



Be a Gift to the World

District 6840 Newsletter

July, 2015



Governor John Cornwell's Message



Well July 1, 2015 has finally arrived. I have anticipated this date for over two years. I am truly honored to be your District Governor for 2015-2016. But before I begin this year I feel obligated to acknowledge a truly singular and fantastic accomplishment from last year. Our district, that means "You," contributed over \$100.00 per capita to the Foundation. That is the first time this has hap-

pened in a normal year. The year that the Host Organizing Committee of the New Orleans Convention returned funds to the clubs, our district achieved a bit over \$115 per member. As of this writing PDG Brian Hall says we may even surpass that mark. A shout out to PDG Hall and his district team for their leadership! Let's not rest on our laurels. Let's establish a true culture of giving. We need a repeat in 2015-2016.

We will begin the year with a Zone Success Seminar July 31, 2015 – August 1, 2015 in New Orleans. For more info go to <http://www.rizones30-31.org/index.php> at the bottom of the page click on training, then click on *Zone Success Seminars*.

Please download a copy of the district's Long Range Plan from our website. DGE Randy Feldman and Rotarians from across the district worked very hard to put it together. It is the first of its kind for our district. This plan will guide the Membership, Foundation, and Public Relations seminar which will be held on August 29, 2015 at Pearl River Community College.

Please don't miss this seminar it will go a long way in determining how successful a year we will have.

I was privileged to be at this year's International Assembly when our president K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran introduced RI's theme for this year "Be a gift to the world." This theme resonates with me. When I visit your club you will learn why. We will not have a separate district theme this year. I can't think of a better one, knowing that you are, and will continue to be, gifts to the world.

John Cornwell- District Governor 2015 - 2016

ATTENTION

District Dues Invoices were sent out via email to all 2015-16 club presidents and secretaries on June 14th. If you did not receive your club's invoice please contact Vicky Gutierrez, District Treasurer, at vickyg@cableone.net or 228-297-8686. Please note - your club will also be receiving an invoice from Rotary International for RI dues.

Upcoming Dates

Zone Success, a Regional Rotary meeting
 July 31 and August 1—Loew's Hotel, New Orleans
 New Ideas, New Approaches, What Works, Share Your Stories

The Membership Growth Opportunities will be unveiled at the 1/2 day seminar on Friday. This program will introduce effective new tools based on innovation, flexibility and best practices that can be adopted immediately in membership development. Saturday will include programs on Public Image, Public Relations, Rotary Internat'l, & The Rotary Foundation programs, including fundraising and Global and District Grants.

The \$30 registration fee includes seminar materials and lunch on Saturday. No fee for Friday only. This is an excellent opportunity for district and club officers and committee chairmen to experience a Regional Rotary meeting and gain valuable insight into Rotary matters. Don't let this unique opportunity pass with-out taking advantage of it.

For more details and the registration form go to: www.rizones30-31.org.

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Club & District Updates



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Since the first powerful earthquake hit Nepal in late April, our ShelterBox response teams have found innovative ways to use our aid to support people whose lives have been turned upside down.

Our tents were not only given to families that had lost their homes, but also to hospitals and therapy centers to provide space for people who had been hurt either physically or

emotionally by the quakes. We also provided shelter kits to people whose homes needed repairing and now, our teams have been working with a local Rotary club to distribute SchoolBoxes, containing classroom materials, to

orphanages in the Kathmandu Valley. During the response in Nepal, ShelterBox has teamed up with several different organisations, such as the Armed Police Force, the Royal Gurkha Rifles and other aid agencies, to make sure that we reach as many people in need as possible. Most recently, we have been working with the Rotary Club of Bhadgaon, based in the Kathmandu Valley. The club, which is less than a year old, has taken on the project of supporting more than 200 orphanages across the Kathmandu Valley, which has become even more urgent following the earthquakes.

Each orphanage looks after between 25 and 50 children, some of whom arrive when they are as young as a few days old and can remain until the age of 18. Many of the orphanage buildings have been damaged as a result of the earthquakes, with cracks in the walls and floors visible in the structure.

