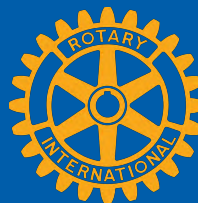


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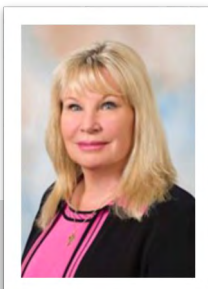


September 2017



HURRICANE HARVEY

ROTARY:
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To District 6840 Rotarians:

Rotarians across the United States and world are learning of the devastation Hurricane Harvey has caused and continues to cause in Texas and surrounding areas. Search and rescue is underway as first responders follow set procedures and relief efforts will begin shortly.

Districts, clubs and individuals are asking the best and most efficient way to assist victims and communities affected by this massive, destructive storm. The answer to this question, which will address the biggest needs, is by monetary donations.

District 6840 experienced one of history's worst hurricanes twelve years ago today. Rotarians from other Districts and across the world immediately responded with funds and support. A few days after Hurricane Katrina, Rotarians from other Districts were in contact with our district and my home club in Pass Christian offering monetary and moral support.

After first responders completed rescue efforts and worked to stabilize the communities, Rotarians across the world provided recovery support to our district to provide assistance to individuals and communities.

Rotarians are the people who continue after a disaster and partner with other organizations to help rebuild lives!

We have a District 6840 Foundation (501C3) which is set up to collect and disburse donations in our district and other districts. The Foundation Board is compiled of five Past District Governors:

PDG Ace Necaise
PDG Neil Alford
PDG Greg Lier
PDG Don Bryan
PDG Brian Hall

Donations can be made directly to the District 6840 Foundation by mail to:

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/>

District 6840 Foundation

384 Voters Road

Slidell, LA 70461

Make checks payable to: **District 6840 Foundation with Hurricane Harvey Recovery in the memo line.**

We are setting up an online account for credit card donations and that information will be displayed on the District 6840 website when established.

The 6840 Foundation account is also designated as a module to accept grant applications from clubs with projects approved by the board and applications will be posted on the District 6840 website.

The most efficient way to communicate information or requests relating to Hurricane Harvey, or other related disasters, is through the Assistant District Governor assigned to your club who will communicate with the Disaster Recovery Coordinators :

Louisiana- Michael Bourg flossmike@yahoo.com

Work: 504-717-0671

Home: 504-737-4126

Cell: 504-717-0671

Mississippi- Trey Campbell trey@cclynch.com

Work: 228-452-4612

Cell: 228-342-0423

These coordinators will be working closely with Foundation Chair PDG Ace Necaise and the board to manage donations in the most effective way which is through other District Governors in the affected areas who have direct knowledge of their clubs and communities.

I know the passion our District Rotarians have for service and I encourage them to continue those efforts and to partner with other relief agencies for the most effective methods for speedy recovery.

Yours in Rotary Service,

DG Kathie G. Short



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Short Notes

District 6840

DG Kathie Short

September 2017

District Governor Visits in September

I look forward to visiting your club! Please review the dates below for my visit with your club and please note that I am to be the only speaker at your meeting on that date. My presentation will last about 30 minutes. Some clubs present the visiting Governor with a gift; if that is your club policy, I prefer a donation in my name (RI Member No. 6540204) to The Rotary Foundation Polio Plus or The Rotary Foundation Share.

I would like to meet with your board prior to the visit on the date and time designated below. Unless otherwise noted, the place of the board meeting will be the same as the place for your club meeting. Please make arrangements with your meeting facility to have a space/table available for the board meeting.

In case you need to get in touch with me, my cell phone number is 228.234.1256.

DG Kathie Short

Club	DG Visit: Sept	DG Meeting with Board: Sept
LaPlace	12	11:00am
St. Charles	13	11:00am
Summit	18	5:00pm
Columbia	19	11:00am
McComb	20	11:00am
Tylertown	21	11:00am
Hattiesburg Sunrisers	27	Contact DG to make arrangements
Ponchatoula	28	11:00am

Calendar of Events

August-Membership Dev Month

- 20 Deadline to submit article to District Newsletter Editor for Sept. Edition, sreack@firstam.com
- 26 Summer Session Seminar District Foundation, Membership, Public Relations and More Seminar Long Beach Senior Activity Ctr
- 26 DAC and College of Governors Mtg
- 26 Nominating Committee meeting to select 2020-21 District Governor
- 30 Monthly attendance report to District Secretary Sandy Picard

September-Basic Education and Literacy Month

- 5-10 Zone GETS/GNETS/Institute Springfield, IL
- 15 District Foundation Matching Gift campaign begins
- 16 Rotary Leadership Institute Parts I & II First Pentecostal Church, Slidell
- 20 Deadline to submit article for Distr. Newsletter, sreack@firstam.com
- 30 Monthly attendance report to District Secretary Sandy Picard

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 family member, boss, or mentor a Paul Harris Fellow.

