January each year is designated as Rotary Awareness month, so think it’s most appropriate to reflect on the accomplishments of our Rotary Clubs during the first half of the year, and to look forward to the remaining six months of Rotary year 2012-2013.

Teresa and I feel very blessed and privileged to be serving with such dedicated, energetic and enthusiastic Rotarians. Our visits to the clubs have been one of the most rewarding and uplifting experiences of our lives. To experience the excitement and the dedication to service by so many individuals is simply remarkable. But even before the club visits began, and we were in the training and planning phase for the 2012-2013 year it was apparent that we were associated with a very special group of individuals dedicated to service. Working with the club presidents-elect was a very special time and their enthusiasm was contagious. Beginning with Team Training and PrePETS, then PETS and District Assembly the presidents-elects led the way and was very supportive and involved with all the training efforts. Since assuming office on July 1, 2012 the Club Presidents have certainly led by example. Their support for the Membership & Foundation Seminar was unprecedented, and their outpouring of help and participation with the Bi-District Reunion and the Denim and Diamonds Foundation Gala was nothing less than OUTSTANDING!!

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION: The Club Presidents set very aggressive goals for Rotary Foundation giving, and the club members have enthusiastically accepted the challenge. In January, the combined giving of the clubs to the Annual Programs Fund exceeded $233,000 or 64% of the aggregated annual goal. The clubs’ support of the Permanent Fund is also very strong with more than 50 new benefactors, and several new Bequest Society members with combined gifts to the Permanent Fund exceeding $350,000!

MEMBERSHIP: The clubs also set high membership goals. Starting the year with 2703 members there has been a very modest gain of 29 members. Public awareness and involvement in the community is helping many clubs increase their membership.

PUBLIC IMAGE: A Public Image grant in the amount of $10,500 was received from Rotary International, and another $9,500 was budgeted from district funds to contract for four highway billboard along Interstate 35 between Waco and Georgetown. The billboards will have an estimated 85,000,000 views during the year and is meant to build Rotary Awareness. A “public” website, www.rotary4you.org was developed and maintained by the district webmaster Pam Blankenzee, and is displayed on each billboard, and provides information about Rotary and how to get involved. Pam has also revamped the District website and is continually working to improve the site and to make it the central focal point for club and district information.

CLUB Mergers: Under the leadership of very capable club Presidents and Assistant Governors we witnessed the merger of the Rotary Clubs of North Austin and Austin Northeast, and the merger of Austin University Area and Austin Silicon Hills.
These mergers have resulted in strengthening the clubs by capitalizing on the synergy realized when bringing the diverse membership together. We applaud the courage, tenacity and confidence of the club leaders for Making it Happen, for the good of Rotary!

**MAJOR MATCHING GRANTS:** The Bi-District Reunion held the weekend of 14-16 September at the San Marcos Embassy Suites Conference Center was a resounding success that resulted in 11 matching grants that have been approved and totals $234,176. In addition another seven grants are being worked that will total more than $100,000. Thirty clubs in the District are involved in these grants. The projects include a bus for disable adults, a candy factory for disabled employees, ambulance for a Mexican village, computer equipment for Mexican school, clean water project in Matamoros, Mexico, surgical supplies for Heartbeat International, and many other quality of life projects. Solar powered computer grants are also being worked with Danli, Honduras (D4250); School desk and benches with Biratnagar, Nepal (D3292) and with Bangalore, India (D3150)

**DAP GRANTS:** Thirty-two clubs completed a District Simplified Grant’s project during the first six months totaling more than $45,000 including, turkeys for low income families, providing smoke detectors for residents, power to a community park, “family packs” for families in crisis, peace forum at local high school, coats for low income families, vocational grants, books for public libraries and many more very worthwhile projects in our communities.

**THE GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE):** The GSE team will be departing on February 3, 2013 for Cebu, Philippines (D3860) under the leadership of Rotarian Jennifer Graham, RC of Temple. The team has been working very hard the past several months in preparation for the trip and will be outstanding ambassadors for the United States, the state of Texas, Rotary International, and our clubs and district. The Team will be making club presentations when they return and will join the inbound team from Cebu at our Conference of Rotary Club May 31-June 2 at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines.

**AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS:** We’ve sponsored two Ambassadorial Scholars this year. Ms. Rachael Canclini sponsored by the Rotary Club of Waco and studying at Kent University in Brussels, Belgium, and Ms. Rhonda Nembhard sponsored by the Rotary Club of Austin and enrolled in Hispanic Studies at Universidad de Malage in Malaga, Spain. We are also very fortunate to have Ms. Nam Ye-Seul (Grace) a two year Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gwangju, Korea (D3710), studying at the University of Texas. Grace has been very active in the district this year participating in club projects and attending club and district events. Special thanks to Rotarian Betty Richardson and the Austin-University Area club for welcoming Grace to Texas and serving as her guide, counselor, and confidant during her studies at UT.

**YOUTH EXCHANGE:** We have three outbound Youth Exchange students this year, Niklus Northstine sponsored by the Rotary Club of Round Rock Sunrise spending the year in Germany; Lauren Evin sponsored by the Rotary Club of Northwest Austin and residing in Austria; Genesis Robles sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mexia and studying in France.

We also welcomed six inbound students, Fran Beltramo from Argentina hosted by Temple South and attending Belton High School; Magdalena Windisch from Austria and Mathilde Pencreach from France also hosted by Temple South and attending Temple High School; Jakob Aigner from Austria hosted by Mexia and attending Mexia High School; Jeanne Michel from France, hosted by Killeen Heights Club and attending Copperas Cove High School; Anna Doefler from Germany, hosted by NW Austin Club and attending classes at Cedar Ridge High School in Round Rock.

Additionally the Rotary Club of Austin and District 5870 are sponsoring Ms. Tara Boggaram, a student at the University Texas, to the Youth and Young Adult Peace Conference in Tel Aviv, Israel March 14 – 21, 2013. The Peace Conference is aimed to establish values of open mindedness, tolerance and acceptance in young people to ensure the world remains enlightened and democratic. The Conference will also be attended by Israel President Shimon Peres, RI President Sakuji Tanaka, former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and the American and Romanian Ambassadors.

