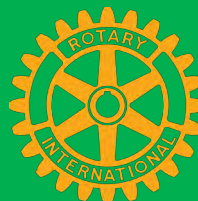




DISTRICT 6840 NEWSLETTER

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2017-2020 COUNCIL CYCLE

Please remember that Rotary International must receive proposed legislation, including confirmation of the district's endorsement from the governor, by 31 December 2017. Proposed legislation should be submitted to Rotary through the online form here: https://rotary.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1zb6VhSSzgQXLLL.

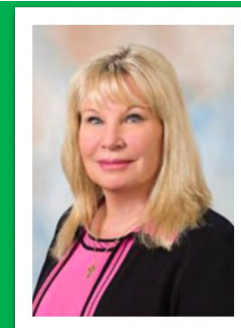
To help you and your district prepare legislation, we have updated the How to Propose Legislation course in Rotary's Learning Center. The course can be found by going to [My Rotary>Learning & Reference>Learning Center](#). You can also use the [How to Propose Enactments](#) guide.



SPECIAL OFFER for District Conference!!!

All Rotarians who register for the 2018 District Conference before January 1, 2018 will have their name put in a drawing to win a 1 Night Stay at Beau Rivage. Name to be drawn at our mid-year meeting !

Short Notes



We have two events to bring in the New Year, the Paul Harris Society Gala and the Midyear Checkup.

The Gala will be held on Friday, January 5 at the Great Southern Club at the top of the Hancock Bank Building in Gulfport. The program will include presentations by our special guests, Rotary Foundation Trustee Mary Beth Growney Selene and Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Richard Churchman, and a celebration of the work of The Rotary Foundation, our district and clubs.

The cash bar will open at 6:30pm with dinner served at 7:00pm. Registration is \$55. Dress is business attire. Online registration and payment is now open at rotary6840.org. Registration is limited to 100 attendees.

It's going to be a fantastic evening at a beautiful venue with amazing people!

Bright and early the next morning we will hold the Midyear Checkup where each club gives a two-minute report on its accomplishments to date, and time permitting, what its plans are for the remainder of the Rotary year. This is an opportunity for each club president to brag and for presidents-elect to get fantastic ideas for next year. Registration begins at the Bay Waveland Yacht Club in Bay St. Louis at 8:00am, followed by the program from 8:30 am to 12:30pm. A light breakfast and hearty lunch will be provided. Please register at rotary6840.org.

Links to registration for both events are on the home page at rotary6840.org, in the left column.

Calendar of Events

December
20 District Newsletter article due
30 Monthly attendance report due to District Secretary, Sandi Pickard

January 2018
5 Paul Harris Society Gala
Great Southern Club
6 Midyear Checkup

February
3 Rotary Leadership Institute, Slidell
10 District Conference Committee Meeting
17 District Team Training
First Pentecostal Church, Slidell

March
9-10 PETS*, Natchez Convention Center

*Note that President-Elect Training Seminars (PETS) is required for all incoming club presidents. Your dues cover the cost of two Rotarians, so encourage your presidents-nominee to attend as well. We have special programs for both groups, as well as for assistant governors

NEWS FLASH!

District 6840 Has added 30 New Members within the Past 90 Days! The highest Achievement in Zone 31!

DG Kathie Short

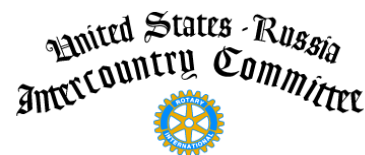


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Paul Harris Gala Preliminary Program—District 6840

Welcome	PDG Brian Hall
Pledge of Allegiance	PDG Ace Necaie
Four Way Test	PDG Greg Lier
Invocation	PDG Don Bryan
Project Highlight	Rotary Club of Edgewater 31st Annual Children's Health and Education Fair Keith Clayton
Dinner	
Introduction of Guests	Deputy Governor Steve Howard
Introduction of Governor	DGE Ken Thompson
Governor's Remarks	DG Kathie Short
Project Highlight	HIV Awareness "iKnow" Concert Series - Uganda Andrew Ward, Riverbend Rotary Club
The Paul Harris Society	Why me? Why us? Bob Vaughn
Youth Exchange Moment	DGND Elizabeth Van Sant, District Youth Exchange Chair
Recognition of Donors	PDG Ace Necaie
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	PDG Ace Necaie
Keynote Speaker	TRF Trustee Mary Beth Growney Selene
Project Highlight	New Orleans Medical Mission Services missions to Nicaragua DGN Bob Haeuser
Concluding Remarks	PDG Brian Hall



Georg Mahl

The mission of Rotary's Intercountry Committee (ICC) United States – Russia is to promote fellowship and intercultural understanding between the Rotary districts of our two nations.

Our ICC has just completed a very successful Friendship Exchange to European Russia. We are now in the process of preparing for a reciprocal exchange to the US.

Are you interested in hosting a Russian 'Friendship Exchange' Rotarian for a period of up to two weeks from March to October 2018? If you are interested in hosting, please contact George Mahl with your name, club membership, email and phone number at gjmahl@mahlengr.com



Vicky Gutierrez

Golf Outing - June 7, 2018—The Oaks Golf Club, Pass Christian, MS
Four person scramble. Shot gun start!

