



# BE THE INSPIRATION District 6840 Newsletter July, 2018



## Governor Ken Thompson's Message

Welcome to the new Rotary Year. And to your new District Governor, Ken Thompson. Rotary's theme for the year is BE THE INSPIRATION. We hope this will be an inspiring year for everyone. I begin club visits July 10 (pages 2, 3).



The first event of the year is the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards July 15-20 in the Solomon Conference Center. High school juniors entering their senior year spend a week of fellowship with each other. Many attendees have described the event as "life-changing".

A week later, Zone 31 will hold its Zone Leadership Seminar July 27-28 at the Holiday Inn Westbank, Gretna, LA. Registrations need to be made online at the [www.rizoness30-31.org](http://www.rizoness30-31.org) website. The afternoon of July 27, sessions will be held for Assistant Governors and for Global Grant applicants. The July 28 sessions will focus on Foundation, Membership, Public Image, and the integration of all three through the "People of Action" initiative.

On August 25, we will hold our District Summer Seminar at the Long Beach Senior Center, Long Beach, MS. The emphasis of the session will be to celebrate our past successes and anticipate our future successes. We will roll out results of the Multi-Year District Planning Session on May 19, and select a 2021-22 District Governor.

On September 8, we will hold our first of three Rotary Leadership Institute sessions at the First Pentecostal Church, Slidell, LA. The sessions are excellent new member orientations as well as reviews for experienced Rotarians. Register on [www.hoa-rii.org](http://www.hoa-rii.org). Future dates are November 3 and February 2.

From October 9-14, the Zone Institute and Pre- Institute Training will be held in Montgomery, AL. Training for DGN's, DGE's, and DG's will be provided. The Institute will feature a concert by Wynonna and the Big Noise benefitting Polio-Plus.

A week later, from October 21-28, New Orleans will host a Tricentennial Peace Forum commemorating the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of New Orleans. Six college students from Orleans, France, will be joining about twenty local students in a forum on peace at the Loyola University of New Orleans. The forum will be moderated by two Peace Scholars from Duke University.

I will again be travelling to Caborca, Sonora, Mexico, in February. DGN Skip Dotherow from District 6880, Alabama, will be joining me. If anyone else has an interest in witnessing polio immunization, please let me know. And, of course, our Cruise/Conference May 2-6. See the flyer on page 8 in this newsletter.

District Governor Ken Thompson

## Upcoming Events

July 15-20, 2018  
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards  
Solomon Retreat Center  
Robert, Louisiana

July 27-28, 2018  
Zone Leadership Seminars  
Holiday Inn Westbank  
Gretna, Louisiana

August 25, 2018  
Summer Seminar  
Long Beach Rec & Senior Center  
Long Beach, Mississippi

September 8, 2018  
Rotary Leadership Institute  
First Pentecostal Church  
Slidell, Louisiana

October 9-14, 2018  
GNATS/ GETS/ Zone Institute  
Renaissance Hotel  
Montgomery, Alabama

October 21-28, 2018  
N.O. Tricentennial Peace Forum  
Loyola University  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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## Official District Governor Visits - 2018-19



Date	Club	Time	Day
July			
10	Pass Christian	12:15	Tuesday
10	Long Beach	6:00 pm	Tuesday
11	Bay St Louis	12:00	Wednesday
13	Slidell	12:00	Friday
16	Gulfport - Orange Grove	12:00	Monday
17	Biloxi	12:00	Tuesday
17	Gulfport Sunset	5:30 pm	Tuesday
18	Edgewater	12:00	Wednesday
24	Hattiesburg	12:00	Tuesday
25	Hattiesburg Sunrisers	7:00 am	Wednesday
26	Moss Point	7:00 am	Thursday
26	Gulfport	12:00	Thursday
31	Slidell Northshore	7:30 am	Tuesday
August			
1	Pascagoula	12:00	Wednesday
6	Lucedale	12:00	Monday
7	Picayune	12:00	Tuesday
8	Algiers	7:30 am	Wednesday
9	Central Hancock	12:00	Thursday
15	Mid City	6:00 pm	Wednesday
16	St Bernard	12:00	Thursday
20	Petal	12:00	Monday
21	Amite	11:45	Tuesday
22	Hammond	12:00	Wednesday
23	Franklinton	12:00	Thursday
27	Carrollton	12:00	Monday
29	Kenner	6:00 pm	Wednesday
30	Kentwood	12:00	Thursday

