

The Advent Season

“A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues.”
Cicero, Roman Statesman and Philosopher,
106 BC – 43 BC

The Rotary Club of Nacogdoches

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



#2041 - District 5910

The 2nd of December 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.”

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

December Rotary Programs

MaryAnn Bentley, Chairman

Due to COVID and students not being able to perform, The Madrigal Singers had to cancel at the last moment. As a result, I owe sincere thanks to my Best Friends, Brenda Josephsen and Carole Deptula, for coming to my rescue with a Christmas program for today. They are both accomplished musicians and Brenda taught me to play the Violin over 10 years ago.

Program Today

It’s Beginning to Sound a Lot Like Christmas With

Brenda Josephson, Violin

Brenda Josephsen has been a Suzuki violin instructor for over 35 years. She is a member of the Suzuki Association of the Americas completing and registering teacher training for Suzuki Principles in Action, Violin Foundations for 1A & B; Units 2 -7, Violin Overview units 1 – 6, and Advanced Repertoire. Throughout the years, she has taken enrichment and teacher development classes and attended various workshops. She is also a member of The Texas Music Educators Association allowing her students to participate in All Region Orchestra each year. Her students (The SFA Young Violinists) have performed all over East Texas from festivals to weddings. She teaches students from 3 years to adults. Brenda has performed with the Virginia Beach Community Orchestra, Orchestra of the Pines, Vista String Quar-

ter, Selah Strings, East Texas Praise Symphony and various other venues in the community.

Carole Deptula, Piano
Carole received a diploma in Theology from Ambassador College, A B. M. and M.M. in Music from SFASU. She plays piano, viola, violin and cello and was founder and coordinator of the Vista String Quartet and studied with Dr. Isador Saslav. She has been a member of the Orchestra of the Pines and East Texas Symphony in Tyler. Carole has taught piano and violin privately. Her spouse, Walter, is a Certified Piano Technician. Their children are Austin, Benjamin, Jonathan and Kimberly.

Rotary Programs

Miles McCall

President-Elect and Program Chairman

December Programs

Introductions by MaryAnn Bentley

- 9 December The Raguet Choir
The 76th Christmas Appearance
Director: Angelica O’Pry
- 16 December Regents Academy Choir and Strings
Directors: Carolyn Andrews & Martha DeLuna
- 23 December Christmas Message
The Reverend Karl Griswold-Kuhn
Rector, Christ Episcopal Church

2020-2021 Program Leaders

If you have a suggestion for a speaker/program, please contact

Miles McCall or the monthly program leader.

2021		
	January	Patrick Lanmon
	February	Gary Ashcraft
	March	Jimmy Mize
	April	Francis Spruiell
	May	Ron Collins
	June	Ken Deppisch

Last Week

Masks and Distance Seating – Week 25

President Donna Finley with the gavel, MaryAnn Bentley gave the Family of Rotary report, Ron Collins led the singing and the Pledge, Charlie Colgan gave the invocation, and Emily Farrell provided the music. Gregg Nichols introduced the guests and visitors. James Standley manned the Rotary table and served as the Club greeter. Buddy Himes introduced fellow Rotarian Charlie Colgan as our speaker for our Thanksgiving message.

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 or by snail mail at this address: 3490 CR 258, Nacogdoches, TX 75965
Thank you in advance for your commitment to Rotary.

Veteran’s Day Video

The Link is: <https://youtube.com/YaZCrF2G9o>

Satellite Rotary Club

It was announced at our last meeting, Tuesday, Oct 13th, that the Satellite Group would meet only once per month for the next few months. That is on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please mark your calendars and note that the next meeting dates and times are as follows:

December 8th at 5:30pm AND January 12th at 5:30pm

At the January 12th meeting we will decide whether to continue meeting only once per month or go back to twice a month. If you have friends or other business associates who might be planning to attend the Satellite meetings, please let them know about this schedule change. Thank you so much for your service to Rotary and the Nacogdoches Community! I sincerely hope that you and your families have a Safe and Joyful Holiday Season!
Jim Roberts 936-559-1400 Office -- OKAY to CALL or TEXT

On the Birth of the Christmas Card

The United States was a little late to the party.