The Rotary Club brought in psychiatrists to help children who have been traumatised by the earthquakes and ongoing aftershocks. In addition, a ShelterBox response team, made up of Tim Osburn (US), Jimmy Griffith (NZ), Torstein Neilsen (NOR) and Jessica Kim (CAN) helped to source and deliver SchoolBoxes containing enough school materials for 450 children.

Each box includes supplies for teachers, such as blackboard paint, chalk and solar radios, along with activity packs for children that contain materials, such as notebooks and coloured pencils, to not only help children to continue their studies, but to play and express themselves too.

Response team member Jimmy Griffiths said: "It was great to see our SchoolBoxes in action and to peek in on how the children are enjoying a little bit of a distraction from their very difficult experiences."



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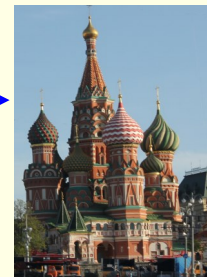
SHELTERBOXUSA.ORG/NEPAL

District International Service Chair Ken Thompson is available to speak to your Rotary Club on Rotary activities in the global arena. In 2015 he has traveled to Russia and to Mexico, and spent a week in a ShelterBox field simulation in Mason County, Texas.

The trip to Mexico was a National Immunization Day to eradicate polio. The 20-day trip to Russia was a Friendship Exchange by the U.S - Russia Intercountry Committee, and commemorated the 25th year of Rotary's presence in Russia as well as the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in Russia. Ken will also update your club on ShelterBox's response to the earthquake in Nepal which has left hundreds of thousands homeless.



Russian Orthodox Church in the Kremlin, Moscow



"Motherland Calls You" statue in Volgograd commemorating the 200-day siege of Stalingrad by the German Nazi Army during World War II. The statue's sword is 107 feet long.

Governor's Visit Schedule

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Club	Time	Visit Date
Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish	12:00 PM	July 01, 2015
Rotary Club of Metairie [3988]	12:00 PM	July 02, 2015
Rotary Club of Metairie (Sunrise) [22801]	7:00 AM	July 02, 2015
Rotary Club of Petal [4011]	12:00 PM	July 06, 2015
Rotary Club of Summit [4015]	6:00 PM	July 06, 2015
Rotary Club of Amite [3976]	11:45 AM	July 07, 2015
Rotary Club of Poplarville [4013]	12:00 PM	July 08, 2015
Rotary Club of Slidell [3994]	12:00 PM	July 10, 2015
Rotary Club of Lucedale [4004]	12:00 PM	July 13, 2015
Rotary Club of Long Beach [23408]	6:00 PM	July 14, 2015
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg (Sunrise) [22935]	7:00 AM	July 15, 2015
Rotary Club of Richton [4014]	12:00 PM	July 15, 2015
Rotary Club of Northlake-Mandeville	12:00 PM	July 16, 2015
Rotary Club of Hammond Ponchatoula Sunrisers	7:30 AM	July 21, 2015
Rotary Club of La Place [3987]	12:00 PM	July 21, 2015
Rotary Club of Greene County [68314]	12:00 PM	July 22, 2015
Rotary Club of Ponchatoula [3992]	12:00 PM	July 23, 2015
Rotary Club of Carrollton (New Orleans) [3979]	12:00 PM	July 27, 2015
Rotary Club of Picayune [4012]	12:00 PM	July 28, 2015
Rotary Club of Slidell North Shore	7:30 AM	July 28, 2015
Rotary Club of Pascagoula [4009]	12:00 PM	July 29, 2015
Rotary Club of Gulfport [4002]	12:00 PM	July 30, 2015
Rotary Club of Moss Point [4007]	7:00 AM	July 30, 2015
Rotary Club of Westwego [3997]	12:00 PM	August 03, 2015
Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend	6:30 PM	August 04, 2015
Rotary Club of Stennis Space Center	11:30 AM	August 04, 2015
Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis [3998]	12:00 PM	August 05, 2015
Rotary Club of Central Hancock County [80734]	12:00 PM	August 06, 2015
Rotary Club of Gulfport-Orange Grove [22755]	12:00 PM	August 10, 2015
Rotary Club of Bogalusa [3978]	12:15 PM	August 11, 2015
Rotary Club of Hammond [3983]	12:00 PM	August 12, 2015
Rotary Club of Tylertown [4016]	12:00 PM	August 13, 2015
Rotary Club of Plaquemines Parish South	12:00 PM	August 18, 2015
Rotary Club of New Orleans [3989]	12:00 PM	August 19, 2015
Rotary Club of Pass Christian [4010]	12:15 PM	August 25, 2015
Rotary Club of Ocean Springs [4008]	12:00 PM	August 26, 2015

