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District 6840



## District 6840 Newsletter October 2016

From the desk of . . .  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR RANDY FELDMAN

### UPDATE ON DISTRICT FOUNDATION

Hello, all. Thanks to all of you who have offered your services in light of our District Foundation temporarily losing its 501(c)3 status.

While waiting for the Foundation to recover its tax exempt status, the Rotary District 6200 Foundation has agreed to handle donations for us immediately. Checks should be made out to:

The Rotary District 6200 Foundation  
2266 S. College Road Extension  
Suite C  
Lafayette, LA 70508

ON THE MEMO LINE, WRITE "6840." This will allow the 6200 Foundation to know the donation is to be reserved for projects approved by the District 6840 Foundation.

If the donor is not interested in the tax deduction, they can still make their donation directly to our District Foundation.

The 6840 Foundation will continue to accept proposals for the use of donation funds. It will alert the 6200 Foundation when a check is to be written to a 6840 recipient (most likely a Rotary Club), the amount, and the purpose. Clubs will continue to apply to the District 6840 Foundation to receive funds for flooding recovery. The 6840 Foundation will continue to require the potential recipient of the funds to complete proposal forms and accountability forms to ensure that there is an auditable paper trail for the use of the monies.

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OCTOBER MESSAGE

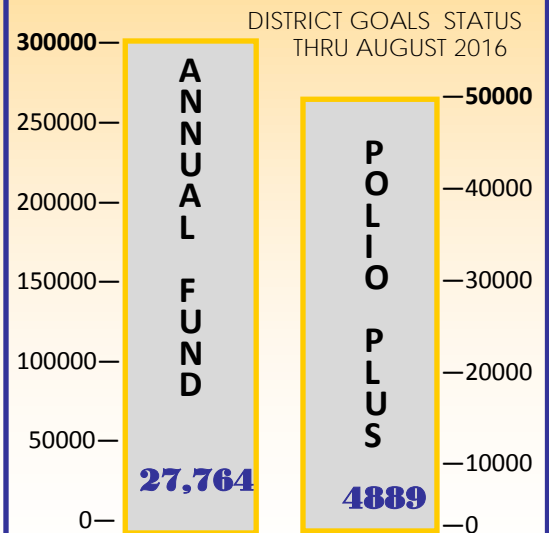
#### *It's a Great Journey!*

One-quarter of the year is gone already. It has been incredibly busy and momentous time for us.

As you know, when you are District Governor, you are required to visit every club. Everyone in line to be District Governor thinks that these visits, the time required, the stress of all the driving, is the worst part of being Governor. And



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MEMBERSHIP  
GOAL 2,187  
ACTUAL 2,123

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## FROM THE DESK OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR RANDY FELDMAN

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visits are the best part of being Governor.

*That includes me.*

The clean-up and fund-raising for the recent flooding continues. The response both locally and outside our region has been heartwarming, but there is much left to do to help our neighbors who are still in the process of recovery. Please keep them in your thoughts and help out where you can.

In October, Madelaine and I will off to Cincinnati to take part in the Rotary Zone Institute. Just prior to the Institute is the Governor-Elect and Governor-Nominee training where DGE Kathie Short and DGN Ken Thompson continue to prepare for their year as District Governor. It's a great journey.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the different ways Rotary is celebrated in our region and meeting the—as of this writing—2,123 of you. I have 13 visits left. We are a varied lot with praise and complaints, ideas to share, stories to tell, food to eat, jokes to listen to. It is a great time, and I recommend it.

Speaking of celebrations, **Rotary's 100 Days of Service**, our commemoration of the centennial of The Rotary Foundation begins in just 92 days. Many clubs know exactly what they are doing. Some have yet to start planning. The PR splash we are planning to make needs all of us to take part so we can have some serious numbers of hours of service and people served to promote. Let Deputy Governor for Service Joy Goundas know what you are doing and through Deputy Governor for Public Relations Anette Kirylo, we will work with you to get the message out.

As you may have heard, there has been an outbreak of polio in Nigeria, the first recorded cases in Africa in a year and a half. Two cases have been reported in the northeast of Nigeria in the Lake Chad area. There will probably be more. Although disappointing, a similar thing happened a couple of years ago in Syria and Somalia. At that time there was an immediate effort to stem the outbreak which worked. The same international coordinated response is taking place right now. Even so, the number of cases overall is still less than last year, but we must be vigilant in monitoring the situation.