By Jerry CIANCIOLO

An estimated 1.6 billion Christmas cards are purchased each year in the U.S., according to the Greeting Card Association, and, remarkably, every one of them can be traced back to Sir Henry Cole, an activist who lived in Victorian England. To Cole, born in 1808, civic pursuits were like potato chips; he couldn’t stop at just one. Over the course of 74 years, he was instrumental in revamping the U.K.’s postal system and establishing London’s National Training School for Music and its National Training School of Cookery, to name just a few. In his spare time Cole designed prizewinning ceramics, studied engraving, and penned children’s books under the pseudonym Felix Summerly. Cole made hundreds of connections. This became a problem in 1843, when scores of friends and acquaintances sent him Christmas letters. Ignoring the mounting pile of correspondence would be impolite, but responding to each letter would consume too much time. Cole hit upon the idea of acknowledging friends with a card, at the top of which would be the salutation “TO___,” allowing him to personalize the correspondence. For the design, Cole tapped English painter J.C. Horsley. The resulting 3-inch by 5-inch triptych, the world’s first commercial Christmas card, featured as its central image a multigenerational family toasting the health of their absent friend, the addressee. On either side were scenes of feeding and clothing the poor. “Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You” was the inscription. Cole had a thousand cards created and those he sent were hand-colored. It wasn’t long before Cole’s concept took hold and holiday cards spread across the English Channel. But not to the United States. For nearly three decades, Americans imported Christmas cards from England and elsewhere in Europe. It wasn’t until 1875, in Boston, that an enterprising Prussian immigrant named Louis Prang sensed the potential of mass-produced, more-affordable cards. That year, using a color printing process called chromolithography, Prang created America’s first commercial Christmas card. It didn’t feature a holiday motif or traditional images such as ivy or mistletoe. Instead, Prang’s card showed a sprig of three Killarney roses with the words “Merry Christmas” underneath. Prang’s cards proved popular. Legend says they were so treasured that young women recorded in their diaries how many “Prangs” they received during the holidays. By 1881 the Boston entrepre-

neur was printing an estimated five million cards a year and is now dubbed the “Father of the American Christmas Card.” Holiday cards received perhaps their biggest boost in 1915, when the Hall brothers began manufacturing cards in Kansas City, Mo. The signature contribution of their company, later named Hallmark, was introducing a larger 4-inch by 6-inch “book” format. This December, Americans, on average, will spend nearly \$30 on Christmas cards, according to statista.com. Still, that is a pittance compared with the anonymous bidder who paid the equivalent of more than \$6,800 at a British auction in 2013 for one of Cole’s original cards. Mr. Cianciolo is chief editor of Emerson & Church Publishers in Medfield, Mass.

Our Guests Last Week

Guests of our speaker, The Rev. Charlie Colgan:
Paris Colgan
Thomas Colgan
Craig Ireland
Rita Dobbs was the guest of Barry Dobbs,
Emily Robertson was the guest of Jason Gound

Our Visitors

Visiting from the Fredonia Club:
Mike Bay
Robin Dawley
Tom Huey
Richard Humphreys
Darla O’Neill
Becky Renolinski
Paul Smith



Rotary Club of Nacogdoches -November 25, 2020:
Reverend Charlie Colgan, Pastor of First Christian Church was guest speaker at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Reverend Colgan provided the club’s traditional Thanksgiving message which was enjoyed and appreciated by all in attendance. Craig Ireland, Pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church provided the meeting’s invocation and Gunner Ferri, student at TRJ Elementary in Nacogdoches provided the closing benediction. Pictured left to right are Buddy Himes, Program Chairman, Reverend Colgan, Pastor Ireland, Mr. Ferri and Donna Finley, Club President.

Find Opportunities that Interest you

Ask about serving

Remember: Each Rotarian has a talent!

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