



### Speakers

**July 25, 2019**

Lillie Palmer, "Stopping the Stigma of Mental Health." (Courtesy of Mike Palmer)

**Aug. 1, 2019**

Mickens, Boys and Girls Club of Lanier, courtesy of Deana Jordan

**Aug. 8, 2019**

Jeanne Robertson, "Mr. Rotary Pageant," Beaver Bowline's mom  
**Aug. 15, 2019** Louise Estabrook, Dive Pirates, courtesy of Denise Leeson

### Birthdays

Jack Heard  
July 26

Jason Ames  
July 27

### Greeters for July

Paula Malmfeldt  
John Martin

### Club Leaders



George Galphin  
President



Claire H. McDonald  
President-Elect  
Rotary Foundation Chair



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Secretary



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Club Service Chair

## This week in history: 1775

# U.S. postal system established

On this day in 1775, the U.S. postal system is established by the Second Continental Congress, with **Benjamin Franklin** as its first postmaster general. Franklin (1706-1790) put in place the foundation for many aspects of today's mail system.

During early colonial times in the 1600s, few American colonists needed to send mail to each other; it was more likely that their correspondence was with letter writers in Britain. Mail deliveries from across the Atlantic were sporadic and could take many months to arrive. There were no post offices in the colonies, so mail was typically left at inns and taverns.

In 1753, Benjamin Franklin, who had been postmaster of Philadelphia, became one of two joint postmasters general for the colonies. He made numerous improvements to the mail system, including setting up new, more efficient colonial routes and cutting delivery time in half between Philadelphia and **New York** by having the weekly mail wagon travel both day and night via relay teams. Franklin also debuted the first rate chart, which standardized delivery costs based on distance and weight.

In 1774, the British fired Franklin from his postmaster job because of his revolutionary activities. However, the following year, he was appointed postmaster general of the United Colonies by the Continental Congress. Franklin held the job until late in 1776, when he was sent to France as a diplomat. He left a vastly improved mail system, with routes from **Florida** to **Maine** and regular service between the colonies and Britain. President **George Washington** appointed Samuel Osgood, a former **Massachusetts** congressman, as the first postmaster general of the American nation under the new U.S. constitution in 1789. At the time, there were approximately 75 post offices in the country.

Today, the United States has over 40,000 post offices and the postal service delivers 212 billion pieces of mail each year to over 144 million homes and businesses in the United States, **Puerto Rico**, Guam, the American Virgin Islands and American Samoa. The postal service is the nation's largest civilian employer, with over 700,000 career workers, who handle more than 44 percent of the world's cards and letters. The postal service is a not-for-profit, self-supporting agency that covers its expenses through postage (stamp use in the United States started in 1847) and related products. The postal service gets the mail delivered, rain or shine, using everything from planes to mules. However, it's not cheap: The U.S. Postal Service says that when fuel costs go up by just one penny, its own costs rise by \$8 million.

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/u-s-postal-system-established>

2019-20 District Directory Published!



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Past President



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Assistant Governor

### The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do...  
Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



By Leo J. Lawrenson on Monday, May 20, 2019

The **\*NEW\*** 2019-20 District 6910 Directory has been published and can be viewed and downloaded (after logging in to DACdb) at [2019-20 District 6910 Directory \(REV Jun 2019\)](#)

## Welcome Video from District Governor Don Martin

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Monday, July 1, 2019

[See video here!](#)

## New DACdb User Interface

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Friday, August 10, 2018

**DACdb reports that the Classic User Interface will be discontinued "after the first of the calendar year", so be sure to switch to the New Interface ASAP, as described below!**

DACdb's new user interface provides an innovative and intuitive way to navigate, customize and interact with your DACdb functions and modules. *The pages where you actually process your data with all of the rich features and powerful functionality remain the same, there is just a new layout to access them.*

You will see a link in the upper right-hand corner labelled **Switch to New Interface**. Click the link to begin using the new interface. You can also switch back to the Classic Interface the same way, but that interface will be discontinued at some point. The new interface can help with certain display problems encountered by some users with the home page.



