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one positive act at a time.**

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**Suzi Howe, Governor
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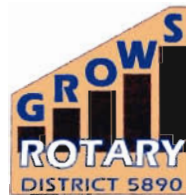


SERVICE Above Self

PEARLAND CLUB SETS NEW MEMBER GOAL AT 5

Pearland Club President Terrie Morgan, emphasizing the importance of new members as part of the "Rotary Grows" program, announced this week the induction of three new members into the club on Tuesday, August 15, 5890. District Governor Suzi Howe was the inducting officer.

Pearland is committed to a net growth of at least five members by April 2007



A unique pin will be presented to new Rotarians and to their sponsors, as well as others involved in membership growth efforts

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Pictured left to right: Mark Crowder, Corl-Crowder Funeral Home; Rotarian Kelly Perusse, Todd Iocco, owner of Epic Services; Bryan Roller, with the Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau; President Terrie Morgan, and District Governor Suzi Howe.

AG David Shaw reports that District Membership Chair Ann Wright has laid out a comprehensive agenda of action items to support the Clubs, and foster continual attention on membership growth.

Every Club has been asked to do two things to energize their members: 1) build support within the Club for a membership growth target of at least five net additional members, to be achieved by March 31, 2007, and

2) develop a written plan that supports both retention of current members and recruitment of new members.



Suzi Howe also presented Pearland Rotarian Acie French with a Paul Harris Fellow.

Simplified Grant Deadline Nears

RI Foundation Matching Grant Chair Cecile Schutter reports this week "that the deadline for District Simplified Grant applications is fast approaching. All paperwork must be completed and mailed before October 15, 2006."

She also reminded all club grant chairs "they should feel free to contact her for answers to any questions regarding their applications."

cs@westuttravel.com is her email address.



Galleria Club Gives Muellers a Sendoff

A goodly number of Galleria Rotarians, and other friends, turned out Saturday, August 26th to give Paul and Teresa Mueller a going-away party.

Paul is to be working now in the nation's capital. He had served the district as Treasurer and is a member of the Galleria club. Teresa, a member of the Willowbrook club, has served the district well as Secretary.



Starting at 7 PM, the guests were served an ample assortment of barbecue, and other embellishments, from an elegant buffet in Ed and Robin Charlesworth's Lakewood Forest home. Guests gathered around tables beside the pool and in the dining room as dinner progressed.



Bill Haglund and Paul chatted during dinner.



Virginia and Doug Crawford, Barbara and Charlie Clemmons and Bob and Leanna Ellis suggested trying the ribs, at least for dessert!



Teresa, Ann Wright, Meghan and Matt Cassidy.

District 5890 will sorely miss these two active Rotarians. Our only consolation is that some DC area club will surely welcome them and our loss will be their gain.

...a Rotary Moment

"...Rotarians are ordinary people who are taking the opportunities that Rotary has given them to serve without conceit or pride or any sense of being special. This is unselfish service performed in an environment of warm fellowship.

.....I joined Rotary with high expectations. My expectations have been exceeded, and my wife, Lorna, and I have found that Rotary has become an integral part of our lives. I am a Rotarian because Rotary changes lives. I know this because Rotary has changed mine."

William B. (Bill) Boyd

RI President-elect 2006-07

Director Rotary International, 1998-2000. Member of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, New Zealand.

Rotary International South Central Rotary Youth Exchange, Inc. 2006 Summer Conference July 22 at New Braunfels



YE attendees from Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas



SCRYE's purpose is to organize and promote youth exchanges with other countries in cooperation with the US and International Youth Exchange organizations. These exchanges provide students of secondary school age an opportunity to study or travel abroad for an academic year (Long Term) or 3-4 weeks (Short Term) for the purpose of advancing international understanding and goodwill. Students may be of Rotarian or non-Rotarian parents.

"Do not underestimate the challenge that these young people from all over the world are undertaking," said Alan Wylie, Co-Chair with Nick Giannone, of District 5890's Rotary Youth Exchange Committee. "They leave behind their family, their friends, their language, and their culture in order to represent their country and experience something new. All this at the age of 16 to 18 years old. They move in with families they have not met. They walk into schools not knowing anyone. They want to be accepted but know that time has to pass before they will be.... These young folks deserve all the respect, admiration, and support that we can possibly give them," he noted.

2007 District Conference

Fellow Rotarians and 2007 District Conference Early Registrants: Special Airfares...



We are now ready to book our airfares to beautiful Puerto Vallarta. Due to Continental Airlines procedures, seats cannot be held without a deposit. District 5890 does not have the resources available to fund such a deposit.

However, we will receive up to an 5% discount off of *published rates* through a "Meeting Works" agreement between D5890 and Continental Airlines. *Published Rates* are the current posted rate and are subject to change at any given time.

