

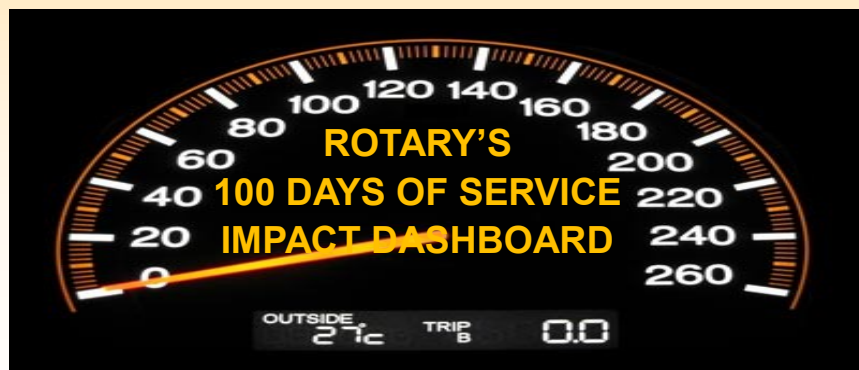
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the Wheel

Rotary
District 6840



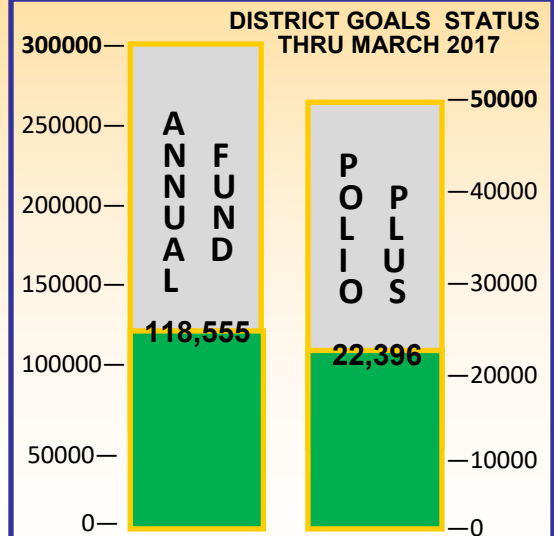
District 6840 April 2017 Newsletter



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| NUMBER OF DAYS | 132 |
| NUMBER OF PROJECTS REPORTED | 107 |
| NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED | 15,144* |
| NUMBER OF ROTARIANS TAKING PART | 367** |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS ROTARIANS SERVED | 2,183.25 |
| NUMBER OF CLUBS | 16 |
| *Algiers *Edgewater *Gulfport *Hattiesburg *Kenner *Kentwood *LaPlace *Long Beach *Metairie *Mid-city New Orleans *St. Bernard *Slidell *New Orleans Riverbend *New Orleans *Hammond/Ponchatoula Sunrise *Richton | |
| NUMBER OF NON-ROTARIANS TAKING PART | 248 |
| TOTAL DOLLARS RAISE FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION | \$3,606.96 |

*Some projects did not have people to count. For example, the **Rotary Club of Mid-city New Orleans** planted trees. **The Rotary Club of New Orleans** helped maintain City Park. Some projects served puppies.

**Includes Interactors



MEMBERSHIP
GOAL 2,187 ACTUAL 2,057

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CHANGE IN NEWSLETTER FORMAT

In light of the criticism concerning the length and delivery method of the District newsletter at the District Team Training on March 4th, **Reinventing the Wheel** is now shorter.

For more news concerning the great things happening in Rotary International, District 6840, and individual clubs, please access the respective websites and Facebook pages.

FROM THE DESK OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR RANDY FELDMAN

APRIL 2017 MESSAGE

ALL HANDS ON DECK!



You are cordially invited to the biggest event the District holds every year:
the **DISTRICT CONFERENCE, MAY 19-21, 2017**,
this year known as **MOBILE-IZING ROTARY**.