## CALENDAR

July 1-November 1—Club & Board Visits

- Oct. 12-16: Zone GNETS/GETS/Institute in Cincinnati
- Oct. 15: RC of Ocean Springs—5-K R.A.C.E.
- Oct. 28: RC of St. Charles Parish—  
27th Annual Alligator Golf Tournament (p. 12)
- Oct. 29: World's Great BOWL to Help End Polio
- Nov. 12: Parts I & II-Rotary Leadership Institute
- Nov./Dec.: Annual Fund-Share Mailings

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

- Jan. 6: Paul Harris Society Dinner
- Jan. 7: Mid-year Check-up (Bay. St. Louis)
- Jan. 28: Visioning Training
- Feb. 11: Parts II & III-Rotary Leadership Institute
- TBD: District Team Training
- March 17-18: PETS, Natchez
- March 25: Interact District Conference
- TBD: District Training Assembly
- April 22: Parts I & III: Rotary Leadership Institute

6820 & 6840 ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2017



The Battle House Renaissance Hotel

Friday Night Food Fest at the USS Alabama

++ Mobile, Alabama ++ May 18-21, 2017 ++

- May 18-21: District Conference in Mobile
- May/June: Polio Plus Mailings
- June 10-14: International Convention, Atlanta

## CELEBRATE IN ATLANTA JUNE 10-14, 2017

The September edition of the rotarian features an article, "Southern Comfort" giving a southern flavor to the upcoming 2017 Rotary International Convention.

A video of Rotary President John Germ, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, and other dignitaries personally inviting Rotarians to make their own memories in Atlanta next year can be viewed at

<http://video.rotary.org/aUF2>

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## DISTRICT INFORMATION AND NEWS

**FROM: CHRISTIAN PEPERA**  
Rotary Foundation Cadre Supervisor

### **The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisors (the cadre)**

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Representing all Rotary districts and a wide spectrum of professional expertise, the cadre is a diverse group of volunteer Rotarians who monitor and evaluate Foundation grant projects all over the world by conducting paper reviews and traveling to project sites to evaluate technical feasibility and compliance with The Rotary Foundation's missions and objectives.

In an effort to keep Rotarians informed of the cadre's activities, we are now distributing *Tech Talk*, the cadre's quarterly newsletter, to all district governors (on the District website).

The cadre is currently recruiting volunteers in the following areas:

\*Maternal and child health professionals (such as nurses and obstetricians) in Africa and Asia;

\*Water and sanitation professionals (such as civil and mechanical engineers) in Africa and Asia;

\*Spanish-speaking auditors in North and Central America;

\*Rotarians living in Africa, in all areas of focus;

\*Rotarians with expertise in monitoring and evaluation, sustainability, and community needs assessments.

#### **WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR**

The cadre assignment process involves multiple factors, with preference given to members who best meet the following criteria:

- Experience—Appropriate technical expertise and familiarity with Foundation grant programs.
- Language skills—Ability to communicate in the language spoken at the project site.
- Cost-effectiveness—Proximity to the project site.
- Quality of evaluations—For members who have completed cadre assignments, a history of submitting high-quality evaluations within the requested time frame.
- Cultural familiarity—Understanding of the culture of the project site and benefiting community.

For more information on the cadre, visit  
[cadre@rotary.org](mailto:cadre@rotary.org) or  
[www.rotary.org/en/cadre-technical-advisers](http://www.rotary.org/en/cadre-technical-advisers)

### **ROTARY DISTRICT 6840 ANNOUNCES DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2019-2020**

District Governor Randy Feldman is happy to announce that the District 6840 Nominating Committee has selected

Robert L. (Bob)  
Haeuser

to be District Governor  
for 2019-2020.



Bob is a member of the RC of Metairie, LA. He served his club as President, 1999-2000.

### **RECENT GOVERNOR'S HEART OF THE CLUB AWARD RECIPIENTS**

District Governor Randy Feldman proudly announces Heart of the Club Award recipients.

Belle Chasse  
Edgewater  
Franklinton  
Hattiesburg  
Kenner  
New Orleans

Riverbend  
Ocean Springs  
Slidell Northshore  
St. Charles Parish

Denise Buford  
Nancy Fobes  
Coylean Schloegel  
Wes Brooks  
Paul Prokop

CJ Jumonville  
Janet Green  
Anna Manella  
Flint Distefano

***Congratulations!***



Rotary

Rotaract

Interact



1 221 630 members  
FEBRUARY 2016

201 342 members  
DECEMBER 2015

441 278 members  
DECEMBER 2015

1 864 250 members

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

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IS

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

## 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.

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER CLUB VISITS



October 2016  
4 Picayune  
5 McComb  
18 Covington  
19 Poplarville  
25 West Bank-Gretna  
27 Gulfport

November 2016  
1 Pass Christian

(Goal 2, Objective 2.3, Strategy 2.3.4, Tactic 2.3.4.1)

I had a great time at the Rotary Club of Bogalusa (Wednesday—September 24) including being named an honorary citizen by Honorary Rotarian Wendy Perrette, the Mayor of Bogalusa. Check out the cake that they prepared!



