



**ROTARY:
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DIFFERENCE**

Short Notes

District 6840

DG Kathie Short

May 2018

Fellow Rotarians,

I have determined that the office of District Governor is definitely a twelve month term which actually lasts forty eight months! What a fabulous time it has been meeting the Rotarians in District 6840, my District Governor Classmates and Rotarians in other Districts.

This month I will complete my goal of making second visits to all the clubs in our District. It is remarkable the progress clubs have made with service projects, Foundation giving and leadership development. Rotary International is moving forward with the future and we are an essential part of that process. Rotary International starts from the club level up!

Upcoming District Conference

Multi-District Conference! It is just a few weeks away and thanks everyone for the time and effort they have put in to make this event spectacular. Conference Chair Vicky Gutierrez has put the structure together for the conference and keeps us all on our toes....as best she can! She has developed my habit of 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. emails.

If you have not registered for the conference please do so as soon as possible. Our top speaker meals are filling up quickly as are the Biloxi Little Theatre tickets. Conference details and registration/payment can be found on Rotary District 6840 website.

Quick overview: During conference Hands on Projects and Silent Auction/Raffle

Thursday Morning-Golf Tournament-"The Oaks" Pass Christian *Open to all! Bring your golfing friends and take the opportunity to discuss Rotary while you enjoy the course*

Thursday Evening- Biloxi Little theatre- Rotarian Special Performance-Tickets selling fast!

Friday Morning-Start of our great international and local speakers, breakout sessions

Friday Afternoon-Polio Plus Fun Run-Ocean Springs/Biloxi Bridge \$33.00 registration. Includes t-shirt, profit proceeds to The Rotary Foundation Polio Plus. *Open to all! Non-Rotarians are invited and their registration includes entry to the Food Fest.* Scroll down a few pages for more info and the registration form.

Friday Evening-Fabulous World Tour Food Fest - Pat Murphy Band –Talent – Table decoration contest

Friday Evening following Food Fest- 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Peace Vigil- Biloxi Town Greene across from Beau Rivage- come and go as you please

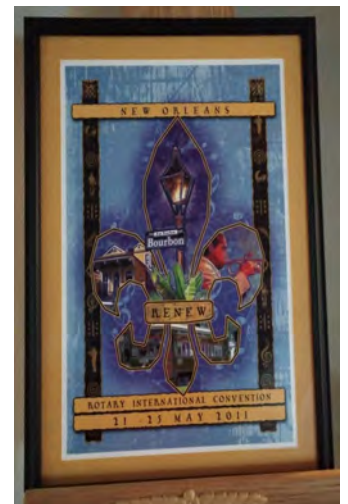
Saturday Morning- Start off with breakfast with great speakers and continuing breakout sessions

Saturday Evening- Governors Banquet with music by Big Bling and the Funk machine

Sunday Morning-Memorial Service, Jazz Brunch and Rotarian Game Contest then return home with great memories!

I'm excited to display in advance some of the artwork available at the silent auction.

Thank you for all the support and encouragement during this year and always! *DG Kathie*





DISTRICT 6840 NEWSLETTER



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June 7th-10th

Please go to the District 6840 Website and register if you have not already done so. Tickets for the luncheon to attend Erin Brockovich's presentation are almost sold out. Don't be left out. This conference is jammed packed with events from a four district food fest with a walk for Polio Plus to a Candlelight Vigil for Peace. Several Rotarians from Rotary International will be there. The very first woman in Rotary, Sylvia Whitlock, will be a featured speaker. We will have a 30 booth House of Friendship and two Hands on Projects. Register – Register – Register!!

For more information please email Vicky Gutierrez, Conference Chair,
Vickygutz6840@cableone.net.

Your support of Rotary is greatly appreciated!

Short Notes



Interact students and Rotary Youth Exchange students are invited to use housing at the Long Beach Activity Center on Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9 during the Multi-District Conference. These arrangements will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Long Beach and Interact Club of Long Beach.

Interact Students will need to contact Assistant Governor Vicky Magas for advice on permission slips. 985-646-1006

RYE students must contact RYE Chair Elizabeth VanSant for proper permission slips and approval

We need to know the number of students to be housed so the District can provide adequate supervision, snacks, etc

Students will be responsible for supplying their own bedding (sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, etc)

Showers are available for their use.