Tee time 11:30 AM

Range ball available before play

Sleeve of 3 balls for each golfer

Golf cap for each golfer

Goody bag for each golfer

Hot lunch before play, hamburgers with sides and drink

Cold beverages on course during play

Prizes

Winning team, each player \$50 gift certificate at pro shop

Longest drive, \$50 gift certificate at pro shop

Closet to hole par three, \$50 gift certificate pro shop

Cost

Fee for all above is \$80 per golfer - \$320 per team

Mulligans will be available for \$5 each, max. of 4 per golfer

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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French Rotarians Meet with New Orleans Mayor

Ken Thompson



New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu and a team of local business, tourism and culture and civic and government leaders traveled to France Monday (Nov. 27) to celebrate the historic ties between New Orleans and France. The trip was in conjunction with the city's Tricentennial celebration and will allow Landrieu and his team to explore opportunities for economic development

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo and Orléans Mayor Olivier Carré invited Landrieu and his team to visit their respective cities, and Landrieu will work with both to discuss future economic partnerships. "This type of proactive international collaboration creates more peaceful, prosperous and resilient communities around the world," Landrieu said.

Landrieu arrived in France Monday and stayed through Thursday, during which time he met with various government officials, tour riverfront developments and attend a symposium on the history of New Orleans. On Tuesday, Nov. 28, Mayors Landrieu and Carre held a reception at the Orleans Town Hall. Orleans Rotarians Bernard Dubreuil and Michel Hugnot were in attendance.

Bernard reports "I went to this reception with Michel Hugnot, President 2018/2019, where we were able to present to the mayors of Orléans and New Orleans our common project. The atmosphere was warm; the two mayors expressed a real desire to strengthen relations between our two cities, including supporting the initiatives of associations. New Orleans staffer Emma Tyler told us that she would help us work with Rotary Clubs in New Orleans for the Tricentennial. This brief meeting with the delegation was an excellent starting point for enhanced collaboration between our Clubs."



Vicky Gutierrez

Did you see the movie **Erin Brockovich**? Well you can meet the real Erin Brockovich at our District Conference this year, as she will be one of our keynote speakers. Want to know how **Sylvia Whitlock** went about challenging Rotary by becoming the **first woman in Rotary**? Come to the District Conference as she will be one of our keynote speakers.

Have you read **The Road to Peace** book series? Author of the series, **Paul Chappell**, will be one of the keynote speakers at the District Conference. **Mark Maloney, Rotary International President for 2019-20, Greg Yank, Brad Howard, Floyd Lancia, and Michael Caruso** round out our slate of main speakers. We will also have a wide variety of presentations at our many breakout sessions. This is one conference you won't want to miss. Go to District 6840 website and sign up today!

Attention All Club Presidents!

We ask that you reserve one club meeting in February/ March to show a video on the District Conference being held in June of 2018. You will be provided with the video at mid-year checkup. We ask that you show this video in lieu of having a speaker. The video will give your members an overall picture of the upcoming conference. Thank you for all you do for Rotary.

Questions:

Contact - Vicky Gutierrez, Conference Chair

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District 6840 In ACTION

Right: President Samantha Walley and Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi partnered with their local animal shelter for an animal food drive. The local shelter is inundated with animals and is running low on housing and supplies. What better way to help than to FEED THE HUNGRY. We asked our members and community to help get our shelter back on track by donating pet food. These animals will not be hungry on our watch! The Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis also partnered with our satellite club and local Interact clubs and planted trees throughout the play yard at the Hancock County Animal Shelter to give the animals a little more shade on those hot, sunny days.

A worthwhile service project for our community, as well as an opportunity to honor RI President's Riseley's goal of planting a tree for every Rotarian this year!



Above: Rotary of Belle Chasse recently welcomed Joann Haydel from the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, presenting coastal sustainability and environmental issues. Pictured are Rotary President Bill Bubrig, Ms.Haydel and Rotarian Dot Lundin.



Above: Rotary Club of Ocean Springs Thanksgiving Basket chairman, Sheila Bennett, delivered a check for \$2,00.00 and food collected by Rotarians to "The Lord Is My Help" for their annual Thanksgiving basket distribution. Shown from left to right are Jill Leggett and Rotarian Sheila Bennett.

In ACTION

District 6840



Belle Chasse Rotary

Left: Belle Chasse Rotary Club achieved a new milestone for their club with the first mother, daughter and son members. L to R: Tray Ansardi (son), Sarah Tesvich (daughter), Bill Bubrig (president) and Danica Ansardi (mother) welcome Sarah as the newest family member to the club!



Rotary Club of Ocean Springs

ABOVE: DGE Ken Thompson, new member Pastor L. Cuttino Alexander, new member Christopher Walton, and President Henry Furr. LEFT: The Rotary Club of Poplarville made a food and \$250 donation to Brother's Keeper Ministries. Susan Fuller, Brother's Keeper Ministries Secretary/Treasurer, accepted the donation on behalf of the food pantry. Rotarians include: Randy Morris, Steve Reid, Laurie Jaufre, David Allison, Carolyn Tedford, John Grant, Clyde Dease, Steve Howard, Jennifer Seal, Ernie Lovell, Becky Askew, and Tara Rouse.