This offer begins on Sept. 15, 2017 and expires on October 31, 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 **personal** check must be payable to "Rotary Foundation". Donations tendered on a Rotary Club check will not be matched.
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- ☐ 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)

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District 6840 Foundation Matching Gifts Campaign

The Rotary Foundation allows Rotarians to “do good in the world” in our own communities and internationally. District 6840 is offering matching funds so **YOU** can:

With a \$100 donation:

- Provide three cataract surgeries in India
- Bring clean water to 600 school kids in Africa
- Feed a family in India or Pakistan for SIX months
- Provide a hearing aid for a deaf child in Pakistan
- Provide textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia
- Buy de-worming tablets for 112 children in the Philippines
- Buy 15 packets of teaching materials for a school in Costa Rica
- Provide 230 blankets for the elderly during the winter months of Korea

With a \$500 donation:

- Provide prosthetic limbs for 12 disabled people in Thailand/Cambodia
- Provide a watch repair business for six disabled workers in the Philippines
- Purchase safety equipment for a boat providing public health services to isolated river villages in Peru
- Buy five small sewing businesses to give poor mothers in Mexico a better ability to lead self-sufficient lives

With a \$1,000 donation:

- Help provide seven toilets in Sri Lanka
- Buy polio vaccine for 2,000 babies in Nigeria
- Buy kitchen equipment for an orphanage in Peru
- Provide artificial limbs to 25 disabled persons in Calcutta, India
- Provide materials to treat and prevent parasites and anemia in children in Brazil
- Fund enough textbooks to educate 2,000 children in a school in Papua, New Guinea
- Provide 20 \$50.00 micro-loans enabling women Nicaragua to start a craft business to support their families
- Purchase a tree nursery in Jamaica that will annually produce 5,000 treed seedlings and increase family income for 700 farmers
- Provide **ALL** materials necessary for the construction of a deep bore well in India which supplies clean drinking water to more than 300 people
- Provide a cow and animal husbandry training to a widow in Uganda where civil war shattered the economy and children die because of a lack of protein and calcium in their diets

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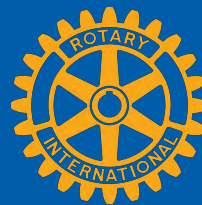
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District Governor Kathie Short-Club Visits



September 2017



Rotary Club of Biloxi



Rotary Club of Ocean Springs



Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis



Rotary Club of Long Beach



Rotary Club of Hattiesburg



Rotary Club of St. Louis North Shore



Rotary Club of Carrollton



Rotary Club of Gautier



Rotary Club of Amite



Rotary Club of Pass Christian



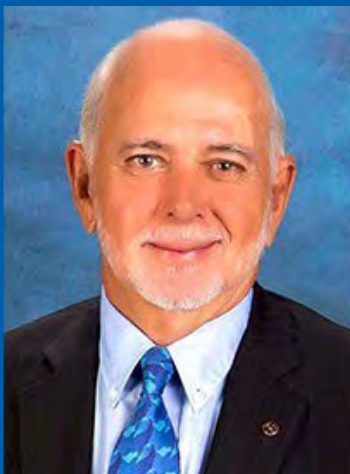
Rotary Club of Orange Grove



Rotary Club of Edgewater

Barry Rassin Selected as 2018-19 Rotary President

Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2018-19, and will be declared president-elect on 1 September if no challenging candidates have been suggested. Rassin's nomination follows Sam F. Owori's death in July, just two weeks into his term as Rotary International president-elect.



Mark LaSalle

Rotary Club of Moss Point will sponsor the "First Women in Rotary" reception at the Audubon Center on Tuesday, October 10th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This will be a high-profile event for our club, Rotary District 6840, and for three of our own – that were the FIRST women Rotarians in Jackson County and accepted by our club!!!