**EarlyAct/First/Knight:** Under the stewardship of Rotarian Mary Reynolds and numerous dedicated and passionate Rotarians the EarlyAct/FirstKnight Program has been introduced into seven more schools in the Bastrop ISD sponsored by the Cedar Creek and Bastrop County Clubs, and the AB McBay Elementary School in Mexia sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mexia. This brings the total to 25 schools in the district participating in the program. Unprecedented in the field of character education,
EAFK teaches high ethical standards and service. In virtually all schools where the program has been implemented, test scores have improved, parents have become more involved, and the discipline referrals have decrease dramatically.

**INTERACT CLUBS:** There are a total of 31 Interact Clubs in the District. The charters have been reactivated for John Connally High School sponsored by Rotary Club of Pflugerville, and Westlake High School sponsored by Rotary Club of Austin-Westlake. Four new Interact Clubs have been added this year and include:

- Cedar Ridge High School – RC of Round Rock Sunrise
- Central Texas Christian School – RC of Temple South
- James Bowie High School – RC of Austin Oak Hill
- Fred W. Edwards Academy – RC of Temple

There are an additional five Interact clubs in the process of being chartered and include:

- Cedar Creek High School - RC of Cedar Creek
- Marlin High School – RC of Marlin
- Belton High School – RC of Belton
- Rouse High School – RC of Austin Centennial
- Lakeway Elementary – RC of Lakeway/Lake Travis

**ROTARACT CLUBS:** The two new Rotaract Clubs established this year are:

- University of Mary Hardin Baylor – RC of Belton
- St Edwards University – RC of So. Austin and RC of Austin Oak Hill

The other five active Rotaract Clubs are:

- Bi-Stone Rotaract - RC of Fairfield and Mexia
- Central Texas College - RC of Killeen Heights
- Navarro College - RC of Corsicana
- Southwestern University - RC of Georgetown
- University of Texas – RC of Austin - University Area

**Celebrating 100 Years:** Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Austin and the Rotary Club of Waco as they celebrate their 100th birthday in April and June 2013. Austin and Waco are historic clubs with a very rich history of service in their communities and around the world. As the matriarchs of our District we thank you for your leadership and support. CONGRATULATIONS!!

**Conference of Rotary Clubs:** A very strong committee led by Lt. Governor Pat O’Farrell is diligently working on the Conference of Rotary Clubs (District Conference) that will be held May 31 – June 2, 2013 at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa in Bastrop. We are very pleased to have PDG Wayne Cusick and his wife Leann as our President’s representative this year. Wayne is from District 5340 in Blythe, California and has a very impressive resume’. He is a recipient of Rotary International’s Service Above Self Award, his district’s Man of the Year Award, and in 1999 founded the Paul Harris Society which promotes accelerated giving to the Rotary Foundation’s Annual Programs Fund. The Paul Harris Society is now represented in more than 200 districts including D5870. The President’s Dinner will be Friday evening, May 31st where we will hear PDG Wayne deliver his motivational message, and share his passion for the work of Rotary.

The Conference is being designed as a family event to include programs and events for children such as, tubing the Colorado River, horseback riding, covered wagon rides, swimming, face painting and much more. There will be ample time Saturday afternoon after a beautiful outdoor lunch for all attendees to enjoy this fabulous resort that features a world-class spa and championship golf course. There will also be tours of the historic city of Bastrop, as well as classic cars on display for your enjoyment. On Saturday evening June 1st, there will be an authentic Hawaiian Luau for the entire family. Professional hula dancers direct from Hawaii, and fire dancers will perform at the event. On Sunday morning we will begin with a beautiful outdoor setting for the Celebration of Life ceremony followed by The Rotary Foundation Breakfast and Awards Ceremony. As a final farewell to the conference there will be a drawing of all attending for a trip for two to the Beautiful Hawaiian
Islands. Registration will open on March 1st so make your plans now to attend this wonderful event that is being planned for you and your family.

**International Convention – Lisbon, Portugal:** The Rotary International Convention being held in Lisbon, Portugal, June 23-26 is an opportunity for Rotarians from around the world to broaden their understanding of Rotary and give them an opportunity to network with others in service. Attending an International Convention for the first time is an eye opening experience and gives the attendee a real appreciation for the International focus of Rotary. Very pleased that several D5870 Rotarians have already registered for the convention. Special thanks to PRID Mike Pinson, PDG Suresh Pahwa and Rotarian Kathy Allred for promoting the convention and providing assistance, and answering question for our members. For more information and to register please visit [http://www.riconvention.org/en/2013/whyattend/Pages/ridefault.aspx](http://www.riconvention.org/en/2013/whyattend/Pages/ridefault.aspx)

Look forward to seeing you in Lisbon!

**Summary:** The first half of Rotary year 2012-2013 has been extremely busy for the Rotary Clubs, and their accomplishments in service in their communities and around the world is remarkable. Teresa and I are very grateful to be able to share time with each of you and support you in as you do the work of Rotary. The fellowship, the laughter, and the service we’ve enjoyed with each of you are the greatest gauge of success, and we’re very excited and looking forward to the next six months of this wonderful experience.

Until next month we wish you Fair Winds and Following Seas!!

With Warm Aloha,
Rick

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**Incoming RI President Ron Burton to keynote a Roundup of Rotarians and their friends and guests**

**Saturday April 6 for the Rotary Club of Austin’s Centennial Celebration**

*By Jack Mayo*

*Editorial note: Jack Mayo’s article is based on, and contains many direct quotes from, recent email broadcasts from PDG Steve Garrett (D5300), 2001 chair of Rotary’s float committee.*

Club Presidents at last year’s PETS received a Saturday April 6, 2013 save the date card from Gaines Bagby, Rotary Club of Austin’s 2012-13 President. Event details will be on his Rotary Club of Austin web site quite soon now.

