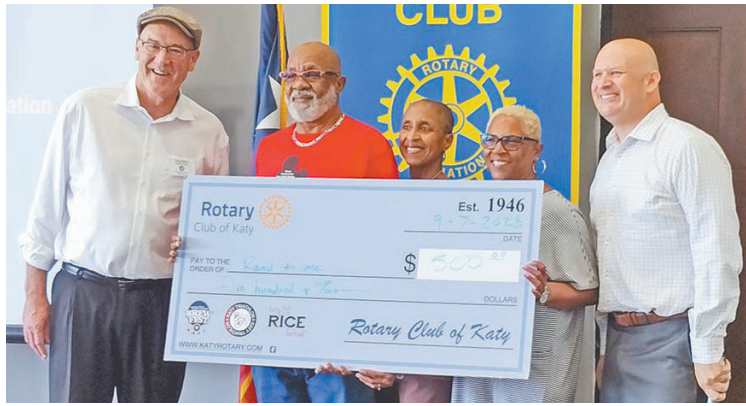


# Rotary Club of Katy awards over \$40,000 to charitable causes



The Read to Me Foundation received a \$500.00 check, which will be used to educate children in Alabama and to expose them to reading at an early age. Pictured (left to right): Greg Hess, Alvin Gullette, Walthena Gullette, Gennell Cullette-Crump, and Rotary President Jaime Corona.

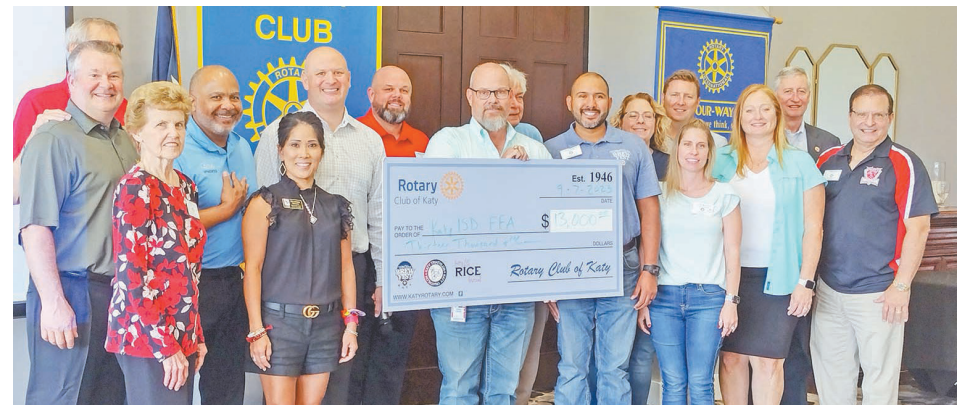
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At the September 7th meeting of the Rotary Club of Katy, the organization awarded \$40,770 in donations to charitable causes, ranging from local nonprofits to a reading program in Alabama to a hospital in South

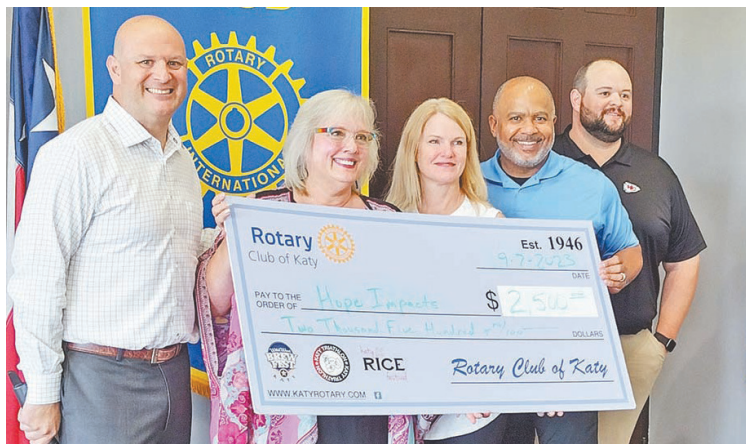
America. The presentations took place at the Club at Falcon Point, 24503 Falcon Point Dr., Katy, under the direction of club president Jaime Corona.

The grants are funded from the proceeds of the club's annual events, which include Wild West Brew Fest, the Katy Triathlon and other fundraisers.

