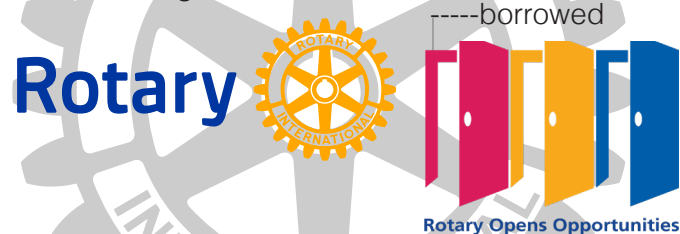


100+ YEARS OF ROTARY IN NACOGDOCHES

The Rotary Club of Nacogdoches

Charter #892, 1 April 1921

"Nacogdoches is more than a place in space,
Nacogdoches is a drama in time"



#2041 - District 5910
The 26th of May 2021

"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

Memorial Day Remembrance

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

The Honorable Jimmy D. Mize
Mayor of Nacogdoches
Introduction by Ron Collins



James D. (Jimmy) Mize is a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University. In 1984, Jimmy graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a BBA in Finance. In 1980, he graduated from Nacogdoches High School.

Jimmy currently serves as Nacogdoches Market President for Commercial Bank of Texas.

Formerly, he was Regional Market President for Southside Bank. Jimmy has had a successful career of almost 40 years in the banking industry.

Jimmy has been very involved in community service. He has served as Chair of the Nacogdoches County Parks Board; Chair of the Nacogdoches Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO); Chair of the Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District; Board Chair of the Stephen F. Austin State University Foundation; Past President of the Nacogdoches Boosters Club; Past President of the Nacogdoches Rotary Club and has been involved in many other organizations. Jimmy was formerly a Greg Abbott appointee to the board of the Product Development and Small Business Incubator of the State of Texas.

Rotary Programs Miles McCall President-Elect and Program Chairman

June 2021 Programs
Ken Deppisch, Program Chairman

- 2 June Nancy Niehaus & Gary Roberts
21/7 Association
- 9 June Amelia Fischer
Overview of Immigration in the USA
- 16 June Richard Orton
The Upshaw Family and Freedom Colonies
- 23 June Jennifer Allen
2021-2022 Angelina Arts Alliance Season Preview
- 30 June TBA

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

Last Week

President Donna Finley with the gavel; Jim Stallworth, did his duties as Sergeant at Arms; MaryAnn Bentley gave the Family of Rotary report; Larry Stanaland led the singing and the Pledge; Francis Spruiell gave the invocation; Caroline Alders provided the music; and Red Badger, Lou Ann Miller, introduced the guests and visitors.

Rotarian Tonya Harry, the Executive Director of CASA [Court Appointed Special Advocate] described the CASA program. CASA speaks up for the neglected or abused child in the court system. Each CASA volunteer is appointed by a judge to represent the best interest of a child or a set of siblings in the child protective system.

CASA is unique in that empowers ordinary people to serve as officers of the court and works with and on behalf of foster children. CASA volunteers can make a lifelong difference in the lives of the children they represent. The CASA volunteer gives each child's case the individualized, sustained attention needed for the child to find a caring, safe, and permanent home.

Guest and Visitors

Caroline Alders, accompanist, was the guest of the Club, Charlotte Ashcraft was the guest of Jimmy Mize, Roy Bolton was the guest of Jimmy Mize Heather Hawkins was the guest of Chris Oglesbee, Natalie Jannison was the guest of Rey Morin, Rachael Jumper was the guest of John Calahan, and Israel Morales was the guest of Gary Lee Ashcraft

Visitor from the Fredonia Club
Charlotte Ashcraft

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 leaders.

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 through 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 community.

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.

Rotary Billing

If anyone has a Billing question, please contact:
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281-777-0434
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E-mail: bguilbeau50@gmail.com

If you are unable to contact Bob, please call or email the RCN Book Keeper:
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.

Field of Honor

Greg Williams announced last week that the Club's upcoming Field of Honor event with a display of American flags will be posted on Sunday, 30 May 2021 at 2 p.m. at Festival Park. Greg needs help as early as 1 p.m. to set up stakes and align the flags. Flags may be sponsored honoring specific veterans/fallen soldiers for an annual donation of \$50.00. Flags are flown for Memorial and Veteran's Days. Greg will have sign-up sheets available today. Also, you may visit the Nacogdoches Rotary Club's website for more information.

Posting and Striking Colors at Sunset Cemetery

Chairman Larry Stanaland relayed to The Thunder Editor the schedule for Posting and Striking the Colors at the Cemetery.

Post: Saturday, 29 May 2021 at 6:45 a.m.
Strike: Tuesday, 1 June 2021 at 6:45 a.m.

Please join us and help us to remember those who fought and died for our freedoms!

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will kick 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!

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 Mexico



Rotary Club of Nacogdoches - May 19, 2021:

Tonya Harry, Executive Director of CASA of Deep East Texas was speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Ms. Harry's program provided detail of the organization's history and the importance of its volunteers who represent and advocate for a child's best interests in the child protection system. CASA volunteers are frequently the only stable presence in a children's life as they navigate their journey in the foster care system. The volunteers bring three critical qualities with their work; they focus on one case at a time, they bring a unique perspective to the court cases; and their sole objective is representing the best interests of the child. The program was very educational and appreciated by all in attendance. Ed Pool, Chairman of the club's Mobile Library Program provided an update of this year's summer schedule 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. Pictured left to right are Ron Collins, Program Chairman, Ms. Harry, John Callahan, Rotary Member and CASA Board Member, Rachel Jumper, Heather Hawkins and Natalie Jamison, CASA Board Members, Roy Bolton, Nacogdoches City Commissioner and CASA Volunteer, Mr. Pool and Donna Finley, Club President.

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

Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pick-up Bike Ride	Contact: Milton Moorer _____ 552.1994 Contact: Ray Mitchum _____ 554.8156 Juan Gonzales _____ 903.530.1727
Calling on Rotarians	Contact: MaryAnn Bentley _____ 569.7447 _____ or _____ 556.0268
Greeting Committee	Contact: Kent Ferguson _____ 281.847.9880
High School Exchange Program	Contact: Dave Wallace _____ 371.3033
Literacy Committee	Contact: Barbara Qualls _____ 972.351.7078
Meet the Jacks Fish Fry	Contact: Ed Pool _____ 564.2622
Mobile Library	Contact: Ed Pool _____ 564.2622 Larissa Philpot _____ 554.9980
Posting and Striking the Colors Interact/Rotaract	Contact: Larry Stanaland _____ 554.8738 Contact: Robin Thacker _____ 806.729.1066 Sam Smith _____ 369.6824
Rotary Readers	Contact: Jimmy Partin _____ 564.6816
RYLA Drivers	Contact: Ray Mitchum _____ 554.8156
Rotary Scholarship Applications	Contact: MaryAnn Bentley _____ 569.7447 _____ or _____ 556.0268
Speakers and Programs	Contact: Miles McCall _____ Direct 715.4154 _____ Cell 569.4790
Field of Honor	Contact: Greg Williams _____ 559.8201 Matt Turner _____ 234.0975