



# DISTRICT 6840 NEWSLETTER



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**March 2018**

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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

I am now in the fourth quarter of my year as District Governor and the excitement continues!

We have added a few events to the Multi-District Conference to be held in Biloxi, June 7-10. Watch for the April

newsletter which will have details on the silent auction/raffle, Polio Plus Fun Run and maybe a few more surprises.

The newsletter this month has an article for the new Matching Points Campaign. This will encourage and assist Rotarians in making their end of the year contributions and bring them closer to their goal of receiving a Paul Harris Fellowship or add additional Paul Harris fellowships to their account. In addition, members are adding monetary donations to the clubs and District 6840 humanitarian funds to complete projects through District Grants and Global Grant opportunities. This campaign allows Rotarians to designate Polio Plus or Annual Fund Share to receive additional matching points-adding to their Paul Harris account!

Facilitator Training is set for Saturday, March 24, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. at the First Pentecostal Church, Slidell and information can be found in this newsletter or on the District 6840 website. There is no fee for this training, but you must register so we can provide lunch for this working session.

I have started my schedule of second club visits and this time I did purchase a language course on CD and will hopefully be proficient in a foreign during the next three months. In regard to second club visits, please read the schedules in the newsletter and understand I am visiting to share great fellowship in your club. If your club has a speaker planned that day I will enjoy the presentation and ask that I be given 10 minutes to give a short address to the club. If you do not have a speaker and would like me to speak to your club, I will be happy to do that. Please let me know a week ahead so I can be prepared to address the club. Schedules will also be posted on our Rotary District 6840 website.

March 7-10, we will be in Natchez for our Multidistrict PETS, training our incoming club president, presidents elect, president nominees and assistant governors for 2018-2019 when DGE Ken Thompson will be leading our District 6840. Great team in place! I can't thank enough of my team this year that has been so supportive and worked so hard to make this a great year!

It's always a good day to be a Rotarian!

*DG Kathie Short*



### Calendar of Events

March 9-10  
PETS\*, Natchez Convention Center

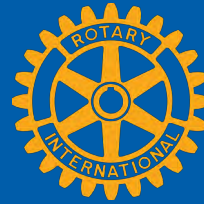
\*Note that President-Elect Training Seminars (PETS) is required for all incoming club presidents. Your dues cover the cost of two Rotarians, so encourage your presidents-nominee to attend as well. We have special programs for both groups, as well as for assistant governors. Click on the link below to register:  
<https://secure.systememerge.com/view-1049934957.html>