Dorothy Shaw, Ellen Cole, and Gene McCool paved the way! Please put this important date on your calendar. We want to honor our friends More detail and planning to come! Pictured below are Dorothy Shaw and Ellen Cole



Vicky Gutierrez

Food Fest 2018, The World Tour, will be held Friday, June 8th, at Point Cadet in Biloxi. Let's show the Rotary world how District 6840 does a Food Fest. Make sure your club sponsors a booth. Also, there will be a table decoration contest. See details below and get going!

Celebrating the Countries of our World. We ask that you decorate your table to celebrate the country of your choosing. (Other than the USA, please.) First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded. Extra points if your members are in costume to compliment your theme.

Points awarded for:

- Is your country clearly recognizable?
- Are you members dressed in costume?
- How original is your idea?
- How much effort did you put in to your decorations?
- Overall presentation.

Contact Food Fest Chair for more info:

Karen Livengood – sandbarhub@aol.com

Ted Molesworth – tmolesworth@cableone.net

Please visit our Conference Website.

Conference Chair – Vicky Gutierrez – vickyg@cableone.net



Above: Dorothy Shaw and Ellen Cole were two of the three "First Women in Rotary" in Jackson County.

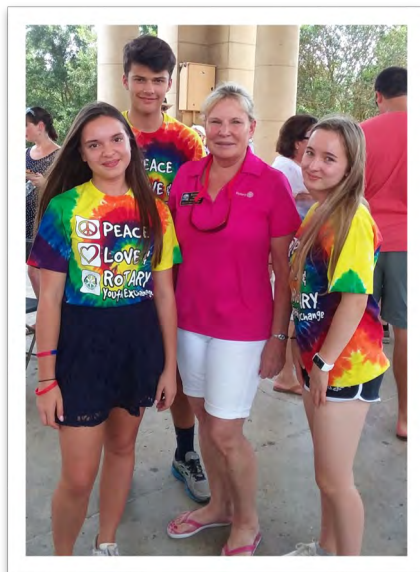


SPECIAL OFFER for District Conference!!!

All Rotarians who register for the 2018 District Conference before January 5, 2018 will have their name put in a drawing to win a \$50 Beau Rivage gift certificate to be redeemed during the conference. Name to be drawn at our mid-year meeting!

Elizabeth Van Sant

In August, D6840 welcomed 3 new Rotary Youth Exchange Scholars who will be hosted for an entire school year. Iida, from Finland, attends Northshore High School in Slidell, and is hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Slidell and Slidell Northshore. Sofya, from Russia, attends Bay High School in Bay St. Louis and is hosted by the Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis. Armand, from France, attends Hahnville High School in Luling and is hosted by the Rotary Club of St Charles Parish.



As required by Rotary International, the students attended a Student Orientation weekend with training in serving as Goodwill Ambassadors, on adapting to life in our area, and on topics such as safety and the difference between LSU Tigers and the New Orleans Saints. It is always a lot to cover!

Every year, the Orientation weekend is very busy. Last year, in between training sessions, we gutted houses in Amite and Independence the weekend after the August floods with Rotarians from Covington, Amite, Gulfport, Kentwood, and Mid City. This year, we fished, ate seafood, and played a round of golf! The Rotary Clubs of Plaquemines South and Belle Chasse hosted the students and members of the Rotary Youth Exchange Committee overnight at a camp in Happy Jack, provided a police escort with lights flashing from Belle Chasse to the door of the camp, put on a shrimp boil, and introduced students to several important people – all Rotarians -- including Lt Governor Billy Nungesser, Sheriff Gerald Turlich, State Representative Chris Leopold, Clerk of Court Kim Turlich-Vaughn, and Plaquemines Parish Councilmember Jeff Edgecombe. The students were given all sorts of welcome gifts, including plenty of pins for their blazers!

Early Saturday morning, Youth Services Chair Stu Guey, Belle Chasse Club President Bill Bubrig, Valerie Guey, and Gina Bubrig took us fishing and arranged a very special visit to a working shrimp trawler. The students were on board to watch the nets come up and even helped do some of the picking. Our fishing trip unfortunately didn't yield anything we could eat, but Armand caught three string rays, Iida ended up feeding most of the fish in the bay, and Sofya got to be quite good at casting!

