

GOVERNOR'S NOTES

DG Dick McCarthy
District 6840

DISTRICT CONFERENCE OCTOBER 15TH AND 16TH

Dear District Rotarians,
Have we got great news for you, or what!
We promise you that our October 15-16th district Conference will knock your socks off. Conference Chairman Sheriff Greg Champagne of the Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish (gchamp@stcharlessheriff.org) with his energized team are planning something really special. We have invited members of the HOC (Host Organization Chairs) from the 6 participating Rotary Districts for the 2011 New Orleans Convention to join our festivities. It is our moment to network with other district leaders who are so involved with planning the 2011 Convention.

Shortly, we will contact each Club President and ask them to cancel the weekly club meeting during the week of the District Conference. We will ask them to contribute to the Conference fund the money normally paid for the Rotary Meal that week. Here's why...

FREE Friday, Gourmet Buffet Luncheon surrounded by Rotary Service and 2011 Convention events tables to give you a sneak preview of the House of Friendship, Sounds of the South Musical Jazz Concert, Fun, Food, fellowship & Fins at the Aquarium of the Americas, Host Hospitality Night, and French Quarter Dining Experience. You can sign up to volunteer

FREE, Friday night Food Festival and party to a world class New Orleans performer - Luther Kent and Trick Bag, a truly great Rhythm and Blues Band. NOW with more space, larger Serving tables and large tents in case it rains on our parade. Tables will be arranged in a semi-circle around the water fountain (to left of photo). Electricity and

water available, with plenty of parking for easy off-load the food, and plenty of space designated for food preparation.

We are changing the format Saturday night to a dressy casual Gourmet Buffet Dinner Dance featuring The Hot Foxtrot Orchestra which will perform classic big band hits. Many will recall they played for the New Orleans Club 100th Anniversary bash. We will recognize the club Presidents from the newest club to the oldest club. And no, there will not be any long speeches or Club awards presented so early in the year.

The Loews Hotel is not the most inexpensive, but honestly it has the largest guest rooms and wonderful facilities for our larger events this year. Be sure to go to the following link to book your reservations now before they sell them to someone else outside of Rotary.

<http://www.loewshotels.com/en/Hotels/New-Orleans-Hotel/GroupOffers/Rotary.aspx>

Your attendance is so important to demonstrate to our participating Districts and to the VIPS from Rotary International attending the HOC/District Conference, so please make every effort to come for the whole weekend event. Guys, this is our moment to shine, so please won't you help make this a success? Thank you!



See Robert Cummings for registration forms
and see Lucy Parkman to help with the Food Fest.
Register Now, It's not too early!

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2010-2011**

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

MINUTES FROM 8/17/2010

Club President, Bill McLeod, presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Richard Topp who gave the invocation and Jared Eastlack who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill then led members in the Four Way Test.

Wes Brooks then welcomed today's visitors. Tom Potter brought his granddaughter Chelsea to the meeting. She is a Grover Anderson Scholarship recipient. She thanked club members for supporting the scholarship program. She will be entering nursing school at the University. Former member Tina Lowrimore was a guest of Mike Ratliff. Gary Miller was a guest of David Owens.

Wes invited club members to participate in a charity event scheduled at Mug Shots on November 6th. The event will raise money of the Dubard School.

Special thanks to our greeters for today, who were Kristi Gould and Jennifer Payne.

Bill announced that due to technical difficulties, SPOKES was not produced this week. Hopefully SPOKES will return next week.

Bill also invited members to participate in the Club Leadership training program offered by the District. The program requires four Saturdays throughout the year and costs \$75. Anyone planning on assuming a leadership role in Rotary should plan on attending. The first training program is October 23. Bill also reminded members about the District Conference scheduled for October 15 and 16.

Bill announced that August is membership month. Every member is encouraged to bring a potential member to a club meeting during the month.

Erik Graham was the winner of this week's Foundation raffle. Thanks to Scott Hummel for donating today's prize.

Jennifer Payne unveiled plans for this year's wine tasting event. It will be held at the Ogletree House on the USM campus on Friday, October 1. The event will begin at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$40 for individuals or \$75 for a couple. Anyone interested in providing a raffle item for the event is encouraged to see Jennifer or Jaclyn Adams.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Kristin Gould then introduced today's guest speaker, Ken Smith, Chairman of this year's Heart Walk. The walk is scheduled on September 25th and will be held on the campus of The University of Southern Mississippi. Ken is the administrator of the Southern Heart Center here in Hattiesburg. As such, he sees the tragedy of the disease and the serious issues the disease causes for individuals and their families.

According to Ken, the American Heart Association and the Heart Walk are "making a difference" which is why he chooses to be involved. The goal for this year's walk is to generate \$150,000. The money will be used to provide heart disease and stroke prevention education to the general public, including exercise and diet. The money raised through the Walk stays right here in Mississippi. A portion of the money helps fund a full-time heart researcher at The University of Southern Mississippi as well as the research that is done at the University Medical Center in Jackson. Much of the new equipment being used in the treatment of heart disease and stroke is as a result of this research.

