

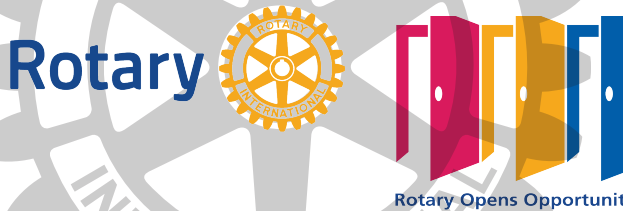
# The Advent Season

## The Rotary Club of Nacogdoches

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

### #2041 - District 5910

## The 16th 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

**Program Today  
Regents Academy Choir and Strings**  
**Directors: Carolyn Andrews and Martha DeLuna**  
**Introduction by MaryAnn Bentley**

**Mrs. Carolyn Andrews**

Carolyn Andrews has served as the Choral Director at Regents Academy for 15 years and has recently introduced a music Aesthetics course to students in the Logic & Rhetoric School. She earned a B.M.E. from Baylor University and a J.D. from the Baylor School of Law. While in Waco, she served as the Music Director for the Methodist Children’s Home, teaching children from the 1st through the 12th grades, conducting their traveling music ensembles, and preparing children to record for the Home’s monthly radio program. In Nacogdoches, she has served as the Director of the SFASU Music Preparatory Choristers and has directed both children and adult choirs and ensembles at Grace Bible Church and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. Carolyn has three young adult children, all of whom love music; two of whom are Regents Academy graduates. She enjoys reading, coffee with friends, traveling, listening to music, walking in the mountains, playing the piano, learning about art, and getting her hands dirty in the yard.

**Mrs. Martha De Luna**

Martha Jhoana De Luna Mateo is the Grammar School Music Teacher and Orchestra Director at Regents Academy. Martha holds two Master’s degrees in piano and harp performance from Stephen F. Austin State University. Born in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic, Martha began studying music at the age of seven and playing the piano at the age of eight. She performed several times at the National Theater of the Dominican Republic, and also at the U.S.

Embassy there. She was composing music for piano, choir, and chamber ensembles by the age of thirteen, and she has composed more than 200 pieces for piano, more than 100 original compositions for voice and piano, and numerous hymn arrangements for piano, chamber music, and choir. Martha made her first debut as an orchestral conductor with the Suite for Orchestra “West Side Story,” studying conducting under Dr. Gene Moon at SFASU. She has recorded two CDs comprised of her original compositions and hymn arrangements with her family. Since 2014, she has served as the pianist and organist for the First Christian Church in Lufkin, TX, where she is also a member. She travels to different places as an inspirational speaker and to perform at concerts, events, conferences, and seminars. Martha enjoys swimming, CrossFit, and composing.

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

**December Programs  
Note: We WILL meet Next Week,  
the 23rd of December**

**Introductions by MaryAnn Bentley**

23 December Christmas Message  
The Reverend Karl Griswold-Kuhn  
Rector, Christ Episcopal Church

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**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 27

President Donna Finley with the gavel, MaryAnn Bentley gave the family of Rotary report and led the singing and Pledge to the Flag. Emily Alders Farrell provided the music, Ed Pool gave the invocation, and Lisa King introduced the guests and visitors.

Last week was the second week that the planned program did not perform due to technical issues. A special “thank you” MaryAnn Bentley, Larry Stanaland, and Kevin Langford who rose to the occasion and led the singing of Christmas carols. Kevin tended to be the “enforcer” to shy singers, and the group singing and participation provided a contagious spirit of Christmas! This turned out to be a treat for all of us.

**Billing Questions**

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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 [wkent-ferguson@gmail.com](mailto:wkent-ferguson@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**

The Satellite Group will meet again at Napoli’s Tuesday, December 8th at 5:30pm and have plenty of room for social distancing, etc. You are welcome to order food and drink, or just enjoy the fellowship and the program. If you need it beforehand, here’s the link to Napoli’s menu:  
<http://napolisitalianrestaurants.com/nacogdoches/>

We will have our usual brief agenda and I know that you will enjoy our program this week. It will be very “educational” (pun intended). Our guest speaker is Igor Gusyakov, a Principal at Nacogdoches High School. He’s going to talk about the current state of life at the high school campus and the status of construction throughout the district. Come listen, learn and ask him all the hard questions. No need to RSVP. Just show up!! Napoli’s has agreed to give us as much room as we need. And, YES, please do invite a friend.

**United Way**

United Way did not meet their goal this year. The Covid 19 Pandemic affects both donors and recipients. The need remains, please see if there is any way in which you are able to make an additional contribution. People are hurting and people are out of work. This is a “tuff” time in our history. Editor.

