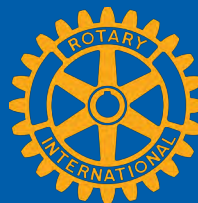


# DISTRICT 6840 NEWSLETTER

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Goodbye Polio!

The Gates Foundation is matching all Rotarian Raised Polio Donations \$2 for each \$1 Contributed (Up to \$50 Mil/Yr.)

Our Rotary-wide 2017-18 Rotary Year Polio Fundraising Goal is \$50 Million + the \$2 for \$1 Gates Foundation Match

**Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!**

Advocate, Donate & Educate to END POLIO NOW & FOREVER!

**"Quarter Pill Bottle Campaign"**

continues until June 30, 2018!

Several clubs have already done a project or event for Polio Plus. If you have not reported this to me and Rotary Club Central, please do this as soon as possible!

## Short Notes

Our Paul Harris Society Gala was a tremendous success and you can read more on that further in the newsletter. Mid-Year Check Up was well attended and we gathered great ideas from the clubs' reports on their projects and activities.

In January I attended SCRYE (South Central Rotary Youth Exchange) in Tulsa and I came back energized for the program. It's hard not to be energized when you are with Elizabeth Van Sant and Sam Walley! Sitting with over two hundred RYE students and observing their talents, respect and fellowship makes us realize what a benefit this program is to build peace and understanding worldwide. While there I attended a personal data session so I can now eliminate part of my frustration on the computer. Proud to say **District 6840 was #1** that weekend as a result of excellent reporting and follow up!

January 30<sup>th</sup> I was part of the team who presented Club Visioning to the Rotary Club of Covington. Chair PDG John Cornwell is scheduling Club Visioning for the next months and I strongly encourage clubs to be on the schedule for the important/interactive program for their club. Details and contact information is included in this newsletter.

I am scheduling my **SECOND ROUND OF CLUB VISITS** and hope to accomplish them all in the next three months. Clubs will be receiving a request from me to schedule their visit at a time convenient for the club. Bay St. Louis (TBD) and Gretna (February 20) have scheduled their visits and we will publish the calendar as it is updated.

If your club has celebrated Women in Rotary or a Polio Plus event please submit it as soon as possible!!

Please note Rotary International Birthday on February 23!! **It's a great day to be a Rotarian!**

*DG Kathie Short*

We are in the mid-year point of our 2017-2018 Rotary Year and it has been an amazing year! Nothing can replace the fellowship and support I have received this year and it has been a continuing education.



## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY

Rotary Leadership Institute  
Saturday, February 3, 2018  
First Pentecostal Church Slidell  
Classes I and III  
You may attend any session!  
Register online or contact Kim Kirby  
Kimkirbysafeharbor@gmail.com

Multi-District Conference Committee Meeting  
Saturday, February 10, 2018  
10 AM to 4 PM, Beau Rivage, 2nd Floor  
Any one Interested in being a part is invited.  
Contact: Vicky Gutierrez, Conference Chair  
vickyg@cableone.net

District Team Training  
Saturday, February 17, 2018  
First Pentecostal Church, Slidell  
Register online at District website  
Contact: DGE Ken Thompson  
kdhomp461@att.net

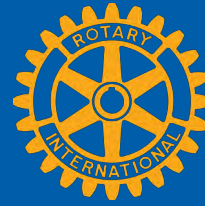
### MARCH

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. Click on the link below to register:

<https://secure.systememerge.com/view-1049934957.html>

# District Governor Kathie Short



## January Visits



### Paul Harris Society Gala

Close to one hundred Rotarians enjoyed fellowship (Paul Harris Fellowship!) on January 5, 2018 at the Great Southern Club in Gulfport, Mississippi.



TRF Trustee 2016-2019 Mary Beth Growney Selene was the keynote speaker for the event and was hosted by longtime Rotarian friends PDG Ace Necaie and Patti.