Districts 6820 and 6840 are again joining forces bringing us to Mobile to have a grand celebration
of all that you have achieved this past year.

We will have everything from the Food Fest at the U.S.S. Alabama battleship to the venue of Mobile's
beautiful Battle House; a fiesta break complete with margaritas to a grand banquet; and from Jeopardy to the
Academy Awards (really!).——Not to mention a pie in the face or two.

Along the way you will hear the inspiring words of Past Rotary International President **Ron Burton**,
Rotary International Director **Brad Howard**, and our own International Director **Karen Wentz**, and learn some
successful techniques for service, membership, fund-raising, public relations, and lots more.

MOBILE-IZING ROTARY is our way of celebrating what you have accomplished with Rotary's 100
Days of Service as well as everything else you do in your community and around the world.

Take advantage of this experience. If you hear that a club won an award in an area you are interest-
ed in, corner them, and pick their brain. If you are looking for a partner club, have questions that need an-
swering, or have an idea you want to share——go to the *Idea Exchange* in the House of Friendship or just look
around and see what the clubs are doing.

Registration is easy at rotary6840.org
and then call the Battle House for your room (*see below*).

So——let's have a great time as we all look at this past year of "**Rotary Serving Humanity.**"

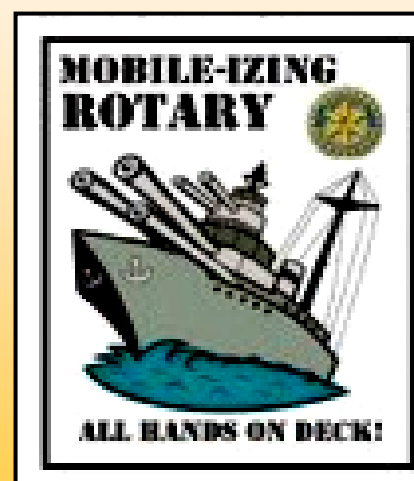
DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION

Registration is now open at rotary6840.org.

**BATTLE HOUSE RENAISSANCE MOBILE
HOTEL & SPA**

www.marriott.com
26 North Royal Street
Mobile, AL 36602
(251) 338-2000
Code: RCBS

or
mention the *Rotary District Conference*



ON THE HORIZON

FROM KIM KIRBY, DISTRICT TRAINER: ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



The next schedule **Rotary Leadership Institute** is scheduled for April 22, 2017, at First Pentecostal Church in Slidell with registration beginning at 8:00 AM.

RLI is a great learning opportunity for Rotarians who want to increase their knowledge about Rotary or who want to develop skills and tools for leadership positions.

Parts I and III will be conducted during this session. Part III participants will receive their graduation certificates at the end of the session.

Online registration for Parts I and III are available at HOA-RLI.org. If you plan to attend without registering online and will be attending Part III, please let me know prior to the session so that I can prepare your graduation certificate.

On line registration ends on April 17th. However, you can register onsite that morning. In that case, please remember to bring the fee of \$50 per person with you to the session. Checks should be made out to HOA-RLI.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 985-516-1032.

DISTRICT TEAM ASSEMBLY

Registration is now open for the **District Team Assembly**, to be held Saturday, April 29, 2017, at Pearl River Community College, Poplarville, MS. The target audience are incoming club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and committee chairs, particularly for administration, membership, public relations, the Rotary Foundation, and service projects. The sessions are designed to prepare you for the Rotary year to come beginning July 1, and to make your club a vibrant, successful one.

The Assembly will conclude with lunch provided by the college cafeteria staff. Following lunch, the District Advisor Council will hold a meeting. Register on the district website,

www.rotary6840.org

and click on **District Team Assembly** on the left hand side of your screen under **Upcoming Events**.

There is no fee for this event.

