

**Rotary’s 100 Days of Service Projects**

**As of February 28, 2017**

The Rotary Club of Amite is volunteering at the local Council on Aging office, helping with serving meals to the participants on a daily basis as well as providing interesting programs for their entertainment. The programs include a showcase of the “talents” of our members, whether a history lecture, veterinarian program on caring for your pets, dental hygiene, demonstration on chocolate dipped strawberries and decorating cookies for Valentine’s Day, King Cake surprise and many others.

The Rotary Club of Covington. In staying on our mission as a club that supports our community and especially those in need within our community, the Covington Rotary is proud to present our plans for the **Rotary’s 100 Days of Service.**

With funds we have received from a grant from the district we will be able to buy building materials to continue our flood relief efforts in Tangipahoa and St. Helena parishes.  Beginning in January we will facilitate acquiring those supplies and working with our partners in those parishes to get families back into their homes.

Some of our specific projects are as follows:

1.  In January we will hold a month long club food drive to restock the pantry at the distribution center in Loranger, LA

2.  We will have at least 2 work days each month at the distribution center to organize supplies and help with delivery of items to families in need.

3.  Rotary members will also have the option to contact the director of the rebuild department to schedule work times to help with rebuilding homes in the affected areas.

Our goal is to have 100% club participation and with the variety of service opportunities available that should be easily achievable.

The Rotary Club of Edgewater’s signature project is to collect children's books, stuffed animals and non-perishable food items.  We will then give those items to public service organizations to give to children placed in foster care, CASA or going to the Center for Non-violence.

They will support the Salvation Army in its Kroc Run.

The club will also take part in building and repairing homes for the Hope Center and Habitat for Humanity.

The Rotary Club of Gulfport will be partnering with the City of Gulfport to help with the creation of a new Holistic Community Garden on 34th Avenue in Gulfport. The Club will work with the city along with the organizers of the Garden to help with the planting, straightening and the maintenance around the property. Through our partnership we hope to help market the Garden to the community and along with helping with other projects in this area in the future.

In addition to this, we also sent up 3 Rotarians to help in Hattiesburg with the tornado relief and 5 Rotarians to Saint Bernard Parish to help Bob Vaughn with his service project over there.

The Rotary Club of Hammond is partnering with the Ginger Ford Northshore Fuller Center for Housing to repair and rebuild the flood-damaged homes of the elderly, disabled and low-income residents of Tangipahoa and Livingston parishes.  This is our most ambitious project to-date in honor of the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. We will be working jointly with other Rotary clubs and other volunteer organizations each Saturday from January 7 through April 8 to make the most vulnerable members of our community whole again. We will be constructing wheelchair ramps and repairing flood-damaged homes for low-income, disabled and elderly residents in our area. These are our neighbors who lost their homes and will not be able to recover without our assistance. There is no greater opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to "Service above Self."

Rotary Club of Hattiesburg

1.  We will read to 100 children at our local schools.

2.  We are collecting emergency pantry items for Kids Hub CAC that will be given to physically and sexually abused children when they are displaced due to an offending caregiver.  Boxes will be placed at all local real estate brokerage firms until April 10, 2017.

3.  We will be assisting The Children's Center for Communication and Development by helping to sell tickets that will benefit for the organization for a meal to be served and staffed by our club the night before their 5K fundraiser on February 24th.

We also have two fundraisers during this period that will be raising funds for other Rotary projects.

The Rotary Club of Hattiesburg-Sunrise has 2 projects.

a. 100 Books for 100 years of Rotary Foundation.  The Club will purchase 100 children’s books for kids in Grades 1-4 to support public schools after-school literacy program.  Members will place labels & ID blocks on books. Members will also spend 2 or more Saturdays cleaning children’s books for re-circulation.

b. Fieldhouse. Members will donate, collect, purchase and sort household items to assist homeless persons move into apartments to support a new productive lifestyle.

The Rotary Club of Kenner

On January 24th the Club purchased, cooked and served 25 people at the Ronald McDonald house. Five Rotarians gathered to make it all happen.