On my way home from PETS several years earlier, I considered communicating the BIG picture to be a club president’s most difficult responsibility. There were many in my club who were not aware of everything our own club was doing to serve our local community. Even fewer understood that serving humanity around the globe is what ranks Rotary above other organizations.

It would have been like a dream come true if Rotary’s International President could have visited our city to tell my club members the inspiring message he had given me at PETS. That’s why current club presidents got that save the date card for Saturday April 6, 2013. Does your club really need to meet at the usual time and place during the first week of April?

If you are ever going to do a field trip and move your meeting to a special day and place, this is it. Bring club officers, directors, committee chairs, all new members, and as many of your other club members as you can to Austin’s Sheraton at the Capitol Saturday April 6, 2013. If there might be some reason that you do need your regular meeting, it would not conflict with a Saturday luncheon so you can at least get current and incoming officers and directors to hear RI President-Elect Ron Burton’s message. This will be the most convenient opportunity they will ever have to grasp the goals and indeed the accomplishments that led Arch Klumpf to coin the memorable phrase that Rotary and its Foundation “do good in the world.”
GLOBAL PEACE FORUMS: NEXT ONE IS JANUARY 2013
by Laraine Lasdon, Peace Scholar Chair District 5870

Every Club can send representatives to the Global Peace Forums. In addition all clubs can contact me for tips on finding good Peace Scholar applicants for District 5870. Call Laraine Lasdon, Peace Scholar Chair at 512 784-3657 for a Q and A chat or send me an email at llasdon@austin.rr.com. I am happy to personally visit local Austin-centered clubs or if anyone is visiting Austin please let me know and I will try to meet you. But phone and email work just fine!!

In 2012-13, Rotary International will hold three Rotary Global Peace Forums. Each forum will be a two- or three-day program to engage and inspire Rotarians and community leaders to champion President Sakuji Tanaka’s RI theme, Peace Through Service. The location, theme, and date for each forum are listed here for your reference, along with websites where you can find further details.

Berlin, Germany -- Peace Without Borders
- From 30 November to 2 December 2012
- www.rotary-global-peace-forum-berlin.de/en/

Honolulu, Hawaii, USA -- The Green Path to Peace
- From 25 to 27 January 2013
- www.peaceforumhawaii.com/

Hiroshima, Japan -- Peace Begins with You
- From 17 to 18 May 2013
- www.info-hiroshima.co.jp/peace/

For more information
Download the Rotary Global Peace Forums brochure

Global Peace Forums
A Global Peace Forum is an opportunity for people of different ages from different parts of the world to gather to share ideas and develop strategies to progress toward a more peaceful world. The vision of RI President Sakuji Tanaka is to convene Rotarians in locations most impacted in WWII where healing is most visible:

- Berlin – November 30 – December 2, 2012
- Hiroshima – May 17 – 19, 2013

Due to its presence in the United States, there is considerable interest from within the District with regard to the Honolulu Peace Forum. http://peaceforumhawaii.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/RegistrationForm.pdf

Below is a link to the Honolulu Peace Forum. The Honolulu Forum features a hotel room rate of only $139 for the Ala Moana. It’s directly across the street from the convention center, walking distance to all the Waikiki hotels, restaurants (some of the best in the world) and attractions. They are allowing that rate on either side of peace forum, so it’s a great time to take a Hawaii Vacation. http://peaceforumhawaii.org/?page_id=8
Club Newsletter Competition

To help encourage communications within each Club in the District and to build a spirit of publicizing Rotary’s activities in the community, District 5870 will be holding a competition relating to Club newsletters. Please be sure to send me electronic copies of your Club newsletter. Throughout the year, we will arrange reviews of the various Club newsletters presented by appropriate District personnel, and at the end of the year, we will make a special award to the Club with the “best” newsletter. Criteria will be somewhat subjective, but will include factors such as promoting Club activities, encouraging Club participation in projects and District-level programs, highlighting community activities, and covering District and Rotary International programs and activities. Please forward your newsletters, whenever you publish, to Mark Fihn: mark@fihn.com

As an update, the only Clubs that are currently providing me links/copies of their Club newsletters are:

- Austin
- Austin Cosmopolitan
- Austin University
- Austin Westlake
- Bosque County
- Capitol of Texas
- Cedar Park
- Georgetown
- Georgetown Sun City
- Northwest Waco
- Temple South
- West Austin

Really looking for more participation in this contest!

10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway
Thank you for your participation.

Top ten recipients

1. Shriners Hospitals for Children
2. Rotary International
3. Wounded Warrior Project
4. Ride 2 Recovery
5. Make-A-Wish America
THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a grassroots, multi-district leadership and Rotary development program using facilitation in small groups to engage Rotarians and strengthen clubs. RLI is not an official program of Rotary International and is not under its control.

Our Mission: The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots, multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education. Lone Star RLI is sponsored by District 5870. We conduct three sessions of RLI in the District. A Rotarian may attend any in any sequence. It is not necessary, for example, to attend Session 1 before attending Session 2. For the remainder of this Rotary year, RLI will conduct training on the following dates:

- 16 February  RLI 2
- 2 March      RLI 3
- 30 March     RLI 1
- 11 May       RLI 2
- 8 June       RLI 3

Training times are:
Breakfast served 8:00 – 9:00 AM
Training sessions:  9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.
Lunch is catered on site.

- The fee is $25.00 per person, per session. Check made payable to Rotary District 5870.
- Training sessions are conducted at Georgetown Health Foundation
  2425 Williams Drive, Suite 101, Georgetown, TX  78628.
- Register by contacting PDG Ed Mullen, ed.mullen@taptrain.com, or 254 698 2304.
- The registration fee will be charged unless cancellation is made 5 days before the event. (Food and materials will have been ordered by then.)

SESSION TRAINING TOPICS: RLI SESSION 1

Insights Into Leadership
- As a Rotarian, I am, by definition, a leader. Join us as we explore the characteristics of leadership, motivational techniques, and leadership styles. How do I best lead?

