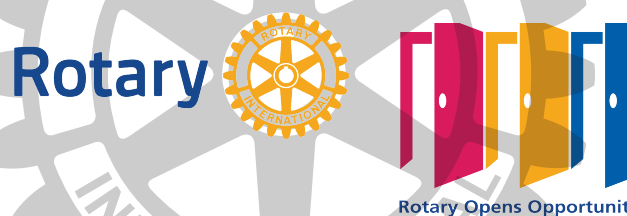


The Advent Season

The Rotary Club of Nacogdoches

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

#2041 - District 5910
The 9th of December 2020



“Rotary Opens Opportunities”

**Holger Knaack, President RI
Home Club:
Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln
Germany**

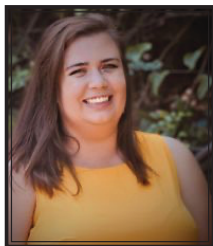
The district Herzogtum Lauenburg is named after the medieval Duchy of Saxe-Lauenburg, which was one of the remnants of the original Duchy of Saxony. The Duchy of Saxony was partitioned in a process started in 1269, nine years after in 1260 Albert II and John I had succeeded their father Albert I of Saxon.

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
The Raguet Choir
The 76th Christmas Appearance
Director: Angelica O’Pry
Introduction by MaryAnn Bentley**

Angelica O’Pry
660 CR 273 Garrison, TX75946 | 936-827-1846 | akopry@nacisd.org



Education
MUSIC EDUCATION | STEPHEN F . AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY | MAY 2020
· Bachelor of Music in Music Education with All-Level Teaching Certification, Cum Laude
· University Scholar (School of Honors)
· Magnolia West High School, Spring 2016, Magna Cum Laude
Experience
· Raguet Elementary, 2020-2021 - Music teacher K-5
· SFA Student Teaching , Spring 2020
· Lufkin High School, assigned but unfulfilled due to pandemic
· Thomas J. Rusk Elementary, grades K-5, fulfilled 20 hours of interning for student teaching, Fall 2019
· Nacogdoches High School, Fall 2019, grades 9-12 -10 hours of observing/interning with choral program
· Mike Moses Middle School, Spring 2019, grades 6-8 -10 hours of observing English Language Learners
· Camp Leader at SFA All-State Middle School State Choir Camp, Summers 2017-2019 □ Aided in sectionals, organized music, arranged social programming for campers
· **Other work experience**
1 · Chick-Fil-A, Nacogdoches, May 2019 – Present
2 · St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church, Alto Section Leader,

August 2017 - Present
3 · Receptionist SFA Music Department, January 2017 - December 2019
Professional Affiliations
1 · Texas Music Educators’ Association member since 2018
2 · Texas Choral Directors’ Association member since 2018
3 · Association of Texas Professional Educators member since 2020
4 · Mu Phi Epsilon (Honorary Music Fraternity) member since 2017

Achievements
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
1 · Dean’s Lists Fall & Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2016
2 · President’s List Spring 2017
3 · Smith Hutson Scholar (90 % of college expenses awarded)
4 · Academic Excellence Scholarship
5 · Presented full Vocal Recital
6 · 3.564 Current GPA MAGNOLIA WEST HIGH SCHOOL
· 3.89 GPA
· National Honor Society
· TMEA Region Choir
· Academic Decathlon, State Qualifiers

The Choir first led by
Mrs. Francis Cariker Rudisill
beginning in the early days of WW II

Francis Cariker Rudisill was with a group of ladies in the Red Building on the TJR campus. They were rolling bandages to be used during World War II. The principal, Mr. Martin, came to the door and said, “Mr. Wade, the Music Teacher, has been called up to War, do any of you know how to play the piano?” They all turned and at the same time said, “Francis can play!” She was hired on the spot.

She was later asked to move to the brand-new Raguet Elementary School - to be their first Music Teacher, where she started the Raguet Elementary Choir. She retired in 1970.

