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From Governor Doug's Desk

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Good News. There is a new Rotary Club in District 5840. It is officially known as the Rotary Club of San Antonio Medical Center. It was chartered by Rotary International on October 10th. The club meets on Tuesday at noon at Oak Hills Medical Center Hotel at the corner of Babcock and Wurzbach. The club president is Dr. Dean Troyer. It currently has 25 members. Congratulations to the Medical Center Rotary Club. A special thank you goes to PDG Wayne Massey for guiding the new club through the paperwork jungle that is required for a new club.

Speaking of clubs, I have been contacted by the Rotary Club of Cuernavaca-Tabachines, Mexico. They are located about 50 miles south of Mexico City. The club is looking for a sister club from District 5840. Their Rotary Club was founded in 1985 and currently has 23 members. Cuernavaca is a resort town at an altitude of 4,500 feet above sea level. Because it is a resort area, the average age of club members is 60. The message said they are one of the more active clubs in their district and are currently involved in distributing large quantities of food to the needy folks in their area. The members of the club speak Spanish, English, German and Dutch. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of a sister club relationship with them please let me know.

As you recall, one of the goals set for the district this year is support for the Rotary Foundation through the Every Rotarian, Every Year program. The goal is to have each Rotarian in the district contribute \$100 to the Rotary Foundation. It is time for an update of where we stand as of October 31st. The top three clubs in terms of meeting their stated Annual Programs Fund Goal by percent complete are: San Antonio Northwest 77%

Boerne 59% Kerrville 53%

Overall the district stands at 42% of reaching its stated goal of \$137,400. Many clubs have not yet reported their goal for the Annual Programs Fund. Is your club one of them? Have you become a sustaining member of the Rotary Foundation this year? Please do your part and support the Rotary Foundation.

Save the date of May 19-21st, 2006 for the District Conference. It will be held in Kerrville at the Inn of the Hills. Your district conference committee has decided on the theme of "Kick Back in Kerrville." The committee is hard at work planning an outstanding conference. More details will be coming to you shortly but mark your calendars now.



Installation of the Interact Club of Winston High School on October 30th, 2005. The ceremony was held in the Winston School cafeteria. The Interact club is sponsored by the North Central Rotary Club of San Antonio.

A requirement of all Rotary Clubs, "Orientation of new members". The above club members held a orientation for prospective new members. Left to right: President RustyRiley, Earl Turner, Gabe Weaver, Ruben Duran, Jim Cody, John Duran, and AG Dave Palmer.



Orientation for prospects and new members. Left to right: Earl Turner, Gabe Weaver, Ruben Duran, Jim Cody and John Duran. 10/31/05 at Rusty Riley's house.



Interact advisor Mike Canales, with North Central Rotary Club President Rusty Riley and Winston High School Interact president Moore,

Fredericksburg Rotary Dictionary Project

Lead a horse to water and then hope that he drinks. That may be a more optimistic twist to the old saw, but it is exactly what the Fredericksburg Rotary Club imagines will happen as they present 220 dictionaries to the Fredericksburg fourth graders. The Rotary hopes that having his/her own dictionary to use at school or to take home will help to promote literacy in the day-to-day lives of many children.

On October 21 President Robert Van Dyke, Superintendent of Fredericksburg Schools Marc Williamson, Principal Lyn Moore Fredericksburg Elementary School Principal Gwen of Stonewall Elementary School, Mary Thompson and delivered the dictionaries to the fourth grade students.

The dictionaries all carry the symbol and the oath of Rotary, helping students consider the motto "Service Above Self" as one of their own principles to live by. The dictionaries were made available through the national Dictionary Project which provides hundreds of dictionaries to students across the United States for a nominal fee. The Fredericksburg Rotary used club funds to purchase the dictionaries.

ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR

On Saturday November 19, 2005 District 5840 will hold it's annual Rotary Foundation Seminar at the Tapatio Springs Resort, Boerne, TX. The seminar will be conducted by PDG George Yeiter the Major Gifts Advisor for our District and members of your District Rotary Foundation committee. Registration for the seminar will start at 8:00 a.m. The seminar should conclude around 2:30 p.m. The cost of the seminar will be \$25.00 per person which includes a fabulous buffet lunch. Please provide the numbers of your attendees no later than November 15th to me at: johnrodger@aol.com with a copy to Debbie Plant at: DPlant133@worldsavings.com. A map and directions will be forthcoming

Who should attend ? Club presidents, club presidents-elect, club Foundation chairs, club Foundation committee members, the district governor, the district governor-elect, the district governor-nominee, assistant governors, International Service chairs, District Foundation committee, and new members wanting to learn about the Foundation.

Why are district Rotary Foundation seminars held?

- 1.To motivate Rotarians to support and participate in Foundation programs.
- 2.To emphasize the benefits of participating in Foundation programs to Rotary clubs and Rotarians.
- 3.To outline basic Foundation programs and policies.
- 4.To update Rotarians on changes in Foundation programs or policies and outline goals for the coming year.
- 5.To recognize individuals and clubs in the district for outstanding contributions to the Foundation.
- 6.To answer questions about Foundation programs and activities.