This is a great opportunity for youth fellowship!

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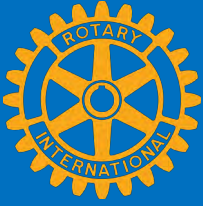
Calendar of Events

June 7-10 Multi-District Conference
Biloxi, MS

July 15-20 RYLA Conference
Loranger, LA

District Governor Club Visits for May

May 10 Kentwood
May 15 Pass Christian
May 17 Metairie Sunrise
Metairie



Governor's Lagniappe



Inner Wheel Club of Slidell's Annual Foundation Walk

Before I begin to talk about our Club's Annual Foundation Walk, I must speak about the loss of a very special lady who passed away on March 2, 2018. Elaine Weil Duvic lived in the New Orleans region her entire 93 years, and was a physics teacher and principal. She was married to Rotarian Frank Duvic, Jr. who passed away in 2006. She used that intelligence and discipline to gather like minded Rotary wives to start the Inner Wheel Club of Slidell in 1988. That same year, she became a founding member of the Inner Wheel Foundation. Elaine helped to set up the Myoelectric Limb Project as the Foundation's mission. Her huge impact on Inner Wheel and the Foundation is still evident, as she specified this charity for donations at her funeral in lieu of flowers.



2007 the Slidell Club first organized the Foundation Walk so members could solicit sponsors for the one mile walk. The goal of each member was \$100 raised for the Foundation. That first year we raised \$1,100. In recent years we set the date of the walk in February and have invited the local high school Interact

clubs to join us. We have



several parks to choose from in Slidell and this year held our Foundation Walk at John Slidell Park. We had 16 participants including Rotarians Jay Rose, Bill Newton, Lydia Alford, Sharron Newton and Vicky Magas. We raised over \$3,600 and will supplement the remaining funds from our cash on hand to total \$4,000 for the Foundation. The four members who were selected as Rose Council Pin recipients, (similar to Paul Harris Awards), all chose to defer individual recognition to recognize our club. Those members are Jane Alford, Pam Anderson, Kathy Berault, and Nancy O'Bryan.

We are very lucky to have two talented fundraising members in our Club. Sharron Newton (2016-2017 President) and Vicky Magas both reached out to the Slidell Rotary Club and the Slidell Rotary Club Northshore for donations. Both Sharron and Vicky are Rotary and Inner Wheel club members. As the District 6840 Assistant District Governor, Vicky heard about a matching grant possibility through Rotary. She approached the two Slidell Rotary clubs about applying for the grant money and they each agreed to pledge \$500 next year. While the grant application process takes almost a year, the Slidell Northshore and the Westbank (of New Orleans) Rotary clubs each gave \$500 toward our Foundation Walk this year! In Vicky and Sharron's pleas to the Rotary clubs and the very supportive District Governor, Kathie Short, they stressed that Inner Wheel Club of Slidell contributes in a very real sense to the successes of the Slidell Rotary clubs. And the Foundation's Myoelectric Limbs Project to Give a Child a Hand, is certainly worthwhile. While this year's Foundation Walk fundraising was very successful, we look forward to an even better year in 2018-2019!



Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis Superheroes to Hancock County!

Ashley Mayley

We all know that saving the world is no small feat, but that didn't stop the Bay St. Louis club from doing their part. This past month, our club participated in the annual Hancock County Relay for Life to support the American Cancer Society. This year's theme – Superheroes; our club's theme – Batman and Robin! There was no task too big or too small; from pictures with Batman and the bat mobile to "bat burgers", our club was able to raise a couple thousand for the cause. Our Bat Cave was honored for "Best Campsite" and our Rotarians were honored for MOST SPIRIT – HOLY TOLEDO BATMAN!

Our club also hosted its third annual Ripple in the Bay event this past Monday. What is Ripple in the Bay you may ask? It's one great meal flowing to three great causes. This year we teamed up with local BBQ joint, William's Pit, along with Starfish Café, to sell over 900 delicious meals and raise nearly \$10,000 with all profits going to the Hancock County Food Pantry, Starfish Café and the Hancock Youth Leadership Academy. This little community of ours is so fabulous that many plates were donated to others in need. We fed 120 folks at King's Kitchen, 7 children at Brenda's House, numerous senior citizens and 120 first responders. These batmaniacs have no boundaries when it comes to helping the community! Catch us next month - same bat time, same bat channel...