## Official District Governor Visits - 2018-19



Month	Location	Time	Day
September			
5	New Orleans	12:12	Wednesday
6	Gautier	12:00	Thursday
11	LaPlace	12:00	Tuesday
12	St Charles Parish	12:00	Wednesday
17	Plaquemines Parish South	5:30 pm	Monday
18	Columbia	12:00	Tuesday
19	McComb	12:00	Wednesday
20	Tylertown	12:00	Thursday
25	Hammond Ponchatoula	7:30 am	Tuesday
26	Ocean Springs	12:00	Wednesday
27	Ponchatoula	12:00	Thursday
October			
1	Westwego	12:00	Monday
2	Bogalusa	12:15	Tuesday
4	Metairie Sunrise	7:00 am	Thursday
4	Metairie	12:00	Thursday
9	Westbank Gretna	12:15	Tuesday
10	Poplarville	12:00	Wednesday
16	New Orleans Riverbend	6:30 pm	Tuesday
17	Richton	12:00	Wednesday
18	Northlake Mandeville	12:00	Thursday
29	Belle Chasse	12:00	Monday
November			
5	Summit	6:00 pm	Monday
6	Covington	12:00	Tuesday



# New Zealand Friendship Exchange



PDG Karen Babin, District Friendship Exchange Coordinator, arranged for a twenty-day excursion to the North Island of New Zealand. From April 6 - 25 twelve of us were home-hosted by District 9930 Rotarians. District 9930 comprises the central third of New Zealand's North Island. The photos to the right were taken at the movie set of JRR Tolkein's "Lord of the Rings". The mythical town of "Hobbiton" has been preserved as a tourist attraction.



Other attractions included kiwis (the fruit), kiwis (the flightless bird), waterfalls, geysers, Maori war dances, botanical gardens, a tea plantation, glowworm caves, and the view from a tower overlooking downtown Auckland.



# Rotary Friendship Exchange



These delightful trips are basically home-stays with Rotarians, "Bed & Breakfast style." Local Rotarians usually provide transportation. Visitors are responsible for their personal expenses, van rental if needed, admissions to museums, etc., Rotary meeting meals, and meals on their own.

These are usually reciprocal trips, with the Rotarians from our exchanging area coming for Mardi Gras – people world wide are curious about our "major festival"!

**COMING SOON: September 18-23, 2018 to Santa Fe, NM, District 5520**

A Rotary Friendship Exchange visit to **Santa Fe** is available for 6 days, **September 18-23**, for a maximum of 10-12 visitors! Santa Fe will be "home base" for exploring local fascinating destinations, cultural and historical venues, Los Alamos, etc. Rotarians interested in this short trip, PLEASE get in touch **right away!**

D6840 will be hosting the Rotarians from Santa Fe for Mardi Gras, 2019.

**Several future options are in the planning stages:**

- (1) **Probably late March, 2019, to Pakistan, District 3272**  
(northern part of Pakistan, including Islamabad and Lahore)  
Difficulty with getting Visas may hamper Pakistani Rotarians coming to D6840
- (2) **April, 2020 to New Zealand, District 9940**  
(southern part of the North Island)  
Hosting New Zealand Rotarians for Mardi Gras, 2020
- (3) **Early Fall of 2020 (or 2021) to District 7820**  
(a large geographical area comprised of the Canadian Provinces of **Nova Scotia**, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland & Labrador along with the French islands of Saint Pierre & Miquelon)  
Hosting Canadian Rotarians for Mardi Gras, 2021

It is a great opportunity to make new Rotary friends, visit interesting places, and enjoy special features and events probably known only to the folks who live there!

PLEASE let me know if you would like to be on the list for any of the destinations above, or are interested in hosting.

PDG Karen Babin, 2014-2019 Friendship Exchange Coordinator [ksbabin@gmail.com](mailto:ksbabin@gmail.com)  
504-875-4342, 518-588-9096 (mobile)

## Open World Program



Dear Russia - U.S.A. ICC members!

Rotary club Novosibirsk-Initiative is searching for a host club for an Open World program in October. A group of young ophthalmologist and surgeons is craving to do an outstanding project that has never been done in Russia - an center for the children with retinopathy of premature birth.

I have written to many clubs and district governors but still no answer. Lee's summit club gave a negative answer and I'm waiting for one more club in Kansas.

We will be happy if some of you can help in our search. I hope that this education with an Open World program will give a great chance for these people.

Best regards,

Tashlykova Ekaterina

Ophthalmologist-surgeon in "Eye Microsurgery in honour of Fyodorov S."

President 2018-2019, secretary of Novosibirsk - Initiative Rotary club (Russia, territory 057)

Territory 057 RFE chair 2017-2019

## Sister Rotary Clubs

Recently, the Rotary Club of New Orleans President for 2019-2020, Peter Waring, visited the Philippines. As a result, Peter has documented the "Sister Club" arrangements between his Rotary Club and: the Rotary Club of Manila in District 3810, and the Rotary Club of Kankabato-Tacloban in District 3860.

Congratulations to the leadership of the Rotary Club of New Orleans, and to Peter Waring for making the connection with these two clubs!