Mrs. Rudisill loved her country - she was a member of the DAR, her favorite songs to play included The Star Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful.

She loved her state - The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was always followed by the Pledge to the Texas Flag. And she loved to talk about how during deer season she played piano at the little church in Uvalde, where Governor Dolph Brisco attended on many occasions!

She loved her community - The Raguet Choir entertained each year for the Kiwanis Club Pancake event, the Booster Club, Nacogdoches Chamber events and the ever special Rotary Club!
Lisa Rudisill Mize
What a wonderful history and legacy for our children, Nacogdoches, and the Nacogdoches Rotary Club!

**December Rotary Birthdays
A BIG Rotary Happy Birthday to:**

2 December	Bill Richardson
3 December	Larry Laurich
7 December	Bea Clack
11 December	Banker Phares and Jeff Davis
13 December	Danny Mounger
15 December	Bill King, Bill Watkins, Ralph Busby
16 December	David Davidson
18 December	Dane Phillips & Harry Tervalon, Jr
19 December	Jim Wheeler
22 December	Floyd Dobbs
27 December	Brent Bullard



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

December Programs
Note: We WILL meet on the 16th and 23rd of December

Introductions by MaryAnn Bentley

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.**

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 26

President Donna Finley with the gavel, MaryAnn Bentley gave the Family of Rotary report and led the Pledge and singing, Emily Farrell provided the music, David Alders gave the invocation, Lisa King introduced the guests and visitors, and Sgt-at-Arms Jim Stallworth prepared for the meeting. James Attaway and Karl Kuhn served as our greeters. MaryAnn Bentley introduced our musical Christmas program with violinist Brenda Josephson and pianist Carole Deptula. Their music was a special Christmas treat!

Billing Questions

If anyone has a Billing question, please contact:
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281-777-0434 936-305-3635
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

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 Gusev, 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.

Our Guests Last Week

Violinist Brenda Josephson and pianist Carole Deptula were the guests of the Club,
Shirley Coe was the guest of Francis Spruiell,
MaryAnn Derby was the guest of Jim Stallworth,
Matt Moody was the guest of Charlie Colgan,
Jamie Poskey was the guest of Ruben Carmona, and
Mary Turner was the guest of Matt Turner.

United Way

“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.
Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) of Nacogdoches is an agency that focuses on sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving individuals and families in need.
Love INC has an upcoming event Christmas Shared Blessings which will occur on December 16th at the Nacogdoches County Exposition & Civic Center. Donations and Volunteers are still needed for this event. If interested please contact debbie@loveincnac.org or call the office at (936) 569-8555.
For more information about the Christmas Shared Blessings event please visit the Love INC Facebook page and website at <https://www.loveincnac.org/home-1.html> “



Rotary Club of Nacogdoches -December 2, 2020:
Brenda Josephson and Carol Deptula were guest performers at a recent noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. Ms. Josephson and Ms. Deptula provided a Christmas music program and performed many popular holiday songs. The program was enjoyed and appreciated by all in attendance. Ray Mitchum was elected the club’s President Nominee and will serve as President during the club’s 2022-2023 year. Miles McCall currently the club’s President Elect and will serve as the club’s President during the club’s 2021-2022 year. Pictured left to right are MaryAnn Bentley, Program Chairman, Ms. Deptula, Ms. Josephson, Mr. Mitchum, Dr. McCall 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 Mooror _____ 552.1994 Contact: Ray Mitchum _____ 554.8156 Juan Gonzales _____ 903.530.1727 Contact: MaryAnn Bentley _____ 569.7447 or _____ 556.0268
Calling on Rotarians	Contact: Kent Ferguson _____ 281.847.9880 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 RYLA Drivers Rotary Scholarship Applications	Contact: Jimmy Partin _____ 564.6816 Contact: Ray Mitchum _____ 554.8156 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