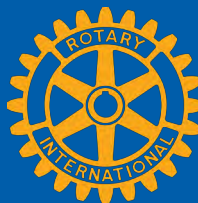


DISTRICT 6840 NEWSLETTER

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DONATE ONLINE!

The Rotary District 6840 Foundation is now accepting online donations for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. All donations made via the online portal (net of transaction fees) will be sent directly to assist in Houston. Thank you for supporting the relief efforts! <https://rotary-district-6840-foundation-inc.secured.atpay.com/campaign/hurricane-harvey-relief>



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

It has been quite a busy four months experiencing 49 club visits, Zone in Springfield, District Conference 2018 planning meetings and much more.

I have enjoyed the fellowship from the clubs and the opportunity to learn more of their uniqueness. Our District can be proud of our clubs, Interact, Rotaract and satellite clubs and the amazing projects they do.

Rotary International offers continual education for members in this ever changing world we live in and I strongly encourage members to attend Rotary Leadership Institute to learn more about the basics of Rotary. Our yearly PETS (President Elect Training) held in March provides extensive training for President Elects and President Nominees but we also offer Rotary Leadership Institute for all members. Whether you are in a leadership role, plan to be in a leadership position or want to be a well informed member of your Rotary club...this is the place to go! The next session will be held November 18th in Slidell and information is on the District website.

Our Matching Points Campaign has been quite successful and at this time we have donations of over \$36,000! These donations are being recorded next week and will be applied to the donor's Paul Harris Fellowship or to a person that is designated.

Next month we will start highlighting members of the District Leadership Team so you can see the person behind the name in the directory.

I truly appreciate all the support I have received from the club visits and my great team who keeps me on track!

DG Kathie Short



Calendar of Events

November 2017

18 Rotary Leadership Institute, Slidell
25 District Newsletter Article Due
30 Monthly attendance report due to District Secretary, Sandi Pickard

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
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



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Jane Alford Receives Prestigious RI Spouse Award



ABOVE: The Alford Family was present for the RI Spouse Award for Jane Alford. (L-R) Brother (Bud), sister-in-law (Carroll), husband (Neil), Jane and daughter (Lydia).

Lydia Alford

Jane Alford was awarded a 2016-17 Rotarian Spouse award, one of only 100 awarded by Rotary International worldwide. Jane is the spouse of PDG Neil Alford, member of the Rotary Club of Slidell Northshore. She routinely visits the club and is affectionately known as "Lady Jane".

The award is based solely on humanitarian service rendered through Rotary, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others. Patti Necaise, spouse of PDG Ace Necaise, was the first recipient of the award for Rotary year 2015-16.

Jane was the creator of PDG Neil's 2005-06 districtwide service project, "Bear and a Book in a Bag." With a bear from her personal collection and a Rotary bag provided by the district, each club was encouraged to add a book. Elementary school students then took turns bringing the "Bear, book and bag" home to read with a family member. Jane received numerous positive club reports on the project in the years that followed.

For the last 20 years, Jane has volunteered in various positions, including on the Midnight cleanup crew, at the Slidell Heritage Festival sponsored by the two Slidell clubs. She also helps prepare the gumbo entry for the RC of Slidell Northshore for a local gumbo cook-off that supports the local theater and a women's construction organization. At the time of the application, Jane had served twice as president of the Inner Wheel Club of Slidell, an organization of Rotarian spouses and partners; she is currently serving for a third time. For about 10 years, Jane participated in the dictionary project sponsored by the RC of Slidell Northshore.

Jane has participated in District activities too. She and Neil hosted GSE Teams in Slidell every year of the 15 years the teams visited Slidell. She even organized vocational excursions for those that she hosted. The two Slidell Rotary Clubs and the Inner Wheel club jointly sponsored a Halloween party for the Friends Forever participants and Jane was there every year to help plan and participate in the trick or treating and/or party. Finally, Hurricane Katrina hit during Neil's year as District Governor; Jane traveled with him to many areas affected by the storm.



Rotary Friendship Exchange New Mexico, September 2018!