### 2016-2017 PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

(continued from September newsletter)

RI President John Germ has announced the criteria for attaining a Presidential Citation for 2016-2017. Clubs have from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, to qualify.

#### HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

Clubs must achieve 3 of the following goals:

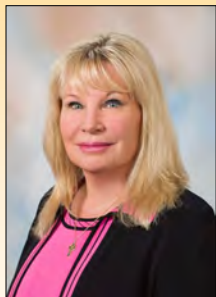
- \*Sponsor at least one Rotary Community Corps to enhance community engagement and ensure project sustainability. *Note: Your club's RCC must be certified with Rotary International. To ensure your status as an RCC sponsor or co-sponsor is recorded, you club president can check RI's records in Rotary Club Central Reports, and can contact [rotary.service@rotary.org](mailto:rotary.service@rotary.org) to report any errors.*
- \*Ensure that at least one club member belongs to a Board-recognized Rotarian Action Group ([www.rotary.org/actiongroups](http://www.rotary.org/actiongroups)). *Report in Rotary Club Central.*
- \*Partner with the Foundation by sponsoring at least one project funded by a global grant or a district grant. *Note: Your club can contact your district to verify whether it is registered as a global grant sponsor or is listed as a district grant sponsor in the original spending plan submitted with your district's 2016-17 district grant application.*
- \*Have at least one club member attend a grant management seminar. *Report in Rotary Club Central.*
- \*Implement a project with one of Rotary's service partner. *Note: Rotary has several partners that work directly with clubs on projects. See a current list of service partners at [www.rotary.org/partners](http://www.rotary.org/partners). Report in Rotary Club Central.*
- \*Establish a partnership and conduct a project with one or more corporations, government entities, or nongovernmental organizations. *Report in Rotary Club Central.*
- \*Enhance a project's scope and visibility by partnering with at least five other Rotary clubs in your region. *Report in Rotary Club Central.*

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## DISTRICT INFORMATION AND NEWS

**FROM: KATHIE SHORT**  
**District 6840 Governor Elect**



### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Atlanta, Georgia June 10-14, 2017



One of my responsibilities as Governor Elect is to promote the 2017 International Convention. As of today, September 27th, we have exceeded the District 6840 registration goal set by District Governor Randy by 150%!

To encourage early registration, the District has approved a beneficial incentive. The President of the Rotary Club which has the highest percentage of Rotarians registered by December 15, 2016, will be reimbursed his/her registration fee (\$340.00).

EARLY REGISTRATION **EXPIRES** DECEMBER 15, 2016.  
AFTER DECEMBER 15TH—PRE-REGISTRATION      \$415.00  
AFTER MARCH 31ST—REGISTRATION                \$490.00

***Reimbursement only applies for the Club President whose Rotarians register at the early registration rate of \$340.00.***

To register, go to [MyRotary.org](http://MyRotary.org), scroll down the page to *Attend the Convention* and there is a link for online registration and instructions for other payment methods.

Watch for more exciting District 6840 news in the weeks to come regarding the Atlanta Convention!

**FROM: BRYAN HALL**  
**Past District Governor**

### GUATEMALA WATER PROJECT

Greetings Rotarians! As many of you know, I was able to travel last year to Guatemala to visit the village of El Pilar in the Excuintla regions. It is a region of great poverty and intense need. We are working with Rotarians in Guatemala to provide a water well, pumping station, water tower, and piping to homes in the village. A water board has been setup to oversee the water service to ensure that this project is sustainable over the long haul. It is a fantastic project.

The budget for the project is a bit over \$420,000. The municipality and a local sugar refinery are combining to provide \$200,000 in support to the project. I am tasked with raising the remaining \$220,000. That's a big number, but I already have commitments of approximately \$120,000 after matching from The Rotary Foundation. I need your help to finish closing the funding gap.

Funds donated from clubs or Rotarians to Rotary grants are matched 50 cents to the dollar. If your club donates \$1,000 to this project, the Rotary Foundation will give us an extra \$500 making your total contribution \$1,500. If your club gives \$10,000 it becomes \$15,000. Imagine the difference we can make!

If your club or your individual Rotarians are interested in participating in the project please let me know. I would love to talk with you (And perhaps present the project to your club) about taking part and answer any questions you may have. You can reach me at 985-966-1945.

With your help we can close this funding gap and make a generational difference in the lives of children in El Pilar.