Top: Dave Mayley, Gary Knoblock and Mike Hansen served up burgers during the Relay for Life. Middle: Selling Ripple in the Bay tickets at the door – Lisette Ecuyer. Bottom: David Tuminello is ready to take off in the Batmobile. Left: President Sam Walley (on right) delivers lunches to Chief David Allen (2nd from left) and other officers.



Friday June 8, 2018 4:30 p.m.

History will be made in June as four Rotary districts gather on the Mississippi Gulf Coast!

MULTIDISTRICT CONFERENCE

June 7-10, 2018

Join us in **"Making a Difference.... in our World"** by participating in a Polio Plus 5k Walk-Run across the Biloxi-Ocean Springs Bridge.

This event will be held **Friday afternoon at 4:30** right before the wonderful Rotary Food Fest. Since the Food Fest is located Point Cadet Plaza at the foot of the Biloxi Bridge, just put on your tennis shoes and enjoy a beautiful walk across the picturesque bridge.

Gini Fellows, who just completed the Ironman Challenge in Kona will be kicking off the start of our Fun Walk/Run! See her profile on Facebook.

We will walk across the bridge and back which is roughly 3.1 miles. Parking is available at the Golden Nugget Casino and there will be a water station on the Ocean Springs bridge side. Walkers will be back in time to enjoy the food fest which starts at 6:00 p.m.

The **cost for the walk/run is \$33.00** (original "ask" for Polio) and the proceeds will go to the Polio Plus campaign.

Each walker will receive a commemorative t-shirt with the conference logo.

REGISTRATION

Please register on line on the District 6840 website which has a link to the District Conference. There will be a registration booth at the conference until 2:00 on Friday where you can pick up your t-shirt and late registration at the Golden Nugget parking lot the day of the Fun Run/Walk on Friday from 4:00-4:30.

We encourage you to pre-register in order to receive the correct t-shirt size. Extra may be available but no guarantee!

Profit proceeds will go to Rotary International-Polio Plus and matched by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation \$2.00 for every \$1.00 contributed.

This event is **open to everyone** so invite your running /walking friends (or people who want to support our cause and get a t-shirt!) and let them experience Rotary Fellowship! Potential Rotarians!

Dave Vincent , Chairman
Rotary Club of Gulfport
Tourswithdave@gmail.com

Mike Streiff, Chairman
Rotary Club of Ocean Springs
Mike.Streiff@bxs.com



Matching Points Spring Campaign!

March 10-May 30, 2018

District 6840 Fall Matching Points campaign was a huge success with over \$45,000 in donations to The Rotary Foundation and over 200 new or additional Paul Harris Fellowships awarded.

Through the generosity of two Past District Governor from District 6840, **PDG Subbash Kulkarni (2001-2002)** and **PDG Jerry Fortino (2006-2007)** we are now announcing a Spring Campaign with matching points for every donation of \$100.00 or more until the total of 50,000 points is depleted.

Donations can be designated in two ways:

Polio Plus which will be matched to that Rotary International Program by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation \$2.00 additional for each \$1.00 contributed. I have a strong commitment to this program and District 6840 is a leader in the campaign this year!

Annual Fund Share which 50% of donations given by District 6840 Rotarians will return 50% in three years to be used for Grants.

Either donation will be matched with points

\$100.00 = 100 recognition points awarded + 100 points given from the campaign
(can be given to another Rotarian (added to your personal Paul Harris fund)
or other person you designate)

This is a great opportunity to complete a Paul Harris or add another! Double up on your points!

A few simple guidelines:

Donations must be additional contributions; automatic Rotary Direct funds are not recognized.

Minimum donation of **\$100.00**

Donations must be postmarked no later than **May 15, 2018** in order for us to properly credit your account for 2017-2018.

Funds can be made by personal check, company check or Club check made out to The Rotary Foundation. Please designate which fund (Polio Plus or Annual Fund Share)

Mail contributions to: **DG Kathie G. Short P.O. Box 997 Gulfport, MS 39502-0997**

Thank you for your continued support of Rotary International and District 6840!