March 24 Facilitators Training  
First Pentecostal church, Slidell

June 7-10 Multi-District Conference  
Biloxi, MS

July 15-20 RYLA Conference  
Loranger, LA

# District Governor Kathie Short Club Visit Schedule



10-Jan-18 Algiers	7:30 AM Wednesday	Bayou	Algiers	Wednesday	7:30 AM	10-Jan-18 Bayou
20-Feb-18 Westbank Gretna	12:00 PM Tuesday	Bayou	Amite	Tuesday	11:45 AM	10-Apr Tangi
28-Feb-18 Bay St. Louis	12:00 PM Wednesday	BayPass	Bay St. Louis	Wednesday	12:00 PM	28-Feb-18 Bay Pass
12-Mar-18 Carrollton	12:00 PM Monday	Orleans	Belle Chasse	Monday	12:15 PM	16-Apr-18 Bayou
13-Mar-18 Covington	12:00 PM Tuesday	Lake	Biloxi	Tuesday	12:00 PM	20-Mar-18 Beach
13-Mar-18 Long Beach	6:00 PM Tuesday	Gulf	Bogalusa	Tuesday	12:15 PM	3-Apr-18 Lake
14-Mar-18 Edgewater	12:00 PM Wednesday	Beach	Carrollton	Monday	12:00 PM	12-Mar-18 Orleans
14-Mar-18 MidCity	6:00 PM Wednesday	Orleans	Central Hancock	Thursday	6:00 PM	15-Mar-18 Bay Pass
15-Mar-18 Moss Point	7:00 AM Thursday	East Coast	Columbia	Tuesday	12:00 PM	27-Mar-18 Heartland
15-Mar-18 Gautier	12:00 PM Thursday	East Coast	Covington	Tuesday	12:00 PM	13-Mar-18 Lake
15-Mar-18 Central Hancock	6:00 PM Thursday	BayPass	Edgewater	Wednesday	12:00 PM	14-Mar-18 Beach
16-Mar-18 Slidell	12:00 PM Friday	Lake	Franklinton	Thursday	12:00 PM	22-Mar-18 Tangi
19-Mar-18 Lucedale	12:00 PM Monday	East Coast	Gautier	Thursday	12:00 PM	15-Mar-18 East Coast
20-Mar-18 Biloxi	12:00 PM Tuesday	Beach	Gulfport	Thursday	12:00 PM	29-Mar-18 Gulf
21-Mar-18 Ocean Springs	12:00 PM Wednesday	Beach	Gulfport-Orange Grove	Monday	12:00 PM	26-Mar-18 Gulf
21-Mar-18 Kenner	6:00 PM Wednesday	Ponchatrain	Hammond	Wednesday	12:00 PM	4-Apr-18 Tangi
22-Mar-18 Franklinton	12:00 PM Thursday	Tangi	Hammond-Ponchatoula	Tuesday	7:30 AM	24-Apr-18 Tangi
26-Mar-18 Gulfport-Orange Grove	12:00 PM Monday	Gulf	Hattiesburg	Tuesday	12:00 PM	17-Apr-18 Hub
26-Mar-18 Summit	6:00 PM Monday	Heartland	Hattiesburg Sunrisers	Wednesday	7:00 AM	18-Apr-18 Hub
27-Mar-18 Columbia	12:00 PM Tuesday	Heartland	Kenner	Wednesday	6:00 PM	21-Mar-18 Ponchatrain
27-Mar-18 New Orleans Riverbend	6:00 PM Tuesday	Orleans	Kentwood	Thursday	12:00 PM	10-May-18 Tangi
28-Mar-18 McComb	12:00 PM Wednesday	Heartland	LaPlace	Tuesday	12:00 PM	1-May-18 Ponchatrain
29-Mar-18 Gulfport	12:00 PM Thursday	Gulf	Long Beach	Tuesday	6:00 PM	13-Mar-18 Gulf
2-Apr-18 Westwego	12:00 PM Wednesday	Bayou	Lucedale	Monday	12:00 PM	19-Mar-18 East Coast
3-Apr-18 Bogalusa	12:15 PM Tuesday	Lake	McComb	Wednesday	12:00 PM	28-Mar-18 Heartland
4-Apr-18 Hammond	12:00 PM Wednesday	Tangi	Metairie	Thursday	12:00 PM	5-Apr-18 Ponchatrain
5-Apr-18 Metairie Sunrise	7:00 AM Thursday	Ponchatrain	Metairie Sunrise	Thursday	7:00 AM	5-Apr-18 Ponchatrain
5-Apr-18 Metairie	12:00 PM Thursday	Ponchatrain	Mid City	Wednesday	6:00 PM	14-Mar-18 Orleans
9-Apr-18 Petal	12:00 PM Monday	Hub	Moss Point	Thursday	7:00 AM	15-Mar-18 East Coast
10-Apr-18 Amite	11:45AM Tuesday	Tangi	New Orleans	Wednesday	12:12 PM	2-May-18 Orleans
11-Apr-18 Richton	12:00PM Wednesday	Hub	New Orleans Riverbend	Tuesday	6:00 PM	27-Mar-18 Orleans
12-Apr-18 Ponchatoula	12:00PM Thursday	Tangi	Northlake-Mandeville	Thursday	12:00 PM	26-Apr-18 Lake
16-Apr-18 Belle Chasse	12:00 PM Monday	Bayou	Ocean Springs	Wednesday	12:00 PM	21-Mar-18 Beach
17-Apr-18 Slidell Northshore	7:30 AM Tuesday	Lake	Pascagoula	Wednesday	12:00 PM	9-May-18 East Coast
17-Apr-18 Hattiesburg	12:00 PM Tuesday	Hub	Pass Christian	Tuesday	12:15 PM	15-May-18 Bay Pass
18-Apr-18 Hattiesburg Sunrisers	7:00 AM Wednesday	Hub	Petal	Monday	12:00 PM	9-Apr-18 Hub
18-Apr-18 Poplarville	12:00 PM Wednesday	Hub	Picayune	Tuesday	12:00 PM	8-May-18 Bay Pass
19-Apr-18 Tylertown	12:00 PM Thursday	Heartland	Plaquemines Parish	Tuesday	5:30 PM	8-May-18 Bayou
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26-Apr-18 Northlake Mandeville	12:00 PM Thursday	Lake	Slidell	Friday	12:00 PM	16-Mar-18 Lake
1-May-18 LaPlace	12:00 PM Tuesday	Ponchatrain	Slidell Northshore	Tuesday	7:30 AM	17-Apr-18 Lake
2-May-18 New Orleans	12:12 PM Wednesday	Orleans	St Bernard	Thursday	12:00 PM	3-May-18 Orleans
3-May-18 St Bernard	12:00 PM Thursday	Orleans	St Charles	Wednesday	12:00 PM	25-Apr-18 Ponchatrain
8-May-18 Picayune	12:00 PM Tuesday	BayPass	Summit	Monday	6:00 PM	26-Mar-18 Heartland
8-May-18 Plaquemines Parish	5:30 PM Tuesday	Bayou	Tylertown	Thursday	12:00 PM	19-Apr-18 Heartland
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15-May-18 Pass Christian	12:00 PM Tuesday	Gulf				



