

President's Message  
December 6, 2018

**President's Update**

The funeral this week of President George H.W. Bush was a reminder to me of a life that was lived in service. Whatever one's political convictions we can appreciate as a Navy pilot, government official, Congressman and President, he exemplified as his grandson George P. Bush stated a profound legacy of service. George P. Bush noted that President Bush once told his grandchildren, " We must be good to one another." While I do not think the former president was a Rotarian, in many ways his actions and deeds represent those of Rotary. The dedication to others, service above self, representing good will to all and being beneficial to all concerned.

**Club Update and Activities**

There is much to share with you this week.

**Board Meeting/Social: Tuesday, December 11**

The Club Board /Social meeting and Social will be held on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. Kent and Joan Bohls have graciously offered their home at 8207 Summer Side which is located just off Steck and Mopac. If you are planning on attending please consider bringing finger foods or drinks. It would be helpful if you let me know what items you will bring.

There will be a RESCUSA Board meeting prior to the regular Board meeting. Pat will be sending out additional information.

The agenda and Zoom information will be sent out by Sunday. I do hope that you can attend

The Fair Exchange orders have arrived and they will be available for pick up at our meeting. If you are unable to attend, would you designate another club member to get your order. Kent and Joan have done a wonderful job in organizing our fundraiser and it is helpful to them if we

get orders on Tuesday. I am happy to pick up your order and hold at my house. Just let me know. Joan has sent an email to each of you with information about your order and it indicates the cost. Checks should be sent directly to Tricia and made out to our club. Many thanks to Kent and Joan for providing and organizing this fund raising opportunity for the club. Thanks to all of you who participated and bought products that help farmers around the world.

### **Club Planning Session: Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

It appears that we have a date for our club planning session that works for many of the club members. It will be Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. I would like to have us meet from 10 am to 1 pm. This is an important meeting and I hope most of you can attend. We need to review our goals and objectives and look at our club structure as it relates to committees and club responsibilities. My objective is to have a dialogue that charts where we want to be in the future. I would appreciate having your thoughts as we structure the session. I will provide additional information concerning place and agenda, as we get closer to the date.

### **District Foundation Dinner: Saturday, February 2, 2019**

I would like to remind you that the District Foundation Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 2 at the Hilton Downtown Hotel. The guest speaker is RI President Barry Rassin. Here is the link to the District registration website:

<https://rotarydistrict5870.org/SitePage/foundation-gala>

Our club has registered enough members for one table. It would be great if we could fill a second table.

### **Foundation: District and RESCUSA**

As Rotary Foundation Chair Gene provided our club with information and inspiration during the November Rotary Foundation month. I hope you had an opportunity to contribute to support the many worthwhile causes that include our DAP grants.

You should be receiving a personal phone call from Pat as we focus this month on RESCUSA, our club foundation. Through your contributions

and our fundraising activities we are able to support projects like EAFK at Pecan Springs, Youth Exchange and Rotaplast.

### **Program**

December is Disease and Prevention Treatment Month for Rotary. Did you know that 400 million people cannot afford or don't have access to basic health care. Disease results in pain and poverty for millions of people worldwide. Rotary helps to set up clinics, donation centers and training centers in underserved communities. We design and build infrastructures that combat multiple diseases. Rotary focuses on prevention through health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision and dental care. A good example is the work Suresh and others have just completed through the Rotaplast project in India.

Below is a link to the Rotary Health Days, an amazing organization and project.

<http://www.rfha.org>

This link leads to the story of one Rotarian and how through her sorrow there became a project that made a difference in Africa.

<https://vimeo.com/87311787#share>

Have a good rest of the week and stay dry.

I look forward to seeing you on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Carol