Coming up in March or April, we are putting together a crew to help repair Veterans homes.

Also, we will be participating with the Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish in “Pedals for Pantries,” the multi-club parade on the Mississippi River levee from New Orleans to St. Charles Parish. The purpose is to raise awareness of food insecurity and collect food for local food pantries.

The Rotary Club of Kentwood

Kentwood Rotarians donated dictionaries to 52 students at O.W. Dillon Elementary. The books were personally delivered to the school by club members. The project was aimed at helping 3rd graders prepare for the upcoming Leap test and increase vocabulary skills.

The Rotary Club of Laplace plans to conduct a project called "Reading with Rotary" for the 100 days.  We will schedule a reading session in each of the 11 elementary schools in St John Parish.  Each session will have Rotarians read to the students for about an hour.  We hope to engage all of our members in this project.

The Rotary Club of Long Beach

1. Feed the City employees of Long Beach, three groups, three days of service

2. Poverty relief in Panama

3. Food drive with Interact, two days; food to be distributed to BackPack Buddies and the Long Beach Food Bank.

4. District Interact Meeting, March 18, in Slidell, working with multiple students packing backpacks.

5. Valentine’s Day, pass out Valentine’s cards to seniors at a nursing home and the Long Beach Senior Center.

6. Women’s Resource Center, Gulfport, two days.

7. Coaching kids’ sports – 10 days.

8. St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

9. Volunteer at voting precinct, primary election,

10. Drive and assist senior citizens and special needs adults for doctor visits.

11. Assist the Rotary Club of Pass Christian in the construction/maintenance of the nature trail, three days.

12. Assist Habitat for Humanity, two days.

13. Three days of volunteer work assisting Louisiana Rotary in flood relief.

14. Various volunteering at church choirs, rehearsals.

The Rotary Club of Lucedale plans for 100 days of service:

Distribute dictionaries to all 3rd Grade Students in the county with a special recognition for 100th Anniversary for Rotary Foundation label on inside of Dictionary.

Members will read to students at our local Head Start.

Members will assist with Habitat for Humanity in building a home in George County.

The Rotary Club of Metairie will be building houses with SBJ three days with at least one being with the Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend.

From March 4-12 it will be working on the Open World International Exchange.

And from March 18-26 it will be part of the New Orleans Medical Mission Service to Nicaragua.

In addition it is also planning to work with SBJ on tornado/flood recovery in New Orleans East.

The Rotary Club of Mid-City New Orleans

On March 4th we will hold our 2nd annual International Women's Day Brunch at Propeller New Orleans. This is the only International Women's Day event in New Orleans. The theme for this year will be "Be bold for change" and will include speakers such as State Representative Helena Moreno.

Rotary Club of New Orleans. We are still putting together our program, but presently have the following projects (among others) in the planning stage for commencement or implementation during R100DOS.

1. Completion of the backpack project, for distribution of backpacks and school supplies for the post-holidays school term.

2. Partnership with Junior Achievement of Greater New Orleans in its student career mentoring program.

          3. Continuing planning for the 2018 Tri-Centennial of the City of New Orleans

          4. Sorting of donated food supplies at Second Harvest food bank.

          5. Joint club/interact/visiting interact service project with a local non-profit

6. Volunteer service at the Hogs for the Cause fund-raiser for treatment of pediatric brain cancer.

          7. Saturday volunteer labor for physical improvements to New Orleans’ City Park.

          8. Programmatic partnership with Kingsley House.

          9. Campus beautification project with Warren Easton Interact Club.

10. Working with local non-profit and Manila Rotary Club for distribution of donated textbooks to schools in the Philippine Islands.

11. A joint project with local VFW lodge and/or with the new Veterans Hospital assisting disabled veterans.

         12. Sponsorship of a secondary school-level essay contest.

The Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend is launching a multi-district rebuilding project partnering with SBP.  [SBP](http://www.stbernardproject.org/) is a disaster resilience and recovery organization founded in St. Bernard Parish, LA in 2006 in response to Hurricane Katrina. SBP has rebuilt over 1,150 homes nationwide and is currently rebuilding in 6 states.  Our vision is to tap into SBP affiliates in each of the areas where SBP has operations and utilize Rotary volunteers, friends and families to make the greatest impact as we celebrate 100 years of The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Metairie is also taking part in the project. We hope other clubs will join us in this multi-district project to benefit our communities, honor the centennial of The Rotary Foundation and spread the word of **Rotary Serving Humanity**.