# District Governor Kathie Short



RIGHT: Rotary Club of Westbank Gretna presenting a check for \$2,600 to be contributed to Polio Plus! President Elect Kristin Tulli, District 6840 Polio Plus Chair Childs Sunbar, DG Kathie G. Short, Assistant Governor Corey Dunbar, Club President Buddy Henricks. BELOW: Jane Alford, Artist Emile Henrique, Margie Jones, Gill Broadway, Sue Robinson, Vicky Magas work with Artist Emile Henrique with InnerWheel USA.



Clockwise from left: Slidell Mayor Freddy Drennan presents a community service citation to Innerwheel members Linda Bankston, Carol Neff, Joann Gay, Jane Alford, Nancy O'Bryan, Vicky Magas, DG Kathie Short.





## Matching Points Spring Campaign!

**March 10-May 15, 2018**

District 6840 Fall Matching Points campaign was a huge success with over \$45,000 in donations to The Rotary Foundation and over 200 new or additional Paul Harris Fellowships awarded.

Through the generosity of two Past District Governor from District 6840, **PDG Subbash Kulkarni (2001-2002)** and **PDG Jerry Fortino (2006-2007)** we are now announcing a Spring Campaign with matching points for every donation of \$100.00 or more until the total of 50,000 points is depleted.

Donations can be designated in two ways:

Polio Plus which will be matched to that Rotary International Program by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  
\$2.00 additional for each \$1.00 contributed

Annual Fund Share which 50% of donations given by District 6840 Rotarians will return 50% in three years to be used for Grants.

Either donation will be matched with points

\$100.00 = 100 recognition points awarded (can be given to another Rotarian or other person you designate)	+	100 points given from the campaign (added to your personal Paul Harris fund)
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This is a great opportunity to complete a Paul Harris or add another! Double up on your points!

A few simple guidelines:

Donations must be additional contributions; automatic Rotary Direct funds are not recognized.

Donations must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2018 in order for us to properly credit your account for 2017-2018.

Funds can be made by personal check, company check or Club check made out to The Rotary Foundation. Please designate which fund (Polio Plus or Annual Fund Share)

Mail contributions to: **DG Kathie G. Short P.O. Box 997 Gulfport, MS 39502-0997**

Thank you for your continued support of Rotary International and District 6840!

DG 2017-2018 Kathie G. Short

*Kathie*

Rotarian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the points credited to myself \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to award points to another person \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person to receive points \_\_\_\_\_





# Making A Difference: Rotary Club of Slidell and District 6840

Ken Thompson

51 Rotarians from California, Arizona, Louisiana, and Alabama traveled by bus to Caborca, Mexico, to immunize about 250 children against polio. A group from Ontario, Canada, also joined us. A hat was passed to raise \$11,000 for the Caborca Children's Medical Fund. The Caborca Rotary Club rolled out the \$80,000 Medical/Dental Van that was funded by a Global Grant. District 6840 and the Rotary Club of Slidell were sponsors of that grant.