Seminar goals should include:

- 1.Increasing financial support of the Humanitarian Grants Program and Educational Programs.
- 2.Encouraging the establishment of club Foundation committees.
- 3.Equipping club leaders with the tools and training to motivate their club members to support The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

Please plan on attending! It will be time well spent and fun for all! Our districts outbound Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team to Brazil and our Ambassadorial Scholars are planning to attend. **So should YOU! Take Care and have a Great Rotary Day!**

From the October 13th Fredricksburg

Morning Club Newsletter

Many thanks to Frank Stead from

Emergency Preparedness.

With all the devastation and destruction associated with both Katrina and Rita it was reassuring to listen to Frank. He is an emergency preparedness consultant who certainly knows his stuff. You have to remember that there is a difference between an emergency and a disaster. An emergency is a condition or incident while a disaster is wide spread damage that needs outside resources to cope with the problem. Here in Fredericksburg the most damaging problem is associated with flooding of our rivers and creeks and where they prevent people from getting the things they need to have in order to live. The legal authority for emergencies and disasters comes from the Texas Disaster Act of 1975. It is in this document where the local authorities are designated as the supervising agents. In our case it can be either the mayor or the county judge and they are the ones who can declare disasters. They will also be the ones who will direct all disaster operations. If you remember we saw a lot of the Houston mayor and the county judge on TV during Rita. They are also the ones who decide to take action or not. Any requests for recovery assistance must come from the local officials in writing. In any emergency the local authorities

are expected to use their own resources in responding to the problem. If that is overwhelming they can go to the disaster district set up for their area, then on to the state operations center and eventually up to the governor if the problem is large. The governor may then go out of state to invoke mutual aid pacts set up with neighboring states. This was a very informative talk



What do you do with 'The Nor'easter'?

After our weekly Rotary meeting, what do you do with our club bulletin, 'The Nor'easter'? Some bulletins get left on the tables. Some bulletins are taken home. Do you ever give the bulletin to a non-Rotarian? Better yet, since 'The Nor'easter' is e-mailed out to all club members, do you ever forward an electronic copy of our bulletin to anyone?

As has been mentioned many times before, the best way to increase our club membership is to invite someone to one of our meetings. If the person cannot come the week you ask them to be our guest, give them a copy of 'The Nor'easter'.

The Nor'easter is the newsletter of the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club.

How about your Newsletter? Is it being put to good use?

OVER 2,000 ATTEND WILD WEST DAY AND RAISE OVER \$30,000 FOR HURRICANE RELIEF AND WHEELCHAIR DONATIONS!

On October 22, 2005, the Dominion Rotary Club hosted families and friends to a trip back in time to the Enchanted Springs Ranch located west of Boerne. Visitors entered a western town in 1885 to meet characters including Pistol Packin' Paula, Stampede Steve, Calico Clyde, Annie Oakley, Aunt Pammy, and real cowboy wranglers.

Children of all ages enjoyed a wild west show a la Buffalo Bill, a trick roper, and a cowboy magician. Nationally acclaimed Pistol Packin' Paula dazzled audiences. Hourly gunfights broke out between the Lone Star Texas Rangers and the Silverado Kid. Buffalo soldiers and the Bad Land Texas Rangers provided live history lessons throughout the day. The Lone Star Historical Association reenacted civil war battles including canon fire hourly. A replica of a Wells Fargo stagecoach carried passengers around this pioneer town.

If this wasn't enough, children also viewed and fed Texas longhorns, zebras, emus, llamas, exotic deer and antelope, and real American Buffalo. Dancers in the Silver Spur Saloon swung to the tunes of Just Us, Drugstore Cowboys, and the Almost Patsy Cline Bands.

This event raised money for the victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In addition, funds were raised for the purchase, delivery and distribution of two shipping containers of wheelchairs (over 500 chairs) in Monterrey and Guadalajara, Mexico, the sister cities of San Antonio in cooperation with the office of the Mayor of San Antonio, Phil Hardberger.

President Chris Byrd extends a special thanks to event sponsors include Valero; Adam Holzhauer, Inc.; Sam Gott, Financial Planner; James Montgomery, Attorney at Law; Documation; Kendall County Centurions; Nunley, Davis, Jolley, Cluck, Aelvoet, Attorneys at Law; and Broadway Bank. The Wells Fargo Stagecoach provided by Wells Fargo Bank & Trust and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. The lighting display was provided by Preferred Landscaping and Lighting. Thanks also go to the wheelchair sponsors including the Rotary Clubs of Alamo Heights, Dominion, North Central, Airport, Northwest and Stone Oak.

The Dominion Rotary Club will host another trip back in time on Saturday, October 21, 2006



On October 27, 2005 during our visit by the District Governor Doug Whinnery awarded 15 Paul Harris Fellows. They were awarded to Dave Driskell, Terry Mendenhall, Marlin Smith, David Jauer, Shirley Blanks, Jim Payne, Ervin Mendlovitz, Conrad Wright, Jo Anne Browne, Cynthia Wiens, Don Gordon, Lucretia Smith, Fran Driskell, Dave Adams, and Tony Touchon.

The people in the picture are; standing left to right, Doug Whinnery, Terry Mendenhall, Dave Driskell, Fran Driskell, Conrad Wright and Jim Payne. Seated left to right are Jo Anne Browne, Shirley Blanks, Grace James, and Cynthia Wiens.