My Rotary
- As a Rotarian, I am part of a worldwide organization of like-minded people. Take some time to truly understand the purpose and structure of Rotary. Can these resources help me?

Engaging Members
- As a Rotarian, I make my club and Rotary stronger by my active participation. Engaged club members have fun, make friends, and effectively serve. This is why I joined Rotary!

Our Foundation
- As a Rotarian, I am “doing good” in my local community and around the world. Learn about the basic goals and programs of our Foundation. I am a force for good in the world!

Ethics – Vocational Service
- As a Rotarian, I am ethical, I recognize and promote ethics in others, and I seek opportunities to serve others through my vocation. You can see that I am a Rotarian.

Service Projects
- As a Rotarian, I am a vital part of a worldwide organization of business, professional and community leaders meeting needs in communities. I can build, run and promote service.
RLI SESSION 2

Strategic Planning & Analysis
- I can strengthen my club by promoting and leading insightful planning and analysis. Looking at my Rotary club, how can I help make improvements that will matter?

Targeted Service
- I can lead and promote my club’s participation in unique, significant and targeted service opportunities through our Foundation. Understand the key concepts of Rotary programs!

Club Communication
- I can serve by leading and promoting effective communications to my club’s internal and external audiences. Refine and practice your skills.

Team Building
- I can lead and promote my club’s collaboration in effective and motivated groups to accomplish our goals of service. Harness the real power of Rotary clubs and Rotarians!

Attracting Members
- I can lead and promote my club’s reexamination of its distinctive position in my community and the quality of members we attract. I want to work with the best people!

RLI SESSION 3

International Service
- As I further my Rotary journey, I can build connections around the world, helping meet needs, solve problems, and build peace.

Effective Leadership Strategies
- As I further my Rotary journey, I will engage in more complex and skillful use of my leadership skills and seize opportunities to lead.

Rotary Opportunities
- As I further my Rotary journey, I can explore the many opportunities available within Rotary for personal, community and professional growth and development.

Public Image & Public Relations
- As I further my Rotary journey, I will identify opportunities to promote the image of my club and Rotary to the benefit of my community and world.

Rotarians, Vocational Service & Expectations
- As I further my Rotary journey, I can support meaningful vocational service activities within my club to add value to each Rotarian’s membership experience.

Making a Difference
- As I further my Rotary journey, I will help assess my own experience and growth through RLI and help improve the path for others to follow.

Rotary International Convention 2013
To be held in Lisbon, Portugal

The 2013 Rotary International Convention will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, from June 23-26. You can register at: http://lisboa2013.org/#register
Northwest Waco Rotary Club members Bryan Fonville, left, and Greg Evans deliver some of the dozens of toys and household goods donated by club members to the Family Abuse Center’s Holiday Helpers program. Along with the Family Abuse Center, Northwest Waco Rotary Club this year has supported the Talitha Koum Nurture Center, Rapoport Academy Meyer High School and Habitat for Humanity, and it has provided five scholarships for students at McLennan Community College and Texas State Technical College.

This was a painting project the Rotary Club of Burnet did for the Children’s Advocacy Center. Left to Right: David Friedman, Jeremy Danson, Linda Tyler, David Vaughn
Zach Stachura, a 4th grader at Clayton Elementary in Austin was honored today at the Rotary Club of Austin meeting for developing his own service project to help the victims of the Hurricane Sandy Disaster. (See pictures attached)

Zach decided he wanted to figure out a way to help the children who had lost everything in the Sandy storm and would not get to celebrate Halloween and with guidance from his parents, Dave and Jill Stachura, both managers at AMD, Zach recruited his brothers, neighbors and friends to collect Halloween candy. Once they collected one hundred and eight pounds of candy, Zach took it to his orthodontist, Mary Kay Bechee, who paid the kids a dollar a pound for the candy and then matched that amount. So Zach’s service project sent over two hundred dollars to the hurricane area of Sandy through the Red Cross. Then the orthodontist sent the candy that was collected to our servicemen overseas for a holiday surprise. So through a desire to help others, Zach was able to help two groups with his donations. Mary Reynolds, a Rotary club member arranged for Zach to come and share his story at the Rotary meeting because Rotary’s motto is Service Above Self and the club wanted to honor Zach with an award. But to make the event even more special for a ten year old young man, Mary arranged for one of the knights with the EarlyAct FirstKnight Rotary project that teaches service and character to students in elementary schools to come and knight young Stachura with a medallion and a tap on the shoulder with a real sword. When the club asked Zach what his next project might be he said he wanted to start a service club at his school so they could do more projects to help people in need. The Rotary club is going to work with Zach to make that wish a reality.

Where Are They Now? -- by Pat O'Farrell

Kate Yang, Westwood H.S., was a RYLA camper sponsored by NWAR in 2007. Since then, Kate was a camp counselor at RYLA for 2 years and also represented NWAR at the RI Convention, Los Angeles, 2008. Kate has been active in International DECA competitions and studied in Paris through a UT program on international business and marketing. In the community, Kate sang with an a capella group that performed for related events; Austin State Mental Hospital and Not For Sale (Human Trafficking) as well as mentoring 4th to 8th grade girls through high school and college. After graduation from UT, Kate moved to Seattle and works for Kimberly Clark. She is a development associate managing the Costco Domestic & International Business account. Kate has continued her “Service Above Self” attitude, serves breakfast on Saturday mornings at a senior home and also teaches them ballroom dancing during their weekly physical activity. Kate is the perfect example of Rotary New Generations.
DISTRICT 5870 ROLL OF FAME

By Phil Adkins

The 2012-2013 Roll of Fame Committee is now accepting nominations for District 5870 Rotary Clubs' honoree for the 2013 Roll of Fame award. Please see the two attachments concerning the 2013 Roll of Fame.

While I'm on the subject of the Roll of Fame website information, let me clarify the location and access to the links needed. When you are on the home page, click on the 'About Us' tab, scroll down to 'Awards & Recognitions' and then slide over on the extension to 'Roll of Fame'. When you get to the RoF page, you will see on the left upper corner, you will see the various links to the RoF information. Go to any of those to gain additional understanding about Roll of Fame.