We do not have a guaranteed rate and all seats are available to the public. For the lowest airfare rates and preferred flight dates, it is vital to book NOW! PLEASE keep in mind that flight times are sometimes changed. Here is how to proceed: Go to the Continental Airlines website:

<http://www.continental.com/fSearch.asp>

Highlight: **"Programs & Services"**; click on **"Meeting Sales"**; click on **"Book Meeting Works Travel"**; type in our Meeting Works Z Code and Agreement Number in code box **"ZTS5WEKF0B"** (Z code ZTS5 Agreement Code WEKF zero B)

Choose your date of departure and return from the following flights

Tuesday, April 24, 2007	Departing IAH	Sunday, April 29, 2007	Departing PVR
#2309	9:00am	#2505	9:00 am
#1838	11:40 am	#1839	3:00 pm
#2183	5:50 pm	#2680	12:00 pm
Wednesday, April 25, 2007		#2623	5:10 pm
#1838	11:40 am	Monday, April 30, 2007	
#2183	5:50 pm	#2505	9:00 am
Thursday, April 26, 2007		#2680	12:00 pm
#2309	9:00 am	#1839	3:00 pm
#1838	11:40 am	Tuesday, May 1, 2007	
2681	2:00 pm	#2680	12:00 pm

If you choose any other flights other than what is listed above, you will be responsible for your own transportation to the hotel and back to the airport. Remember when you book online you will receive an additional 3% discount. Your discounts will automatically be applied when you enter the agreement codes.

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Fiesta Americana Hotel

Room rate \$105.00 + 2% tax. \$4.00 per day maid service and a one time \$10.00 bellman charge. All rooms have beautiful ocean view, white sand beach, large pool, 3 bars, 4 stores for shopping inside hotel, full service spa and fitness center.

Working for 0% Value Added Tax.

Need copy of passport & immigration papers for each attendee.

Planned Activities

Golfers must arrive Wednesday for Tournament on **Thursday** at the beautiful Marina Vallarta Golf Course. \$150.00 per player, which includes breakfast, green fees and transportation

Friday morning sessions with breakfast, lunch and the rest of the day is on your own:

Spouses Activity. Leave 9:00 am for City Tour, shopping and lunch. Possibly alternative tour to Tequila Factory and then lunch, return around 2:00.

IVI Ground Transportation will offer various excursions that you can sign up for upon arrival. (Jungle Tours, Snorkeling, City Tours, Tequila Tours, Parasailing, etc.) All excursion must not leave before session are through OR spend the day at the beach and pool.

Friday evening dine around – Committee will work on and get more info later.

Saturday Morning session with breakfast, no lunch

Rotary Sandcastle Build Off ??? , Break out rooms, Committee will decide.

Governors Banquet

Registration Fee

\$195.00 same as this year

5 meals (2 breakfast, 1 lunch, Thursday

Fellowship dinner and Governor's Banquet)

Airport Transportation

Spouses Activities could be a small extra cost

Passport!!!!

Vital as per new laws, must have passport by the end of this year. Club Program on when, where and how to get your Passport

Make a copy of your passport, for VAT and backup, in case of loss or theft

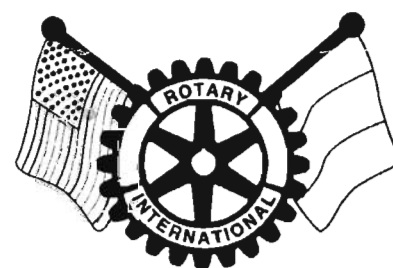
Get NOW!!!

Are You a Rotarian Who Would Like to Lead a Group Study Exchange to Italy or Turkey ?

Rotary International District 5890 is looking for experienced Rotarians to lead either one of two Group Study Exchange Teams to Italy or Turkey for four weeks in the Rotary year 2006 - 2007.

This is an **all expense-paid trip** sponsored by Rotary International.

The Team Leader will spend at least 1-day a week on the trip with a counterpart in a like-profession in that country. Team members will stay in host homes and will have plenty of time for sightseeing and other educational and social opportunities. Team Leader application deadline for Turkey will be September 25 and Italy will be October 2, 2006. Watch for more information as the deadline nears.



To get an application form, please go to www.rotary.org. Click on "Downloads," from the third line from the top. Click on "The Rotary Foundation," from the Download Center choices followed by "Educational Programs" on the left column of the "Download Center."

Scroll down to the section for Group Study Exchange. Next, look for "Group Study Exchange Team Leader Application" and print a copy of the application form.

A required social for all applicants will be held and followed by team leader interviews. If you need more information, please contact Lisa Bunse at 713-556-6392 or lbunse@houstonisd.org, or Bill or Janie Danz at (979) 297-5896 or arkelly@sbcglobal.net.