At the moment we have selected four dates for the work:

* January 21
* February 11
* March 4
* April 1

The Rotary Club of Ocean Springs is working on several projects.

We will volunteer at as many of our local charities and volunteer organizations as possible during the 100 day period including the local food bank, senior citizens center, library, etc.

We also plan to cook breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House in Mobile. This will be done in conjunction with our Pancake Day fundraiser that we do every year.

We are striving for 100% participation over the 100 Days of Service.

In addition, we are planning a photo campaign/ contest to be promoted on our Facebook page.  We will be asking for photos that are ‘Selfies’ of Service and ‘Random Acts of Service’ in order to promote the Act of Service in our community. A new photo or photos are to be posted each day and we will post the ‘winning photo’ at the end of the 100 days.

We also plan to have a foundation birthday party at one of our meetings during the 100 days and celebrate our Paul Harris Fellows.

The Rotary Club of Pascagoula, in partnership with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, will be placing markers identifying the navigable water ways extending off of the Pascagoula River.  The initial project focus area 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 the storm.  As interest in ecotourism and outdoor recreation continues to build, the Pascagoula Rotary Club is proud to launch this project during our District 6840’s **Rotary’s 100 Days of Service.**

The Rotary Club of Pass Christian will partner with the Mississippi Land Trust Organization. We are helping to build and maintain a nature trail geared towards the youth of our Community.  This trail will provide an outdoor educational opportunity for our community and schools.  The curriculum mirrors what is taught to our 4th grade students in Mississippi and can be tailored to meet the needs of any age group.  Subjects included are environmental science, nature and some local history.  There is a hut in the middle of the property that provides a place to hold supplies and projects for the students.  We will have already hosted one 4th grade class for a 'soft opening' and look forward to the grand opening in March. Two other clubs have expressed interest in getting involved in this project.

The Rotary Club of Picayune is planning to serve lunch at the senior center and convalescent homes.

Our biggest project will be our special needs fishing rodeo. Picayune school district will bus all their special needs students to one of our Rotarian’s houses where we grill for them and they get the opportunity to spend the day fishing. We expect over 200 people to attend.

The Rotary Club of Ponchatoula is partnering with the two clubs in Hammond to help the Fuller Center for housing in Hammond. Sign up dates for members to volunteer are left up to them to select on the Fuller Center's volunteer website. Our club is going to select a Saturday to have a large group showing at a work site however we have not selected a date yet.

Individual members are also volunteering in different capacities with their favorite non-profit organizations and are reporting their activities and hours to a member who has volunteered to collect this data.

The Rotary Club of Poplarville

In honor of celebrating 100 years of The Rotary Foundation, the Rotary Club of Poplarville has partnered with Excel By 5 and donated over 200 children’s books to the Poplarville Reads Project.  The project places books in local businesses for children to borrow and explore the wonderful world of reading.  The donation occurred during the January 25 Rotary Club meeting which is held each Wednesday at noon in the Pearl River Community College Olivia Bender Cafeteria.

The Rotary Club of Richton will be cleaning up the Christmas decorations at City Park in January.

The Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish will be taking part in Pedals for Pantries and multi-club parade on the Mississippi River levee from New Orleans to St. Charles Parish. The purpose is to raise awareness of food insecurity and collect food for local food pantries. This will likely take place on a Saturday in March. Other clubs are welcome to join.

Rotary Club of Summit

The Rotary Club of Summit is proposing to build two wheelchair ramps for handicapped homes.

District 6840 Interact Clubs

We are organizing a "Stop Hunger Now!" event that will take place on March 18 at out Interact District Conference.

The Interact students will assemble meals at the conference.  Our goal is to assemble a minimum of 20,000 meals.