current plans are for the Nominating Committee to interview qualified candidates following the District Mid-Year Meeting in Woodville on **February 6, 2016**.

Read more...

District 5890 & 5910 All Club Dinner Invitation

BREAKING NEWS: DATE CHANGE TO JANUARY 12!

Don't Miss this Opportunity!

International President Ravi Coming to Houston for Joint District Meeting



Rotary Districts 5890 and 5910

"Celebration of Gifts"
All Club Dinner

TUESDAY, January 12, 2016

Crowne Plaza

Featured Guest: Rotary International President: K.R. "Ravi"

Link to Information and Invitation here.

Table Sponsorship Opportunities Information here.

Link to Registration page here.

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RYLA 2016

RYLA Registration Goes Electronic!



January 8-10, 2016

This year registration for RYLA is an online, electronic process to ease the job of the registrar. Club commitments need to be made online and the Junior Participants will complete an online registration form once their sponsor club has selected and named their sponsored students. It is the responsibility of each club's RYLA chair to help their students with this process.

A Rotary volunteer form is also online so that Rotarians, Rotaractors, and non-Rotary volunteers can register to participate in RYLA 2016.

Go to the month of January 2016 in the calendar of events on the District website and you can easily link to the event registration on the correct dates.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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Governor's Travels

District Governor Makes Official Visits

At PORT NECHES-GROVES:

Club visit number "38" Rotary Club of Port Neches Groves. This is a club of many "past presidents" and long time Rotarians. Great support to their communities.





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At MAGNOLIA:







Club visit "39" our final official visit was with Rotary Club of Magnolia. This is a strong growing club! Projects are outstanding and "Service Above Self" is apparent in all they are doing for their growing community.

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The Governor's travels to each of the District clubs concluded but the photos are forever available on the District Facebook page Rotary5910. Moreover, lots of news from across the District is regularly posted to the Facebook page. Please like it and follow news there.

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District Conference 2016

SAVE THE DATE

2016 District 5910 Conference

Be a gift to the world

Save the Date
2016 District 5910 Conference
Hosted by Rotary Club of Lake Conroe

April 22-24, 2016

La Torretta Lake Resort & Spa on Lake Conroe
Montgomery, Texas

For Information Contact
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With Sympathy

In Memoriam

A.A. "Dixie" Walker, Jr.

7/18/32-
11/24/15

Texas City Rotary Club



Read full tribute in
Galveston County The Daily News

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HEADLINE: CLUB NEWS

CLUB NEWS: Vidor

Vidor Club Holds Huge Safe Halloween Night!



About 500 people attended Halloween Safe Night, sponsored by Vidor Rotary Club and involving a host of local organizations and clubs.



Vidor Community Rotaract (formed in September) members were on hand for Halloween Safe Night, painting faces and making kids smile.



Vidor High School Interact manned several booths at Halloween Safe Night at Vidor Elementary.



Vidor Rotarian Tim Andrews played a game with kids the entire evening at Halloween Safe Night.

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CLUB NEWS: East Montgomery County

East Montgomery Presents 3rd Annual Polio Program



The Rotary Club of East Montgomery County held its third annual "We're This Close to Ending Polio" presentation on Thursday, October 29, at Lone Star College Kingwood. The program opened with Professor Doris Jackson (Nursing) providing a brief overview of the disease process of polio. She was followed by Past District Governor Rose Austin, who explained about Rotary and outlined Rotary efforts to eradicate polio. She shared photographs from her own trip to India to provide polio vaccines several years ago. Professor Kelley Buzbee (Respiratory Care) talked with the audience about her experiences in caring for patients in an iron lung. The final speaker was Frank Johnson, who had polio as a child and described his memories for the group. This program is provided in partnership with Lone Star College Kingwood. Current students in healthcare programs as well as students interested in healthcare careers were invited to attend. There were about 200 people present and most of them had never seen an iron lung before. Special

thanks to PDG Hugh Summers for allowing us to borrow his iron lung again this year.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact *Dr. Suann Hereford at* 281-312-1410 or suann.hereford@lonestar.edu.

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CLUB NEWS: Galveston

Galveston Club Has Special Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

Rotarians worldwide have a long, established tradition of supporting the Rotary International Foundation by honoring others by naming the deceased as a Paul Harris Fellow. This is certainly true within the Rotary Club of Galveston. Initiated some time ago by Gary Peters who wanted to honor a family member in memoriam - his grandfather who served as Club president in the 1930s - the tradition has continued with William Glenn, III honoring his grandfather and Neil Nathan honoring his late father with a Paul Harris Fellow. The PHF recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name of $1,000 to the The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. This program was initiated in 1957 to show appreciation for and to encourage substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program - Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study - the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Presentations were made at the Club's 11/18/15 meeting which featured presentations on both the RI and Club (VIT) Foundations. Dr. Glenn Jr. was also honored (as the club's eldest member) with a birthday cake.