Ambassadorial Scholarships

An International Education Program for Ambassadors of Goodwill

The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is Ambassadorial Scholarships. Since 1947 more than 30,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. More than 1,100 scholarships were awarded for study in 2002-03. Through grants totaling approximately US\$26 million, recipients from some 69 countries studied in more than 64 nations.

Its purpose is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries.

Generous contributions from Rotarians worldwide represent continued faith that the students who are Ambassadorial Scholars today will be tomorrow's community and world leaders.

You can download an application for the Ambassadorial Scholarship program from the RI website, www.rotary.org. There is also a Rotarian's Guide to the program there for download.

Here is a listing of the District 5890 Incoming and Outgoing Ambassadorial Scholars for the 2006-2007 Rotary Year:

Outbound (5)

Cao, Cecile Kim

Sponsored by West U Place Rotary Club (D5890)
Assigned to Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hosted by Rotary District 3450
DDF
Graduate scholarship

Dawkins, Christopher LuGrand

Sponsored by Brazosport Rotary Club (D5890)
Assigned to Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa
Hosted by Rotary District 9320
Non-DDF, Endowed Scholar
Graduate scholarship

Storey, Philip Porter

Sponsored by Bellaire/Southwest Houston Rotary Club (D5890)
Assigned to University of Sydney, Australia
Hosted by Rotary District 9750
DDF
Graduate scholarship

Hixon, Amy Cathleen

Sponsored by Willowbrook Rotary Club (D5890)
Assigned to University of Kwazulu-Natal- Howard College, Durban, South Africa
Hosted by Rotary District 9270
DDF
Undergraduate scholarship

Katrina Rose Reichwein

Sponsored by Sugar Land Rotary Club
Attending Universidad Simon Bolivar, Caracas, Venezuela
Hosted by Rotary District 4370
e-mail: katrina.reichwein@gmail.com
Multi-Year 2 Year Scholar

In-Bound (3)

Andreia Mendes, Brazil (sponsored by Rotary District 4650), hosted by Galleria Area RC, will attend University of Houston and study law. Sally Andrews will be her host counselor.

Eun Hye Kong, Korea (sponsored by Rotary District 3640), hosted by Space Center RC, will attend U. of H. and study architecture. Rev. Matt Tittle will be her host counselor.

Shohei Edamura, Japan (sponsored by the Nara-West Rotary Club, in Japanese Rotary District 2650, is hosted by the Pasadena Rotary Club. He is an inbound 2006-2008 Rotary Foundation Multi-Year Academic Year Ambassadorial Scholar from Japan. Rotarian Bob Gebhard is Shohei's host counselor.

South Africa Rotary Friendship Exchange

If you have never been to South Africa, here is the most wonderful opportunity. A Rotary Friendship Exchange will be going to South Africa and visiting beautiful Cape Town, a safari to Kruger National Park, and Johannesburg. Dates are from October 8th - 29th, 2006 and the group size is limited to 14, of which six spots are already booked. The cost to you is \$1475.00 per person, plus your airfare. Airfare starts about \$1900.00. This covers most of your expenses although there will be some meals out, and of course, your personal expenses.

You will be hosted by Rotarians and you will have the time of your life. A trip like this is totally different than a motor coach tour! You'll get to know South Africa a whole lot better. If you want more detailed information, please contact Barbara or Charlie Clemmons at 281.474.2260 or c.clemmons@att.net.

PR Writer Needed

Are you a writer? If so, the District Public Relations Chair wants to know who you are! Our PR Committee can use your talent and ideas to help get out the good word about Rotary this year. Email nwagoner@wagonerlaw.com if you are interested in serving.

List Your Club Service Projects

As chair of the district service projects this year, I am trying to collect a list of the various projects that the clubs have on their agenda so we can compile a master list.

We have an almost complete list of fundraisers in the district and the idea is to have the information available so that clubs can help each other if necessary and perhaps get additional ideas for projects of their own. We would appreciate each club sending this information. Clubs can reply to me at sarah.d@earthlink.net.

Sarah Donaho, District Chair

Area Club Membership Chairs

Clubs Assigned	AMC
Weimer, Columbus, Eagle Lake, Sealy	Scott Brasher
Brenham, Washington County	David Barr
El Campo, Palacios, Wharton, Bay City	Larry Jackson
Sweeny, West Columbia, Brazosport, Angleton	Marilyn Lidberg
Richmond, Rosenberg	Billie Jones
Sugar Land, Oyster Creek, Fort Bend	Bill Griffin
Katy, Katy Sunrise, Bear Creek-Copperfield, West Houston	Steve Ratcliffe
Champions Sunrise, Willowbrook, Tomball, Cypress-Fairbanks	Demetta Landry
Greenspoint, Humble/Intercontinental, Kingwood	Bev Fitzgerald
Gulfway/Hobby Airport, Pearland, 288 Corridor	John Clayton
Pasadena, Deer Park, La Porte, Galena Park/Jacinto City	Amber Cobb
Northshore, Highlands, Baytown	Charlie Buscemi
Pasadena South, Space Center, Seabrook	Linda Nagle
Houston Westchase, Sharpstown, Bellaire/Southwest Hou, Braes Bayou	Keith Lovelace
Mem.-Spring Branch, Houston Heights, Galleria, River Oaks	Bill Jones
West U. University Area, Astrodome-Houston	Merinda Watkins-Martin
Alvin, Harrisburg	Chris Schneider

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

My observation is that membership growth is easy. The difficulty is retaining members. I decided to list some of the reasons that I have stayed in Rotary for 18 years. Here is my short list.