You should remember, the Roll of Fame Honorees will receive their award on Sunday morning, June 2, 2013 at the Awards Breakfast at the Conference of Rotary Clubs (District Conference) in Bastrop, Texas at Lost Pines Resort.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. You will see my contact info on the attachments or on the webs

OVERVIEW:
The District 5870 Roll of Fame was formally established by Continuing Resolution Number 6 promulgated during the District’s 1957-1958 Rotary year and most recently amended in 2005.

Induction into the Roll of Fame is the highest award conferred by District 5870 and is intended to recognize those Rotarians who have distinguished themselves by outstanding service to their clubs, communities, and District 5870.

Each honoree must be nominated by the President of his or her Club, be supported by a completed Nomination Form setting forth the nominee’s contributions to the furtherance of Rotary, its principles, and its programs, and each nominee must meet, at a minimum, the criteria for selection to membership in the Roll of Fame set forth in District 5870’s Continuing Resolution #6, as amended in 2005.

MINIMUM CRITERIA:

- The honoree must have been a Rotarian in one (1) or more clubs for five (5) years prior to submission of the honoree’s name.
- The honoree must have served as an officer or director of a Rotary club
- The honoree must have maintained an 80% or better attendance record during the Rotary year in which the honoree is being considered and for the Rotary year immediately before. If an honoree has entered into an attendance excused classification as permitted by the rules and regulations of Rotary International, then the honoree must have maintained an 80% or better attendance record during the two Rotary years immediately prior to the honoree’s entrance into the attendance excused classification.
- The honoree must have attended one or more Rotary clubs other than the club of the honoree, and must have attended not less than two District Conferences and not less than two District Assemblies.
- The honoree must have chaired or served on more than one committee or subcommittee in more than one (1) of the four avenues of service.
- Outstanding service in Rotary will be the primary consideration.
- The name of a Rotarian previously inducted in the Roll of Fame may not be submitted. (See Roster of Current Roll of Fame Honorees)
- The honoree should appear in person at the District Conference to receive and accept the honor.

Clubs are encouraged to nominate Rotarians for this honor and, at the same time, are cautioned to exercise care not to nominate a Rotarian who does not meet fully the minimum criteria for selection stated above.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Completed and fully signed Nomination Forms must be received by the District Roll of Fame Committee Chairman on or before Friday, March 22, 2013 ("Submission Deadline Date"). Nomination Forms that are incomplete, or are not signed by the President, Secretary, and the Nominee will be returned to the President of the Club without action by the Committee.

Incomplete Nomination Forms that are returned by the Committee without action, may be corrected and resubmitted provided the corrected Nomination Form is returned prior to Friday, April 5, 2013 (the “Correction Deadline Date”).

Forms may be downloaded from the District 5870 website in MS Word format.
Interview with Jerry Lozano, President of the Austin Centennial Rotary Club

Jerry Lozano and his wife Carol along with their daughter Nicole have lived in Austin since 1991 although Nicole left for College 6 years ago and is now a Ph.D. Candidate in the Field of Phycology. They have seen many changes take place in Austin during this time and have been very happy taking their place in the community. Jerry works in IT as a Project Manager and has enjoyed it immensely through all of the ups and downs. (He has enjoyed the ups more than the downs). Jerry sits on several non-profit boards, and is happy to serve, but reports that none have been as challenging or rewarding as being President of his Rotary club this year. Jerry has been a Rotarian for 4 years.

Please tell us what factors helped you decide to join Rotary. Rotary was not an organization I knew much of, I had heard about it in passing from time to time but never really knew what their reason for being was other than a group of people gathering weekly for meetings. Until about five years ago I found out I knew a couple of Rotarians, after hearing them speak about Rotary, the functions and charities they were involved in, I decided to ask more questions of them and was able to determine that Rotary and their goals aligned with my volunteer works not only locally, but giving me the opportunity to get involved in a much larger way on an international level.

Of your Club's activities, what do you consider the one thing that best identifies what your Club is all about? I would say it is our work with children, especially children looking for new families. We have, for several years, assisted an organization called Angelheart, (angelheartkids.org), it provides resources for fostering and adopting children. Also, this year, we are going to host an Adoption Fair where working with CPS we will bring children ready to be adopted and pre-approved prospective parents ready to adopt together in a friendly unthreatening environment. Giving the children and parents a chance to meet and interact which will hopefully lead to many adoptions.

What's the primary goal you hope to fulfill during your Presidency? I hope to continue the growth of our club and provide more service to our community through hands on activities and donations.

Do you have any advice that might help other Clubs recruit new members, retain existing members, achieve a successful fund-raiser, or provide support for a community project? Times have changed, we need to be more flexible and able to meet at times that best meet the member’s schedules providing a better opportunity for attendance. In trying to recruit a younger generation we need to recognize they prefer hands on activities and will volunteer for those activities even if they do not attend meetings. Austin Centennial meets weekly, the first and third week is a lunch meeting the second and fourth week is a social meeting. On the occasional month where there is a fifth week we work towards a hand’s on activity that is easily completed during our lunch hour. We also work towards larger hands on activities throughout the year getting all to participate as much as possible.

Is Rotary well-known and understood in your community? Do you have any plans for Rotary-related publicity during your Presidency? I believe Rotary is well known, but not understood. For publicity, we have been able to obtain the use of an Iron Lung. Once we find a venue we will set up for the weekend to remind people of the USA that polio is still out there and what it was like to be confined to an Iron Lung. With this we will have news conferences and publicity to help the community to further understand some of the things Rotary has accomplished over the years.

As President, what's your biggest concern? My greatest concern is the future of Rotary and not wanting to know a world without Rotarians and the help we as an organization provide to the world at large.

What's the best book you've read in the past 3 years? One of my guilty pleasures is reading mystery books. Not authors that will be remembered like Shakespeare, Dickinson or Thoreau. No, my authors are more like Tom Clancy, James Patterson and my favorite author for the last couple of years is David Baldacci and I would say Saving Faith is my current favorite.