Employee awareness is another goal of the Heart Walk project. Health care costs are the number one overhead cost for employees. Heart Walk intends to educate employees and reduce the number of incidents of heart disease and stroke. Ken says these health issues cost the American public \$256 billion dollars annually. Heart disease is now the number one killer of females 25 years of age and older.

Ken then introduced Eve Elias, Regional Director of the American Heart Association's Pine Belt Area. She encouraged Rotary members to get their employees involved in this year's Heart Walk and other employee programs offered through the Association. Employers who are involved in such programs demonstrate to their employees that they care about them, their families and the greater community.

If you are interested in participating in the Heart Walk or the other programs offered through the American Heart Association, call Eve at (228) 604-5300, ext. 5310.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bio of David Butler

Dr. David Butler is Director of the International Development Program at The University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Butler has a doctorate in Geography from the University of Cincinnati, a Masters of Science in Geography from Texas A&M University, and a Bachelor of Arts from Texas A&M University.

In early May 2010, University of Southern Mississippi President Martha Saunders appointed an Oil Spill Response Team to coordinate university efforts in dealing with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the northern Gulf of Mexico. Dr. Butler was appointed to this team because of his expertise in economic political and social development, including any resulting influences the oil spill may have socially and economically on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Butler has expertise in field research techniques such as interviewing, focus groups, and surveys. He is working on a funded project associated with economic and social recovery of south Mississippi and Alabama from Hurricane Katrina. His created projects include disaster composite indexes and social cohesion indexes.

INTERNATIONAL GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE DEADLINES FAST APPROACHING!

READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week on Tuesday or Friday mornings to read children's books. The Gandy Child Development Center is located at
The Family Y - Veterans Memorial Blvd.
601-268-0808
Tuesdays & Fridays at 9:30am.
Takes about 15-20 minutes.



Between the Lions Literacy Project Volunteers

Location : Family Y Days: Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30am.

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Friday, 8/20 9:30am		
Tuesday, 8/24 9:30am		
Friday, 8/27 9:30am		
Tuesday, 8/31 9:30am		
Friday, 9/3 9:30am		
Tuesday, 9/7 9:30am		
Friday 9/10 9:30am		
Tuesday, 9/14 9:30am		
Friday, 9/17 9:30am		
Tuesday, 9/21 9:30am		

email
Dan
Kibodeaux to
sign up

dan@United
waysems.org
or call
**601-545-
7141**

IMPORTANT DATES

**August is Membership Month -
Recruit a new Member in August!**

Aug 24	David Butler, USM
Aug 30	Board Meeting & Strategic Planning
Aug 31	TBA
Sept 14	District Gov. Dick McCarthy Visit
TBA	Rotary 2nd Annual Wine Tasting
Oct 15th-16th	District Conference, New Orleans
Oct 19-21	GSE Team Visit
Oct 23	Rotary Officer & Leadership Academy



WEEKLY FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Our new Foundation Chair, Scott Hummel is coordinating a raffle each week to help raise funds for the Foundation and also Polio Plus. If you would like to donate an item to the auction, please see Scott.

July 17	Deadline to submit Team Leader Application
July 24	Team Leader Interviews at Chamber of Commerce, Slidell
Sept. 11	Deadline to submit Team Member Application
Sept. 12	Team Member Interviews at Chamber of Commerce, Slidell

Applications are available on the **GSE page at www.rotary6840.org**
Submit applications to Sharron Newton, Chairman of the GSE Team Committee
By mail: 35140 Garden Dr., Slidell, La 70460
By fax: c/o East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce, 985.649.2460
By email: snewton0959@earthlink.net

GSE Information

Exchange with England
Our District will participate in the Group Study Exchange with District 1260, which is located northwest of London. Anticipated dates: May 24, 2011-June 21, 2011.

General Information
Through the program, teams of young professionals from Districts 6840 and 1260 will exchange visits. For four weeks, team members experience the way of life, customs and vocational practices of Louisiana/Mississippi and England, while sharing information about their home country.

The purpose of the Group Study Exchange program is to promote international understanding and goodwill through personal connection. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarians' homes and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts. They also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country.

Rotary pays for round-trip airfare, and Rotary club members in the host country provide meals, lodging and group travel in their district. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses.

Team Leader Criteria and Duties

- Must be a Rotarian in District 6840
- No age qualifications
- Must participate in interviews of Team Member applicants
- Coordinate Team meetings to develop team presentation to be made in England
- Commit to share his/her experience at Rotary meetings upon return and at the 2012 District 6840 Conference
- Be available to participate on or chair 2010-11 District 6840 GSE Committee

Team Member Criteria and Duties

- Cannot be a Rotarian, spouse or lineal descendant of a Rotarian (see RI materials for additional restrictions).
- At time of travel must be between the ages of 25-40 years (strictly enforced by RI)
- Be employed full time in a business within the boundaries of District 6840
- Commit to participate in meetings to develop team presentation
- Commit to share his/her experience at Rotary meetings and the 2012 District 6840 Conference in the Spring 2012.
- This will be a vocational exchange, so candidates should be engaged in the professions of waste management, water management, CO2 emissions and capture or environmental issues.

For more information: Contact Sharron Newton at snewton0959@earthlink.net or by telephone at 985.661.0718.