For a copy of The Rotary Safe Water Project Proposal, email me:  
[bhall@aim-technologies.com](mailto:bhall@aim-technologies.com)



## DISTRICT INFORMATION AND NEWS

FROM Rotary District Trainer  
KIMBERLY KIRBY:



*DGN Ken Thompson shares insights at the First session of the 2016-2017 Rotary Leadership Institute.*



### SESSION I OF ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE— PACKED WITH INFORMATION

Rotary Leadership Institute held its first session of the Rotary year on September 17, 2016, in Slidell. Seven Rotarians from around the district attended Part I of the Rotary Leadership Institute. During the class, Rotarians actively participated in the following topics: A Story of Rotary Leadership; My Rotary World; Ethics-Vocational Service; Foundation I: Our Foundation; Engaging Members; and Creating Service Projects. Participants were eager to exchange ideas and learn from each other on how to engage members and strengthen clubs.

Part I was facilitated by Brian Hall, Ken Thompson, Don Bryan, and Kim Kirby. The group was honored to have District Governor Randy Feldman stop by for a visit and add to the class discussion.

#### UPCOMING SESSIONS

PARTS I & II: November 12, 2016

PARTS II & III: February 11, 2017

PARTS I & III: April 22, 2017

Registration for the next sessions to be held in Slidell will be posted on the HOA-RLI website during the first week of October.

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots, multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education.

## ATTENTION ALL CLUBS

### SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 CABINET CALL—

Minutes of the September Executive Committee meeting are now on the District website.

### BY-LAWS—

Each Club is asked to turn in a copy of current By-Laws to its Assistant District Governor.

*(Goal 4, Objective 4.3, Strategy 4.3.3, Tactic 4.3.3.1)*

### ATTENDANCE REPORT—

Monthly attendance reports are due in to Karen Babin by the 5th day after the last meeting of the month.

[ksbabin@gmail.com](mailto:ksbabin@gmail.com)

### DISTRICT DIRECTORY—

The 2016-17 Directory is now on the District website. Everyone should check it for errors/additions. Send them to Directory Chair PDG Brian Hall.

[bhall@aim-technologies.com](mailto:bhall@aim-technologies.com)

## NEED A GREAT SPEAKER?

### FOUNDATION SPEAKERS

Ace Necaise, DRVC, [anecaise@gmail.com](mailto:anecaise@gmail.com)

Greg Lier, Grants Chair, [greglier@rathborne.com](mailto:greglier@rathborne.com)

Steve Howard, Global Grants Chair, [glfprt1@cableone.net](mailto:glfprt1@cableone.net)

Bob Vaughn, District Grants Chair, [bvaughn2007@gmail.com](mailto:bvaughn2007@gmail.com)

Don Bryan, Endowment Fund Chair, [dbryanupc@aol.com](mailto:dbryanupc@aol.com)

Kathie Short, Annual Fund Co-chair, [topdogms@aol.com](mailto:topdogms@aol.com)

Brian Hall, PHS Chair, [bhall@aim-technologies.com](mailto:bhall@aim-technologies.com)

Neil Alford, Past Foundation Chair, [neil@alfordlegal.com](mailto:neil@alfordlegal.com)

*(Goal 2, Objective 2.1, Strategy 2.1.1, Tactic 2.1.3.1)*

### YOUTH EXCHANGE SPEAKERS OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS (please refer to page 8 for more information & procedures)

\*Louisiana clubs contact Elizabeth Van Sant at [rye6840@gmail.com](mailto:rye6840@gmail.com)

\*Mississippi clubs contact Houston Costolo at [rye6840scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:rye6840scholarship@gmail.com)

*(Goal 3, Objective 3.2, Strategy 3.2.2, Tactic 3.2.2.1)*

## DISTRICT INFORMATION AND NEWS

### HOW DO I.....?

How do I get to Rotary Club Central?

Go to [www.rotary.org/club\\_central](http://www.rotary.org/club_central).

You need a My Rotary account to go to Rotary Club Central.

If you do not have an account, please go to [www.rotary.org/my\\_rotary](http://www.rotary.org/my_rotary)

All Rotarians can view the goals and achievements for their club. The current and incoming club president, secretary, executive secretary, treasurer, Foundation chair, and membership chair can add and edit the goals and achievements for their club.

How do I get started in Rotary Club Central?

1. You must be entered in the RI database (make sure they use your current e-mail address.)
2. Go to [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org), then select MY Rotary on the top menu Bar, and create your own password and sign in. You will then receive an e-mail from RI to activate your account before you can reach step 3.
3. Your MY Rotary page will open up, then scroll down the left hand menu column in the section named MY Club Snapshot.
4. At the bottom of this section you will see Rotary Club Central. Click on View Goals,
5. You should now have reached the RCC main page. It will ask you to confirm your club position first, then if you scroll down you will see 3 different year tabs and below them you should see little check boxes on the left that say edit. This is where you enter and keep track of your goals for the year and can see earlier years' data for your club.
6. At the top of the RCC main page you will also notice 3 section tabs names: Your Club, Service, & Foundation. You follow the same procedure as step 5 for each section.

