



**SEASON'S GREETINGS!**  
 The first half of this school year has quickly flown by, and we would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of our Rotarian sponsors and EAFK schools.

**Honoring our EAFK Rotary District Chairpeople**

EAFK grows every year, with no mass advertising campaign. This expansion takes place smoothly and simultaneously in multiple geographical regions, hundreds and thousands of miles apart. One of the major reasons why this happens with such precision is due to a group of dedicated Rotarians who serve as District EAFK Chairpeople. Appointed by their District Governors, Rotary Chairpeople are all veteran EAFK sponsors who have skillfully managed EAFK programs at the Club level in their respective Rotary Districts. Now, they introduce other Rotary Clubs to EAFK, and then help them succeed with the program. We want everyone to know how much we appreciate our District Chairpeople and their teams!

			
<i>Mary Reynolds</i> District 5870	<i>Suzanne Amos</i> District 7680	<i>Bud McBrayer</i> District 5810	<i>Hugh Hanes</i> District 5930
			
<i>Charlie &amp; Tommie Buscemi</i> District 5890		<i>Ed Irick</i> District 7750	

## ROCKDALE INTERMEDIATE HIGHLIGHTS “COMPASSION”

Students at Rockdale Intermediate in Texas were honored for the character trait of “compassion” last month. Character traits taught in the EAFK curriculum are age-appropriate, starting with fundamental concepts like compassion, respect, honesty, friendliness, tolerance, etc, at the K-5 level, and then progressing to more complex values in middle school. The EAFK program at Rockdale is sponsored by The Rotary Club of Rockdale in District 5870. Rotary District 5870 in central Texas sponsors one of the largest concentrations of EAFK schools in the United States.

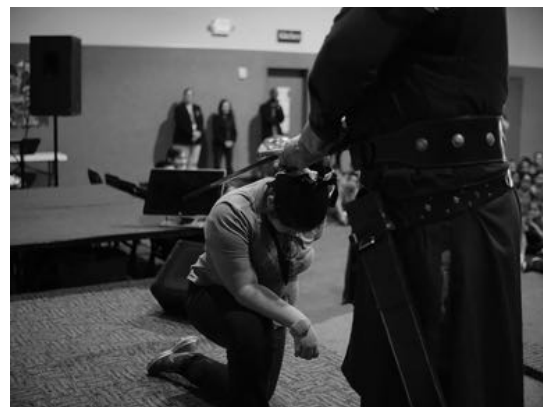


### FROM BETA ACADEMY PRINCIPAL, KENDRA HAMPTON

*(excerpt from Hobby Area District News)*

*“...At Beta, the staff believes in adding magic into every area of a child’s education. They believe if you are going to do something, you should go all out. Teachers don costumes and armor to dress up for the (EAFK) knighting ceremonies. There is also a hand-crafted castle in the gymnasium for special EAFK events. All of this brings the days of chivalry right into the school.”*

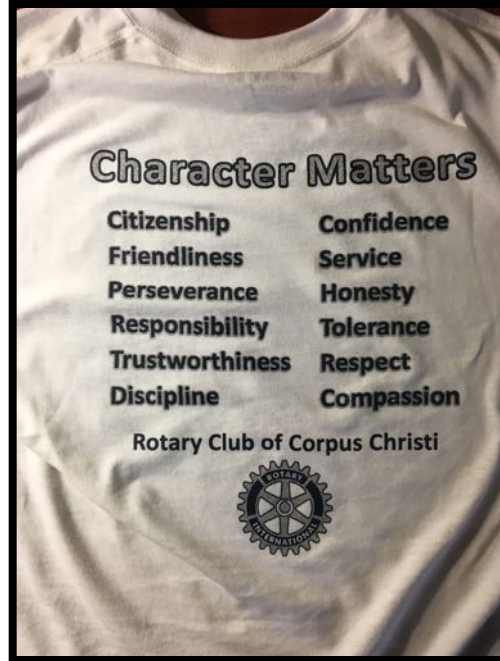
*Ms. Hampton continued, “The teachers and scholars have thoroughly enjoyed the program. It is often hard to keep a dry eye at the monthly EAFK ceremonies. Scholars who are recognized for the selected virtue are often wildly applauded by their peers. While teachers are presenting the awards they are moved with emotion, as are the parents and visitors. From the first knighting ceremony the scholars were filled with new determination to live an honorable life and to join the gallery of champions. Teachers report witnessing an increase in both extrinsic and intrinsic motivation in the scholars as they seek to grow and improve daily. It is clear by these results that EAFK is an irreplaceable part of the Beta Academy curriculum.”*



The President of Rotary International is scheduled to visit an EAFK knighting ceremony at Beta Academy on February 13, 2017.

## DOES YOUR SCHOOL HAVE AN EAFK TEE SHIRT YET?

Many EAFK-sponsoring Rotary Clubs and schools design their own EAFK tee shirts. The shirts can be great fundraisers, or just fun for staff and students to wear. This month, we have a new shirt design from Travis Elementary in Corpus Christi, Texas (District 5930). Some shirts showcase EAFK character traits, and others list community co-sponsors who help Rotary Clubs add EAFK to more schools.



## THE ROTARY CLUB OF GASTONIA

The EAFK program at Grier Middle School in Gastonia, NC is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gastonia. They are one of the first Rotary Clubs to bring EAFK to North Carolina, and have a history of community leadership. Since 1920, they have led the way as Gaston County's oldest and largest civic club, with over 160 members in more than 60 different vocations.

2014-15 Club President, Ring Torrence Stafford (left), presided at Grier's most recent EAFK knighting ceremony on November 16, 2016.



# From Around The Realm



*Sir James and Sir Cass with a student at Aloe Elementary in Victoria, TX who has earned ALL available EAFK awards.*



*Sir Keith sports his new black and purple surcoat.*



*Sir James makes a new friend at Eiland Elementary in Houston.*



*Williams Elementary Principal, Natasha Drumgoole (left) with EAFK's Lady Charnell (right).*

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