From Left, Kristen Carlson, President Nominee presenting Posthumous Paul Harris Fellow in honor of Bill Glenn Sr. to The Glenns, Paula, Bill Glenn, III and Bill Glenn Jr.



Rotary members were presented with "Multiple Paul Harris Fellow" Pins from left, Kristen Carlson, Gary Peters, Neil Nathan and Bill Glenn, III.



Bill Glenn, JR. presented with a VIT foundation membership donated in his name by Anna and Buddy Benson.



Gary Peters accepting a posthumous Paul Harris Fellow award for his father, Conrad Peters.

-photos by Ulli Budelmann

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CLUB NEWS: Galveston

Galveston Shares Meeting Highlights



The Rotary Club of Galveston recently enjoyed having Kent Hutchison as the meeting speaker. It was "truly a dynamic program and to say that Kent is passionate about Rotary - is an understatement. The expression(s) on his face convey that message to the fullest!



We are this close to eradicating polio world-

wide!



Members of the Rotaract Club were guests recently at Rotary Club of Galveston meeting. Comprised of students from both Texas A&M University/Galveston and UTMB, the Rotaract Club brings together young adults ages 18-30 to help develop leadership and professional skills and to encourage members become involved and participate in civic activities/projects within the community. Pictured from left are Adrienne Fairchild, Megan Berg, Whitni Lueck, Abby Morgan and Maddie Mulford. (Courtesy photo by Robyn Bushong.)

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CLUB NEWS: Port Arthur

Port Arthur Assembles Thanksgiving Baskets







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CLUB NEWS: Angelina

Angelina Rotary Reports on Veterans Day and More

Members of the Angelina Rotary Club plays special tribute to Veterans in a very unique way as they honored & memorialized members of the Armed Forces on the grounds of Towne Square Media for the entire community to observe.

This inaugural event was a remarkable success and President Harrell shared the captions with one of the honorees General O.R. Whiddon who was really touch by this outpouring tribute.



Kicks 105 Radio On Air Personality/Broadcaster Danny

Merrell is pictured with Angelina Rotary Club Rotarian Members left to right Emily Fleniken, April Turner, Beth Fleniken, Demetress Harrell, Randy Cummings, and Veteran Rotarian Don Newsome.



Pictured above Rotarian Nancy Westbury (left) & Rotarian Jayne McCurry (right)



Angelina Rotary Club honors Retired Corporal Leon Berryhill (94) the eldest living WWII hero who is pictured with Rotarian Beth Fleniken. The Club was delighted to have him attend their meeting this November as they recognized Veterans throughout the month.

Angelina Rotary Club President recognizes fellow Rotarians for their exceptional devotion to Rotary club service.


Angelina Rotary Club
Dr. Patricia McKenzie
2015-2016


Angelina Rotary Club
Pastor Don Schultheis
2015-2016



President Harrell (left) presents a plague to Nancy Westbury for her commitment to Membership growth as Club Membership Director. Nancy has grown club membership within the last year by more than 20% and this is tremendous. Nancy was inducted into the Hall of Fame earlier this year and truly loves Rotary.



Angelina Rotary Club recognizes Janet Greggs, Texas State Railroad and Rotarian has been a part of their Board for years.



Angelina Club Rotarian Jayne McCurry (left) is pictured with special guest and former Angelina Rotarian Alan Hayes. Alan now a retired JC Penney's Store Manager and resident of Flower Mound has been traveling the country with his wife. The two have been around various States and will be traveling
to Florida and then Alabama for the holidays.

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CLUB NEWS: Cleveland

Cleveland Successes!

The drawing for the Rotary Club of Cleveland 4-Wheeler fundraiser was held on November 4. Approximately $8600 was raised to benefit the college scholarship fund and charitable projects.



The Rotary Club of Cleveland donated a decorated Christmas tree (the flocked tree with red ornaments) for Hometown Christmas (December 4-5) at the Civic Center. The trees will be judged and all trees will be sold through a silent auction; proceeds go to the City of Cleveland Unity Committee.

On Saturday, December 5, the club will have a float in the City of Cleveland Christmas parade. “Be a Gift to the World” will be the theme of our float.