Karen Babin

A Rotary Friendship Exchange visit to **New Mexico** is available for 8-10 days in the latter part of September, 2018, for a maximum of 10-12 visitors! Santa Fe will be "home base" with day trips to Taos, Los Alamos, Albuquerque, some Native American villages, and other fascinating destinations.

The plans are basically home-stays with Rotarians, "Bed & Breakfast style." Local Rotarians will provide transportation. Visitors are responsible for their personal expenses, admissions to museums, etc., Rotary meeting meals, and meals on their own.

It is a great opportunity to make new Rotary friends and enjoy special features and events known only to the folks who live there! Rotarians interested in this trip, PLEASE get in touch!

Karen Babin, 2017-2018 Friendship Exchange Coordinator ksbabin@gmail.com

504-875-4342, 518-588-9096 (mobile)



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

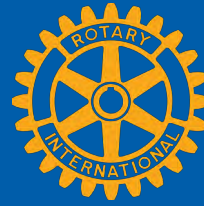
Mulligans will be available for \$5 each, max. of 4 per golfer

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Vicky Gutierrez vickyg@cablone.net

District Governor Kathie Short-Club Visits



October 2017 Visits





Elizabeth Van Sant

Advice from our current students on WHY every Rotarian should be actively identifying students and cultivating students to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange:

FROM IIDA:

My name is Iida Hänninen and I'm from Finland. Now I live in Slidell, Louisiana. Every week at least once I run into the question "Why did you want to be an exchange student?". Even though I have been asked this question so many times in here and before I left from Finland, I still have problems with answering to that. It is because I don't have one exact reason. I wanted to learn better English, see what it is like to attend an American high school and what life is in America. I wanted to get new friends, learn more about other people and cultures and teach people about my home country. I think we should encourage students to apply to be Rotary Youth Exchange Student because this program teaches everybody who is somehow involved with an exchange student. Even though you won't be able to see what the life is where an exchange student go I bet she or he can teach you so much after the year of exchange. Rotary Youth Exchange program is learning, teaching and making the world better. If everybody could be a part of this program people would understand others much better and we could resolve many of the problems which different communities face because of not understanding each other. This exchange program is an amazing opportunity to students to get new friends from all around the world and experience so many unbelievable things.

FROM ARMAND:

Hello! I am Armand, from France and this year I am living in Luling, LA and studying at Hahnville High School. My host club is the Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish. Rotarians should encourage students to be a Rotary Youth Exchange Student because students here don't know what cultures there are in another country, this is why a student learn about "his new culture" in immersion in another country. It's a lot of learning and we have to do "Service Above Self" with Rotarians. I was inspired by this program because I see my brother do the same thing and I saw the program change my brother. I think this program will give me a lot of maturity and help me to "grow up". This program is just a year but you will have a memories for a life.

NEW in Summer, 2018, District 6840 will have a Short Term Youth Exchange Program.

This program is open to all teenagers in D6840 between the ages of 15 and 18 (must be 15 by May 1, 2018 and still 18 by August 1, 2018).

E-mail RYE6840@gmail.com for the application.

Application is due November 3rd to a Rotary Club of D6840.

Interviews are mandatory and will be held on Saturday, December 2 in Slidell.

This is a family-to-family reciprocal exchange program administered by the Rotary Youth Exchange Committee of D6840.



Above: Sofya (Russia -- Bay St. Louis), Iida (Finland -- Slidell/Slidell Northshore), and Armand (France - St. Charles Parish)

Cost of the program \$500 (includes insurance and training). \$250 due with the application and \$250 due on January 31, 2018 after country selection is complete. No refunds will be issued for students who decide not to participate after January 31.

General program requirements:

Students must be willing to promote the Objects of Rotary and serve as Rotary Goodwill Ambassadors.

Students and families must attend all required training prior to departure.

Students DO NOT need to be from Rotary families, but Rotary families are encouraged to apply.

Students will spend 4 weeks in another country AND host a student for 4 weeks at their home.

Families must agree to a Criminal Background Check AND agree to training in Rotary Youth Protection and the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

Families must participate in a District hosting event in July.

Country selection will be made by the RYE Committee in consultation with the student applicant.

