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**E-MAIL MAKE UPS**

Please bring your e-mail makeups to Secretary James Standley. Do not mail them in with your payment - bring and give them to Secretary James!

Thank You.

**Club Website**

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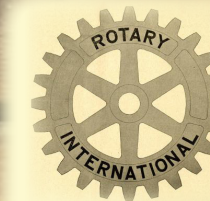
**THE 4-WAY TEST**

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

# ROTARY CLUB of NACOGDOCHES

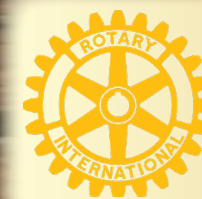


**ROTARY CLUB OF NACOGDOCHES 1921**



On January 6, 1921, J. Lutch Stark of Orange, Tx received a letter authorizing him to set the potential Rotarians in Nacogdoches to work.

Stark appointed Frank Penman the organizing chairman, and by mid March, Penman had recruited fourteen other charter members. The Nacogdoches Rotary Club became the 892nd club of Rotary International. First meeting was April 1, 1921 at 12:15 p.m. in Captain H.H. Cooper's Sunbeam luncheon, located at the corner of East Main and North streets.



Today our Nacogdoches Rotary Club is 179 members strong. Our club meets at noon every Wednesday at the Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center located at 200 North Fredonia Street. Our club is a large and diverse fellowship of inspired business, professional and civic leaders with significant community connections that foster the ideals of Service Above Self and the high ethical standards of The Four Way Test. Thank You Rotary for making a difference in communities around the globe!



**ROTARY CLUB OF NACOGDOCHES 2020-2021**



# THUNDER

Rotary Opens Opportunities

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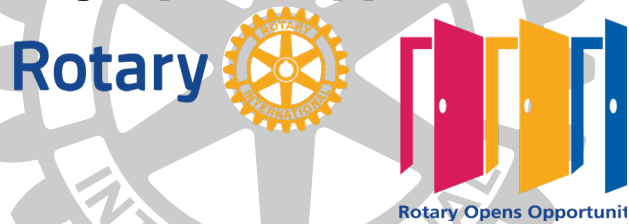
## The Rotary Club of Nacogdoches

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

—borrowed

#2041 - District 5910

## The 26th of August 2020 “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.”

### Rotary Program Today

#### Alba Madrid

Director, Music Prep Division

School of Music

Stephen F. Austin State University

Introduction by Garrett Altier



Alba Madrid is an adjunct faculty member in the Stephen F. Austin State University School of Music, where she teaches violin and viola applied lessons, string methods, secondary music education, and coaches chamber music ensembles. She is also the Piney Woods Youth Orchestra director and our new appointed Music Preparatory Division Director. Ms. Madrid has 10+ years of experience teaching at the elementary, middle, and high school

level in the public schools. Before coming to Nacogdoches, she held the position of Head Orchestra Director at Nikki Rowe High School in McAllen, TX, and Assistant Orchestra Director at Economedes High School in Edinburg, TX. She also taught in the Gulfport School District and Houston Independent School District both as a music teacher and orchestra director. Many of her students have qualified for All State and All Region Orchestras.

An active performer, Ms. Madrid is currently a member of the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra, Texarkana Symphony Orchestra and Longview Symphony Orchestra and performs regularly with many other symphony orchestras around east Texas. Prior to moving to Nacogdoches, Ms. Madrid performed with many ensembles including Sinfonia da Camera, Peoria Symphony Orchestra, Heartland Festival Orchestra, Mobile Symphony Orchestra, Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, Gulf coast Symphony Orchestra, and the Valley Symphony Orchestra, where she held the position of principal second violin and performed in the orchestra's chamber music series.

A native of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Ms. Madrid holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in violin performance from the University of Southern Mississippi, where she

studied with professor Stephen Redfield. She also had the opportunity to study with violinist Alexander Brussilovsky at the “Rencontres Musicales Internationales des Graves” in France, and has continued her studies at the “String Project” at the University of Michigan, The Dorothy Delay Symposium at the Juilliard School of Music, and the “Retreat for Professional Violinists” at the Jacobs School of Music in Indiana.