- ◆ Fellowship was my original motivation. I wanted to belong to something and associate with people other than just those in my church and professional associations. This is still a big deal for me.
- ◆ Without Rotary, I could not ever get to meet, and in many cases become friends with, this many quality people.
- ◆ I like being involved in service programs. Alone, I could never have the kind of impact that we have as a “body of Rotarians”.
- ◆ I find a quiet satisfaction in lighting up someone else’s life, in being part of building a park, funding a medical clinic, providing clean bedding for orphans in an orphanage in Mexico, or helping reforest thousands of acres with trees.
- ◆ It is a rush to attend the District Conference and Rotary International’s Convention. I know Rotarians all over the world.
- ◆ By volunteering and staying involved I keep up my interest in Rotary and in life. Rotary volunteer opportunities have helped me grow in personal skills such as public speaking; and leadership.
- ◆ Rotary gives me a sense of purpose and greater meaning to my life.

Some fail to understand my last statement. A man named Ernst Becker wrote a book back in the 70’s. His thoughts parallel my thoughts on part of what Rotary gives back to me. To paraphrase him: *Men and Women want to know that their life has somehow counted, if not for themselves, then at least in a larger scheme of things, that their life has left a trace; a trace that has meaning. And in order for anything once alive to have meaning, its effects must remain alive in eternity in some way.*

Rotary is one of my vehicles for me to “leave a trace”. My life will “somehow have counted and will continue to count for generations to come” through Rotary. I like that, it has an appealing ring.

George M. Yeiter

Past District Governor 2003-04

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District 5890 Attendance Report										
	Members 7/1/06	Net Gain	Members 7/31/06	Jul		Members 7/1/06	Net Gain	Members 7/31/06	Jul	Jan
288 Corridor	62	-	62		La Porte	42	-	42	75%	
Alvin	43	-	43	72%	Memorial Spring Branch	44	1	45	63%	
Angleton	53	(2)	51	66%	North Shore	101	(5)	96	75%	
Astrodome-Houston	17	-	17		Northwest Houston Sunrise	24	2	26	59%	
Bay City	17	1	18	62%	Oyster Creek	37	(3)	34	72%	
Baytown	104	(1)	103	85%	Palacios	13	-	13		
Bear Creek-Copperfield	17	1	18	67%	Pasadena	168	3	171	55%	
Bellaire S.W. Houston	53	(7)	46	90%	Pasadena South	44	-	44		
Braes Bayou	10	-	10	81%	Pearland	31	(1)	30	71%	
Brazosport	89	-	89	65%	Richmond	62	2	64	59%	
Brenham	100	-	100	60%	River Oaks	48	-	48		
Columbus	26	(1)	25	55%	Rosenberg	31	2	33	78%	
Cypress-Fairbanks	17	-	17		Seabrook	48	3	51	71%	
Deer Park	48	-	48	70%	Sealy	34	(1)	33	67%	
Eagle Lake	23	-	23		Sharpstown	20	(1)	19	80%	
El Campo	96	-	96	70%	Space Center	120	-	120	66%	
Fort Bend County	18	-	18	74%	Sugar Land	103	(11)	92	68%	
Galena Park/ Jacinto City	38	(4)	34	39%	Sweeny	23	3	26	76%	
Galleria Area	33	-	33	77%	Tomball	99	-	99	63%	
Greenspoint	11	-	11		University Area	61	(2)	59	60%	
Gulfway-Hobby Airport	35	-	35	94%	Washington County	75	-	75	68%	
Harrisburg	79	-	79		Weimar	25	1	26	79%	
Highlands	18	-	18	84%	West Columbia	47	-	47		
Houston	303	-	303	37%	West Houston	21	(2)	19	83%	
Houston Heights	64	-	64	51%	West U Place	108	1	109	84%	
Houston Westchase	15	2	17	66%	Wharton	57	-	57	52%	
Humble Intercontinental	67	(2)	65	79%	Willowbrook	46	(1)	45	71%	
Katy	27	(2)	25	57%	Total	3,052	(24)	3,028		
Katy Sunrise	24	-	24	100%						
Kingwood	13	-	13	81%	- Clubs Not Reporting Attendance				10	