Families of students who participate MUST be willing to host and meet the guidelines and program requirements.*

Selected students must apply for a passport no later than January 31, 2018 and cover all costs of same.

Travel costs are the responsibility of the student/family.

* on a case-by-case basis, if the student is a member of an Interact Club, and in concert with the sponsoring Rotary Club of the Interact Club, the hosting requirement may be waived

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE FULL 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR. The application for the Long Term Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship can be found at RYE6840.org

For more information, please contact RYE6840@gmail.com or reach out to any member of the Rotary Youth Exchange Committee. We are always interested in presenting to your club! Please reach out to us to speak soon during the open application period.

If your Club is interested in hosting a student in the 2018-2019 school year, please contact the RYE Committee for information on how to begin the process. Rotary Youth Exchange is a critical component of Rotary's Object of promoting International Peace, Goodwill, and Friendship. Join us in creating more opportunities for your club and your community! Please invite our students to your club's next service project! They are young and strong and fantastic company!

District 6840 In ACTION

Top Right: The Rotary Club of New Orleans held a Gala to celebrate the Tri-Centennial Anniversary of the city of New Orleans on October 21, 2017. Entertainment was provided by Kermit Ruffins and the Barbeque Swingers, and the event was catered by Chef Nathaniel Zimet from Boucherie Restaurant, Winner of "Chopped" competition. The Rotary Club of New Orleans Donated \$20,000 towards the renovation of Gallier Hall as a gift to the City of new Orleans. After its dedication in 1853, Gallier Hall remained the City Hall for New Orleans for just over 100 years. Included in the renovations is the restoration of the Ty Tracy Theatre and Lobby, which are used by New Orleans area students. Ellis Marsalis was honored for his inspiration, mentorship, and dedication to the youth of New Orleans.

Right: Hammond Rotary Club collected cleaning supplies, personal and household items for Harvey hurricane victims. Jamene Dahmer, Senior VP of Long Term Recovery United Way, arranged for a truck to deliver the donations in Vidor, Texas. This location is a staging distribution center for families recovery from the floods.



Above: The Rotary Club of LaPlace kicked off the tenth year of the Project entitled "Fourth Graders Meet the American Flag" with a presentation to the Fourth Grade at Garyville Magnet School in LaPlace on October 4, 2017. This project, presented by Rotarians as a skit, teaches fourth graders about the history of the American Flag. Also covered is how to display the flag and how to pay respect to the flag. Students earn a flag pin at the end of the presentation by answering questions about what was presented. The flag presentation is given to all twelve elementary schools in St John Parish each year. The Rotary Club of LaPlace also presents a new American flag to each school for their flagpole at the end of each presentation. In 2016-2017 this project involved about 80 person hours and involved about half of the club members. Pictured above are the Garyville Elementary fourth graders. Rotarians in the back row were Lucien Gauff, Mike Tregre, Eliana DeFrancesch, Cheryl Millet, Mary Lynn Allmont, and Betty Martin. Assistant Principle Gillian King-Hughes is shown holding the new flag presented to the school.

In ACTION

District 6840



Rotary Club of Kenner

Left: Paul Prokop, Joyce Blunt, Anhtu Bui, Marsha Bode, Janine Holmes, John Parr, Dave Gilmore. The Kenner Rotary Club continued its support of GT Woods Elementary School by delivering over one thousand dollars of school supplies on August 9th, the day before the start of this new school year. Earlier this year, Kenner Rotary presented GT Woods Principal, Janine Holmes, with a \$500 check to be used for school related necessities. With respect to today's donation, Dave Gilmore, Kenner Rotary Vice-President stated, "We understand that many families and schools struggle with the cost of school supplies. We are happy to assist GT Woods by donating school supplies to help the young children of our community have every opportunity for success." Kenner Rotarians raised the funds and purchased the school supplies in bulk; everything from paper towels, tissue, notebooks, pens, crayons, markers, loose leaf paper, printer paper and of course those trusty #2 pencils. Rotary members provided the manpower to load the pallets of supplies onto the delivery truck, unload, and set up the stock pile of goods



Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

Above: The Rotary Club of Hattiesburg participated in the third annual Project Homeless Connect on October 23rd at the Jackie Dole Sherrill Community Center in Hattiesburg. Project Homeless Connect eliminates the barriers that individuals and families often face in accessing services to get them back on their feet, bringing together vital resources ranging from medical and dental care to housing and employment resources – all in one place at one time. Members of the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg joined with 100 other volunteers to provide warm meals, health and vision screenings, as well as veterans services and benefit opportunities. (L to R)- Front: Katie Anthony, Mary Ariail, Dan Davis, Tracie Fowler, Jaclyn Adams, Jonathon Shemper, Shane Germany Back: Jerome Brown and Mike Ratliff.



Rotary Club of Poplarville

Above: The Rotary Club of Poplarville supported Backpack Buddies by stuffing food bags for local elementary students. Backpack Buddies is a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting childhood hunger in the Poplarville schools. One out of five kids in America struggle with hunger. Rotarians stuffed nutritious kid friendly groceries to last throughout the weekend for over 70 children. Linda Hawkins, Irene Schulz, Nita Gilpin, Christina Miller, Connie Carver, Steve Reid, Carol Williams, Clyde Dease, John Grant, Karla Lee, David Allison, Steve Howard, Archie Rawls, and Mike Patten.

World Polio Day District Activity

The Rotary Clubs of Pass Christian and Long Beach were able to raise awareness about Polio and collect dollars to go toward the fight. District Governor Short joined in the day's campaign when she took great care in talking with booth visitors who had been impacted by Polio. She highlighted RI's relationship with the Gates Foundation for donors. Club president, Evelyn Ford, stated, "It is important that we raise awareness that we are close to eradicating Polio."



WORLD POLIO DAY

WE ARE THIS CLOSE

OCT
21
2017

10-2PM | SATURDAY
HELP ERADICATE POLIO

WAR MEMORIAL PARK
PASS CHRISTIAN, MS



Rotary Club of Pass Christian and Long Beach

Rotary District 6840 Trees for Ian Project

As a nod to Rotary International President Ian Riseley's challenge to Rotarians around the world to plant a tree in his Rotary Year, the following project is proposed for District 6840.

Overall Goal:

- Plant a native tree for each Rotarian in the district (2,000+)

Rotary Club Goal:

- Identify high-profile locations to plant a tree for each member; (NOTE: multiple trees can be planted at single locations, as appropriate)
- Engage community partners in the process, including planting (e.g., schools); and
- Include a plan to track the progress of the plantings over time (as a means of keeping the "story" alive).

Plant Choice:

- Ideally, we would target a single, iconic species such as Live Oak. Given the large number of plants needed, however, we will not be able to obtain enough for a single species.
- Alternatively, plant choices will be kept to a minimum to simplify the process.
- The following target species are hardy, long-lived, and great for both urban and suburban sites:
 - Live Oak
 - White Oak
 - Willow Oak

Timing:

- Plan to schedule plantings in late February – early March

Logistics:

- 1-gallon potted trees are the ideal choice for planting, as they will not be as "root-bound" as larger trees and will grow quickly.
- In the case of some communities, larger trees may be required if they are planted in public spaces. If your club chooses to plant trees under these conditions, please check with the city planning department and let us know about the requirements. All trees will be made available through a regional nursery that will make logistics easier for everyone.
- A short video outlining the proper steps for planting a tree will be made available as both an educational and practical means of ensuring the plants are given a great start. Poor planting is one of the main reasons that tree plantings fail.

Funding:

- Given the relatively low costs for trees (<\$10 per tree for 1 gallon-sized trees) and transportation costs (~\$5), each Rotarian is asked to cover this cost directly. This project is NOT being funded by District 6840. A donation of \$20 per member should be more than sufficient, by club collections or directly to the District (details to follow).

Participation Commitment

- If your club is interested, please complete the attached commitment form and return to Mark LaSalle at mlasalle@audubon.org
- Questions should be addressed directly to Mark by calling (228-475-0825) or by email.