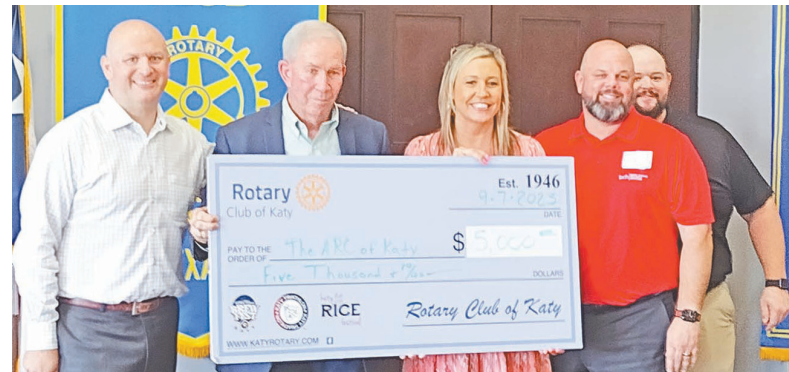


A grant of \$15,000.00 will be used by Katy ISD's FFA programs to help kids who wish to raise animals but who are financially unable to do so. Pictured along with District Governor Heather Rimato is the Rotary Club of Katy's buying group, which annually purchases animals at auction and then donates the meat to Katy Christian Ministries.

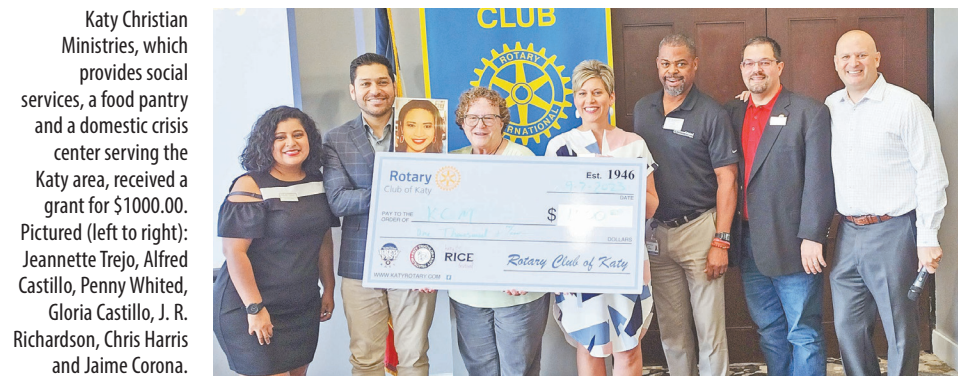
The Boy Scouts were awarded \$1500.00, which will be used to give financial aid to area students who may wish to join the organization. Pictured (left to right): Jaime Corona, Jonathan Monk, Aaron Voges, Freddy Frederick, and Graydon Rochelle.



Displaying their gift of \$2500.00 is Hope Impacts, an organization that helps the homeless in the Katy area. Pictured (left to right): Jaime Corona, Tina Hatcher, Lyl Rymmer, Dr. Ralph Brock and Graydon Rochelle.

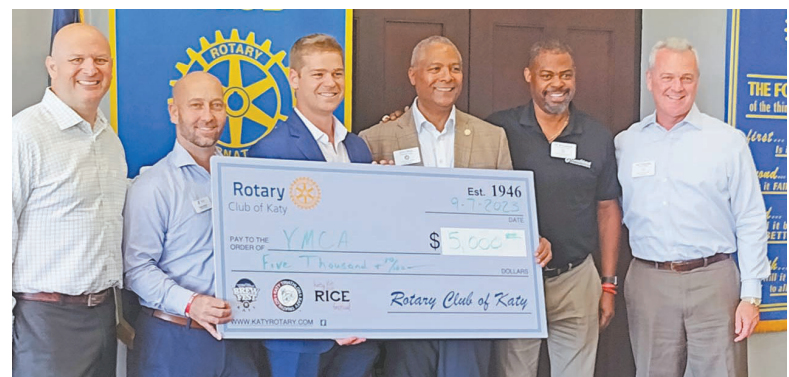


A grant of \$5000.00 will be used by the ARC of Katy to further its work with young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Pictured (left to right): Jaime Corona, Fred Shafer, Jennifer Royo, Rocky Blair, and Graydon Rochelle.