DG 2017-2018 Kathie G. Short

Kathie

Rotarian Name _____ Member ID # _____

Club _____ Amount of donation _____

Polio Plus _____ Annual Fund _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like the points credited to myself _____ I would like to award points to another person _____

Name of person to receive points _____

District 6840 In ACTION

RIGHT: Edgewater Rotarians Regina Bossier, Sandi Pickard, Joy Goundas and Darryl Bush attended the District Training Assembly in Long Beach.



Rotary Club of Edgewater

Slidell Heritage Festival

Dean Bedekar

The Slidell Heritage Fest board is rolling along on schedule to create the 21st annual blast on June 30 in Heritage Park. The team from both Rotary clubs in Slidell is hard at work. Almost all of the sponsors, bands and vendors are on board. Stay tuned for new and exciting additions as we get closer to the event date. And now to get to the main purpose of the event, which is to raise funds for local charities.

In early January we issued a press release asking local charities to submit applications for grants. We received 21 applications from which 7 deserving charities were selected by both Rotary clubs. The charities agreed to provide volunteers to assist on the day of the event. The charities are:

Slidell Police Association – fund for holiday programs for needy children

Family Promise of St. Tammany – provides shelter and support for homeless children and their families

Bring It Home Slidell – provides recreational support for children of deployed or deceased military personnel

Children's Advocacy Center, HopeBoy Scouts of America-Cypress District – beneficiary since the inception of the Slidell Heritage Festival

Community Christian Concern – provides basic necessities to 6,000 people in crisis each year

EXCEED in STEM – EXCEED in science, technology, engineering and math supports a local robotics team and funds STEM-related classroom activities



Slidell Heritage Festival 2018 President Sharron Newton, seated, with board members, from left, Ron Davis, Lydia Alford, Dean Bedekar, Eddie Vauthier, Melinda Fitts and Patricia Brown. The Slidell Heritage Festival will be held June 30 from 4 to 11 p.m. at Heritage Park in Slidell.

A reception was held for the winning charities at Summerfield Senior Living in Slidell on April 8. Reporters from the Times-Picayune and The Advocate covered the event and took the attached picture of some of the board members.

So if you're in the area, bring the family to Heritage Park between 4-7 PM on Saturday, June 30. Check us out on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/slidelheritagefest/>) or www.slidelheritagefest.org for a preview. View the fireworks at 9 PM and go home happy. It's all for a good cause.

House – dedicated to ending child abuse in St. Tammany and Washington parishes



Rotary Club of Belle Chase

In ACTION

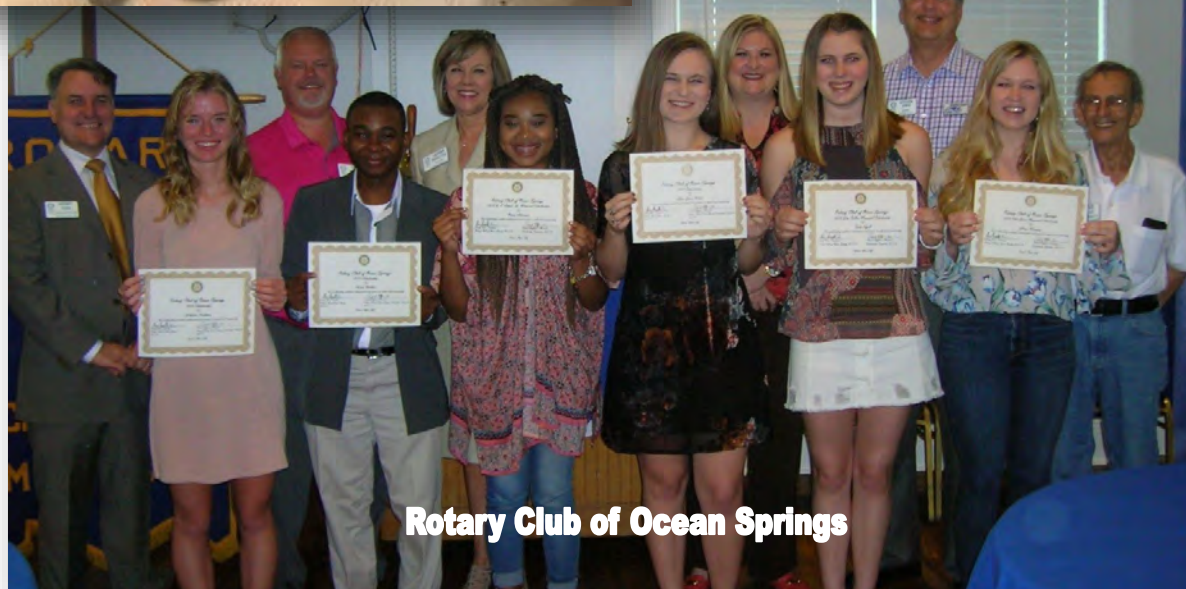
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LEFT: Belle Chasse Rotarian Dot Lundin hosted a "Women in Rotary" reception at her home highlighting women's leadership roles in Rotary since be allowed membership in the 1980's. Pictured on the organizers of the event.....Rotarian/Clerk of Court Kim-Turlich Vaughan, Dot Lundin, Rotary District Governor Kathie Short, Danica Ansardi and President of Belle Chasse Rotary, Bill Bubrig.