Several projects were highlighted including the 31st Annual Children's Health and Education Fair, HIV Awareness "iKnow" Uganda Concert Series and the New Orleans Nicaragua Medical Mission.

Through our matching Points Campaign we added 124 new or additional Paul Harris Fellowships to our District!

If you are not a Paul Harris Society Member please consider joining! It is easy, quick and can be done by phone, email or even a text message! Contact Paul Harris Society Co-Chairs:

Bob Vaughn (bvaughn2007@gmail.com) or Brian Hall (bhall@aim-technologies.com) and they will help you sign up.

### Mid Year Check Up January 6, 2018

We had exceptional attendance for our January meeting at the Bay Waveland Yacht Club. A majority of clubs were represented and reports on their activities and projects for the first part of the year were quite interesting and energized the room.

If your club was not in attendance or you

have not submitted your written report, please send immediately to DGN Bob Haeuser who is compiling the reports for the website. Several clubs have asked for copies or information and we want to provide that as soon as possible

### Club Visioning

This is a perfect time to schedule a day and time for your club to have the Club Visioning Team present the program to your club! It is a valuable planning session to help your club plan and prepare for where you would like your club to be in the next few years.

It is a relaxed and interactive time to allow



present officers, incoming officers and members to discuss the future of their club. The club selects the date, time (typically 4 hours depending on club size) and location that best suits their schedule and Visioning Chair PDG John Cornwell will work to make it happen.

Successful Visioning Session requirements:

1. Attendance by present board members, the current president, president-elect, and two other past-presidents. (Ideal scenario but not a deal breaker)
2. Participants to commit to the entire

four-hour exercise.

3. The number of Rotarians committed to a session should be no less than twelve for smaller clubs but no more than twenty-five (to maintain the time schedule and allow fair and full input from all present). For clubs over forty members we would expect the attendance to be between twenty to twenty-five. For clubs over eighty, we expect twenty-five members.

4. The tables in the room should be arranged in a U-shape

5. A laptop and projector capable of running a PowerPoint presentation

6. Name tents

7. Pad of paper and pen for each participant

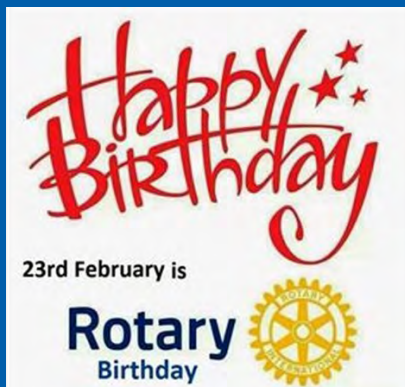
8. Sufficient wall space to hang large 2.5' x 2.08' Post-It wall chart pads

Please contact PDG John Cornwell 2015 to get on the calendar!

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The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on February 23, 1905 by Paul B. Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he has felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name was derived from the early practices of rotating meeting among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread and within a decade clubs were charted from San Francisco to New York, to Winnipeg, Canada. By 1921, Rotary Clubs had been formed on six continents. The organization adopted the Rotary International name a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving club members' professional and social interests. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: service Above Self

By 1925, Rotary had grown to 200 clubs with more than 20,000 members. The organization's distinguished reputation attracted presidents, prime ministers and a host of other luminaries to its ranks-among them author Thomas Mann, diplomat Carlos P. Romulo, humanitarian Albert Schweitzer and composer Jean Sibelius.

I encourage clubs to honor the week of February 23rd at their weekly meeting and celebrate the birthday of Rotary!

## Interact District Conference 2017-2018 March 3, 2018 - Kiln, Mississippi

Fen Swann

Dear Club Presidents, Interact Club Sponsors, and others,

We are Scheduled for the **Interact District Conference on March 3, 2018 at the Hancock Performing Arts Center in Kiln, Mississippi.** More specifics will be coming soon. Please make sure your clubs have this on their calendar.

