

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

Welcome to 2018 New Year! In our Rotary World this is in reality the start of the second part of our year. If you are like me, the first six months have flown by with numerous successes and accomplishments.

I have visited our forty nine clubs at least once and some satellite clubs. We are in the process of developing a new club, Gulfport Sunrise, and looking at forming additional Interact and Rotaract Clubs. District 6840 has a remarkable team at work from the club level to the District!

My goal is to revisit as many clubs as possible in the next few months. One comment I received many times was "The Governor visits us one time and we don't see him (in my case her!) until District Conference".

Our membership numbers are up. In October District 6840 had the largest number of new members for Zone 31 with 97.17% retention rate. We are monitoring and following up on exit profiles to help relocate members and look at ways to retain our members.

The Matching Points Campaign was a huge success raising an additional \$46,222 for The Rotary Foundation and increasing the number of Paul Harris Fellowships in our District. All contributions have been processed and additional matching points deposited as of yesterday. I will have a final account on new Paul Harris Fellowships and additional Paul Harris Fellowships next month. Please remember to monitor your account and note the recognition points you have available to give to others!

In November I was fortunate to travel with Heart2Heart on a work project to Mexico. There is additional information in this newsletter regarding the trip and opportunities for District and Global Grants. I am honored that I have been appointed to serve on the Advisory Council for Heart2Heart and will be keeping District 6840 informed on progress and future projects. In February, DGE Ken Thompson and PDG Brain Hall will be part of an immunization team traveling to Mexico.

It is time to start making your plans for the Multi-District Conference June 7-10, 2018 in Biloxi! It is going to be an event to remember! District 6840 has a link for registration including Food Fest, Polio Plus Run, Governors Banquet, etc.

Thank you for all your support and I am looking forward to a fabulous next six months!!

DG Kathie Short



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

District Team Training
Saturday, February 17, 2018
First Pentecostal Church, Slidell
Register online at District website
Contact: DGE Ken Thompson
kdtomps461@att.net

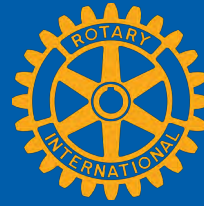
MARCH

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



Mexico Project Visit



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 Fen Swann 2017-2018 Interact District Chair at fenwickaswann@gmail.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
Closest 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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PLANTING TREES IN HAITI!



Jim Roxlo

Your club may be looking for an opportunity to plant trees this year. RIP Riseley's Presidential Citation has a goal related to performing an environmental project, and he has specifically suggested tree planting. Many clubs will choose to have an environmental project in their local community, but if you are looking for something that has international impact, I have an opportunity in Haiti.

The Haiti Reforestation Project (called CODEP in Haiti) is internationally known for very successful reforestation. I have visited them in Haiti where they have successfully planted over 14 million trees in 25 years of operation. This is having a positive impact on water runoff, soil retention and soil fertility. The process they have developed takes 5 years from planting seedlings to having a growing, sustainable forest. It involves education of local people on the value of forest area, hiring local workers to cultivate seedlings and plant them, and protection of the saplings as they grow through the vulnerable stage where they appear to be more valuable as a source of charcoal than as a half-grown forest. 14 million sounds like a lot of trees, but Haiti needs a lot more.

If your district, club, Interact club, or community would like to help, one tree is \$15 and \$25 will support two trees for 5 years. If you want to plant a tree per club member, a 40-person club would cost \$500. This is a very good thing to do for Haiti – it protects their natural resources and involves the rural community in conservation and planning. You can send a check to:

Haiti Reforestation Partnership

PO Box 99165

Raleigh, NC 27624

If you also send an email to me I will make sure you hear about follow-up in Haiti – we have a Rotary team going to Haiti next week and again in the Spring and they will meet with the CODEP team. If you want more information, let me know. I can send you a PowerPoint presentation or answer questions at Jim@roxlo.com.



Heart of America Rotary Zones 30 & 31



The Heart 2 Heart Program is a cooperative effort between Rotarians primarily in the "Heart of America" (Zones 30 and 31) and in the "Heart of Mexico" (District 4170) and The Rotary Foundation to provide humanitarian service, primarily through matching grant projects.

The first cooperative effort was in fall 2004, when all the 2005-06 District Governors in both U.S. zones agreed to support a water well project in a rural town in Mexico District 4170.

District Governors Olga Devlyn (District 4170) and Martin Limbird (District 6560) were the leaders of that cooperative effort, and they were also instrumental in the overall development of the international partnerships and friendships. District 6560 (Indiana) has been the leader of the cooperative efforts since 2005, and that district has done projects with District 4170 every year. Due in large part to the tremendous work and support by Patricia Vela (District 4170 Governor 2015-16) over the past decade and her visit to the U.S., many other U.S. districts have joined in the effort during the past few years, and the Heart 2 Heart program has expanded significantly.