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**





**Friday June 8, 2018 4:30 p.m.**

***History will be made in June as four Rotary districts gather on the Mississippi Gulf Coast!***

## **MULTIDISTRICT CONFERENCE**

**June 7-10, 2018**

Join us in **"Making a Difference.... in our World"** by participating in a Polio Plus 5k Walk-Run across the Biloxi-Ocean Springs Bridge.

This event will be held **Friday afternoon at 4:30** right before the wonderful Rotary Food Fest. Since the Food Fest is located Point Cadet Plaza at the foot of the Biloxi Bridge, just put on your tennis shoes and enjoy a beautiful walk across the picturesque bridge.

**Gini Fellows**, who just completed the Ironman Challenge in Kona will be kicking off the start of our Fun Walk/Run! See her profile on Facebook.

We will walk across the bridge and back which is roughly 3.1 miles. Parking is available at the Golden Nugget Casino and there will be a water station on the Ocean Springs bridge side. Walkers will be back in time to enjoy the food fest which starts at 6:00 p.m.

The **cost for the walk/run is \$33.00** (original "ask" for Polio) and the proceeds will go to the Polio Plus campaign.

Each walker will receive a commemorative t-shirt with the conference logo.

## **REGISTRATION**

Please register on line on the District 6840 website which has a link to the District Conference. There will be a registration booth at the conference until 2:00 on Friday where you can pick up your t-shirt and late registration at the Golden Nugget parking lot the day of the Fun Run/Walk on Friday from 4:00-4:30.

We encourage you to pre-register in order to receive the correct t-shirt size. Extra may be available but no guarantee!

Profit proceeds will go to Rotary International-Polio Plus and matched by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation \$2.00 for every \$1.00 contributed.

This event is **open to everyone** so invite your running /walking friends (or people who want to support our cause and get a t-shirt!) and let them experience Rotary Fellowship! Potential Rotarians!

Dave Vincent , Chairman  
Rotary Club of Gulfport  
[Tourswithdave@gmail.com](mailto:Tourswithdave@gmail.com)

Mike Streiff, Chairman  
Rotary Club of Ocean Springs  
[Mike.Streiff@bxs.com](mailto:Mike.Streiff@bxs.com)



# Multi-District Conference

## June 7-10, 2018



Vicky Gutierrez

Do you have a project, event, or organization you would like to promote at the District Conference? Why not sign up for a table at the House of Friendship? Registration forms on the Conference website, or, contact Cree Cantrell @ [cree.cantrell@edwardjones.com](mailto:cree.cantrell@edwardjones.com)

Would you like to participate in our Conference Hands on Project? We plan on filling goody bags for needy women and children who have been displaced. Or, would you like to fill seed pods to help the environment? Contact Kathie Short @ [kathieghshortrotary6840@gmail.com](mailto:kathieghshortrotary6840@gmail.com) for more info on the seed pods and Vicky Gutierrez @ [vickygutz6840@cableone.net](mailto:vickygutz6840@cableone.net) for more information on the goody bags.

Did you hear about the table decorating contest at the Food Fest? Trophies awarded to first, second, and third place. For more information go to the conference website, or, contact Vicky Gutierrez, Conference Chair, vice chair.

### ATTENTION ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

Reminder – All club presidents and secretaries were sent a video on the district conference via email at the end of January. We ask that you show this to your club members as soon as possible. Thank you for all you do for Rotary!



## Reserve Your Room ASAP!

Anyone wishing to stay at the Beau Rivage for the District Conference in June should consider making their room reservations now.

We only have a limited number of rooms blocked at \$149 for Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, and \$199 for Friday and Saturday. Rooms are going for \$349 outside of our Rotary block. When the block is gone the higher price will prevail.



Mike Sigler, RYLA Chair

RYLA 2018 will be held from Sunday, July 15 through Friday, July 20 at the Solomon Conference Center in Loranger, LA. To start the process now, the student applications and the instructions can be printed from our website [www.RYLA6840.com](http://www.RYLA6840.com)

To remind you of some key points:

- \* This is the 26th consecutive year District 6840 has held this RYLA camp.
- \* Students selected by your club must currently be Juniors in high school going into their Senior year.
- \* Family members of Rotarians are definitely eligible to attend.
- \* The tuition to attend should be paid by the clubs. The tuition is \$ 550 per student.
- \* Students are required to attend all days of the camp.
- \* Clubs are encouraged to select an alternate in case selected students have to drop out. Once June 1 comes around we have to guarantee final numbers to the host facility. Therefore, refunds are not possible.