How do I Join a Group?

1. To join a group, sign into My Rotary and under Exchange Ideas, click on Find a Group.
2. You can search for groups by keyword, category and/or language. You can sort groups by Newest Post, Oldest Post, Newest Group, or Oldest Group. You can filter groups by Language or Category. You can select a Language or Category from a dropdown list.
3. You can join Open Groups by clicking the JOIN button.  
To join an Invite Only group you must click on the group name.
4. Once you are on the group page, click SEND REQUEST.
5. A group administrator must approve requests for Invite Only Groups. You can type a message, click JOIN, and check back to see when they've approved you.
6. Once you are a member of a group you can post in existing discussions. You can also start new discussions.

How do I Start a Project on Rotary Ideas?

1. To start a project, sign into My Rotary and under Take Action, click on Rotary Ideas. If you are a club officer, you will be able to start a project.
2. Follow instructions to fill in fields. If it's a one day event, enter date. Select the contribution types needed for your project. Describe your project plans in detail. Users will see your summary and photo on the landing page.
3. Save and continue.
4. Expand each type of resource requested and add details.
5. When you've added all of your contribution requests, review and publish your project.
6. Contact [social@rotary.org](mailto:social@rotary.org) for more resources on Rotary Ideas,

How do I Add a Project to Rotary Showcase?

1. To add your project, sign in to My Rotary and under Take Action, click Rotary Showcase.
2. Click Add a new project.
3. Enter information about your project.
4. Select one of more categories, and one primary area of focus. When you click Save your project is published immediately.
5. Identify your Rotary, Rotaract and Rotary Community Corps club partners. Add members of your partner clubs as project contacts.
6. Upload up to 20 images and links to YouTube videos.
7. Add your project's contribution to measure Rotary's global impact.

## DISTRICT INFORMATION AND NEWS



### A CLUB'S QUICK GUIDE TO ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, D6840 is offering up to 6 Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarships to students residing in D6840 for the 2017-18 school year. The scholarship has a value of approximately \$25,000.

**INBOUND STUDENTS** are students from districts in other countries who were awarded the Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship and who have met the criteria to attend high schools in D6840. These students are hosted by a Rotary Club of District 6840 and attend a full year of high school of the choosing of the host Rotary Club; the students are housed free of charge by members of the host Rotary Club community (These are not necessarily members of the host Rotary Club.).

**OUTBOUND STUDENTS** are students from D6840 to whom we have awarded the Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship. We make arrangements for our students to attend a high school and be hosted by families under the supervision of a host Rotary Club overseas (free of charge).

**WHO ARE OUR OUTBOUND STUDENTS:** all high school freshmen, sophomores, and junior who reside within the geographic boundaries of D6840 are eligible to apply. *Seniors who attend D6840 RYLA may also apply.*

**WHO MAKES THE SELECTION:** all applications must be vetted by a local Rotary Club; the Rotary Club must sign the application and complete the Addendum Regarding a hosting commitment for the following school year. The Rotary Youth Exchange Committee will interview all vetted applicants at the December 3 Outbound Interviews in Slidell. *The D6840 RYE Committee is the ONLY body empowered by D6840 and Rotary International to make this decision.* (No single Rotarian or Club can extend an offer outside the structure of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program of D6840.)

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?** Selected Rotary Youth Exchange Scholars pay an administrative fee of \$5050 in 5 installments—this covers airfare, insurance, mandatory training sessions, and a summer stipend upon the successful completion of an Exchange Year. Once abroad, the only costs are incidental.

**WHERE WILL THE STUDENTS GO?** Each year, the D6840 RYE Committee establishes a list of those countries with which we will exchange: *applicants can state a preference but do not choose the country.*

**WHEN ARE THE DEADLINES?** Student applications for the 2017-18 school year are accepted on a rolling basis at the Club level through November 4, 2016. These applications must be submitted by the CLUB and not by the applicant to [RYEScholarship6840@gmail.com](mailto:RYEScholarship6840@gmail.com)

NO LATER THAN November 18, 2016.

**WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS TO THE LOCAL ROTARY CLUB THAT RECEIVES, VETS, AND FORWARDS AN APPLICATION?** Each club can put forward as many applications as are received. There is no guarantee that any forwarded applicant will be accepted. The D6840 RYE Committee is selecting recipients of the Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship; to meet this high standard students must meet all eligibility requirements and be considered a Rotary Goodwill Ambassador. Members of the D6840 RYE Committee are trained in assessment of applicants.

Each club that forwards an application must either: Agree to host in the school year during which the applicant would be abroad; or Agree to put \$1000 into the District RYE account to be made available to the club that hosts the corresponding INBOUND student.