If your club has similar arrangements with Rotary Clubs in other parts of the world, please let me know so that we can develop a database of these important international connections.

PDG Karen Babin

District 6840 Executive Assistant, 2018-2019

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## Nominations Invited for 2021-22 District Governor



Dear Club Presidents, District Officers and Committee Chairs,

The Rotary District 6840 Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for District Governor for the Rotary Year 2021-2022. Please announce this at a club meeting.

A 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 attached and are also posted on the District website: [www.rotary6840.org](http://www.rotary6840.org) under the Club/District Data tab, then Governing Documents.

Application signed by the applicant and Club Secretary  
DG Nominee Applicant Certification – signed by applicant  
Club Board Resolution – signed by the Club President & Secretary

Fifteen copies of the documents must be received no later than August 10, 2018. E-mail submissions will not be accepted. Send the documents to:  
PDG Karen Babin, D6840 Executive Assistant, 2018-2019  
900 South Peters Street, Loft 13  
New Orleans, LA 70130

All applicants must participate in an interview. The interviews will be conducted at the Long Beach Senior Center in Long Beach, MS, on Saturday, August 25, 2018 following the District Advisory Committee meeting, which will follow the Summer Seminar.

Sincerely,  
DG Ken Thompson



# District Cruise/Conference - May 2-6, 2019

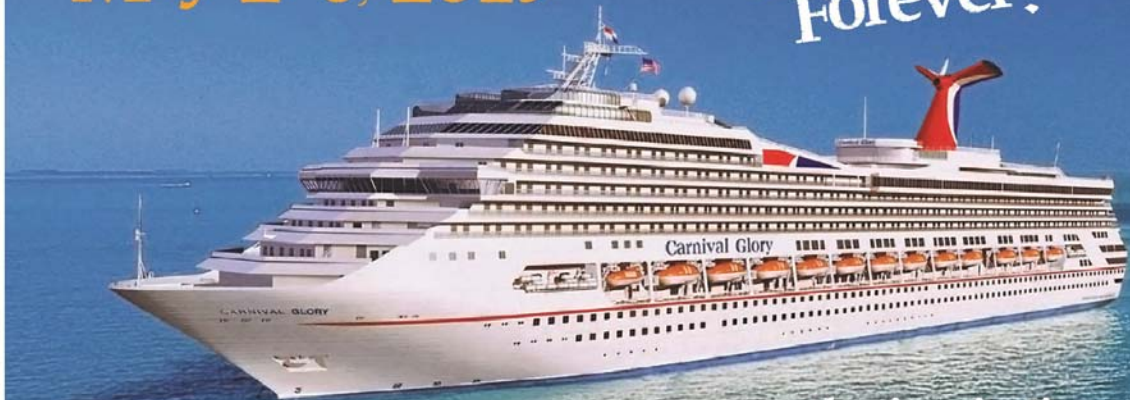


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## Multi-District Conference CRUISE May 2-6, 2019

Rotary 

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Treasure  
Forever!



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D6820 - Pam Smith  
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D6840 - Ken Thompson  
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*Per person for first two passengers in cabin.*

**\$496**

*Price includes the cruise, taxes, prepaid gratuities, and insurance. Each room will have a \$50.00 per room credit toward their on-board expenses.*

**Ocean View Cabins**

*Per person for first two passengers in cabin.*

**\$556**

*Reservations are handled by Travel Agent (Jackson Travel, LLC). Initial payment of \$150.00 per person by 6/25/2018. Final amount due by 3/1/2019. Bookings will be available until early 2019, but price and availability are not guaranteed.*

**Additional Family**

*Third and Fourth passengers in the cabin.*

**\$263**

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# 2018-19 Rotary District 6840 Calendar



<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards	July 15 - 20	Solomon Conference Ctr	Loranger	LA
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Tricentennial Peace Conference	Oct 21 - Oct 28	Various Locations	New Orleans	LA
Rotary Leadership Institute	Nov 3 -	First Pentecostal Church	Slidell	LA
Heart 2 Heart Pilgrimage	Nov 7 - Nov 14	Global Grant Sites	Mexico City	MX
Paul Harris Society Gala	Jan 4 -	Great Southern Club	Gulfport	MS
Mid Year Checkup	Jan 5 -	Bay Waveland Yacht Club	Bay St Louis	MS
RI International Assembly	Jan 13 - Jan 19	Manchester Grand Hyatt	San Diego	CA
Rotary Leadership Institute	Feb 2 -	First Pentecostal Church	Slidell	LA
District Team Training	TBD	TBD	TBD	
PETS	March 15 - March 16	Natchez Convention Ctr	Natchez	MS
District Training Assembly	TBD	TBD	TBD	
District Cruise/Conference	May 2 - May 6	Carnival "Glory"	New Orleans	LA
RI International Convention	June 1 - June 5		Hamburg	GER