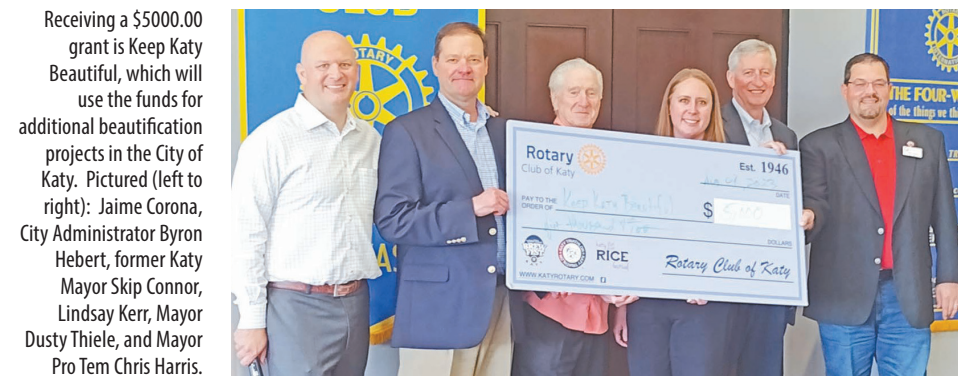


Katy Christian Ministries, which provides social services, a food pantry and a domestic crisis center serving the Katy area, received a grant for \$1000.00. Pictured (left to right): Jeannette Trejo, Alfred Castillo, Penny Whited, Gloria Castillo, J. R. Richardson, Chris Harris and Jaime Corona.

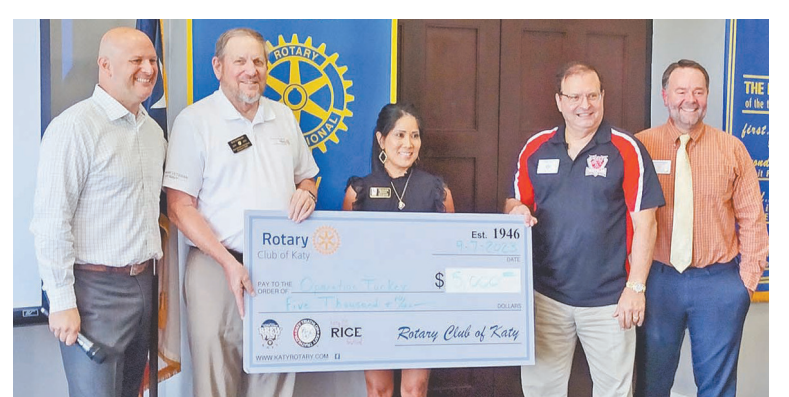
Receiving \$2275.00 is the Hospital La Vega, a medical facility in South America. Pictured (left to right): Jaime Corona, Don Becker, George Yeiter, Beverly Becker and Dr. Ralph Brock.



The \$5000.00 check awarded to the YMCA will be used to expand water safety programs, especially to area apartments. Pictured (left to right): Jaime Corona, Collin Johnson, Joseph Churbe, Jerry Moye, J.R. Richardson and Jay Donnella.



Receiving a \$5000.00 grant is Keep Katy Beautiful, which will use the funds for additional beautification projects in the City of Katy. Pictured (left to right): Jaime Corona, City Administrator Byron Hebert, former Katy Mayor Skip Connor, Lindsay Kerr, Mayor Dusty Thiele, and Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris.



Operation Turkey will use its \$5000.00 grant to deliver Thanksgiving meals to area veterans. Pictured (left to right): Jaime Corona, Bob Gebhard (past Rotary district governor), Heather Rimato (Rotary District Governor), Paul Kurt and Jason Sanders.

## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Katy West Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 12:00 noon, at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

**FOR** the proposal: S. Corbin, G. Whitt, C. Davis & S. Gilligan  
**AGAINST** the proposal: (none)  
**PRESENT** and not voting: (none)  
**ABSENT:** L. Lindley

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.800/\$100 Adopted	\$ 0.800/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.0000%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$0	\$0
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$0	\$0
Tax on average residence homestead	\$0	\$0
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$0.00 0.0000%

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

\* There were NO residential homesteads for comparison purposes.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Questions regarding this notice can be directed to the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

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