

Anderson County in Rotary D 5910 was hit very hard by the recent drought and fires but thankfully not many houses burned according to a recent report I received. A very large amount of land was burned including barns, feed for animals, etc. I have flown over it many times in the past week. Our Rotary Club of Palestine has members helping in many ways but the club for the short term plans to help by giving to the American Red Cross, Anderson County Chapter to help replace the thousands of dollars expended for food, water and help given to the fire fighters and the motel rooms, food, cloths etc. given to the families burned out and told to evacuate. The 13 area volunteer fire departments who have far exceeded the money they had to operate also need all the help we Rotarians can give. Our Boy Scouts have helped by collecting water for them to have while fighting the fires.

A donation can be sent to The **Rotary Club of Palestine** or **The American Red Cross of Anderson County**, Texas, or **The Texas Area Fund Foundation, District 5910 Donor Advised Fund**, c/o District 5910 & Zone 21b & 27 Disaster Chairman PDG A Hugh Summers, P O Box 1399, Palestine, TX 75802-1399. Any preferences on how the money should be spent should be included in the transmittal. The Red Cross and TX Area Fund are both 501 c 3s (I do not know if the **District 5870 Keyway Account** mentioned below is a 501 c 3) in case a tax deduction is needed. The 501 c 3 status should not affect a donation by a Rotary club so you can send the check to the Bastrop club (in care of Bill Bradfield shown below) or Palestine club (in care of Hugh Summers) to be applied to the disaster as most needed by them or as instructed by you, the donor. Individuals giving directly and wanting the IRS tax deduction can give to one of the 501 c 3's mentioned above.

I would appreciate a note on where money is sent and how much so we can get some Rotary coverage in our DG's Newsletter, our website and on our Zone 21b & 27 website. Thanks for any help you and your clubs can give.

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