# CLUB NEWS

# DATE: September 5, 2017

INVOCATION: Helene Florio PROGRAM CHAIR: Kathy Viens PROGRAM SPEAKER: District Governor David Mangs

### DATE: September 12, 2017

INVOCATION: Barbara Baran PROGRAM CHAIR: Steve Corrigan PROGRAM SPEAKER: Ira Bryck from the Family Business Center of Pioneer Valley. Ira will discuss services and programs offered by the Family Business Center.

### DATE: September 19, 2017

INVOCATION: Rebecca MacGregor PROGRAM CHAIR: Robert McKay PROGRAM SPEAKER: Kate Simms, Rotarian in Manchester CT Club and presenter at District training sessions. Kate will be discussing Rotary Online and Club Runner.

### DATE: September 26, 2017

INVOCATION: Brittney Kelleher PROGRAM CHAIR: Robert Desnoyer PROGRAM SPEAKER: James Hartley, Chair of Economics at Mount Holyoke College, will discuss the US economy, trends that are important to highlight in comparison to history.

### **Member Birthdays** Pellegrino, Tony

## Anniversaries

Steve & Sue Kaplan	Sept 12
Bob & Sue Desnoyers	Sept 26

### **Rotary Anniversaries** Carl Eger

48 years

Sept 26

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### UPCOMING PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

03-October-17 Helene Florio 10-October-17 Bob Goshea 17-October-17 Wayne Gass 24-October-17 Bob Goss 31-October-17 CLUB ASSEMBLY

### Rotary districts collect emergency funds for Hurricane Harvey victims - 8/28/17

Rotary clubs along the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana, USA, are collecting emergency relief funds to help flood victims of Hurricane Harvey, which slammed into southeast Texas over the weekend.

Severe rainfall has caused historic flooding along the Texas coast, including in Houston, the fourth largest city by population in the United States. Deluged towns in the region are in desperate need of aid as thousands of residents were forced to flee their homes. About 6.8 million people have been affected by the hurricane, which made landfall on 25 August.

Several districts located along the Gulf coast in Texas and Louisiana have established disaster relief funds, including districts 5890, 5910, and 5930 in Texas, and district 6200 in Louisiana. You can find information about how to contribute to other district funds in Texas on district 5840's website.

"We know that a disaster of this magnitude will require our financial assistance for months into the future," says District 5930 Governor Betty Ramirez-Lara. "Our disaster relief committee will provide support where we believe it can best be used."

ShelterBox, an independent charity and Rotary's project partner, is also providing support to families displaced by the storm. Hundreds of light privacy tents will be deployed to evacuation centers throughout Texas for families to use temporarily.

"Our normal tents and ShelterKits are not appropriate for the conditions families are experiencing in Texas," says James Luxton, ShelterBox operations team leader. "The flooding is covering large swathes of land, and is set to rise even further in the coming days, making indoor shelter the best option."

If you have questions about how you can help, contact relief@rotary.org.

# Barry Rassin selected to be 2018-19 Rotary president - 8/8/17

Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2018-19. He will be declared the president-elect on 1 September if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

As president, Rassin aims to strengthen our public image and our use of digital tools to maximize Rotary's reach.

"Those who know what good Rotary clubs do will want to be a part of it, and we must find new models for membership that allow all interested in our mission to participate," he says. "With Rotary more in the public eye, we will attract more individuals who want to be part of and support a membership organization that accomplishes so much good around the world."

Rassin earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he continues to serve as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employer's Confederation.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran.

Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

Rassin's nomination follows Sam F. Owori's death in July, just two weeks into his term as Rotary International president-elect. To learn more about Barry Rassin, read this interview and vision statement outlining his goals for Rotary.