Rotary District 6840 Trees for Ian Project
Planning &: Commitment Form

Rotary Club of

Steps:

- 1. Identify possible locations for trees to be planted (parks, schools, libraries, etc.)
- 2. Target number of trees is one for each member of your club, but more can certainly be planted.
- 3. Determine if any of the sites have size requirements for trees (some cities require trees with minimum trunk sizes – i.e., 1-2 inches).
- 4. Identify community partners that can help with planting and monitoring over time. Examples would be Boy Scout or Girl Scout units, schools, Master Gardeners, other community organizations.

Commitment Details:

1. Point of Contact for your Club (name and contact information)

2. Total number of trees needed.

3. Size requirements, if necessary.

Number	Size Requirement

4. List of community partners



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Short Notes

District 6840

DG Kathie Short

October 31, 2017

District 6840 Foundation Matching Gifts Campaign Deadline Extended to November 7, 2017

Rotary D6840 is making a special offer to you to Make A Difference in your local community and around the world.

The District will match your **personal** donation from \$100 to \$25,000 to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. Here's your opportunity to finish your Paul Harris Fellowship, or obtain your multiple level PHF, or make your spouse, child, grandchild, boss, mentor, hero, community volunteer or good friend a Paul Harris Fellow.

This offer begins on Sept. 15, 2017 and expires on November 7, 2017, or when we reach \$50,000, whichever occurs first. The **mandatory** requirements are as follows. No matches will be made if these rules are not strictly followed.

- ☐ Your donation must be for a minimum of \$100.
- ☐ Your **personal** check must be payable to "Rotary Foundation". Donations tendered on a Rotary Club check will not be matched.
- ☐ Your **personal** check must arrive by November 7, 2017 to be eligible.
- ☐ Your **personal** check must be mailed to:
DG Kathie Short
P.O. Box 997
Gulfport, MS 39502
- ☐ Donations made online or sent directly to The Rotary Foundation will not be matched. **Please be sure to use this form as there was a error in the address in the prior bulletin.**
- ☐ For inquiries, contact Kathie at KathieGShortRotary6840@gmail.com or (228) 234-1256.
- ☐ Attach this Bulletin with the following filled out in full:

Donor's name: _____

Donor's Rotary ID number: _____

Donor's Rotary Club Name: Rotary Club of _____

I request a match of this Annual Fund Donation: _____ (initials)

Name exactly as it is to appear on the Paul Harris Fellow paperwork and records:

(be sure to print legibly)

Donor's daytime telephone number: _____

Donor's email address: _____

The matching points awarded by The Rotary Foundation shall be recorded in my name ☐ or

In the name of _____



Upcoming Events

Event	Date(s)	Location	City	State
District Summer Seminar	Aug 26 -	Long Beach Rec Center	Long Beach	MS
GETS/GNATS/Zone Institute	Sept 5 - Sept 10	Wyndham Springfield	Springfield	IL
Rotary Leadership Institute	Sept 16 -	First Pentecostal Church	Slidell	LA
Rotary Leadership Institute	Nov 18 -	First Pentecostal Church	Slidell	LA
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

Harry Glidden - District Webmaster



Harry Glidden, District Webmaster and Directory Chairman, has been a member of the Rotary Club of LaPlace for about 13 years. He has served as local Sgt at Arms, Foundation Chair, Treasurer, and President. Harry was instrumental in reviving the Laplace Rotary website and the Facebook page. These talents have carried over into the District Webmaster role.

Harry is a semi-retired Chemical Engineer. He worked for DuPont for 42 years before officially retiring in 2008. Since retirement, Harry continues to consult with DuPont in the field of

Process Safety Management to bring these management systems to DuPont customers.

Harry is an active member of the Mardi Gras Krewe of Caesar. He was selected as Emperor Caesar in 1990 and has continued as a Float Lt since that time. Harry is Chairman of the Administrative Council for the First United Methodist Church in LaPlace. He has been married to his wife Sara for 52 years and has two sons, five grandchildren, and one great grand daughter.

ABOVE: Harry with wife Sara in Calgary during the District Friendship exchange trip in July 2016

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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District 6840



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