What's your favorite quotation? Psalms 118:24 “This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it”.
What’s your favorite restaurant in your community? Freda’s Seafood Grill 10903 Pecan Park Boulevard, Austin, TX 78750 They have fantastic steaks there as well.

What one thing would you most recommend as a “must see”, a “hidden treasure”, for visitors to your community? Austin is very well known for the music, the fresh water swimming hole and parks; but, not many visitors during the summers know about the stage plays that are produced in Zilker Park. These are outdoor plays that are produced annually. Yes it is a little hot at times; but sitting outdoors on a blanket with friends and families around just seems to make it right.

Interview with David Vaughn, President of the Rotary Club of Burnet

Please tell us what factors helped you decide to join Rotary: I had been working for the City for about 4 years when I was promoted to the Director of Planning and Development position. Local attorney Alvin Nored, an outstanding Rotarian, asked me to be the speaker at one of their weekly meetings. I was so impressed by the quality of the people in Rotary that I asked Mr. Nored about membership. He went on to sponsor me and I became a member later that year.

Of your Club’s activities, what do you consider the one thing that best identifies what your Club is all about? Service above Self. Our club consists of a wide range of individuals. The diversity in membership means that some are able to contribute their time, while others are able to contribute financially to support the various organizations funded by our club. Both are equally as important and are the reason our club has had such a profound impact on the community. A group of Rotarians started the Hill County Community Foundation, which offers various levels of college scholarships to each graduating senior, every year.

What’s the primary goal you hope to fulfill during your Presidency? Get more people involved by growing membership in the club. Rotary is a fantastic organization that donates significant time and resources to the community. It takes a growing membership of energetic members to not only sustain fundraising efforts, but to also ensure the club continues to remain effective going forward.

Do you have any advice that might help other Clubs recruit new members, retain existing members, achieve a successful fund-raiser, or provide support for a community project? Keep it fun! Everyone is so busy that you must give them a reason to want to participate. Additionally, our club is very family oriented and we encourage members to bring their kids to various fund raising events throughout the year. This not only makes the event more enjoyable, but teaches future Rotarians valuable life lessons in giving back to the community.

Is Rotary well-known and understood in your community? Do you have any plans for Rotary-related publicity during your Presidency? Unfortunately, our community is like most others, where the average citizen is unaware of what Rotary is all about. This is one of the biggest challenges that we are faced with in growing the organization. Rotary is far more than just a charitable organization and many times people are hesitant to want to join another organization because of competing demands for their time, both personally and professionally. Our club has recognized the need to change our messaging to the community, which is an effort that has been embraced by President Elect Aire Dejong. He and others in the club are working to increase our social networking presence and overall communications with the media to inform people about all of the benefits of Rotary. We are fortunate to have the editor of the local paper, as well as their highly energetic marketing rep (Lora Cheney), as members of the club. Lora has been a tremendous asset to the club in many ways, including helping to ensure photo ops and events are published in the local paper.

As President, what’s your biggest concern? My biggest concern as President is to make sure I hand over the club to the President-Elect in as good of shape, or better, than it was handed to me. I am six months into my year and it seems as if I am just now getting my sea legs underneath me and learning what it truly means to be President. We are fortunate to have some outstanding club members that are always willing to step-up and do whatever it takes and I am so thankful to be surrounded by such a wonderful group of people.

What’s your favorite restaurant in your community? The Maxican. Great food and even better service. Without a doubt, Grandma Jeanette gives the best backrub in Texas.
What one thing would you most recommend as a “must see”, a “hidden treasure”, for visitors to your community? The Burnet area has so much to offer that it is hard to narrow it down to one thing. However, my favorite thing to do is to take the boat up the Colorado River and have dinner with friends and family under the waterfall. It is a truly remarkable sight and something that you will remember for the rest of your life.

Interview with Rachel Birkhead, President of the Rotary Club of Round Rock Sunrise

Rachel Birkhead has called Round Rock home for over 8 years where she has worked for the Round Rock Chamber of Commerce and as an independent consultant for non-profits. Currently she is the Marketing Director for Chick-fil-A in Cedar Park, Tx. Rachel has been a member of the Rotary Club of Round Rock-Sunrise since August of 2009. She spends most of her time serving at her church, with other various non-profits in Williamson County.

Please tell us what factors helped you decide to join Rotary: The reason I decided to join the Rotary Club of Round Rock-Sunrise is because the club truly makes a difference in our community. Every member of our club is a true servant leader.

Of your Club’s activities, what do you consider the one thing that best identifies what your Club is all about? Servant Leadership. Whether we are building a park for kids with special needs, putting on a carnival for a low income elementary school, or even planting trees in the community, our club shows up often and is eager to serve.

What’s the primary goal you hope to fulfill during your Presidency? The primary goal I hope to fulfill while president is to help spread the word about our clubs service to the community and grow our membership.

Do you have any advice that might help other Clubs recruit new members, retain existing members, achieve a successful fund-raiser, or provide support for a community project? Recruiting the right members, not just members. The best way to retain members is to get them serving alongside of you. To achieve a successful fundraiser, you need the right leaders, major organization, publicity and the right partners. In Round Rock we have formed a coalition of sorts with the other service groups in the area. We meet when needed and pull our resources together to accomplish a common goal for the community. The Play for All Abilities Park is a great example of this at work. Together we were able to build a more than 1 million dollar park so kids with and without abilities can play together.

Is Rotary well-known and understood in your community? Do you have any plans for Rotary-related publicity during your Presidency? Yes, Rotary is well known in our community and our goal is to help spread the word about what we are doing in the community and how they can get involved as well.

On the left is the starting line for the Round Rock Rotary Reindeer run, held on December 2, 2012 where we helped raise just over $30,000 for the continued growth of the Play for All Abilities Park. On the right is a picture at the Play for All Abilities Park grand opening.
As President, what's your biggest concern? As a young female president, my biggest concern for Rotary is the misconception that it is an old man's club. I feel diversity makes us stronger and it is wonderful to serve alongside men and women of all ages.

