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#2041 - District 5910 The 9th of June 2021 "Rotary Opens Opportunities"

Holger Knaack, President RI **Home Club:** Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln Germany

The district Herzogtum Lauenburg is named after the medieval Duchy of Saxe-Lauenburg, which was one of the remnants of the original Duchy of Saxony. The Duchy of Saxony was partitioned in a process started in 1269, nine years after in 1260 Albert II and John I had succeeded their father Albert I of Saxon.

RI President Holger Knaack's theme for Rotary Year 2020-2021 is based on his introduction, "Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth.

Program Today

Nacogdoches City Council Member Amelia Fischer "Overview of Immigration in the United States" Introduction by Ken Deppisch

AMELIA RUIZ FISCHER joined her dad and hero Richard S. Fischer in his law practice, now called Fischer & Fischer, Attorneys at Law, in 2015. She is a two-time graduate of the University of Texas at Austin (B.A. in 2008 in Plan II and Latin American Studies; J.D. 2012). Amelia began her career as an Equal Justice Works fellow, and later staff attorney, at the Texas Civil Rights Project, where she litigated immigration-related civil rights cases, ran free legal clinics in rural Texas areas, and helped organize a local advocacy campaign against ICE detainers under the leadership of immigrant community members. She is fluent in Spanish, her native language, and feels honored to serve the immigrant community in East Texas in immigration, employment, and civil rights matters. Amelia is a frequent presenter at immigration law conferences, and she has been cited in publications including the Austin American Statesman, The Austin Chronicle, The Houston Chronicle, The Dallas Morning News, The Texas Tribune, the Associated Press, and The New York Times. She also proudly serves on the Nacogdoches City Council.

Amelia and her touring-musician-turned-academic husband Tyler have two children, Joaquín, who is five years old, and Maria Isabel, who just turned one. They are the great joys of her life.

Rotary Programs Miles McCall **President-Elect and Program Chairman**

June 2021 Programs Ken Deppisch, Program Chairman

16 June Richard Orton

The Upshaw Family and Freedom Colonies

23 June Jennifer Allen

2021-2022 Angelina Arts Alliance Season Preview

30 June Club Assembly

> **District Governor's Visit** to the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at Noon

Last Week

President Donna with the gavel, Katie Blevins served as the Club Greeter, James Standly and Todd Brown manned the Rotary Table, MaryAnn Bentley gave the Family of Rotary report and led the singing and the Pledge. Caroline Alders provided the music, Jimmy Mize gave the invocation, and Lisa King introduced the quests and visitors.

Miles McCall introduced our speaker, Nancy Niehaus, representing the 21/7 Association. This area, where the two highways meet, is in decline. Churches, business groups, and agencies are joining together to find better ways to serve that community.

Additional Song Leaders Needed

We have only four Rotarians serving as song leaders – each one serves for three months. Please consider volunteering to serve.

Guest and Visitors

Caroline Alders, Accompanist, Guest of the Club, Sarah Grace Alders was the guest of David Alders, Mike Elswick was the guest of Sherry Morgan, James Frazier was the guest of Ken Deppisch, Whitney Frazier, speaker, was the guest of the Club, Ella Gustafson was the guest of Peter Fernandez, Russ Miller was the guest of Richard Richardson, Nancy Niehaus, speaker, was the guest of the Club, Stephen Powell was the guest of Brent Bullard, and Joseph Rodriguez was the guest of Gabe Trujillo

Visitor from the Fredonia Club Russ Miller

Rotary Scholarship Thank You

Dear Rotary Club:

I can't thank you enough for this scholarship. I was so excited and honored to hear that I had received it. Your donation was incredibly generous and will help me tremendously in paying for my college education.

This scholarship will help me earn my Bachelor's Degree in environmental engineering (or at least that is the plan for now) at Texas A&M. I've been accepted into the Honors Program so I will have to study extra hard if I want to keep my grades up. Receiving this scholarship means I will have plenty of time to study when otherwise I might have to work long hours to pay for college.

Thank you again. Lilly Hook

(This is one of the very few Thank You notes we have received from our scholarship recipients)

You're a Grand Old Flag

You're a Grand Old Flag. You're a High Flying Flag. And forever in peace may you wave. You're the emblem of the land I love, the home of the free and the brave. Every heart beats true 'neath the red, white, and blue. Where there's never a boast or brag Should auld acquaintance be forgot, Keep your eye on the grand old Flag!

Field of Honor

Chairman Greg Williams, Rotarians, and SFASU football players dismantled the Field of Honor last Saturday (June 5). Special thanks to SFASU Athletic Director Ivey and his football players for their valuable help!

Mobile Library Boys and Girls Club Kicked Off Monday, 7 June 2021, 11:30 A.M.

The Mobile Library kicked off its summer reading program at the Boys and Girls Club on Monday, 7 June 2021 at 11:30 a.m. The library will be at the Boys and Girls Club each Monday and Wednesday throughout the summer months. The Mobile Library will also alternate between Pioneer and Richie Parks on Tuesday beginning at 11 a.m. E-Tech is sending volunteer help for Wednesdays so all Rotarians will be able to attend the Wednesday meeting and luncheon. This is an important project and ALL Rotarians need to come out and be a part of helping children to READ!