**HOW DOES A CLUB RECRUIT APPLICANTS?** Each Club is responsible for recruiting applicants from the local high schools. The District cannot reach into local schools. The Youth Program Chair, Interact Chair, or Youth Exchange Officer should introduce the RYE Scholarship to contacts at the local high schools and middle schools to make students and schools aware of the RYE Scholarship. The application and supplemental information for students, parents, and clubs is available at [RYE6840.org](http://RYE6840.org).

**WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO CLUBS?** [RYE6840.org](http://RYE6840.org) has all pertinent information about Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship, all documents, and information for parents and potential applicants. Rotarians and students are also encouraged to review the materials found at [SCRYE.org](http://SCRYE.org) and within the Rotarian International site.

Locally, clubs interested in having a program on Rotary Youth Exchange can invite current INBOUND students, returned OUTBOUND students, or members of the D6840 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee, or even former host parents. Each will have unique perspective.

#### ROTARIANS IN MISSISSIPPI SHOULD CONTACT:

D6840 Youth Exchange Co-Chair (Picayune) Houston Costolo  
D6840 Youth Exchange Officer (Bay St. Louis) Sam Walley

[RYEScholarship6840@gmail.com](mailto:RYEScholarship6840@gmail.com)  
[swalleyhome@bellsouth.net](mailto:swalleyhome@bellsouth.net)

#### ROTARIANS IN LOUISIANA SHOULD CONTACT

D6840 Youth Exchange Co-Chair (Covington) Elizabeth Van Sant  
D6840 Youth Exchange Committee Member (St. Charles Parish) Jennifer Osburn

[RYE6840@gmail.com](mailto:RYE6840@gmail.com)  
[JENDAR@mac.com](mailto:JENDAR@mac.com)



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### Rotary's 100 DAYS OF SERVICE

in honor of the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation, District 6840 is rolling out what will be **with your Club's involvement**—the most memorable and rewarding District project since the 2011 International Convention in New Orleans.

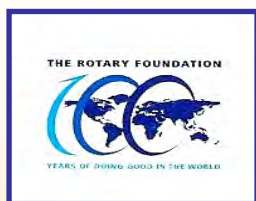
**Rotary's 100 DAYS OF SERVICE** will combine your own Club's unique service initiatives, great fund-raising possibilities and unlimited public relations opportunities. The goal is to have a significant impact on the lives of the people in our District by involving our members in more than 2,500 hours of service, raising a minimum of \$65,000 for The Rotary Foundation and using it all as a public relation showcase to demonstrate the value that Rotary delivers both here and around the world.

We are asking all clubs to take part in a districtwide service effort over the course of 100 continuous days, from January 1, 2017, to April 10, 2017. During that time, clubs will count up the service hours they work, the projects they have working in and update the District weekly. We will alert the media to our efforts watching our total grow and documenting the effect we are having on people's lives. [We hope that Clubs will design spectacular new service projects but that is not necessary. But it must be a service project, not a fund-raiser.]

At the same time, we have a unique fund-raising opportunity. Rotarians can raise money in honor of The Rotary Foundation anniversary by asking people to contribute a fixed amount/hour of service, much like a biker will ask for donations per mile for a bike-a-thon. The Rotary Foundation President Ray Klinginsmith, hearing this idea, suggested the figure of \$26.50 per hour of service an individual works because \$26.50 was the original donation that started The Rotary Foundation 100 years ago. This also will offer us the possibility to ask people outside of Rotary for the donation and give us the opportunity to talk about the value of The Rotary Foundation and what we do here and around the world with funds from the Foundation.

And finally, **Rotary's 100 DAYS OF SERVICE** is virtually an unlimited publicity initiative through regular media updates, radio and television exposure, social networking. By the time April 10 rolls around, through our combined efforts the visibility of our clubs and the services we provided here and around the world will be significantly increased.

(Goal 2, Objective 2.1, Strategy 2.1.4, Tactic 2.1.4.1)



### What is YOUR club planning for Rotary's 100 DAYS OF SERVICE?

Many clubs are currently in the "planning stage" of projects, activities, and events to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. *Reinventing the Wheel* would like to publish and share your ideas with all the clubs in District 6840 during the months of November and December. Then—in January—the newsletter would like to publish the pictures and articles as your club makes its ideas a reality.

### ROTARY FOUNDATION'S FIRST 100 YEARS



Celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation by learning the history of our impact around the world. Check out "Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years" in our new ebook and Kindle formats. Buy:

[http://  
on.rotary.org/  
Centennial\\_Book](http://on.rotary.org/Centennial_Book)



## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Each month we spotlight clubs celebrating their charter anniversary

by sharing their service to community and world.

