

# 2018

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**Natchez Convention Center**

211 Main Street • Natchez, Mississippi 39120

**March 8th-10th, 2018**

Cecil Campbell – DGE - 6190

Gary Lacombe – DGE - 6200

Gray Carter – DGE - 6800

Pamelia Smith – DGE - 6820

Ken Thompson – DGE - 6840

## RI President 2017-2018

### IAN H.S. RISELEY

#### Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia

Ian H.S. Riseley is a chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., a firm he established in 1976. Prior to starting his own firm, he worked in the audit and management consulting divisions of large accounting firms and corporations. His firm specializes in income tax and management advice for individuals and small businesses. He has a master's degree in taxation law and graduate diplomas in accounting and income tax.

Riseley has been a member of the boards of both a private and a public school, a member of the Community Advisory Group for the City of Sandringham, and involved in Sea Scouts and sporting groups, as well as honorary auditor or adviser for a number of charitable organizations.

Riseley's honors include the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in recognition of his work in East Timor, the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Australian community, the Distinguished Service Award and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation.

A Rotarian since 1978, Riseley has served as treasurer, director, Foundation trustee, and member and chair of numerous RI and Foundation committees.

He and his wife, Juliet, a past district governor, are Major Donors and Bequest Society members of The Rotary Foundation. They live on seven hectares at Moorooduc, where they practice their personal philosophy of sustainable and organic living. They have two children and four grandchildren.



## RI President-Elect 2018-2019

### BARRY RASSIN

#### Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas

Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he continues to serve as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employer's Confederation. A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and as vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran. Rassin received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary's relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there. He and his wife, Esther, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.



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Ole Man River Multi-District Presidents-Elect Training Seminar Agenda		
Thursday – March 8, 2018		
3:00 – 5:00p	<b>Early Registration</b> Come over to the Natchez Convention Center Lobby - Main Street door - to register ahead of time.	First Floor
7:30p – ??	<b>Getting to Know You: Presidents-Elect (and others) Meet &amp; Greet</b> District 6190, District 6200, District 6800, District 6820, District 6840 Hors D'Oeuvres and Beverages Caroline Room <i>Come and Go on Your Own</i>	Natchez Grand Hotel
Friday – March 9, 2018		
7:00 – 8:00a	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	Natchez Convention Ctr.
7:00 – 12:00	<b>Registration</b>	First Floor Lobby
8:00a – 6:00p	<b>House of Friendship</b>	Natchez Convention Ctr.
8:00 – 8:50a	<b>District Session #1 with DGEs</b> District 6190 Clubs – St. Francisville Room District 6200 Clubs – Natchez Room District 6800 Clubs – Baton Rouge Room District 6820 Clubs – New Orleans Room District 6840 Clubs – Tupelo Room	
8:45a – 4:30p	<b>Spouses/Partners Program</b> – See Full Schedule Under 2018 Extras on Page 6	Grand Hotel Reception Area
9:00 – 10:00a	<b>Opening General Session</b> Moderator: Ken Thompson, DGE-District 6840 Invocation, Pledge and 4-Way Test Welcome / Introduction of Speaker Keynote Speaker: Greg Yank, RID-Zones 30-31 Agenda Review: John Roa, Chair-OMR Pets	Natchez Convention Ctr. Nashville Room
10:00 – 10:10a	<b>Break Time/House of Friendship</b>	
10:10 – 11:10a	<b>Breakout Session #1</b> See Breakout Detail Listing	(assigned rooms)
11:15 – 12:15a	<b>Breakout Session #2</b> See Breakout Detail Listing	(assigned rooms)
12:15 – 2:00p	<b>Luncheon</b> Moderator: Pamela Smith, DGE-District 6820 Keynote Speaker: Barry Rassin, RIPE	Natchez Convention Ctr. Nashville Room
2:10 - 3:10p	<b>Breakout Session #3</b> See Breakout Detail Listing	(assigned rooms)
3:10 - 3:20p	<b>Break Time/House of Friendship</b>	