Rotary Billing

If anyone has a Billing question, please contact Lori Cotten 936-676-8266

Email: lori.cotten@rocketmail.com

Kent Ferguson, MDC Chairman
MDC Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the
NEDCO board room in the Old Mize Building on North Street. Kent asks for all new member proposals be sent to him at wkentferguson@ gmail.com. or by snail mail at this address: 3490 CR 258, Nacogdoches. TX 75965

Thank you in advance for your commitment to Rotary.

Satellite Rotary Club

This message is for ALL active Nacogdoches Rotary Club members! Even though you may not be part of the Satellite Group,

> YOU ARE ALWAYS INVITED! Second Tuesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Napoli's Restaurant

You are welcome to order food and drink, or just enjoy the fellowship along with the program.

Policy Message from The Rotary Board

Due to COVID many business occurrences that would normally be scheduled were hindered this past year. With that in mind we have been very lenient with our normal Rotary policies of activities during club meetings. As activities seem to be moving forward in a more normal fashion and a new Rotary Year is about to begin, we need to resume normal Rotary protocol. The board is reminding everyone that we are a world-wide organization to promote service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community

Locally we raise money for scholarships (college and athletic) with our bike ride and Meet the Jacks Fundraiser. We support and host the Bryan Holt Davis blood drive as an annual service project in memory of one of our distinguished Rotarians. We promote literacy though our mobile library and reading program at Fredonia Elementary. We have been active in building up the Lake Naconiche recreational area. We have a Flag project to promote patriotism in our community and to raise funding. We participate in the Texas Adopt A Highway Project. We post the flags on patriotic Holidays at Sunset Cemetery. The club has socials to visit and get to know our members. We have great meetings with informational speakers.

The Rotary Club of Nacogdoches is a busy organization and during the meeting time, the club needs to focus on its own fundraising and volunteer needs. The Board voted to disallow the request of other organizations for money, volunteer hours and ticket sales during our meetings. If speakers from these organizations present at Rotary, it can be only information on the organization and what they do in the com-

The Board also would like to remind everyone of the policy of no politics at Rotary. No endorsements or talk about local politics, we want everyone in the club to be comfortable at meetings.

Thoughts

"History is continually graced with people who have been transformed and somehow learned to act beyond and outside their self-interest for the good of the world, people who clearly operated by a power larger than their own. They are exemplars of public virtue.'

 Richard Rohr, American author, speaker, Roman Catholic priest, and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation, Albuquerque, New



Rotary Club of Nacogdoches - June 2, 2021:

Nancy Niehaus was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Ms. Niehaus provided information and goals of the 21/7 Association. The 21/7 Association is a group of East Texas churches, nonprofit organizations, businesses, agencies and individuals who have joined together to find a common bond and better ways to serve our community. The Association's name originated from the location many of the members work and live, near the intersections of East Highway 7 and East Highway 21 in Nacogdoches. The program was educational and appreciated by all in attendance. Ed Pool reminded the club this year's mobile library summer schedule is set to begin on June 7th with presence on alternating Tuesdays at Ritchie and Pioneer Parks and Mondays and Wednesdays at The Boys and Girls Club. Greg Williams provided information on the club's upcoming Field of Honor event with a display of American flags to be posted during the week of Memorial Day in Festival Park. Flags may be sponsored honoring specific veterans for an annual donation of \$50.00. Those interested should visit the Nacogdoches Rotary Club website for further information. Ted Smith provided notice of the upcoming Blueberry Festival to be held downtown on Saturday, June 12th. Pictured left to right front row are Miles McCall, Program Chairman, Ms. Niehaus, Whitney Frazier, 21/7 member, Mr. Williams, Mr. Pool and Donna Finley, Club President.

Find Opportunities that Interest you Ask about serving Remember: Each Rotarian has a talent!

Contact: Milton Moorer

Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pick-up Calling on Rotarians **Greeting Committee** High School Exchange Program Literacy Committee Meet the Jacks Fish Fry Mobile Library Posting and Striking the Colors Interact/Rotaract

Rotary Readers RYI A Drivers Rotary Scholarship Applications

Speakers and Programs

Field of Honor

Contact:Ray Mitchum 903.530.1727 Juan Gonzales Contact: MaryAnn Bentley_ 569.7447 556.0268 Contact: Kent Ferguson Contact: Dave Wallace 371.3033 Contact: Barbara Qualls 972.351.7078 Contact: Ed Pool 564.2622 Contact: Ed Pool 564.2622 Larissa Philpot 554.9980 Contact: Larry Stanaland 554.8738 806.729.1066 Contact: Robin Thacker. Sam Smith 369.6824 Contact: Jimmy Partin 564.6816 Contact: Ray Mitchum 554 8156 Contact: MaryAnn Bentley 569.7447 556.0268 Contact: Miles McCall Direct 715 4154 569 4790 Contact: Greg Williams 559 8201 Matt Turner 234.0975