LOOKING BACK ON ROTARY DAY IN MISSISSIPPI

FEBRUARY 23, 2017



(pictured below) In Jackson, Rep. Richard Bennett, District 6840 Governor 2017-18 **Kathie Short**, and Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant



District 6840 Governor 2017-18 **Kathie Short** holds the Resolution declaring February 23, 2017, as **Rotary Day in Mississippi**.



FROM: ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP FOR PEACE
221 NW Second Ave., Suite 204, Portland, OR 97209

The Rotarian Action Group for Peace Its work and contribution

Dear 2016-17 District Governor,

Many District Governors and Rotary clubs are very much aware of the Rotarian Action Group for Peace (RAGFP) and a number of them have enthusiastically and actively participated, benefited and supported its work. In light of the increasing interest in the work of the RAGFP, we wish to present the following overview of its work and invite further collaboration as we move forward.

Launched in 2012, the organization has assumed a leadership role in Rotary's service around the world, namely in the field of Peace, Conflict Prevention and Resolution, a key area of focus of Rotary International. The organization's operations are focused on engaging, educating, and empowering Rotarians to participate in peace initiatives around the world.

The RAGFP was established to achieve the following objectives:

- ◆ To advance the Object of Rotary by providing assistance and support to Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts in planning and implementing peace projects;
- ◆ To educate Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts on the value of initiatives aimed at encouraging and supporting peace;
- ◆ To raise the profile of peace within Rotary International and the general public.

To meet its objectives, the RAGFP has developed a platform aimed at disseminating information, enhancing connectivity and providing facilitation and assistance to Rotarians and Rotary Clubs to participate in the field of peace. Participating can manifest in various forms, including:

- Establishing new or joining existing peace projects
- Participating in peace events
- Reaching out to fellow Rotarians, with a similar passion for peace
- Organizing social events to discuss and encourage involvement in the peace field
- Assisting with the recruiting of Rotary Peace Fellows
- Sharing their creative ideas about peace with the RAGFP
- Interacting with educational peace resources
- Inspiring their communities to contribute to peace

The RAGFP would like to request that Rotary District Governors inform Rotarians and Rotary Clubs within their districts about the RAGFP and its efforts to encourage the involvement of Rotarians in peace activities around the world. More specifically, the organization has developed several tools that facilitate connectivity, involvement and fundraising.

The **PeaceMap** is an interactive mapping system developed to help Rotarians connect with:

- ◇ Rotary Peace Centers
- ◇ Rotary Peace Fellows
- ◇ Peace organizations
- ◇ Educational institutions with peace programs
- ◇ Peace Projects around the world

By connecting to the aforementioned peace entities, Rotarians can become involved in peace activities and contribute in the endeavor of making peace a global phenomenon. The RAGFP PeaceMap can be found by visiting the organization's homepage at: <https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/>.

Peace Projects

The RAGFP has an extensive listing of peace projects that Rotarians can participate in through volunteer work or donations. Rotarians can also create their own projects and post them on the RAGFP website in search of collaboration from other Rotarians, Rotary Peace Fellows and peace organizations around the world. These peace projects have inspired and motivated many Rotarians to become active in peace initiatives individually as well as through their own clubs. To access the RAGFP peace project page visit: <https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/projects/>.