Invitation to Attend Program

The "Don't Meth with Me" program will be presented on January 19 (one session in the morning at Cleveland Middle School and an afternoon session at Tarkington Middle School) to 5th graders. **All Clubs in the District are invited to attend if they want to start this great educational program.**

CLUB NEWS: Dayton

Third Graders Enjoy Dictionary Gift

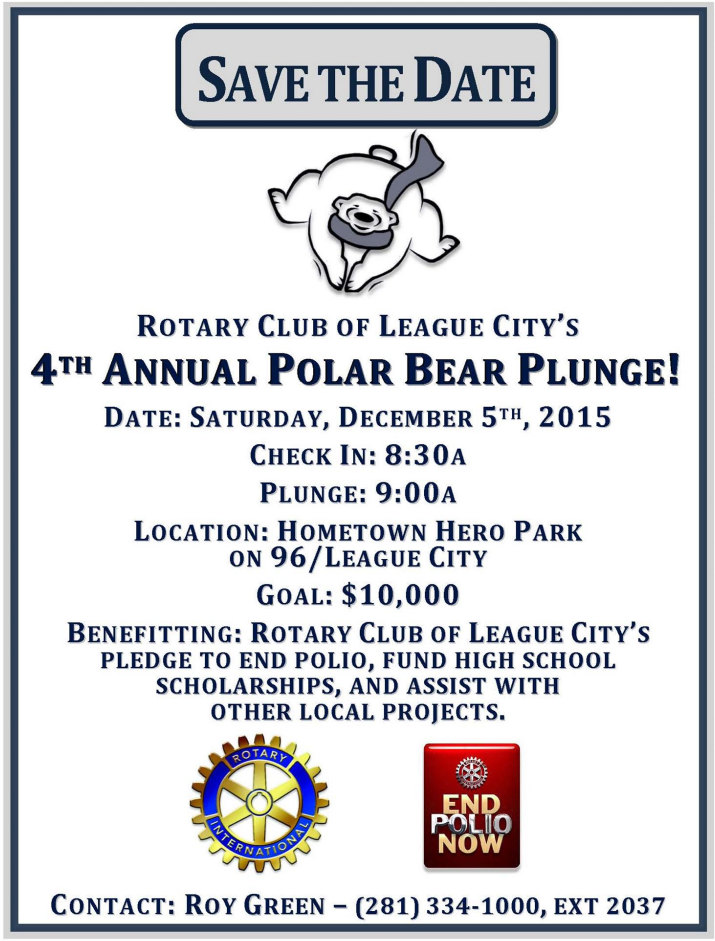


Dayton Rotary Club President Lana McCarty organized the club's literacy project to donate a dictionary to every third grader in Dayton ISD. On Wednesday, November 18, Rotarians and Dayton ISD representatives gathered at Richter Elementary to hand out the books and the students were thrilled.

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HEADLINE: Club Fundraiser Events

CLUB FUNDRAISER: League City



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HEADLINE: INTERACT NEWS

Rotaract-Interact Mixer

Interact & Rotaract Mixer is Successful

District 5910 hosted its first Interact/Rotaract mixer last Spring with about eighty youth and adults gathering at Vidor High School. There were Interacts there from Vidor, Orangefield, Westbrook, and Monsignor Kelly High School, as well as the newly-formed Bob Hope School (Port Arthur) group. Three Rotaracts, Lamar University, Beaumont Community, and Lone Star College, were on hand to encourage the youth to join a Rotaract. It worked.

Several nights ago at a Fall mixer held in Beaumont at Westbrook High School, students who graduated from Vidor High last year were asked if they'd like to join the brand new Vidor Community Rotaract. "We can't right now," they said, "because we've already joined Rotaract at Lamar University. But when we graduate, we will join the community group!" That's what this is all about....this bridge-building exercise to grow Rotary starting from the ground up.

The brainchild of District 5910 Interact chair Sally Andrews, the mixers held in Southeast Texas so far have been smashing successes. "I'm encouraging others around our District to host mixers," says Andrews. "I think once they have one or two, they're going to begin seeing the benefits."

At the first mixer last March, the students got to experience an iron lung, learn about polio, and of course, hear about Rotaract and Rotary. They also participated in a true 'mixer.' They were placed in groups of three Interactors and one Rotaractor. While grouped, they assembled candy rolls to take to local children in foster homes or protective custody.

Every five minutes a bell was rung, and they were instructed to move to a table where they could meet all new people. "Honestly, they probably loved meeting Interactors from other schools as much as anything," said Andrews. "We had a really hard time getting them to leave!"

At the November 19 mixer, a speaker from the local Rape and Suicide Crisis Center talked briefly about children and youth who are engaged in human trafficking and prostitution locally, followed by the founder of Harvest House, a safe house in Beaumont which rescues mostly young ladies ages 10-17 from human trafficking situations. The crowd of about 120 Interactors, Rotaractors, and Rotarians was a quiet one as the topic was discussed. They each wrote messages encouraging the young ladies to stay strong and not give up hope, then they packed toiletry bags for each girl rescued from trafficking. Each bag included a snack, some candy, deodorant, soap, bath gel, facial scrub, lotion, mouthwash, a toothbrush and toothpaste, and shampoo and conditioner.



Interact, Orangefield HS students at Fall mixer.



Students from Vidor HS Interact, Lamar Rotaract, and Vidor Community Rotaract at mixer.



Bob Hope High School Interact and sponsor taking a selfie at mixer.

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Website Help

Posted by Brenda Walker on Jul 08, 2015

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