“The Nacogdoches Area United Way works with companies, governments, nonprofits, and other organizations to address complex challenges on a worldwide scale. Our partners contribute more than money. Their ideas, volunteer power, in-kind support and more are helping build stronger communities.

The local Salvation Army a United Way funded agency is hosting their annual Angel Tree. There is still approximately 75 Angels left to be adopted on the tree which is located at the Salvation Army Office (118 East hospital Street) and Wal-Mart on North Street. Purchasing an Angel is an awesome way to help a family in need!

There is also an online registry for the Nacogdoches Area which can be accessed by clicking the link below.  
<https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/walmart-angel-tree/>

Also, be on the lookout to slip in a dollar or more for the red kettles located outside local storefronts to provide donates to the Salvation Army. Due to COVID-19 the number of red kettles has been decreased by 50% so please donate to the Red Kettle bell ringers!

**Publication**

**Brian Bray  
Community Services Director  
Classification: City Government:  
Sponsor: Larissa Philpot**

**Dear Santa  
Kathleen and Kathie Rizzo**

I am writing this letter for my brother because his arm is in a sling, and the doctor said that he shouldn’t move his fingers too much. He sprained his wrist yesterday when he fell off the refrigerator, and we’ve been pretty busy since then. My mother says that it’s amazing how putting one arm in a sling can keep three people jumping.

But my brother said he won’t ask for anything else if I only write this letter to you to explain what he was doing on the refrigerator. He’s afraid that you’ll forget about how good he’s been for most of this year.

And really, he’s been pretty good. He’s only had a few slip-ups. Like the time he painted Jerome. He and Jerome found the paints in the garage, and I guess they figured they were watercolors and they’d wash right off. My brother was surprised as anybody when Jerome’s mother called to say that she could not get the green stars off Jerome’s forehead. I don’t think you should blame my brother for this because it was really just an accident, and the stars wore off in a couple of days.

My mother says his heart is in the right place, and he cares about other people. Once he gave a giant jar of olives to the school cafeteria. He won the olives at a carnival by guessing that there were 870 of them in the jar. He guessed it exactly. My father told him that it was an amazing thing to do, but my brother said that he could eat that many olives in a hundred years and could he give

them to somebody that needed them. So my father brought them to school and bought my brother and me ice cream sodas to celebrate.

You see he’s really pretty good, so I know you’ll understand when I tell you about the refrigerator.

What started it was when my mother hid the Christmas cookies. She said that she had to hide them because last year we only left some burned macaroons and she had to serve store-bought cookies on Christmas. So my brother and I decided to play detective. It was only a game. Really, I mean, we weren’t going to eat the cookies. We were just going to find them.

My brother was playing bloodhound and sniffing the air in the kitchen when all of a sudden, he started barking and pointing at the cabinet over the refrigerator. He stood on the highchair and climbed up on the top of the refrigerator. When he opened the cabinet, the yelping got louder, and the next thing I knew he was on the floor, covered with chocolate chips and pecan sandies.

He wasn’t worried about his hand so much as he was about getting the cookies back into the saltine boxes that my mother had hidden them in. So we picked them real fast and didn’t even eat one. We put them back into the boxes and cleaned up the crumbs, and that’s when my mother came in and my brother’s hand started to hurt.

So you see, it was just a detective game that he was playing, and he wasn’t trying to swipe the cookies. And it was pretty smart to guess that they were in the saltines boxes because he knew my mother knew that he doesn’t like saltines any more than he likes olives.

So not that you know what happened, I know you’ll decide to give my brother the things that he asked for and not hold it against him that he fell off the refrigerator in the middle of a game.

I hope that you do, Santa, ‘cause he’s really a pretty good brother most of the time. But if I were you, I’d hold off on giving him the blow-torch for a while.

**Our Guests Last Week**

Lorna Curtis was the guest of Army Curtis,  
Nicole Lostracco was the guest of Ed Pool, and  
Devin Williams was the guest of Steve Williams.



**Rotary Club of Nacogdoches -December 9, 2020:**  
MaryAnn Bentley with accompaniment from Larry Stanaland and Kevin Langford led the club in singing a number of popular Christmas carols. The program was enjoyed by all and put everyone in the Christmas spirit. Lorna Curtis, past Rotary scholarship recipient and daughter of club member Army Curtis, was a special guest of the club. Pictured left to right are MaryAnn Bentley, Program Chairman, Mr. Stanaland, Mr. Langford, Ms. Curtis, Mr. Curtis and Donna Finley, Club President.

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

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