**Interact Sponsors-** I will need to get an RSVP from your clubs, and a headcount of roughly how many students may come. This is needed to figure out the number of shirts, service project participants, and food to prepare. So please get me some info.

We are not yet completely certain of the fees needed per student, but we are trying to limited it no more than \$10 per student.

**Rotary Clubs-** We are looking for clubs to help sponsor the conference. This can be done with help in preparations, and putting on the conference, but we are also looking for financial sponsors as well. The more we raise through sponsorship, the better the conference. Club members/boards, feel free to email me, and I will provide you with any information you may need. I will be attending the Midyear Check up this weekend, if you have questions. Please contact

## Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) II & III

Kim Kirby

Below are pictures from RLI Parts II & III conducted on November 18, 2017.

The next RLI session (Parts I & III) is scheduled for February 3, 2018 in Slidell. Registration is open at HOA-RLI.org. RLI is very beneficial for Rotarians who are in or will be in a leadership position but all Rotarians who want to learn more about Rotary or become more engaged are encouraged to attend. The fee is \$50 per session. You can pay online at the registration website or bring a check made payable to HOA-RLI the day of the session.





Willow is the 3 year old daughter of a past president of the Ocean Springs, Mississippi Rotary Club and has a life threatening, rare disease.

Come support Willow and the United MSD Foundation at the

Ohr O'Keefe Museum!

hosted by

**Rotaries of the Gulf Coast**

**OHR-O'KEEFE  
MUSEUM OF ART**

present a  
**DRAWDOWN**  
to benefit



**UNITED  
MSD FOUNDATION**  
MULTIPLE SULFATASE DEFICIENCY

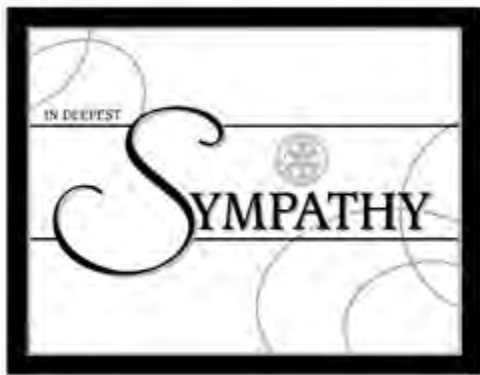
# **warriOHRs for willow**

**ROTARIANS CREATING CHANGE**

**February 22, 2018 | 5:30-7:30pm**

**\$100 ticket includes 2 guests, access to museum exhibits, 4 drink vouchers, appetizers and ONE drawdown entry | Grand Prize up to \$5000**

**Register via eventbrite link on Facebook at Cure MSD - Warriors for Willow**



Condolences to Rotarian and District Webmaster Harry Glidden on the passing of his wife, Sara Glidden.

Sara passed away peacefully on Monday, January 29, 2018 after a massive stroke on Friday, January 26, 2018

Wake will be held at the Millet Guidry Funeral Home, 2806 Airline Hwy, Laplace, LA on Monday, February 5, 2018 and funeral service will be conducted at the First United Methodist Church, 301 Bamboo Road LaPlace, LA on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Cards and expressions of sympathy may be mailed to Harry at:

**Harry Glidden**

**344 Devon**

**LaPlace, LA 70068**



## Rotary Club of Gulfport-Orange Grove Little Free Libraries

Carolyn Ladner

The Rotary Club of Gulfport-Orange Grove recently received a Rotary 6840 District Grant to provide Little Free Libraries in the Gulfport-Orange Grove area. This is one of several literacy programs the Rotary Club of Gulfport-Orange Grove provides for children in the local community. The Library will be available at all time.

Bel-Aire Elementary School and First Christian Church are the first of six sites to receive the Little Free Libraries. Children are encouraged to "Take a Book – Return a Book". Books will be replenished as needed. Book donations are also accepted.

The Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges. The first Little Free Library was built and installed in 2009 by Todd H. Bol to honor his mother. Today, the number of registered libraries have grown to more than 60,000 around the world, in all 50 states and in 80 countries. Through the program, millions of books are

exchanged each year, increasing access to books for readers of all ages and background.



Left: LFL at First Christian Church, Gulfport, MS. Below: LFL at Bel-Aire Elementary School, Gulfport, MS.







Elizabeth Van Sant

All of our Rotary Youth Exchange Scholars have reached the halfway point of their exchange year! That means time in running out for them to accumulate more cultural experiences and more friendships while they are with us in District 6840.

Please check your personal calendars and see what you have coming up that you should invite them to. They are great company and would enjoy the opportunity to go fishing, catch a basketball game, accompany your family to Disney World or the WWII Museum or art gallery openings or a theater event or a day on Ship Island or Lake Pontchartrain. Our role as Rotarians is to be hosts and mentors to these young people and, through our welcoming spirit share our culture/s with them and round out their impressions of life in South Mississippi, Southeast Louisiana, and the United States more generally. I'm sure any of the three would love an offer to go with you to Chicago or New York, Grand Isle or Avery Island.



On January 5th, Sofya (Russia), lida (Finland), and Armand (France) became our district's newest Paul Harris Fellows! Their host clubs awarded them this honor in recognition of their daily work as Rotary Goodwill Ambassadors. We have carried on this tradition year after year and the students not only appreciate the honor, they really like the excuse to dress up and show off their blazers!

As a Committee, we are currently preparing three of our own

Below: Sofya, Lida and Armand receive Paul Harris Fellows in honor of their work as Rotary Goodwill Ambassadors.



students to become Rotary Goodwill Ambassadors in the 2018-2019 school year. We have selected 3 students, 2 from Louisiana, and 1 from Mississippi as Rotary Youth Exchange Scholars, and will be informing them and you of their country placements next month. In the meantime, we are also searching for Rotary Clubs in our district to participate next year as Host Clubs for our new students. Our program will always be limited in size by the number of clubs that become Host Clubs. Please invite an RYE Committee member or a Rotary Youth Exchange Student to present and begin the process of preparing your club to host.

For the first time, we have also selected 2 local students to represent us as "Short Term" Exchange Students. These 2 students, both from Louisiana, will spend 4 weeks as Rotary Ambassadors abroad and then will receive a teenage Rotary Ambassador from another country into their homes. In this way, we expand the scope of our program and our pursuit of International Peace, Goodwill and Understanding.

We hope to have the full slate of our Rotary Youth Exchange Students at District Conference in Biloxi in June. Come hear what they have to say -- we're sure you'll want to get involved once you learn first-hand the impact you can have on their lives and our shared future.





# District 6840 In ACTION

Right: The Rotary Club of New Orleans has for some time supported St. Xavier's School & Orphanage in Tikjuk, Sikkim, India. This December club member Knud Berthelsen visited to meet the children, see the results of our support, and prepare more projects. The Rotary Club of New Orleans is looking for more district clubs and members to join in helping the children at St. Xavier's. Please contact Knud at [knud@connectandtrade.com](mailto:knud@connectandtrade.com) if you are able and interested.



Right: Rotary Club of Biloxi President Cree Cantrell exchanges banners with visiting Rotarian Alberta Messer from the Winthrop Maine Club.



Far Right: Maureen Matthews of Rotary Club of Kenner and her team coordinated a fun night cooking dinner for the families at the Ronald McDonald House.



ABOVE: Hammond/Ponchatoula Sunrises Rotary Club presented a \$1000 check to Our Daily Bread in Hammond to Director Myna Jordan (center). They also donated \$1000 check to the Tangi Food Pantry and The Southeastern Louisiana University Foundations Food Pantry.

LEFT: Barbara Mauldin was the guest speaker at Great Southern Club/Rotary Club of Gulfport for Women of Rotary Luncheon.