For more information, login to DACdb, click the "Help" tab and select "New User Interface" from list at left.

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## Social Media Links

For more information about our club click on one of the links below:

- [Website](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Facebook](#)

## Past Presidents

1975	Tommy Bagwell	1986	Steve Jackson	1997	Bill Kehres	2008	Mike Palmer
1976	Terry Smith	1987	Tim LeBlanc	1998	Jeff Stephens	2009	Burton Blackmar
1977	Jackie Welch	1988	Denton Ashway	1999	John Weaver	2010	Shan Mize
1978	Larry Boling	1989	Bobby Thomas	2000	Jim Whitney	2011	Taylor Rice
1979	Zack Rice	1990	Jim Wheeler	2001	Jon McDaniel	2012	George Pirkle
1980	Roger Williams	1991	Rich Brown	2002	Keith Argo	2013	George Pirkle
1981	Tom Miller	1992	Tim Perry	2003	Rich Neville	2014	Mike Smith
1982	Gabe Dukas	1993	Bob McGuinn	2004	Melissa Durand	2015	Rusty Smith
1983	Eddie Stowe	1994	Robert Thuss	2005	Brandon Barron	2016	Donna Wade
1984	Dana Miles	1995	Brian Carpenter	2006	Chuck Welch	2017	Eric Duncan
1985	Mike Gravitt	1996	Charles Ammons	2007	Gabe Arango	2018	Ken Terry

# Paul Harris Fellows

## In 2016 our club became 100% Paul Harris Fellows!

1977	Tommy Bagwell	Penny McGuinn	Jim Whitney	Seth Thomas
1978	Jim French	Rafe Banks	Rex Abbott	Donna Wade
1986	Bob McGuinn	Rich Brown	2000 Nancy Abbott	Lucy Thuss
	Larry Boling	Malvelene Vaughan	Melissa Durand	Matt Richmond
	Bobby Thomas	1993 Stan Gault	Tim Perry	2006 Chuck Welch
1987	Gary Allen	1994 Mike Gravitt	2001 Mike Smith	2008 Dana Miles
	Bill Carter	Shannon Mize	Bill Levensalor	Eric Duncan
1988	Jack Manton	Charles Welch	George Pirkle	Mike Palmer
	Zack Rice	Brenda Thomas	2002 Burton Blackmar	John Heath
1991	Robert Thuss	Chantal Bagwell	2003 Lorne Twiner	2010 John Martin
	Vic Shirley	Shaun McGuinn	2004 Bruce Hearn	2014 Linda Duncan
	Lou Douglas	Brian Carpenter	Jack Godwin	D'Arcy Duncan Andrews
1992	Rafe Banks	Michael O'Bryan	2005 Jon McDaniel	Erin Duncan Topel
	Jack Heard	1996 Leslie McGuinn	Mike Montgomery	2015 Sam Siemon
	Jim Wheeler	1997 Denton Ashway	Joni Owens	Gabe Arango Murray Rice

## Will Watt Fellows

1986	Tommy Bagwell	1999 Rex Abbott	2007 Donna Wade	Lorne Twiner
1990	Dick Neville	2001 Jon McDaniel	2008 Eric Duncan	Bill Guilfoil
	Bobby Thomas	Rich Brown	2009 Dana Miles	
	Lou Douglas	Bill Kehres	2010 John Hall	
1995	Brian Carpenter	Mike Gravitt	2012 George Pirkle	
	Bob McGuinn	2002 Malvelene Vaughan	Dennis Gravitt	
1998	Jim Whitney	2003 Mike Montgomery	2013 Jim Wheeler	

*If you have a question about the bulletin/programs, or have a program of interest to the club, please contact Stephanie Woody at [swoody@forsythnews.com](mailto:swoody@forsythnews.com) or mobile 678-878-0516.*

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