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

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ROTARY CLUBS OF

#### OCEAN SPRINGS

Chartered on  
October 20, 1924

#### TYLERTOWN

Chartered on  
October 4, 1935

#### EAST NEW ORLEANS

Chartered on  
October 26, 1957

#### BELLE CHASSE

Chartered on  
October 21, 1976

#### CENTRAL HANCOCK

Chartered on  
October 30, 2008

### ROTARY CLUB OF CENTRAL HANCOCK COUNTY

Chartered on October 30, 2008



Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Central Hancock County **Cathy Mason, Scott Thomas, proposed member Bailey Braswell, Betty Maxwell, and Johanna Spicuzza** label new dictionaries for third grade students in the Hancock County School District. This is a part of the RI Literacy Program their club participates in annually. Thanks to RE/MAX Coast Delta Realty for the use of their conference room again.  
*Service Above Self.*

The ROTARY CLUB OF CENTRAL HANCOCK COUNTY  
meets every Thursday at noon at the  
Diamondhead Country Club.



*Giving dictionaries to the youngsters in Hancock County is probably one of our favorite projects of the year!*

## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

### ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN SPRINGS

Chartered on October 20, 1924

#### 8th Annual Rotary Club of Ocean Springs

#### 5-K R.A.C.E.

**OCTOBER 15, 2016**

Come join us for the Coast's oldest night race! The 1st 400 registered Participants for the 5K will receive a performance T-shirt, BBQ sandwich, and choice of beverage (side, bottled water or beer)! Awards will be presented to overall winners, age group winners, and walkers.

This is a beautiful flat and straight course through downtown Ocean Springs and along the beach. The race starts and finishes on the grounds of the Mary C. O'Keefe. There will be music, food, drinks, and more! Don't come just to run...come to party, too! All proceeds from the event will go to scholarships for Oceans Springs and St. Martin High School seniors, as well as supporting our other charitable causes include "Warriors for Willow."

The race is open to runners, joggers, race walkers, wheelchair participants of all ages.

COME DRESSED FOR THE COSTUME CONTESTS! Awards will be presented to the adult and child participant with the best costume (male and female).

Registration opens at 5:00 PM on the grounds of the Mary C. O'Keefe. Please be sure to wear lights or glow in the dark clothing/shoes during the race.

6:15 PM—1 Mile Kid's Race (ages 12 and under) \$10

\*\*No online registration available. You must register on site.

7 PM—Adult 5K race—\$25

Register at: [active.com/.../8th-annual-rotary-club-of-ocean-springs](http://active.com/.../8th-annual-rotary-club-of-ocean-springs)



From left to right: RC President Leigh Jaunsen, Haley Roll, Emily Chappell, Shelbi Padgett, Michael Phillips, Meghan Nguyen, Maggie Wakham, and David Hoffman, chair of the RYLA selections committee. Not pictured: Kelsey Gabourel.

#### RYLA STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

The Rotary Club of Ocean Springs hosted the six Ocean Springs High School and Vancleave High School students who received scholarships to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership camp in July 2016. The students attended the regular weekly meeting and spoke to Rotarians about their experience. The camp held at Solomon Retreat Center near Robert, LA, provides training in leadership skills and an opportunity for community service for students during the summer before their senior year of high school.

**The ROTARY CLUB OF OCEAN SPRINGS  
meets every Wednesday at noon at the  
Ocean Springs Yacht Club.**

District Governor Randy Feldman visited the RC of Ocean Springs on 8-24-16 and spoke about how Rotary has changed his life. He encouraged Rotarians to participate in the upcoming conference and international conference. Mr. Feldman stated that giving to Rotary Foundation gives you a chance to impact many peoples' lives. He praised the history and perseverance of the club.



District Governor Randy Feldman presents the Heart of the Club pin to Janet Green.





## CLUBS ARE "STEPPING IT UP"

GREAT things are happening across Rotary District 6840. Clubs are "stepping up" in fulfilling the mission and spirit of Rotary!

Please share your events and good news.

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

### ROTARY CLUB OF KENTWOOD WELCOMES FIFTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN DR. RALPH ABRAHAM



*Congressman  
Ralph Abraham*

Fifth District Congressman Dr. Ralph Abraham visited Kentwood last Thursday to speak with the Kentwood Rotary Club. Congressman Abraham updated Rotarians on what's going on in Washington and issues in our state.

He feels that Congress does not have a sense of urgency in dealing with the mounting national debt. He is not happy that Congress is not addressing the national debt fast enough. Abraham says members need to have a better sense of urgency in dealing with the mounting interest that the debt is accumulating.

The Congressman also spoke about what he saw in some of the areas in South Louisiana impacted by flooding, calling the situation a tragic event. He said there were areas under water this time that were not affected by flooding earlier this year in the March flood.