Rotary Club of Poplarville



Rotary Club of Edgewater

LEFT: The Rotary Club of Edgewater held its second annual Foundation FUN Racer. While last year they held a "Take a Pie in the Face for Rotary," this year they held a "Race for Rotary." Members purchased "horses" and jockeyed their horses around a track filled with many obstacles and muddy track along the way. While all monies raised went to the Rotary Foundation in honor of Foundation Month, the winning horse, #7 Good Naaayybor, sponsored by Jake Jacobs from State Farm, was the winner and took home a purse of \$275, which was credited to his Paul Harris Fellow account. In all the FUN event raised near \$1,900 for the Foundation. Horses and their jockeys are pictured.



Upcoming Events

Event	Date(s)	Location	City	State
Paul Harris Society Dinner	Jan 5 -	Great Southern Club	Gulfport	MS
Mid Year Checkup	Jan 6 -	Bay Waveland Yacht Club	Bay St Louis	MS
RI International Assembly	Jan 14 - Jan 20	Manchester Grand Hyatt	San Diego	CA
Rotary Leadership Institute	Feb 3 -	First Pentecostal Church	Slidell	LA
Incoming NZ Friendship Exchange	Feb 5 - Feb 26	Various Locations		
District Team Training	Feb 17 -	First Pentecostal Church	Slidell	LA
Interact Conference	March 3 -	Hancock Cty Perf Arts Ctr	Bay St Louis	MS
PETS	March 9 - March 10	Natchez Convention Ctr	Natchez	MS
Friends Forever Alumni Visit	March 24 - April 4	Various Locations		
Outgoing NZ Friendship Exchange	April 6 - April 25	Various NZ Locations		
Tricentennial ICC Celebration	April - May ??	Various Locations	New Orleans	LA
District Training Assembly	May 12 -	Long Beach Rec Center	Long Beach	MS
District Conference	June 7 - June 10	Beau Rivage	Biloxi	MS
RI International Convention	June 24 - June 27	Air Canada Centre	Toronto	ONT

Get to Know District 6840 Jason Sanchez - Public Relations Chair



Please welcome Jason Sanchez to our District Leadership Team! Jason will be serving as District 6840 Public Relations Chair 2017-2020 and brings a vast knowledge of public relations experience to our membership. Jason is a member of the Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend and has been a member of Rotary since 2010. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

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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.

District 6840 Matching Gifts Campaign!

At the close of this campaign more than 180 District Rotarians contributed a total of \$46,422.00 to The Rotary Foundation!!

Note that these donations are in addition to the donations that Rotarians make on line or through Rotary Direct or to our Polio Plus Program.

The Rotarians who made donations will have their contribution matched with points from The Rotary Foundation which are recognition points and can be transferred or awarded to another person for Paul Harris Fellowships. This is the standard process from Rotary International.

PLUS-these donations will be matched with points from the Matching Points Campaign to their individual Paul Harris Fellowship account.

\$100.00 donation	+	100 recognition points for transfer or gift to another
	+	100 points for their personal Paul Harris credit

Watch for another opportunity to contribute and receive extra point benefit in Spring 2018!

Rotary
District 6840



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2018 Midyear Checkup
January 6, 2018
Bay Waveland Yacht Club
1 Yacht Club Dr., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)467-4592



One purpose of the Midyear Checkup is to share interesting and unique projects with the other clubs in our District. Please consider mentioning these projects early in your report to ensure that they won't be left out due to insufficient time. Please turn in this report and any other reports you prepare at the head table after you give your report. There is no limit on how long your written report is, but there is a limit on the time within you have to present it. You can include photos in your written report. If no one from your club will be present to give your report, please send a written report to DG Kathie Short. She will gather all reports and post them on the District website. You can also use this as a form for a report to your club in January.

Practice your report. Practice. Practice. Practice. Your report will be limited to two minutes, which will be **strictly** enforced. Please, please do not exceed the time limit when time is called. We understand you are proud of your club, but in the interest of time and management of the meeting, your report must be limited to two minutes. That's why it is so important that you practice. Also, be creative. Transform your report into a poem, song, sporting half-time report, horse race or other creative format. Be sure to invite your president-elect to attend to get ideas for next year. Thank you for your cooperation.

Club Name: _____

Most interesting and/or unique:

Community Service Project: _____

Vocational Service Project: _____

International Service Project: _____

Club Service Project: _____

Club Program/Speaker: _____

Projects that involved hands-on participation by members, rather than just monetary donation:

Public Relations project(s): _____

Membership Development/Retention projects/campaigns: _____

Polio Plus project: _____

Women in Rotary project: _____

Interesting Club Programs/Speakers: _____

Interesting Fundraiser Projects: _____

Interesting Club Fellowship Program: _____

Interesting Youth Program or Project: _____