RIGHT: Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis recently hosted 12 Rotary Friendship Exchange “Kiwi’s” from New Zealand. They each spoke at our weekly meeting and discussed a little about where they were from. The Kiwi’s got to experience everything wonderful about the Gulf Coast and then some. We were so thankful for the opportunity and look forward to hearing from them soon.



LEFT: Rotary Club of Edgewater hosted another Club Evening Meeting (CEM) at Jezzepi's



ABOVE: The Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis hosted their annual Chili Cook-Off this past January. With over 20 teams, we were able to bring in over \$8700 to help with service projects throughout the community. As always, it was a huge success and we appreciate everyone who turned out to support it. ABOVE INSET: Rotarian Lorraine Santo and Club President/Deputy Governor Steve Howard picking up trees for Ian's Plant a Tree Project.



# District 6840 In ACTION

RIGHT: The Feb. 8 meeting of the Rotary Club of Metairie was joined by 11 Rotarians from District 9930, located on the North Island of New Zealand. The Rotarians from New Zealand were spending a week in SE Louisiana and SE Mississippi, Rotary District 6840, as part of a Friendship Exchange. Rotarians from this area will visit New Zealand in April to complete the 4th such exchange involving District 6840 and other districts from many parts of the globe. During the trips the visitors and hosts exchange information about their homelands. The New Zealanders said the food they enjoyed in New Orleans was like nothing they'd eaten in the past. Pictured: L-R Front Row: New Zealanders, Kae Petch, Elizabeth Wright, and Ian Mayne. Middle Row: New Zealanders, Aloma Parker, Kerry Johnstone, and Kim Mayne, and Metairie Rotarian, Karen Babin. Back Row: Rotary Club of Metairie President, Jim Folse, New Zealanders, Ivan Petch, Louise Cullen, Richard Johnstone, David Sewell and Chris Wallis.



Rotary Club of Metairie



Rotary Club of Poplarville

MIDDLE RIGHT: The Rotary Club of Poplarville made a donation of eyeglasses, socks, and underwear to the Poplarville Lower Elementary school. The club partnered with the Poplarville Eye Clinic to provide students with vouchers for eyeglasses and/or eye screenings. The vouchers will be used for students that do not have Medicaid or other insurance but truly need glasses to be successful in the classroom.

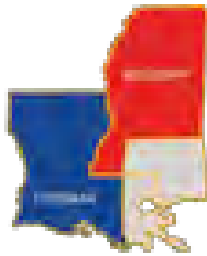
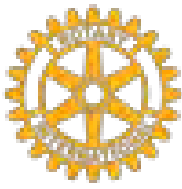


Rotary Club of Ocean Springs

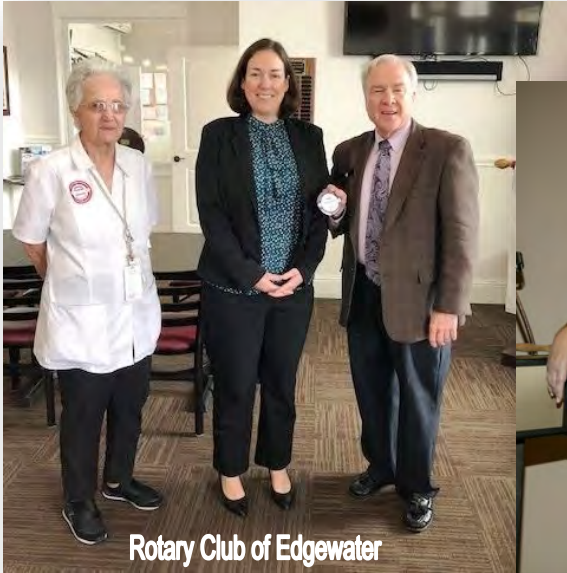
Rotarians in the picture include: John Grant, Becky Askew, Karla Lee, Irene Schulz, Clyde Dease, Tara Rouse, Randy Morris, Carolyn Tedford, and Linda Hawkins.