Rotary Club of Hammond

MIDDLE: Hammond Rotary Club President Michelle Gallo donated funds to Ashlyn Hemmingway from Special Olympics Louisiana to support all they do in our community. The Hammond Club donated \$10,000 to 10 local charities. Proceeds were from the 2017 Shamrock Run, their biggest fundraiser each year.



Rotary Club of Ocean Springs

On April 25, the Rotary Club of Ocean Springs Scholarship Committee chairman David Hoffman and his committee introduced students, all graduating seniors from Ocean Springs and St. Martin High Schools, who were awarded scholarships for 2018. Shown from left to right are President Henry Furr; Katherine Prochnow (Ocean Springs High School); Chairman David Hoffman; Austin Baldwin (St. Martin High School); Rotarian LaDana Singleton; Naomi Alexander (Ocean Springs High School); Abbie Grace Bishop (Ocean Springs High School); Rotarian Jacki D'Alexander Thornburg; Gracyn Worsham (Ocean Springs High School); Rotarian Stephen Songe; Faith Edgell (Ocean Springs High School); and Rotarian Dave Philo. Not shown committee member Marta Williams. Over the last 17 years, the Rotary Club of Ocean Springs has awarded over \$130,000 in scholarships to local students.



Upcoming Events

Event	Date(s)	Location	City	State
District Conference	June 7 - June 10	Beau Rivage	Biloxi	MS
RI International Convention	June 24 - June 27	Air Canada Centre	Toronto	ONT

Rotary Club of Hammond Forms Foundation



Hammond Rotary Club forms Hammond Rotary Foundation, Inc. Board members; Alexis Ducorbier, Ed Burns, Mark Dispenza, Mark Rolling, Michelle Gallo, David Bradley and not photographed Ron Taylor.



BLUEBERRY JUBILEE 5K RUN & FUN RUN

THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL BE HOSTED BY:



ROTARY CLUB OF POPLARVILLE &



DIVA RACE & TIMING SERVICES

DATE OF RACE: SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018

ONLINE REGISTRATION: RACEROSTER.COM/17538

*ONLINE REGISTRATION RECEIVED BY MAY 23RD RACE SHIRT GUARANTEED

ONSITE REGISTRATION: 6:45AM TILL 7:20AM

5K RUN BEGINS: 7:30AM

FUN RUN BEGINS: 8:30AM

RACE FEE: \$20 ONLINE

\$30 DAY OF RACE

Registration: First Baptist Church 203 South Main Street; Poplarville, MS.

*For More Information Contact: Tara Rouse @ (601)403-1342

Newsletter Articles/Photos

We welcome your articles, announcements and photos to share in the District 6840 monthly newsletter. We want to highlight your activities, achievements, and the fun you have as a club to the entire district. We'll do our best to include a variety of articles/photos; however, we may not be able to include everything that is submitted due to space limitations. In order to help assemble the newsletter, please utilize the following instructions:

Photos – JPG or GIF format is preferred for all photos. If you have a professional photo from another source/publication, please get permission to use the photos. Please include the names of the individuals, club name, and/or event name and a brief description of the photo.

Articles – Please submit in MS Word or text only format and please proof your articles prior to submission. If this is an article from another publication or another person, please verify that we have permission to re-print.

Please email to sreck@firstam.com by the 25th of the month.

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