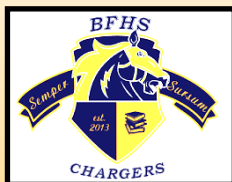
He also talked about working with the Louisiana delegation to help secure federal aid for those areas. "Our primary role is to get FEMA down here quick, get them boots on the ground, get some federal dollars flowing, some federal funding for whatever we need, housing, food, that's what we need to do, and we need to do it very, very quickly," Abraham said.

Abraham is the only member of the Louisiana Congressional delegation who serves on the House Agriculture Committee. He is a family physician, veterinarian, business owner, veteran, pilot, and farmer, who grew a family medical practice in rural Mangham. "I am honored to be where I am. To think I would ever be a congressman, just blows me away, but I am just sincerely honored to be here," Abraham says.

### WELCOME INTERACT CLUBS

District 6840 welcomes the Interact Clubs of Ben Franklin High School (RC of New Orleans), Belle Chasse High School (RC of Belle Chasse), and Pass Christian High School (RC of Pass Christian).

The Interact Clubs of Ben Franklin High School and Pass Christian High School have been in existence for a while and the Interact Club of Belle Chasse High School is the newest Interact Club in District 6840.



*(l to r) Ben Franklin High School,  
Pass Christian High School,  
Belle Chasse High School*



On October 10, 1963, the Rotary Club of Pass Christian sponsored "an organization for senior high boys who possess good character and leadership potential and who have demonstrated superior achievement in curricular and extra-curricular activities. Its purpose is to provide opportunity for young men to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding. The Pass High Interact Club is the first to be organized in South Mississippi, and is one of 150 such organizations in secondary schools throughout the world." (*Tarpon Beacon*—October 17, 1963) Charter members adopted a constitution and by-laws on October 10th and then elected its officers.

*Congratulations to the schools, the Interact Club members, & the Rotary Clubs.*





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## ROTARIANS USE MUSCLE TO HELP IN LOUISIANA



### —REBUILDING LOUISIANA— ONE HOUSE AT A TIME SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

*Rotarians Trey Campbell (left) and Kathie Short (middle right) joined the effort to clean and muck out the house.*



On September 3rd, RC of Pass Christian Rotarians Trey Campbell and Kathie Short joined members of the First Baptist Church, Long Beach, as they traveled to Springfield, Louisiana, to clean a home.

### COVINGTON-AMITE ROTARY WORK DAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2016



The Rotary Club of Covington, the Rotary Club of Amite and Rotaractors from Tulane converged on the distribution center at Loranger, Louisiana, to assist fellow citizens with clean up from the Great Flood of 2016.





## CLUBS ARE “STEPPING IT UP”

### ROTARY CLUB OF ST. CHARLES PARISH ALLIGATOR FESTIVAL CLASSIC OCTOBER 28, 2016



Calling all Golfers.

Join us at the *Grand Ridge Golf Club in Luling, LA*  
on Friday, October 28.

Entry Fee: \$100 per golfer

Registration begins at 10:30AM with a noon shotgun start.

Format: 4-Person Scramble

We will have lunch, drinks, beer, jambalaya, mulligans, and door prizes.

TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASSIC:

<http://bit.ly/2b6uAFz>

Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more information contact the Alligator Festival Golf Committee at  
504-606-1267 or via email [alligatorfestivalgolf@gmail.com](mailto:alligatorfestivalgolf@gmail.com)

### 4th ANNUAL COVINGTON ROTARY CLUB WORLD'S GREATEST BOWL TO HELP END POLIO

OCTOBER 29—11 A.M.—NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

We will BOWL to raise funds for the final push to eradicate polio from the planet. Everyone is invited.

\$35 at the door

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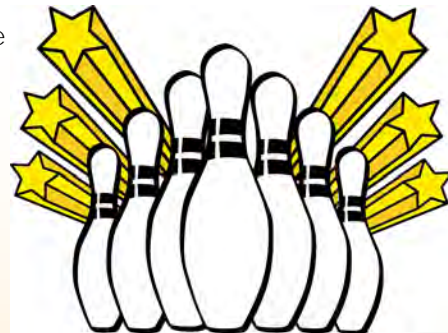
if you REGISTER IN ADVANCE it's

\$30 (21 & over)

\$25 (ages 6-20)

Under 6 years old—FREE

REGISTER NOW AT [covrotary.org](http://covrotary.org)



### ROTARY CLUB OF HATTIESBURG SUNRISE DISTRIBUTES DICTIONARIES

Kyle, Joe, Todd, and Robert were quite busy on September 14, 2016, as they visited five schools distributing dictionaries to third grade students. They began their day with a visit to Grace Christian Elementary where they presented 75 dictionaries to eager students. Following a visit with students, the team was off to Sacred Heart Elementary & three other schools to distribute more dictionaries.

