



# The Rotary Club of Nacogdoches

“Nacogdoches is more than a place in space,  
Nacogdoches is a drama in time”  
—borrowed

## #2041 - District 5910

### The 3rd of February 2021

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## “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.”

“Brains are like muscles, one can rent them by the hour,  
The only thing NOT for sale is character” ---borrowed

### SFASU Baseball

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### Introduction by Gary Lee Ashcraft






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Now, as he begins his 13th season in charge of the ‘Jacks during the 2020-21 academic year, Cardenas aims to continue building on the past successes of the program.

The Cardenas File  
Hometown: Amarillo, Texas  
Colleges: Seward County Community College, Texas Christian University  
Playing Experience: Seward County Community College, Texas Christian University, Seattle Mariners, Class A Bellingham, Chicago White Sox, Texas Rangers, Oklahoma City 89ers, Duluth Superior Dukes  
Family: Natalie (wife), Easton, Cruz (sons), and Zoe (daughter)

Coaching Experience  
2008-Present: SFA I Head Coach  
2005-08: SFA I Assistant Coach & Recruiting Coordinator  
2006-07: Texas Collegiate League I Head Coach

2003-06: Greenville High School I Head Coach  
1998-03: Colbert High School (Okla.) I Head Coach

Accomplishments  
• Captured career win number 200 in a 17-3 home triumph over Texas Southern (2016)  
• Southland Conference Coach of the Year (2010)  
• TCL Coach of the Year (2007)  
• Bryan County Coach of the Year honor (2003)  
• SEOBCA Eastern Region Coach of the Year (2002)  
• Earned team MVP and GTE Academic All-American (1993)  
• Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Player of the Year (1993)  
• AAA American Association Title with Oklahoma City 89er

Follow Coach Johnny Cardenas on Twitter  
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### Rotary Programs

## Miles McCall

### President-Elect and Program Chairman

### February 2021 Programs

#### Gary Lee Ashcraft, Program Chmn

10 February	Valentine Observance Nita Hudson, SFASU Department of Music Introduction by Gary Lee Ashcraft
17 February	Sharon Ninness, PhD HOPE – Helping Other People Eat Introduction by Gary Lee Ashcraft
24 February	Dustin Beavers, Past Chairman, United Way “Why Nacogdoches Area United Way Matters” Introduction by Gary Lee Ashcraft

### 2020-2021 Program Leaders

#### Miles McCall, President-Elect

If you have a suggestion for a speaker/program, please contact  
**Miles McCall or the monthly program leader.**

	2021
March	Jimmy Mize
April	Francis Spruiell
May	Ron Collins
June	Ken Deppisch

### Last Week

President Donna Finley with the gavel, James Standley served as the greeter and manned the Rotary table. Sgt-at-Arms Jim Stallworth, prepared for the meeting, MaryAnn Bentley gave the Family of Rotary report, Kevin Langford led the singing and Pledge, Emily Farrell provided the music, Kevin Langford gave the invocation, and Miles McCall introduced the guests and visitors.

Our speakers were the CEOs of our two hospitals, Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital and Medical Center Hospital.

Illustrating their presentation utilizing Power Point, Gary Stokes (CEO of Memorial Hospital, a “County” hospital) and Jeff Patterson (CEO of Medical Center Hospital, a private hospital) described the mission and role of their respective hospitals.

### Our Guests Last Week

Shauna Attaway was the guest of James Attaway, Patti Bennett was the guest of Jeff Patterson, Anne Bentley was the guest of MaryAnn Bentley, Chris Bentley was the guest of MaryAnn Bentley, Anita Kite was the guest of MaryAnn Bentley, Mary Ann Derby was the guest of Jim Stallworth, Josh Edwards was the guest of Rick Craig, Carole Gandy was the guest of the Club, Nicole Pool was the guest of Ed Pool, Alex Ramirez was the guest of Chuck Lafferty, and Mike Randale was the guest of Jeff Patterson.

### Billing Questions

If anyone has a Billing question, please contact:  
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If you are unable to contact Bob, please call or email the RCN Book Keeper: Lori Cotten  
936-676-8266  
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### 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](mailto: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

### 70th Wedding Anniversary Rotary Badge #31



Vyrne and Alma Ruth Shofner celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this week. They married Jan. 27, 1951, when Harry S. Truman was in the White House and the American Flag had only 48 stars.

High school sweethearts Vyrne and Alma Ruth Shofner passed their golden anniversary decades ago. This year they went platinum.  
“Our marriage was built on love and giving and love through whatever happened in life and being faithful to our mate,” Alma, 89, added.

The U.S. Census Bureau no longer keeps track of marriage longevity, but the last available data — from a 2009 study — indicates that only 6.2% of couples celebrated at least 50 years together.

The records did not include 70th anniversaries, which are even more rare.  
“We married just before his last year of dental school and just after we came back to Nacogdoches,” Alma said. “He built an office and was in practice just a short time when Uncle Sam called him.”

Vyrne, now 92, spent two years stationed in Alaska as a dentist in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.  
After the war, they moved back to Nacogdoches where Vyrne ran Shofner Dentistry until his retirement in 1993.

The couple credits their longevity to their deep-rooted Christian faith.  
“The secret, I guess, was given many years ago. Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church, and wives obey your husband as you obey the Lord,” Vyrne said.  
What church to attend though, might be the only thing the couple has never agreed about. Vyrne is a member of the Church of Christ and Alma belongs to Grace Bible Church.  
“I was the organist through the years,” she said. “I’ve retired.” Even so, that’s never posed any difficulties, they said.  
“We have fellowship with the Lord in our own private lives together,” Alma said. “It is our goal to put the Lord above all things.” The Shofners have two sons, David and Mark, five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. In retirement they’ve enjoyed traveling, especially to New England and their family ranch in West Texas.  
“We’ve traveled quite a bit to various places,” Vyrne said. “We’ve been all over the United States RVing.”  
By Josh Edwards@dailysentinel.com



### Rotary Club of Nacogdoches -January 27, 2021:

Gary Stokes, Interim CEO at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital and Jeff Patterson, CEO at Nacogdoches Medical Center were speakers at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Mr. Stokes’ and Mr. Patterson’s program provided an update of the current status of medical care in Nacogdoches with emphasis on the COVID-19 virus and the challenges and changes it has required in today’s hospital operations. The program was very educational and appreciated by all in attendance. Pictured left to right are Patrick Lanmon, Program Chairman, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Stokes and Donna Finley, Club President.

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Ask about serving		
Remember: Each Rotarian has a talent!		
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Calling on Rotarians	Juan Gonzales _____ Contact: MaryAnn Bentley _____	903.530.1727 569.7447
	or _____	556.0268
Greeting Committee High School Exchange Program Literacy Committee Meet the Jacks Fish Fry Mobile Library	Contact: Kent Ferguson _____ Contact: Dave Wallace _____ Contact: Barbara Qualls _____ Contact: Ed Pool _____ Contact: Ed Pool _____ Larissa Philpot _____	281.847.9880 371.3033 972.351.7078 564.2622 564.2622 554.9980
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