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Today's Program

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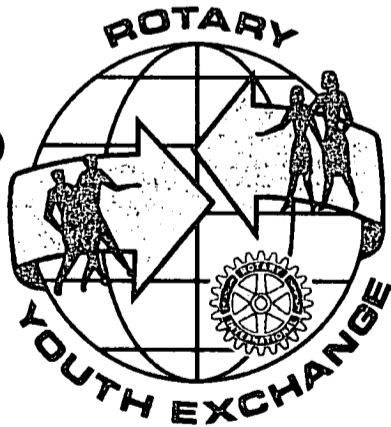
International Youth Exchange

History of

Rotary Youth Exchange

Since 1927, students and host families all over the world have had their horizons broadened and their lives enriched by the generosity of Rotary's Youth Exchange program. Administered by Rotary clubs, districts and multidistrict groups, the program today involves more than 82 countries and over 8,000 students each year.

The first documented exchanges date back to 1927, when the Rotary Club of Nice, France, initiated exchanges with European students. Exchanges between clubs in California, USA, and Latin American countries began in 1939, and exchange activities spread to the eastern United States in 1958. In 1972, the RI Board of Directors agreed to recommend Youth Exchange to clubs worldwide as a worthwhile international activity that promotes global peace and understanding.



A few things Rotary has done for our youth in CCISD....

- RYLA...Rotary Youth Leadership Achievement... "Leadership skills developed and recognized".
- Youth Exchange....building relationships here and abroad. These students are fine ambassadors.
- Drug Essay Contest

- After School Programs
- Books in Schools
- Interact...youth in service to their schools and community..
- HOSTS...Helping One Student to Succeed (a reading program and mentor program by Rotarians with students).
- Scholarships
- Teacher of the Year
- Nurse of the Year (Healthcare professional of the Year)
- Special Olympics

REVIEW & OUTLOOK

Polio and Rotary April 12, 2005

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the Salk polio vaccine. Poliomyelitis, also known as infantile paralysis, used to be one of childhood's most feared diseases. A few years after Dr. Jonas Salk announced his vaccine on April 12, 1955, nearly every child in the U.S. was protected. Today polio has disappeared from the Americas, Europe and the Western Pacific and is nearly gone from the rest of the world.

A too-little known part of this feat is the role played by Rotary, the international businessman's club, which 20 years ago adopted the goal of wiping out the disease. Rotary understood that medical breakthroughs are worthless unless people aren't afraid to immunize their children and efficient delivery systems exist to get the vaccine to them. And so it mobilized its members in 30,100 clubs in 166 countries to make it happen.

In 1985, when Rotary launched its eradication program, there were an estimated 350,000 new cases of polio in 125 countries. Last year, 1,263 cases were reported. More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time or donated money to immunize two billion children in 122 countries. In 1988, Rotary money and its example

Agenda

- Luncheon Begins 11:45
- Call to Order 12:00
- Song Jerry Bourgeois/
Dr. John Wilson
- Pianist Ann Fulcher/
Dr. John Wilson
- Invocation
- Pledge
- Four-Way Test
- Introductions of Guests
and Visiting Rotarians
- Announcements
- Program 12:30
- Adjourn 1:00

Area Meetings

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| Tuesday | Noon | Pearland
Golfcrest Country Club
2501 Country Club Drive |
| Tuesday | 12:10 | LaPorte
St. John's Episcopal Church
Broadway @ Ave G |
| Wednesday | Noon | Baytown
GooseCreek Country Club
5000 Country Club Drive |
| Wednesday | 12:05 | Pasadena South
Baywood Country Club
5500 Genoa-Red Bluff |
| Thursday | 7:00am | Seabrook
Lakewood Yacht Club
2425 Nasa Road One |
| Thursday | Noon | Alvin
Joe's Barbecue
1400 East Hwy 6 |
| Friday | Noon | Pasadena
First United Methodist Church
1062 Fairmont Pkwy. |

were the catalyst for a global eradication drive joined by the World Health Organization, Unicef and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. In 2000 Rotary teamed up with the United Nations Foundation to raise \$100 million in private money for the program. By the time the world is certified as polio-free — probably in 2008 — Rotary will have contributed \$600 million to its eradication effort.

An economist of our acquaintance calls Rotary's effort the most successful private health-care initiative ever. A vaccine-company CEO recently volunteered to us that the work of Rotary and the Gates Foundation, both private groups, has been more effective than any government in promoting vaccines to save lives. It's become fashionable in some quarters to deride civic volunteerism, but Rotary's unsung polio effort deserves the Nobel Peace Prize.

Wall Street Journal

**Four Way Test
of the Things We Think,
Say or Do**

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to All Concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL**
and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to
All Concerned?

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The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third.* The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
- Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

10 prominent Rotarians

This sampling of leaders from various fields and professions includes individuals who are or have been active or honorary members of Rotary clubs.

1. **Walter Scheel**, president, Germany (Rotary Club of Bonn)
2. **Albert Schweitzer**, physician, philosopher, Nobel Prize laureate in peace (Rotary Club of Colmar, France, and Rotary Club of Passau, Germany)
3. **Kiyoshi Seike**, architect (Rotary Club of Tokyo-Meguro)
4. **Donna Shalala**, Secretary of Health and Human Services, USA (Rotary Club of Madison, Wis., and Rotary Club of Coral Gables, Fla., USA)
5. **Alan B. Shepard Jr.**, astronaut (Rotary Club of Derry, N.H., USA)
6. **Kenjiro Shoda**, president of Osaka University, Japan (Rotary Club of Osaka)
7. **Jean Sibelius**, composer (Rotary Club of Helsinki-Helsingfors)
8. **Tris Speaker**, baseball player (Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, USA)
9. **Sir Sigmund Sternberg**, businessman and philanthropist (Rotary Club of London)
10. **Adlai E. Stevenson**, ambassador to the United Nations and governor of Illinois (Rotary Club of Springfield, Ill., USA)

Today's Song

Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'

There's a bright golden haze
on the meadow,
There's a bright golden haze
on the meadow.
The corn is as high as
an elephant's eye
And it looks like it's climbin'
clear up to the sky.
Oh what a beautiful mornin',
Oh what a beautiful day.
I got a beautiful feelin'
ev'rything's going' my way.

Fellowship Schedule

May 12

Landrys Seafood
1 Kemah Boardwalk

May 26

Saltgrass Steakhouse
215 Kipp Ave
Kemah

All fellowships begin at 6:30 pm. Please bring friends and family! No reservations are required unless noted.

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**Rotary Club
Total Membership
by Region**

USA and Canada	427,420
Latin America	92,646
Europe/Africa	286,155
Philippines and Asia	303,449
Australia and South Pacific	46,600
Great Britain and Ireland	63,262

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