Rotary Foundation Global Grants Guide

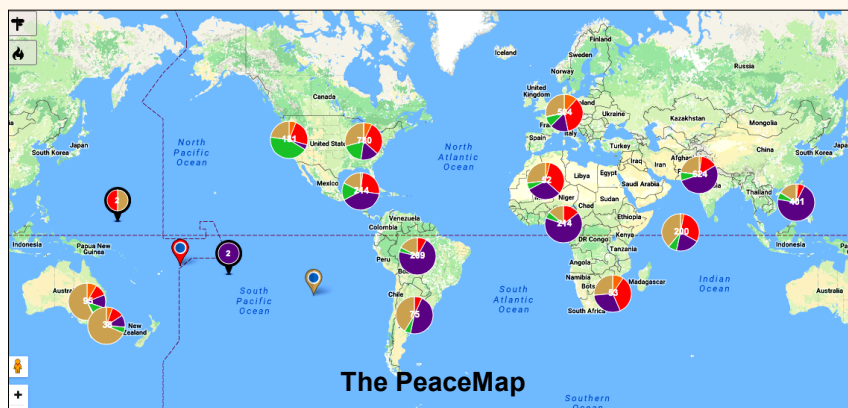
The RAGFP has developed a detailed guide to assist Rotarians and Peace Fellow in applying for Rotary Foundation Global Grants. The purpose Global Grants is to support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in one of Rotary's areas of focus. Rotarians and Rotary Peace Fellows can apply for Global Grants to fund their projects and activities in the field of peace, one of Rotary's areas of focus. In addition to the detail guide that the RAGFP has developed, it can also provide assistance to applying individuals and clubs if needed. To access the Global Grant guide visit: <https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/grants/>.

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The Rotarian Action Group for Peace Its Work and Contribution

The RAGFP offers a guide on “How to Become an Active Peacebuilder” a step-by step collection of directives to assist Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts become actively engaged in the

The RAGFP, in collaboration with the [War Prevention Initiative](http://www.rotary.org/US/peace-science/peace-science-digest), offers Rotarians the *Peace Science Digest*, a publication which summarizes, condenses and crystallizes the key ideas, strategies and best practices from the field of Peace Science. The RAGFP also distributes to its members a biweekly newsletter, covering current news and announcement relevant to the field of peace. The RAGFP is building its work on Rotary's track record of peace initiatives and fostering of world understanding. As you know Rotary has a long history of contributions to building peace and understanding through its service.



The RAGFP would like to invite you and the Rotarians in your district, to become active participants in this great Rotary tradition. We invite you to take the first step by joining the RAGFP and encouraging Rotarians in your district to do the same. We also encourage you to add to your agenda a peace initiatives component, as part of your leadership and service to Rotary. In the occasion that you need any further assistance, the RAGFP is ready to answer any of your questions and offer its full support and assistance to you peace initiatives and involvement. Please feel free to contact us at

contact@rotariansforpeace.org

The five districts had about 160 presidents-elect at the seminar, with a total registration of about 350. In addition to training for presidents-elect, there were training tracks for assistant governors and presidents-nominees (those who will serve in 2018-19). The seminar featured guest speakers RI President-Elect Ian **Riseley**, RI Vice-President-Elect **Dean Rohrs**, and RI Director-Elect **Greg Yank**.

A large group of people, many wearing red hats, are gathered in a large hall for a community event. Some people are standing, while others are seated at tables. The room has a high ceiling and large windows.

On March 18, 125 members of 10 Interact Clubs in District 6840 participated in the **2016-17 District Interact Conference**. In celebration of the centennial of the Rotary Foundation, our Interact Clubs engaged in an international community service project for our **100 Days of Service**. Along with receiving information on our District Youth Services, the students packaged 10,000 meals to be distributed in an effort to combat hunger by *Stop Hunger Now*.

Our students came together from across our two states, to help make a difference for those less fortunate somewhere else in the world. They contributed over 200 service hours to serve humanity.

DISTRICT INFORMATION AND NEWS

DISTRICT 6840 MISSION

The mission of District 6840 of Rotary International is to provide leadership and inspiration in support of the efforts of its Rotary Clubs to carry out the goals of Rotary International and to further the missions of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

DISTRICT 6840 LONG RANGE PLAN

To accomplish its mission, District 6840 has set forth initiatives, that coupled with other district activities, will help improve its capacity to fulfill the mission.

FROM DGN KEN THOMPSON: GLOBAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY— BRAZIL

The **Rotary Club of Jundiai Serra do Japy, Brazil** is looking for partners for its Global Grant to test citizens without financial resources for deafness. They are located in Jundiai City, about 50 km from Sao Paulo, in Rotary District 4590. The health care system is unable to provide, fee of charge, basic testing for deafness. In the nearby region, 3,000 individuals are in need of testing, but cannot afford it. This Global Grant will support the testing of 200 individuals, at a cost of about \$400 per person. The total project cost is about \$80,000.