### Rotary Programs

#### Miles McCall

President-Elect and Program Chairman

### September Programs

Scott Boyer, Leader

2 September	Johnny Cardenas, Update on SFA Baseball Pitching Lab project Introduction by Scott Bowyer
9 September	Steve Davidson, Boys & Girls Club Introduction by Scott Bowyer
16 September	Marilyn Toc Family Crisis Center Introduction by Scott Bowyer
23 September	Mario Canizares New City Manager State of the City of Nacogdoches Introduction by Scott Bowyer
30 September	TBA

### 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.

	2020
September	Scott Bowyer
October	Ted Smith
November	Buddy Himes
December	Mary Ann Bentley
	2021
January	Patrick Lanmon
February	Gary Ashcraft
March	Jimmy Mize
April	Francis Spruiell
May	Ron Collins
June	Ken Deppisch

### Kent Ferguson, MDC Chairman

MDC Meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month. 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.

### James A. Buckingham, MD

10 May 1949 – 24 August 2020

Joined Rotary on the 1st of January 1983

Services Pending at Cason-Monk

Jim was a local Rotarian over 37 years

### Leadership Tips

“To adjust one's plans to changing conditions is not a sign of panic. It's a sign of balance, of intelligence, of real leadership. Freezing to an outdated situation, that IS a sign of panic.”

— Attributed to William Louis “Bill” Veeck, 1914-1986,  
American major league baseball franchise owner and promoter.

## From Fredonia Elementary Administration, Teachers, and Staff

Dear Rotary Club of Nacogdoches:

Thank you for your message to all of us here at Fredonia. I know Rotary members' faces will be missed who are usually here on campus for reading and helping with students. This is a crazy time, but we can do this!

Your continued support is appreciated!

Warm virtual hugs,  
Shalyn Rocha  
5th Grade Reading/Language Arts  
Fredonia Elementary

### United Way

Greetings, fellow Rotarians!

As the current President of the Angelina Rotary Club and the Board Chair for the Nacogdoches Area United Way, I know how busy you are and how dedicated you are in improving your communities' wellbeing.

If you haven't looked into ways to support your local United Way, please take some time to do so. Now, more than ever, Nacogdoches community non-profits need the guidance and financial support offered by the NAUW.

Last week Nacogdoches Area United Way kicked off our “Better Days Ahead” fundraising campaign. This Friday, NAUW will be hosting our first ever Virtual Campaign Leader meeting on Zoom. Now is the time to jump in and get your organization or business involved in a United Way fundraising campaign. Call us at (936) 564-5869 for more details or visit [www.unitedwaynac.org](http://www.unitedwaynac.org).

Kinnie Reina

## 2nd Annual Bryan Holt Davis Blood Drive September 9, 2020 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Wear Mask Mark Your Calendar!



You've seen a lot of articles about how easy it is to donate blood components, eligibility requirements, how long components last after donation, the safety of donation, when/where to donate, how one person can give more than one component, etc. Each of these is factual and important. But the *MAIN reason to donate is to save/sustain lives of patients. There is no substitute for blood components; they must come from healthy, compassionate and caring people like you; if it's not there when needed, the patient dies!* It's amazing how good you feel after giving because you know you've evidenced true ‘Agape’ (unconditional love) and ‘Service Above Self’ (Rotary Motto) and someone whom you don't even know will live. Bryan Holt Davis, after whom these drives are named, was able to stay with his family for a long time because of donated blood components according to Carolyn, his wife.

Our Blood Center of East Texas staff will take good care of you and if you need to donate before our drive here Sept. 9, just give the screener our club group #7263 and the club will get credit for the donation. *We tip our hat to the 15 Rotarians who have already signed up and pray you'll sign up if you haven't* and remember, your friends can donate also, just tell them to give the screener our group # 7263.