Heart 2 Heart offers two signature projects on a regular basis. Water tank systems for grade schools have increased in support and scope, thanks to the efforts of Jose Antonio Gonzalez. The Holtz-Beahon Kidney Transplant Program has also grown significantly, thanks to the efforts of Ignacio Holtz. The Heart 2 Heart partners also annually support other projects that are developed and proposed by District 4170 Rotarians.

District 4170 is located in the central part of Mexico and includes the Mexico City metropolitan area and several hundred square miles of adjacent rural areas and communities of various sizes. Although the average size of a club in this district is relatively small (under 20), these clubs provide incredible support for their communities, devoting tremendous amount of volunteer time and financial resources toward a wide range of needs. The ongoing efforts of these District 4170 Rotarians continue to inspire U.S. Rotarians who have had the opportunity to see the results of their outstanding work.

As we move forward, an added emphasis is on finding more partners, regardless of location, who want to make a difference. Heart 2 Heart is Rotary partnerships in action!

Rotarians from U.S. districts usually make an annual visit to Mexico. The next regular project visit is scheduled for November 2018.

WHY CLUBS AND DISTRICTS SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEART 2 HEART PROJECTS

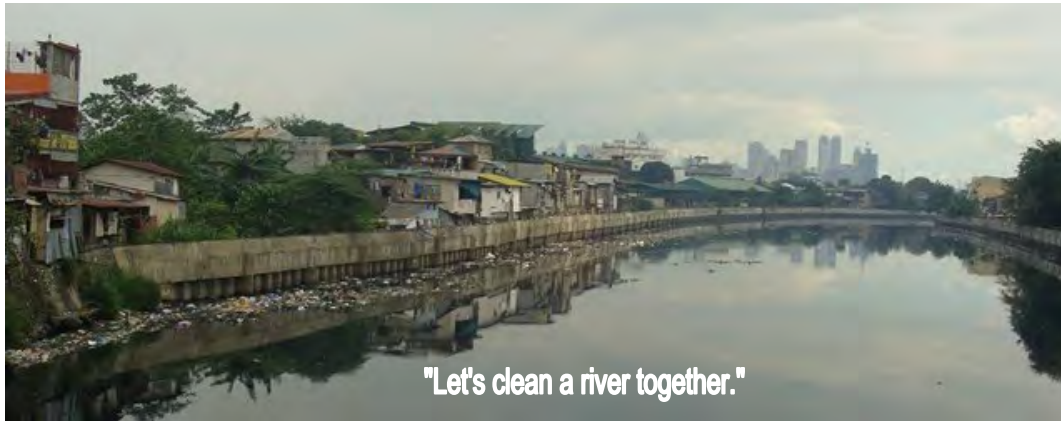
The projects serve people in need.

The projects are designed well and usually completed timely.

Any club or district (or individual) can participate, regardless of size of club or amount of contribution. This is an easy way for clubs (and districts) to get involved internationally.

By working with The Rotary Foundation on matching grants, districts and clubs can multiply their contributions and provide larger projects.

There is no paperwork for the clubs and very little work for a district (except for sponsor clubs and districts). Mexico clubs write the grants.



Heart 2 Heart attempts to offer a variety of projects for clubs and districts to consider, either as a new venture or as a good way to expand international service.

District 4170 is in an area that is easy to visit.

HEART 2 HEART ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In order to establish long term continuity of the program and to collectively work on current and future projects and issues, volunteers from around the country have joined to form the Advisory Committee for the U.S. partners.

The Advisory Committee members are:

D5630 Don Peterson
D6060 Stacey Self
D6080 David Bixler
D6110 Ed Hardesty
D6170 Jennifer Van Houtte and Dennis Cooper
D6190 Jerry Wall
D6200 Richard Churchman
D6460 Steve Hopper
D6490 Larry Howell
D6510 Mike Nowobilski and David Matthews
D6540 Steve Sorenson and Roger Sims
D6560 Tom Dusing, Judy Hagan, Brad Sexauer, and Tim Lee
D6740 John Salyers, James Glass, and Ryan Glass
D6760 Dick Bowers
D6780 Jerry Wear and Ron Appuhn
D6820 Paul Bucurel and Bill Walker
D6840 Kathie Short
D6880 Linda Mong

These members are available as resources for districts, clubs, and individuals.