If your club is interested in participating in such a Global Grant, please contact Alexandre Censi, RC Jundiai do Japy,

at alexandrecensi@hotmail.com

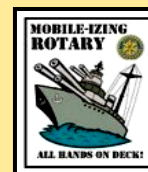
for more information.

His telephone number is 55-11-4039-4239.

2017 CALENDAR

1-1-17 to 4-10-17—**ROTARY's 100 DAYS OF SERVICE**

- April 12: **RC of Ocean Springs** Annual Pancake Day
- April 22: Rotary Leadership Institute—Parts I & II
- April 29: District Training Assembly (PRCC)
- May 1: **RC of Ocean Springs** Photo Contest Ends
- May 6: President of RI **John Germ** in Houma, LA (see below)
- May 19-21: District Conference with District 6820 Battle House & Food Fest at the USS AL.
- May 31: Deadline: MOU & 2017-18 District Grant Applications due
- June 1: Polio Plus Mailings
- June 9-10: Presidential Peace Conference
- June 10-14: International Convention (Atlanta)



INVITATION FROM OUR ROTARY NEIGHBORS IN D6200

RI President John Germ is visiting Houma, Louisiana on Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 5-10 PM. The Gala will be at the Hercules Den in Houma (1928 Coteau Road, 70364).

This is a "food festival fundraiser" in **RI President John Germ's** honor. Tickets are \$45. All Rotarians are invited.

The District is inviting any and all clubs to cook food for the Food Festival. Each food booth will receive 4 arm bands for free entry into the Gala.

Karen Babin commented that D6200 knows how to party! This will no doubt be a rollicking good time!



*District Governor Elect
Kathie Short*

Many thanks to **PDG Don Bryan** for the use of his church facilities and to **Lydia Alford** for meals and hospitality.

DISTRICT TEAM TRAINING PROVIDES INFORMATION AND VISION

District Governor Elect Kathie Short introduced her 2017-18 District 6840 Team chairs and unveiled her 2017-18 District Goals at the District Team Training in Slidell on March 4. Reports were shared by the chairs. Following the team meeting, additional training was provided to the incoming Assistant District Governors.





CLUBS ARE “STEPPING IT UP”

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(Goal 3, Objective 3.2, Strategy 3.2.1, Tactic 3.2.1.3)

ROTARY CLUB OF SLIDELL SERVES ON THE FRONT LINES IN RECOVERY EFFORTS

Since January 1, 2017, the **Rotary Club of Slidell** has served more than 500 hours with more than 250,000 people impacted.

Some of the service projects done by the club include disaster recovery efforts for an elderly resident, disaster recovery in areas of New Orleans East hit by tornadoes, volunteering at the St. Tammany Humane Society, and serving on local boards of directors. Additionally, the club will be doing a vocational fair at the Slidell Boys & Girls Club March 23.

Rotarian **Ron Davis** recently volunteered for two days with an United Methodist Emergency Response Team repairing the tornado-damaged home of the Hicks family in New Orleans East. “The east side of the Hicks home received the most damage through fallen trees, falling bricks, and one quarter of their whole roof demolished,” said Davis. After clearing debris, the team built a temporary frame system to hold up the blue tarp that covers the entire east end of the home and the area without a roof, said Davis.

The **Rotary Club of Slidell** meets every Friday at noon at Pinewood Country Club in Slidell, La. If you’re interested in learning more about serving in Rotary, email rotaryclubofslidell@gmail.com.

For more information, contact rotaryclubofslidell@gmail.com or call (985) 788-6171.



The photos are of the Hick’s home in New Orleans East. The individuals in the photo doing disaster recover are **Ron Davis** (left), **Rotary Club of Slidell** member, and **Milton Lizana** (in yellow shirt). Milton is the lead ERT person from Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Slidell.