What's the best book you've read in the past 3 years? The most recent book I read was "Eat Mor Chikin, Inspire More People" by S. Truett Cathy, the founder of Chick-fil-A.

What's your favorite quotation? "For I know the plans I have for you, Declares the Lord, Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, Plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

What's your favorite restaurant in your community? Gumbo's

What one thing would you most recommend as a “must see”, a “hidden treasure”, for visitors to your community? Well I would not call them hidden treasures but they are a must see when you are in Round Rock. You must have a Round Rock donut and catch a baseball game at the Dell Diamond.

The RYLA Rundown

| What: A 6-day leadership training residential camp sponsored by local Rotary clubs |
| Eligibility: Only students currently in 10th or 11th grade. |
| When: Sun, June 30, 2013-Fri., July 5, 2013 |
| Where: LCRA's McKinney Roughs Nature Park, near Bastrop, TX |
| Why: RYLA in the Rough is an exciting & valuable learning experience for those who can meet the challenge. Be a camper this year, and apply to staff camp next year to influence a whole new group of campers. Did we mention that colleges like students involved with Rotary? |
| How: Complete and return this application to your school's contact person named below |
| Cost: Nothing! This is a competitive award. Rotary pays all camper costs |

FYI: Camp isn't what it used to be... air conditioned cabins, the food is fantastic! & the counselors are awesome!

Don't pass up this opportunity!

FACT: In a few short years, you will be entering a work world that functions mostly through teams and work groups.

FACT: Our world needs qualified leaders who can work effectively with and motivate others, make sound decisions, and execute good plans.

FACT: Your generation is the most competitive yet. Yet those who are most successful develop teamwork and time management skills, along with strong self-discipline.

FACT: You can have all the knowledge in the world, but, if you are not effective in working with others, that knowledge will produce little.

Rotarians will provide transportation to and from camp.

RYLA in the Rough a teen residential leadership camp
Sun, June 30, - Fri, July 5, 2013
Rotary District 5870

www.rotary.org
www.rotary5870.com
Country Music Monday began in January 1993. Since then it has featured some of the best musical talent in Central Texas. Our modern facility, featuring the latest high tech sound system and big video screens, attracts some of the hottest performers throughout Texas. With huge paved, lighted parking lots including two handicap areas, front door drop off and motorized cart pick up from the parking lots, CMM is one of the easiest and most convenient venues to attend. Proceeds are used to fund scholarships in the Lee County area.

Who: Rotary Club of Giddings
When: First Monday of the Month
Where: Giddings High School Cafetorium
1.3 miles North of downtown Giddings
2337 N. Main Street, Giddings, Texas
Time: Doors open at 5:15 p.m.
Show starts at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $5.00 per person; 12 and under free
Info: (979) 366-9341 or (979) 716 3281
info@lonestaropry.com
http://www.lonestaropry.com
Find Rotary Club of Giddings on facebook
Ro-Ann’s of Austin – “Happy Hour”

(Meets 2nd Thursday of the Month – Sept. through May)

Ro-Ann’s of Austin’s “Happy Hour” is open to all members, and their spouses, and guests. (Each member/spouse/guest shall be responsible for the cost of their food and drink at each of these events.)

RSVP by e-mailing jimartin42@austin.rr.com to join us for the following dates and locations:

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(For more information about the Ro-Ann’s of Austin, please see additional attached flyer – “Ro-Ann’s of Austin – Luncheons”)
ALOHA!

District 5870
Conference of Rotary Clubs
(DISTRICT CONFERENCE)

AUTHENTIC HAWAIIAN LUAU & PROFESSIONAL HULA HALAU

SAVE THE DATE!
May 31 - June 2, 2013

Fun for the Entire Family
Kayak the Colorado
Explore the Beauty of Central Texas on Horseback
World Class Spa
Motivational Rotary Programs
Golfing at WOLFDANCER Golf Club

ATTEND & WIN!
Trip for two to the Beautiful Hawaiian Islands

More information Available July 1, 2012 at www.rotarydistrict5870.org
2ND ANNUAL
EMMETT HANNES
MEMORIAL 5K

5K Run/Walk
Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 runners and walkers, male and female, in the following age groups: 10 & under, 11-15, 16-21, 22-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-60, and over 60. $25 until 2/4/13 (t-shirt guaranteed); $30 after 2/1/13 (t-shirt while supplies last). This 5k is held as a memorial to Emmett Hannes one of the founding members of the Rotary Club of Giddings. All proceeds will go to community service projects or scholarships.

March 2, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.
Lee County Courthouse, Giddings, Texas
See you on the courthouse steps!

For more information please contact Michelle at (979) 542-9602
Mail Registration to: Michelle Weiser P.O. Box 507, Giddings, Texas 78942
Online Registration: http://runsignup.com
Checks Payable to: Rotary Club of Giddings
District Calendar, 2012-2013

**July: Bring a Friend to Rotary Month**

Jul 1  Club Semi-Annual Report (SAR) due, along with Semi-Annual RI Dues Annual District Dues are payable
Jul 1  2013-14 Global Grant Scholarship & District Vocational Scholarship Applications Distributed
Jul 1-6  RYLA, McKinney Roughs, Bastrop, TX
Jul 1-Aug 31  DAP Grant Application submissions
Jul 1-Mar 31  TRF Matching Grants Applications accepted
Jul 13  63rd Annual Marble Falls Fish Fry & College of Governors Meeting
Jul 14  Clubs’ June Monthly Attendance Report due to District Secretary

**August: Membership and Extension Month**

Aug 4  Multi-District Training Institute (MDTI) - Wingate Hotel, Round Rock, TX, (DGN, DGE, 2012-14 District Committee Chairs)
Aug 11  Membership and Foundation Seminar – Lake Aire Med Center, Georgetown, (Club Presidents, Rotary Foundation Committees, Membership Committees)
Aug 12  Group Study Exchange Team Leader Application Deadline, (GSE with District 3860 Cebu, Philippines)
Aug 14  Clubs’ July Monthly Attendance Report due to District Secretary
Aug 25  GSE Team Leader Interviews -Mundy Hall Southwestern Univ. Georgetown
Aug 31  Deadline for submission of DAP Grant Applications