Rotary Club of Kenner

# In ACTION

## District 6840

Top Left: Kenner Rotary sponsored the Laketown Distance Festival Run Walk on Sunday Dec. 3, 2017 raising money for charity and cooking pancake breakfasts for runners. Cooking the sausage at the road race are Ted Bowden Maureen Matthews, LeslieAnn Cioti and Paul Prokop.



Rotary Club of Kenner

Middle Left - Kenner Rotary's membership chairperson, Theresa Fuqua Liuzza coordinated the Adopt a Grandparent program for the 115 residents of Waldon Healthcare on Dec. 22, 2017. Each resident received a gift bag of spa products to make their holidays brighter.

Left Center: Rotary Club of Edgewater members Daryl Bush, President Steve Theobald, Ernie Chaffin, Sandi Pickard, Joy Goundas, Vicky Gutierrez and Lorraine Santo attended the mid-year check up meeting.



Rotary Club of Edgewater



International  
Inner  
Wheel



Rotary Club of Belle Chasse



Above: InnerWheel Members with Slidell Mayor Freddy Drennan.

Left: Belle Chasse Rotarians Dot Lundin and Denise Buford received their Paul Harris +1 pins for their contributions to the Rotary Foundation.





# Assistant District 6840 Governors

## CORY DUNBAR

Corey serves as **Assistant District Governor for the Bayou Territory (Algiers, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines South, West Bank, and Westwego)** of District 6840. Corey Dunbar has been a member of the Rotary Club of the West Bank (Gretna) since 2006. He is a Past-President (2013-2014) and currently serves as the President of the Club's Foundation Board. Corey attended Tulane University graduating with degrees in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Thereafter, Corey graduated from Tulane Law School. Corey is an attorney with Pivach, Pivach, Hufft, Thrifflay & Dunbar, LLC with a focus on federal and state business litigation and representation of the oyster industry. He is married to Ellen and lives in the Lakeview area of New Orleans with their three kids Cooper (7), Georgia Kate (5), and Tess (4). Corey is also a parishioner at St. Dominic Church where he and Ellen serve on the Family Advisory Board. Corey's favorite Rotary events each year are District Conference Food Fest and the Louisiana SPAC's NOLA on Tap fundraiser. Both events involve a great opportunity to engage in fellowship, while also working alongside fellow Rotarians.



## JOHN OLINDE

John Olinde serves as **Assistant District Governor for the Orleans Territory.**

John grew up in Baton Rouge where his father was an active Rotarian for over fifty years. During high school, he was selected to participate in a Rotary student leadership youth program. He was hooked on the mission of Rotary and its promotion of service above self.



John met his wife Nancy while they were both attending Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. They were married four years later after John graduated from Louisiana State University Law School and Nancy graduated from The Ohio State University. John and Nancy have five children and three grandchildren and eagerly await the birth of a fourth grandchild in late November.

John has an active law practice with the Chaffe McCall firm in New Orleans and served as Managing Partner of the firm from 2012 to 2015. He has held a number of different positions in the New Orleans Downtown Rotary Club, including service committee chair, membership chair, Foundation Giving, President and Board member. He is also active in the community having served on the pastoral council of St. Pius X Church, on several committees of the United Way and on a number of Louisiana State Bar Association committees.

John and Nancy enjoy traveling, working and visiting family and friends. John is an avid sportsman and a diehard fan of LSU, the Saints and the Houston Astros. Golf is another distraction although he needs to spend less time at work and more on the course.

Rotary has been a wonderful ride for John, and he has had the great fortune to serve with many dedicated Rotarians who have made a difference in people's lives all over the world.