Bill Teague  
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Manager  
Tamara Billiot, Member of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches

## Last Week

Masks and Distance Seating – Week 11

President Donna Finley with the gavel, James Standley manned the Rotary Table, Harry Tervalon served as the Club Greeter, Sgt-at-Arms Jim Stallworth prepared for the meeting, MaryAnn Bentley gave the family of Rotary Report, Kevin Langford led us in singing, In the Good Ole Summertime,” Emily Farrell provided the music, Francis Spruiell gave the invocation, and Ray Mitchum introduced the Guests and Visitors.

Gregg Nichols reminded everyone of the Bryan Holt Davis on the 9th of September.

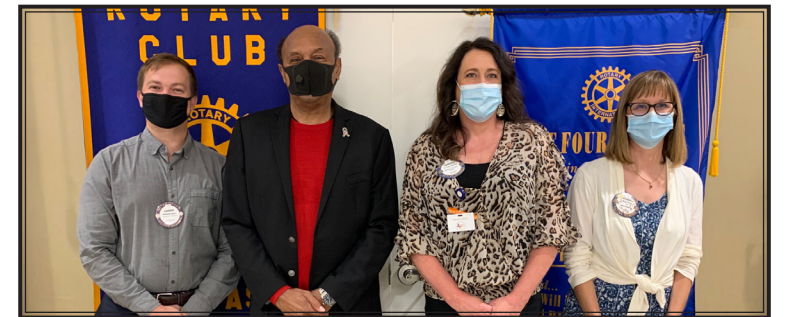
Garrett Altier introduced our speaker, Byron Boston, one of our all-time favorites. Byron is a retired NFL Referee, and presently the Director of Officiating for the Southland Conference as well as the Big 12 Conference. Byron brought us up to date on the 2020 season's rule changes for collegiate football. As per his yearly video presentation, he showed us a questionable call and challenged us on the official's decision. As always, this one was tough and it engendered a great deal of discussion!

## Guests

Stephanie Bradshaw was the guest pf Miles Bradshaw, New City Manager Mario Canizares was the guest of Larissa Philpot, Mary Ann Derby was the guest of Jim Stallworth, KTRE Chief Meteorologist Brad Hlozek was the guest of Bill Teague, Terrance Reeves was the guest of Greg Williams, and James Swearingen was the guest of Bill Teague.

## District Governor's Visit

Becky Mason, District Governor 5910, will visit the RCN on Wednesday, 28 October 2020 during our regular Noon Lunch Meeting. Her visit will be a ZOOM telecast and we will have the opportunity to see it on the Big Screen.



### Rotary Club of Nacogdoches - August 19, 2020:

Byron Boston, Southland Conference Coordinator of Football Officials and recently retired Game Official in the National Football League was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Mr. Boston provided an overview of rule changes in NCAA football for the 2020-21 season, challenges that game officials face today and an analysis of instant replay that was highlighted by audience participation in the decision of an actual play that the outcome was properly changed to correct a missed call on the field. Mr. Boston responded to numerous questions related to both college and NFL football programs at the conclusion of his presentation. Mr. Boston's NFL officiating experience covers the past 26 regular seasons with 25 playoff games including Super Bowl XXXIV between St. Louis and Tennessee, Super Bowl XLVII between Baltimore and San Francisco, Super Bowl LII between New England and Philadelphia, ten Conference Championship games and a Pro Bowl. Since the merger in 1966, Mr. Boston's 13 Super Bowl and Championship game assignments ties him for first place in NFL history for high level assignments. The jersey that Byron wore in his final game, the 2020 AFC Championship game between Kansas City and Tennessee is displayed in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Boston continues to lead the Southland Conference in its successful football officiating consortium with the Big 12, which is entering its 14th year. The program continues to be a Rotary favorite and was appreciated by all in attendance. Tamara Billiot, Donor Recruitment Coordinator and Manager of the Blood Center of East Texas in Nacogdoches detailed plans for the upcoming annual Bryan Holt Davis Rotary Blood Drive. Pictured left to right are Garrett Altier, Program Chairman, Mr. Boston, Ms. Billiot and Donna Finley, Club President.