ROTARY CLUB OF METAIRIE RESTORES HOUSES AND HOSTS DELGATES ATTENDING OPEN WORLD PROGRAM



Pictured above laying tile are **Cliff Rhodes** and **RC of Metairie Dr. Tom Kennedy**

Rotarians of the **Rotary Club of Metairie** laid tile on the kitchen floor of the third house on which the club members worked from January through March. The Club helped the St. Bernard Project restore houses as part of its 100 Days of Service.

Several members of the **RC of Metairie** recently hosted delegates to the Open World Program who were spending a week in New Orleans. The Club heard each delegate’s views of the USA and even heard two differing views of the Putin administration. The ladies, their chaperone, and interpreters also joined the Club on March 11 for the Club’s annual seafood party at the home of Dr. Lindhe and Martha Guarisco.



Delegates attending the Open World Program are (l-r) **Oksana Morozova**, **Marine Troitskaya**, **Anastasia Burakova**, **Veronica Shulgina**, and **Olga Zhakova**.



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Students in Mrs. Glisson's third grade class who received dictionaries with Rotarians (l-r) **Dave Philo**, **Maria Cobb**, and **Connie Moran**.

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN SPRINGS DELIVERS DICTIONARIES TO ST. ALPHONSUS & GRACE BAPTIST ACADEMY

On Monday, March 6, Ocean Springs Rotarians **Maria Cobb**, **Connie Moran**, **Dave Philo**, and **Joyce Shaw** delivered dictionaries to St. Alphonsus Catholic School in Ocean Springs as part of the Rotary Club's annual dictionary project.

On Tuesday, March 7, Rotarian **David Thompson** delivered dictionaries to Grace Baptist Academy as part of the project. **The Rotary Club of Ocean Springs** has given dictionaries to third graders since 2006.

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN SPRINGS DONATES RECOVERY FUNDS TO LIVINGSTON PARISH LIBRARY

The **Rotary Club of Ocean Springs** received a *Rotary District 6840 Baton Rouge Flood Disaster Recovery Grant* in March to help the Livingston Parish Library in its efforts to replace materials lost in the August 2016 flood that impacted Livingston Parish communities. Over \$200,000 of library materials were in the flooded homes of citizens—many of whom suffered the second flood disaster in less than 6 months in this Parish adjacent to and southeast of Baton Rouge. The **Rotary Club of Ocean Springs** and **Rotary District 6840** recognized the significant contributions that the Livingston Parish Library made to help its community recover from the terrible flood disaster. This donation is an opportunity to support the Library in its efforts to replace materials and rebuild its collections that were lost during that time.

Photo by Emma James-Wilson, Communications Coordinator, Livingston Parish Library.



(left to right) Livingston Parish Library Assistant Director **Jennifer Seneca**, **Rotary Club of Ocean Springs** Past President; **Rotary District 6840 Assistant Governor Joyce M. Shaw**, and Livingston Parish Director **Giovannie Tairov**.

OCEAN SPRINGS ROTARIAN BECOMES MULTIPLE PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



On March 16, **Charles Graham** (left), a member of the **Rotary Club of Ocean Springs**, was presented with a *Paul Harris Fellowship* by **Jim Sukieniek** (right), Club Foundation Chairman.

Anyone who contributes—or in whose name is contributed—a gift of \$1000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund of Rotary International becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

Photo by Stephen Songe

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN SPRINGS HOSTS ANNUAL PANCAKE DAY

This annual event and Ocean Springs family tradition raises money for scholarships for graduating seniors from Ocean Springs and St Martin High Schools. Enjoy yummy pancakes, cheese grits, and smoked sausage served up by the members of the **Rotary Club of Ocean Springs**.

Wednesday, April 12 from 7 AM to 7 PM

**Ocean Springs Civic Center
3730 Bienville Blvd., Ocean Springs
228-875-7696**