## REGINA WEDIG

Regina is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and currently serves as **Assistant Governor for the Tangipahoa Region.** Regina Scotto Wedig, born in Pensacola Florida, received her undergraduate degree in History from Loyola University, New Orleans, her master's degree from Tulane University and her law degree from LSU. Regina and her husband, Eric, Chief Bibliographer for Tulane University's Howard Tilton Library, moved from New Orleans to Amite, Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. She became a member of the Rotary Club of Amite in January of 2008 and has served her club as Secretary, Treasurer, President, Foundation Chair, President of the Amite Rotary Foundation and serves on several other committees. She has been named Club Rotarian of the Year four times. Regina received the District Service Award in 2014-15, the Visionary Leader Award from Rotary District 6840 for 2014-15 and was named a District All-Star for 2016-17. She attended the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans in 2011. Regina is a practicing attorney in Amite and New Orleans, Louisiana, a member of the Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Hammond, Louisiana and spends her free time with her horses and dogs.



## JOYCE SHAW

Joyce M. Shaw, MA, MLIS, is **Assistant District Governor (ADG) for the Beach Territory which consists of three clubs along the Mississippi Gulf Coast--Ocean Springs, Biloxi, and Biloxi-Edgewater.** This is her 7th year to serve as an ADG. In her professional life, Shaw is Head of the



Gunter Library at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL), a professor in University Libraries at The University of Southern Mississippi, and adjunct faculty at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College--Jackson Country campus. She has hosted and coordinated the GCRL Science Cafe, a monthly informal science program, since 2011. In 2012 she co-authored a book with her sister-in-law, Betty Hancock Shaw, entitled "Images of America: Ocean Springs," which is a pictorial history of her adopted town. A 15 year member of the Rotary Club of Ocean Springs, she has served as Newsletter Editor, Community Service Chair, Secretary, and President. Shaw manages the Club's Facebook page, chairs the "Coastal Clean Up" Committee, and generates press releases about Club activities for the local media. In 2006 she was selected as Rotarian of the Year. Shaw is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and donates to the Rotary Foundation as part of Every Rotarian Every Year. She is a 3rd generation Rotarian--her paternal grandfather and father were members of the Rotary Club of Gulfport. For two years she managed Rotary District 6840's charity collection, Shoes for Orphan Souls. In 2017 she chaired the Rotary Club of Ocean Springs' effort to assist the Livingston Parish Library and its employees through the District 6840's Disaster Recovery Grant program for the Baton Rouge area affected by flooding in August 2016. She is a graduate of the charter class (2009-10) of the Rotary Leadership Academy (RLA), served as trainer Gail Kelly's assistant for the 2012-13 RLA class, and is a member of the 2017-18 Rotary Leadership Institute class. Shaw lives in Ocean Springs (MS) with her son Oliver and rescue dog Robear.



# Upcoming Events

Event	Date(s)	Location	City	State
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

**Randy Feldman**

**District Membership Consultant**



Randall Feldman is Past Governor of Rotary District 6840. He has been a member of the Rotary International Communications Committee, was Vice Chair of the Host Organization Committee of the 2011 International Convention in New Orleans, and was President of the Rotary Club of New Orleans. Most recently he led a full day seminar for executive staffs in clubs and districts for Rotary Zones 30 and 31, and put together a Small Club Conclave webinar on membership. He currently is

Membership Consultant for District 6840 and Co-Chair for International Service for his club.

He retired as President & General Manager of WYES in New Orleans in 2012, but continued to serve public television for an additional year or two as Executive Director for Development for READY JET GO!, a U.S. public media STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) initiative intended to be a

three to eight year-old's first introduction to space, earth science and technology. You can see the series and its digital game site on PBS and PBSKids.org.

Mr. Feldman has served on the boards of a variety of organizations including Red Cross, the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and Statewide Bank and was selected as a Young Leadership Council Role Model. He is the recipient of numerous PBS development awards and was the winner of the first 21st Century Award from the Association of Public Television Stations on whose board he also served. He was co-founder of the (public television) Small Station Association. And he has numerous national production credits, including Executive Producer of several PBS specials.

Mr. Feldman is the proud stepfather of four incredible children and is now starting to lose count of all the grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is married to Dr. Madelaine and lives with her without the stepchildren et al in New Orleans.

## 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.

**Rotary**  
District 6840



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