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Rotary Club of Kentwood [3986]	12:00 PM	August 27, 2015
Rotary Club of Columbia [4000]	12:00 PM	September 01, 2015
Rotary Club of Edgewater Biloxi Gulfport	12:00 PM	September 02, 2015
Rotary Club of Franklinton [3982]	12:00 PM	September 03, 2015
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg [4003]	12:00 PM	September 08, 2015
Rotary Club of Algiers (New Orleans) [30914]	7:30 AM	September 09, 2015
Rotary Club of Kenner [3985]	12:15 PM	September 09, 2015
Rotary Club of Biloxi [3999]	12:00 PM	September 15, 2015
Rotary Club of McComb [4006]	12:00 PM	September 16, 2015
Rotary Club of St. Bernard (Chalmette)	12:00 PM	September 22, 2015
Rotary Club of Belle Chasse [3977]	12:15 PM	September 29, 2015
Rotary Club of East New Orleans [3981]	1:00 PM	October 06, 2015
Rotary Club of Gautier [4001]	12:00 PM	October 08, 2015
Rotary Club of West Bank, The (Gretna)	12:15 PM	October 13, 2015
Covington, LA Rotary Club [3980]	12:00 PM	October 20, 2015

Club & District News

Dear Club Presidents and District officers and committee Chairmen:

The Rotary District 6840 nominating committee is accepting nominations for District Governor for the Rotary year 2018-19. Please announce this at a club meeting. The candidate should meet all of the requirements set forth in the RI Bylaws Article 13.020. The following documents must be submitted as part of the application process. Copies of all of the documents are posted on the District website, rota-ry6840.org, under the **Club/District Data** tab, then **Governing Documents**.

1. Application-signed by the applicant and club secretary
2. DG Nominee Applicant Certification-signed by applicant
3. Club Board Resolution-signed by the club president and secretary

Fifteen copies of the documents must be received no later than [August 7, 2015](#). Email submissions will not be accepted.

Send the documents to:

PDG Karen Babin, District Executive Assistant
900 South Peters, Loft 13
New Orleans, LA 70130

All applicants must participate in an interview. The interviews will be conducted at Pearl River Community College on Saturday, August 29, 2015 following the DAC meeting (which will follow the Foundation, Membership and Public Relations seminar). If you want to begin as soon as possible to increase the membership of your club for 2015-16, then be sure to check out the info in the right column.

Sincerely,

DG John Cornwell

2015 – 2016 Rotary Leadership Institute

Our district is making plans to continue building leaders and increasing Rotary knowledge via Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). RLI is an international program with a Rotary-centric curriculum aimed at giving Rotarians the tool to be better Rotarians and get more out of Rotary. RLI is composed of three sessions, with topics covering membership, leadership, the Rotary Foundation, grants, public relations, and other great topics. In order to graduate from RLI, one must attend all three sessions. It is not mandatory that all three sessions be attended in the same Rotary year.

We will be holding a “Train the Trainer” session in conjunction with District 6200 on **July 25** in Baton Rouge. We are in need of more facilitators. If you’re interested, send an email to Brian Hall at bhall@aim-technologies.com. The district will pick up the cost of lunch that day. It is expected to last from 9:00 to 2:00.

The tentative schedule for RLI sessions in the coming year is:

October 3 – Sessions I & III

November 14 – Sessions I & II

January 23 – Sessions II & III

April 23 – Sessions I & III

Make plans to join RLI and get more out of Rotary. You won’t be disappointed!