

President's Message
October 24, 2018

President's Update

As the rains continue I know you join me in thinking about those who are in the flood prone areas. This is particularly true with the next round we are receiving today. It was nice to see the sun briefly earlier this week. It has been a long period and I did say to Greg that I was beginning to feel as if I lived in Portland or Seattle. For those of you in the Austin area like us, bottled and boiled water have become the new norm.

I write today as Rotary celebrates World Polio Day. The emails we have received recently from R.I, Larry and Gene remind us how important not only today is but the constant work Rotarians and others are doing to eradicate polio. I was particularly touched by Gene's picture of the young child receiving drops. While you may not be able to attend the events in our district, I do hope you will keep this important initiative in your thoughts and donations today.

Club Activities and News

Congratulations to Tori and her marriage to Chris Watkins on Friday, October 19th. Ashley and fellow RYLA staff were there to celebrate this wonderful occasion.



With the holiday season approaching it is time to think about gifts from our Fair Trade fundraiser. You should have received an email from Kent detailing the catalog and order forms. The products are great presents that support farmers throughout the world and raise money for our club. If we can get all the orders in by November 20th, the products will be here in plenty of time for holiday sharing.

Thanks to Allan, each year we are given the opportunity to receive excess toys, puzzles and books from the Calendar Club that can be distributed to a number of organizations. Suresh and I will be coordinating picking up the palate of boxes. Our goal is to provide 200 books to Storybook with the remainder going to Book Springs. We will have a box of games and toys for Suresh to take to India at the end of November. Puzzles will be distributed to Pecan Springs and Pickle Elementary Schools. In the past the remainder has been given to Refugee Services of Texas. If

you know of other organizations that would benefit from the toys and puzzles please let me know.

Mark your calendar for the District Rotary Foundation Dinner on February 2 at the Hilton Downtown Hotel. The guest speaker is R.I. President Barry Rassin. It is a wonderful opportunity to support our foundation, visit with other Rotarians and hear our R.I. President.

October 29- November 2 is World Interact Week: I know you join me in supporting not only our club at Manor New Tech H.S. but clubs throughout the world.

I look forward each week to including information about each of you. I would appreciate having you send me updates that I can share with others in the club.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6th. I know it is Election Day but I hope everyone can vote prior to the meeting. If you have any items for the agenda please send them to me.

Program

Since today is World Polio Day I am including the link to the live stream Rotary event being sponsored by the College of Physicians of Philadelphia at 3:30 p.m. It will also be available for later viewing at the same link.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/how-watch-world-polio-day-2018-livestream>

Have a great rest of the week. If you get tired to the rain there is always the World Series with a matchup between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Boston Red Sox. While not the Astros it should still be fun to watch.

Carol