Please visit the Heart2Heart website <https://www.rizones30-31.org/news/heart-2-heart/> to view detailed information on current projects, future prospective projects and Grant Partnership Opportunities!

Loving my Rotary Service! DG Kathie Short

District 6840 In ACTION

Right: On December 16, Rotary Club of Ocean Springs members and their families and Interact Club members shared the spirit of the holiday season by manning the Salvation Army Red Kettles. Show from left to right are Rotarian Tom Cannan, Rotarian Stephen Deal, volunteer Kylee Cannan, Rotarian Stephen Songe, volunteer Lisa Songe, and Rotarian Chris Duke. This annual community service involved over 20 Rotarians, Interact Club members, friends and family members at the Wal-Mart in Ocean Springs.



Rotary Club of Ocean Springs



Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish



Rotary Club of Edgewater



Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish

Above: Rotary of Edgewater inducted 2 new members. Daryl Bush Charlotte Newman, new members: Chrissy Herring-Cressey and Crystal Wingo and Lori Davis, Above Right: Luling, LA —On Thursday, Dec. 7 St. Charles Parish ushered in the holiday season with the annual Christmas tree lighting. The event, sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish, began with an invocation followed by a flag raising ceremony presented by local Cub Scout troops. Choirs and choruses from local schools sang Christmas carols along with a performance from the Allemands Elementary Cajun Dancers. During the event, the American Red Cross served hot chocolate, while promoting their free smoke detector program. Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish also presented their annual donations to the St. Charles Parish Toy and Gift Fund, United Way of St. Charles, and Polio Plus. "This annual event is a wonderful way to bring our community together to celebrate the holiday season through fellowship and the talent of our youth," Eric Dishongh, president of the Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish, said.



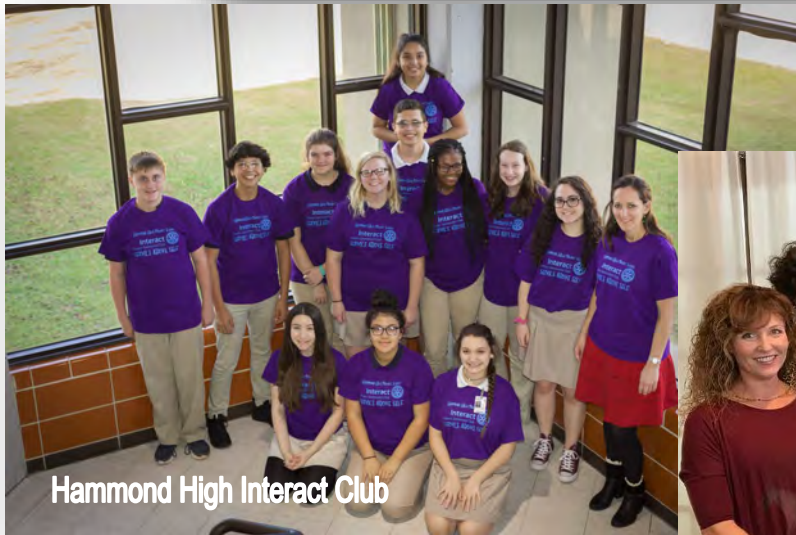
Rotary Club of Edgewater

In ACTION

District 6840

Left: Rotary Club of Edgewater continues a tradition of supporting The Salvation Army during Christmas time by ringing the bell. Club President Steve Theobald and Rotarian Sandi Pickard gather together outside Edgewater Mall in Biloxi.

Middle-Left: Hammond High Magnet Interact Club gathering together with their new t-shirts. They are sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hammond.



Hammond High Interact Club



Rotary Club of Ocean Springs

LEFT: Rotary Club of Hammond hosted their 6th Annual movie night under the stars. Left: Rotarians Christopher Trioiani, David Bradley, Amanda Bennett (and spouse Jo Trioiani) , Rotarian Alexis Ducorbier with the Hammond High Interact Club who volunteered for movie night.

ABOVE: the Rotary Club of Ocean Springs presented the Ocean Springs High School Cross Country with a check for \$1,000. Cross Country Team members lead by Coach Tim Sayers provided their support and help with the Club's annual 5-K Run for Art, Culture, and Education (RACE) which supports local scholarships and charities. Shown accepting the check from left to right: Cross Country Volunteer coordinators Stephanie Chen and Ann Whyte, Coach Tim Sayers, President Henry Furr and Treasurer Amon Holcomb.