After a very full morning, we put on our new t-shirts, donated by the Rotary Club of the West Bank, and drove to New Orleans to participate in the Mid City and LSU Rotaract Mini Putt tournament. That event had a great turn out and was a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary families from across the district. Iida and the Slidell Rotary

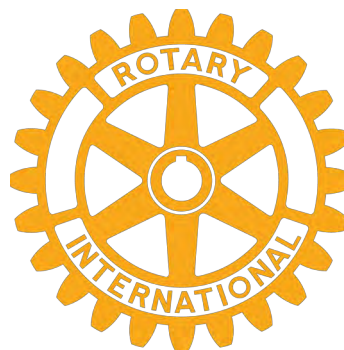
team came in second place overall!

We will post pictures of the Rotary Youth Exchange Scholars' adventures on the D6840 Facebook group throughout the year. Please invite a student or a member of the RYE Committee to present to your club, and visit rye6840.org to find out more about the program and the opportunity for students in your community to be Rotary Youth Exchange Scholars.

The application deadline for the 2018-2019 school year is November 3rd to your club. Contact rye6840@gmail.com with all questions.



Top Inset: 2017-2018 RYE Scholars with DG Kathie Short at City Park in New Orleans. **TOP:** RYE Iida from Finland is welcomed to New Orleans. **Above:** Rotarian and LA State Rep, Chris Leopold, Belle Chasse Club President Bill Bubrig, the RYE Scholars Iida, Sofya, and Armand, and Rotarian Sheriff Gerald Turlich.



District 6840 In ACTION

The Rotary Club of Pascagoula partnered with the Department of Marine Resources to replace signage on the Pascagoula River that was destroyed during Hurricane Katrina.

The project is to place markers identifying the navigable water ways extending off of the Pascagoula River. The initial project focus will be the lower Pascagoula River Basin. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, markers existed and served to guide boaters and kayakers, as they explored the beautiful Pascagoula River; however, they did not survive Hurricane Katrina.

"We are proud to launch this project, with an ecotourism/outdoor recreation focus," said Jessica McNeel, Rotarian who helped spearhead the endeavor.



Top: Rotarian Kevin Brown exchanges flags with Rotary Club of Burkina Faso in Africa.

Above: Ocean Springs Rotarian of the Year Michelle Wilson received a Paul Harris Fellowship from J. J. Fletcher, Foundation Director.



Rotary Club of Pascagoula



Above: Rotarians Dean Williams and Jessica McNeel placing new signs along the Pascagoula River. Left: Rotarians Jay Fletcher, Joe Martin and Dean Williams place new signs along the Pascagoula River. Below: Mary Ann Taylor and Clay Brown are painting barrels for Moss Point's Cruisin' the Coast event in October.



Rotary Club of Moss Point



Upcoming Events

District Governor's Club Visits
Jul 01, 2017 – Nov 01, 2017

Zone Leadership Seminar
New Orleans
Jul 21, 2017 1:00 PM – Jul 22, 2017 3:30 PM

District Summer Seminar
Long Beach Senior Citizens Center
Aug 26, 2017
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

DAC, COG and Nominating Committee meetings
Aug 26, 2017

Zone GETS/GNETS/Institute
Springfield, IL
Sep 05, 2017 – Sep 10, 2017

Paul Harris Society Dinner
Great Southern Club
Jan 05, 2018

Mid-Year Check-up
Jan 06, 2018

RI International Assembly
Jan 14, 2018 – Jan 20, 2018

District Team Training
First Pentecostal Church of Slidell
Feb 24, 2018
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

PETS
Natchez Convention Center
Mar 09, 2018 8:00 AM – Mar 10, 2018 3:00 PM

District Training Assembly
TBD
Apr 21, 2018

Making a Difference 2018 Multi-District Conference
Jun 07, 2018 – Jun 10, 2018

RI 2018 International Convention
Toronto, Canada
Jun 24, 2018 – Jun 27, 2018

Rotary Club of Hammond
Friday, September 29th, 2017 Sit and Sip @ Michabelle Inn 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Friday, October 27th, 2017 Sit and Sip @ Recotta Residence (502 East Charles Street, Hammond) 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Friday, November 24th, 2017 Sit and Sip @ Benny's Bar (Downtown Hammond) 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Saturday, November 25th, 2017 Movie Night in the Park (Cate Square Park Downtown Hammond) Setup Begins at 1:00pm – Take Down Should be Finished by 10:00pm

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 Christmas Parade (Will send out more details soon)

Friday, December 29th, 2017 Sit and Sip @ Red, White, and Brew (Downtown Hammond) 5:00pm – 7:00pm

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 me 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.



Kathie G. Short

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District Governor 2017-2018

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