**September: New Generations Month**

Sep 1  Deadline for submission of Service Above Self Award Nomination
Sep 4–9  Governor-Elect Training Seminar (GETS) / Zone 21b/27 Institute, Overland Park, Kansas (DG, DGE, DGN)
Sep 14  Clubs’ August Monthly Attendance Report due to District Secretary
Sep 14-15  Bi-District Reunion with D4130 – Embassy Suites, San Marcos, TX, (Club Presidents / Club Foundation Chair & Grants Chair / Open to all Rotarians)
Sep 16  Deadline for submission of Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team Member Application, (GSE with District 3860 Cebu, Philippines)

**October: Vocational Service Month**

Oct 1  Deadline for submission of Club Builder Award Nomination Form to District Governor
Oct 6  Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team Member Interviews – Joe S. Mundy Hall, Georgetown, TX
Oct 14  Clubs’ September Monthly Attendance Report due to District Secretary
Oct 27  Denim and Diamonds Rotary Foundation Gala – Schwertner’s Ranch and Event, Center, Salado, TX

**November: The Rotary Foundation Month**

Nov 1  Deadline for submission of Club Builder Award Nominee to RI
Nov 1  Deadline for submission of Vocational Service Award Nominee to DG Deadline for submission of Service Award for a Polio-Free World to RI
Nov 14  Clubs’ October Monthly Attendance Report due to District Secretary
Nov 15  Deadline for submission of TRF Distinguished Service Award
Nov 15  IRS Form 990 due to IRS (All Clubs)
Nov 15  Deadline for submission of Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award Nomination

**December: Family Month**

Dec 1-2  Rotary Global Peace Forum, Berlin, Germany (Peace Without Borders)
Dec 9  2013-14 Assistant Governor Training – Georgetown Health Foundation, Georgetown, TX, (AGs / District Committee Chairs)
Dec 14  Clubs’ November Monthly Attendance Report due to District Secretary
Dec 30  Deadline for submission of Vocational Service Award Nominee to RI
Dec 31  Club Election for 2013-14 Officers due to Rotary International via Member Access
Dec 31  Deadline for submission of 2013-14 Global Grant Scholarship Applications
January 2013: Rotary Awareness Month
Jan 1  Club Semi-Annual Report (SAR) due, along with Semi-Annual RI Dues
Jan 13-19  International Assembly, San Diego, CA (DGE)
Jan 14  Clubs’ December Monthly Attendance Report due to District Secretary
Jan 25-29  Rotary Global Peace Forum, Honolulu, HI (The Green Path to Peace)
Jan 31  Deadline for submission of 2013-14 District Vocational Scholarship Applications

February: World Understanding Month
Feb 2  2013-14 Global Grant Scholarship Interviews – Temple Public Library, Temple, TX
Feb 9  2013-14 District Leadership Training / Pre-PETS – Georgetown Health Foundation, Georgetown, TX
(Presidents-Elect / District Committee Chairs / AGs)
Feb 10-Mar 11  GSE Outbound Team Depart for D3860, Philippines
Feb 14  Clubs’ January Monthly Attendance Report due to District Secretary
Feb 28-Mar 3  Lone Star PETS (Presidents-Elect Training Seminar) – DFW Hyatt Regency, (Presidents-Elect / AGs / District Committee Chairs / Presidents-Nominee)

March: Literacy Month
Mar 9  Deadline for submission of 2013-14 DAP Grant Requests
Mar 11-16  World Rotaract Week
Mar 14  Clubs’ February Monthly Attendance Report due to District Secretary
Mar 15  Deadline for submission of Roll of Fame nominee
Mar 23  Future Vision Grant Management Training Seminar – Georgetown Health Foundation, Georgetown, TX
Mar 31  Deadline for submission of TRF Matching Grant Application
TBD  Camp Enterprise (RC of Austin)

April: Magazine Month
Apr 1  Deadline for 2012-13 Presidential Citation Submission to District Governor
Apr 6  Rotary Club of Austin Centennial Roundup Celebration Luncheon, (Sheraton Austin at the Capitol)
Apr 13  2013-14 Club Leader / Club Committee Chair Training (District Assembly), Central Texas College, Killeen, TX
(Presidents-Elect / Club Officers & Committee Chairs / AGs / District Committees)
Apr 14  Clubs’ March Monthly Attendance Report due to District Secretary
Apr 20  2013-14 District Vocational Scholarship Interviews – Temple Public Library, Temple, TX
Apr 27  Future Vision Grant Management Training Seminar – Georgetown Health Foundation, Georgetown, TX

May: Military Appreciation Month
May 3-Jun 3  Inbound GSE Team Arrives from District 3860, Cebu Philippines
May 14  Clubs’ April Monthly Attendance Report due to District Secretary
May 17-19  Rotary Global Peace Forum, Hiroshima, Japan (Peace Begins with You)
May 18  Future Vision Grant Management Training Seminar – Georgetown Health Foundation, Georgetown, TX
May 30  Rotary Foundation Golf Tournament (Hyatt Regency Lost Pines)
May 30  College of Governor’s Meeting 6:30 pm Hyatt Regency Lost Pines
May 30  D5870 Hospitality Suite opens 7:30 pm Hyatt Regency Lost Pines
May 31  DAP Grant Final Reports due to Grants Coordinator
May 31-Jun 2  Conference of Rotary Clubs & Hawaiian Luau (District Conference), (All Rotarians, families and guest)

June: Rotary Fellowship Month
Jun 1-2  Conference of Rotary Clubs (District Conference), (All Rotarians, families and guest)
Jun 14  Clubs’ May Monthly Attendance Report due to District Secretary
Jun 23-26  Rotary International Convention, Lisbon, Portugal (All Rotarians and Families)
Jun 30 – Jul 5  RYLA, McKinney Roughs, Bastrop, TX