Rotary Club of Hammond



Patricia "Tish" McCarthy

Patricia Hayes McCarthy, affectionately known as "Tish," died of Mesothelioma at her home in New Orleans on December 28, 2017. Born on August 16, 1940 in England, Tish was raised in London's Chelsea neighborhood, then a community of writers, painters and greengrocers. Her father, Edwin Hayes, was a barrister and served as a Captain with the Royal Air Force. Her mother, Joyce, was a mezzo soprano and performed with the stage name, "Joyce Linley."

Tish attended Queen's Gate School for Girls with fellow schoolmates Lynn and Vanessa Redgrave; was presented to the Queen, Her Majesty Elizabeth II at age 17; and, studied art at St. Martins School of Art in London. In 1961, Tish moved to New York City to work as a commercial artist for Reader's Digest and lived in Greenwich Village.

In 1963, Tish traveled to New Orleans for Mardi Gras. On February 23, she met the love of her life, Richard "Dick" McCarthy III. As Dick put it, "Tish looked just like Julie Andrews, sang most of *My Fair Lady*, and I was hooked." On June 23, Tish and Dick got engaged at Pat O'Brien's, and on December 23, were married. Together, they raised two children, and four standard poodles.

Tish became famous in New Orleans for her festive, hand-drawn gift enclosure cards that formed the basis of a successful business that is still going strong. For many, a wrapped present is not complete without her "Merry Christmas" card. She used to describe how they become "habit forming." For several years, she assisted renowned illustrator John Chase. Tish was an avid tennis player, founding member of the New Orleans chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire, and past board member of the LA SPCA. In recent years, Tish and Dick spent summers in Cedar Creek/Cashiers, NC devoted to croquet.

Tish was known for her warmth, understated British sense of humor, and the gift of the gab.

Tish is survived by her devoted husband, Dick; son and daughter-in-law, Richard McCarthy IV and Bonnie Goldblum of Brooklyn, NY; daughter and son-in-law, Catherine Linley McCarthy and Robert Craig Sumanis of New York City; granddaughter, Beatrix Jane McCarthy; and in England, brother and sister-in-law Robert Lennard Hayes and Betts Hayes; nieces Sophie Hayes, and Charley Vincent and her husband Matt Vincent and children Ella and Jack.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials to the [Creole Poodle Rescue](#) (P.O. Box 2333, Gonzales, LA 70707) or the [Crescent City Farmers Market](#) (200 Broadway, Suite 107; New Orleans, LA 70118). A gathering of piano music and reminiscing will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the Orleans Club, [5005 St. Charles Avenue](#) at 12noon. Friends may visit at 11:30am or after the program for a reception and light lunch.

Dick & Tish McCarthy Summer address

Box 1007
80 Upper Ridge Road
Cedar Creek Estates
Cashiers, NC 28717
(828) 743-3070
(504) 616-5766 – Mobile
Dick@DickMcCarthy.com

Dick & Tish McCarthy Winter address

1120 Octavia Street
New Orleans, LA 70115
(504) 895-0686
(504) 616-5766 – Mobile
Dick@DickMcCarthy.com

2018 Rotary Multi District Conference

6820 – 6840 – 6860 – 6880



Making a Difference in our World

Beau Rivage Resort

June 7-10, 2018

Would your club or organization like a table at our
House of Friendship?

Cost: \$50 (single table with skirting)

Setup: June 7, 2018 – 5:00p.m. or June 8, 2018 at 7:00a.m.

Take down: Sunday, June 10, 2018 at noon

More Information Contact:

Cree.cantrell@edwardjones.com

(Biloxi Rotary Club)

To register for the conference please visit the conference
website at the District 6840 Club Runner site.



Upcoming Events

Event	Date(s)	Location	City	State
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



Ted Molesworth

Ted Molesworth serves as Assistant District Governor (2017-2020). He is a graduate of Northwood University, Midland, Michigan (1976) BBA. Over the years he served mainly in the heavy/civil construction industry as an owner, an estimator, a project manager and as an inspector. For the past ten years serving as a Code Enforcement Officer, City of Gulfport. He moved with

family to the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 1996 and is the father of two children, grandfather to two grandchildren. Ted has served on the Board of Directors for Save a Life Foundation of the Mississippi Gulf Coast since 2012. He is a Member of First Baptist Church, Long Beach and is also a member of the church choir.

Ted joined Long Beach Rotary in May, 2010. Since then he attended RLI sessions 2010-2011 & 2015-2016 and Session II of 2016-2017. Served as President of the Long Beach Rotary, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. He Attended PETS in 2015, 2016 and 2017. He has attended every District Conference and every District Assembly since 2011. Ted also attended the Rotary International Conventions in New Orleans (2011) and Atlanta (2017) and was named the Long Beach "Rotarian of the Year" 2012-2013.

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.



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