ABOVE: On Wednesday, February 14, Ocean Springs Rotary celebrated and honored women members, past and present, at its weekly meeting. Part of the program included recognizing the Ocean Springs Rotarian women who have served as president of the Club and presenting each woman member with a special recognition pin. Moss Point Rotarian Dorothy Shaw spoke to the members and guests about her experience as one of the first women to join a Rotary Club on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.





Top Left: Sponsoring Rotarian Lorraine Santo assist inducting new member Anna Sukmann with club president Steve Theobald.



Rotary Club of Edgewater



Rotary Club of Metairie



Rotary Club of Central Hancock



Rotary Club of Belle Chasse

ABOVE: Central Hancock hosted the first "Coffee with a Cop" in Diamondhead on February 8, 2018. The purpose of the event was to improve the trust and relationship of the police officers and residents. The men and women in blue mingled with the crowd and guest speakers; Sheriff Ricky Adam, Captain John Luther, Judge Hayes Johnson, Jr. and City Prosecutor Derick Cusick spoke about crime, domestic violence, municipal court and the interlocal agreement between the sheriff's office and the City.

ABOVE: The Rotary Club of Metairie, recently welcomed three high school-aged students from the Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy (LAVCA). The students described the process of learning high school subjects on line and their efforts to start an Interact club with other students of LAVCA. Interact clubs are service clubs for 12-18 year olds that are self governing while guided and sponsored by individual Rotary clubs. The LAVCA Interact club will be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Metairie. Pictured: (L-R) Rotarian, Dr. Lou Mancuso, students Shelby Briones, Katelyn Wichers, and Emmah Crass

LEFT: Belle Chasse Rotary Bill Bubrig welcomes newest member, attorney, Danielle Phillips





# Upcoming Events

Event	Date(s)	Location	City	State
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



## Deputy Governor Louisiana/Mississippi 2017-2018



### Stephen Howard

Stephen H. Howard, a member of The Rotary Club of Gulfport-Orange Grove, Gulfport, Mississippi, currently serves Rotary District 6840 as Deputy Governor of Louisiana and Mississippi leading and training the 11 District Assistant Governors. He also serves the District as Grant Chair and is the District 6840 Multi-District Conference Treasurer for 2018.

He resides in Gulfport, Mississippi with past residences in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Texas.

Howard retired early from Sears/Kmart Holding Company after a career of 38 years in retail management. Upon retirement he formed MJS International Consulting, LLC which specializes in project development and management for foundations and non-profits based in New York and Washington, D.C. His work has allowed him to travel extensively in the states and to over 35 countries around the world including many third world countries specializing in projects that are socially equitable and environmentally sustainable, and the development of strategic partnerships with donors and expansion of fund raising initiative. His work has included associations with Rotary International, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Psycho Trauma Institute of the Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem, Israel, and many others. He has worked extensively developing grants to treat trauma in children created by natural disasters, wars, and civil unrest.

He has been a Rotarian since 1988 serving his club in multiple positions including President in 1996-98 and in 2017-18; served as Assistant Governor for six years starting when the position was created as the first ADG of the BayPass Territory, District Grant Chair, Grant Chair, Deputy of

Governor, and is Conference Chair Treasurer for 2018. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Major Donor, Benefactor and a member of the Paul Harris Society. He has also served on multiple committees for Rotary International and attended 8 International Conventions. He is a past recipient of the District Rotarian of the Year Award.

Howard has been active in the local community having served as Past Chairman of the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, the Orange Grove Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President of the Mississippi Coast Chamber, and Chairman of The March of Dimes of South Mississippi, and Chaired the March of Dimes WalkAmerica event for many years. He is an active member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Gulfport, Mississippi, and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and an elder. He has served on a multitude of other boards of non-profits along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, including the United Way of South Mississippi. Quite simply he believes it is important to give back to his community.

Howard has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Millikin University in Decatur Illinois, a Master of Arts degree from University of Missouri at Kansas City, and did his doctoral studies at University of Iowa and Indiana University. He is a published author of many articles in scientific journals and wrote a local column for many years in a local newspaper.

His Rotary "AHA Moment" was his first trip to Ghana, Africa to inoculate children with the Polio vaccine. It has been repeated several times.

As a note: Steve also holds the distinguished title "Keeper of the District Governor-Kathie G. Short"

## 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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