Ole Man River Multi-District Presidents-Elect Training Seminar Agenda		
Friday – March 9, 2018 (continued)		
3:20 – 4:20p	<b>District Session #2 w/DGEs</b> District 6190 Clubs – St. Francisville Room District 6200 Clubs – Natchez Room District 6800 Clubs – Baton Rouge Room District 6820 Clubs – New Orleans Room District 6840 Clubs – Tupelo Room	
4:20 – 6:00p	<b>House of Friendship</b>	
4:30 – 6:00p	<b>Reception w/ Cash Bar</b>	Next to Convention Center Entrance Staircase
4:45 – 6:00p	<b>District Photographs</b> 4:45p Group Photo – D6800      5:00p Group Photo – D6820      5:15p Group Photo – D6840 5:30p Group Photo – D6190      5:45p Group Photo – D6200	Natchez Convention Ctr. Entrance Staircase
6:00 – 8:00p	<b>Fun Food Fellowship Fiesta</b>	Natchez Community Center, 215 Franklin St.
8:00 - ??	<b>Relief, Relax, and Recharge</b> Hospitality Suite-Grand Hotel	Grand Hotel Ballroom
Saturday – March 10, 2018		
7:00 – 8:00a	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	Natchez Convention Ctr.
7:00 – 12:00	<b>Registration</b>	First Floor Lobby
8:00a – 2:00p	<b>House of Friendship</b>	Natchez Convention Ctr.
8:00 – 9:10a	<b>General Session</b> Moderator: Gray Carter, DGE-District 6800 Keynote Speaker: Kevin Melton, former Rotary Peace Fellow; Senior Advisor for USAID and with the International Peace and Security Institute	Natchez Convention Ctr. Nashville Room
9:00a – 10:00a	<b>Spouses/Partners Program</b> – Rotary 101 with Bloody Mary	Grand Hotel Conf. Room A
9:10 – 9:20a	<b>Break Time/House of Friendship</b>	
9:20 – 10:15a	<b>Breakout Session #4</b> See Breakout Detail Listing	(assigned rooms)
10:15 – 10:25a	<b>Break Time/House of Friendship</b>	
10:25 – 11:20a	<b>Breakout Session #5</b> See Breakout Detail Listing	(assigned rooms)
11:20 – 11:30a	<b>Break Time/House of Friendship</b>	
11:30a – 12:20p	<b>District Session #3 w/DGEs</b> District 6190 Clubs – St. Francisville Room District 6200 Clubs – Natchez Room District 6800 Clubs – Baton Rouge Room District 6820 Clubs – New Orleans Room District 6840 Clubs – Tupelo Room	



Saturday – March 10, 2018 (continued)		
12:30 – 1:50p	<b>General Session/Luncheon</b> Moderator: Gary LaCombe, DGE-District 6200 Keynote Speaker: Jeff Cadorette, RIDE-Zones 24 and 32	Natchez Convention Ctr. Nashville Room
1:50 – 2:00p	<b>Break Time/House of Friendship</b>	
2:00 – 3:15p	<b>Rotary Foundation Grant Management Seminar</b> Moderator: Cecil Campbell, DGE-District 6190 Speaker: Big Rich Churchman, RRFC-Zone 31	Natchez Convention Ctr. Nashville/Natchez Rooms
3:15 – 3:45p	<b>Closing Time:</b> Last Call! You Are Already a Winner! Door Prizes and Final Thoughts - <i>Must be Present to Win</i> Speakers: DGEs Closing Comments	Natchez Convention Ctr. Nashville/Natchez Rooms

2018 EXTRAS!		
Friday – March 9, 2018 – Spouses/Partners Program		
8:45a	<b>Meet and Introductions</b> [If you have not yet paid to attend, please bring a check for \$115 made out to Rotary PETS]	Grand Hotel, Conference Room A
9:00 – 10:00a	<b>John Grady Burns:</b> How to make a terrarium which you get to take home with you, along with Mimosas and a painted glass	
10:00 – 11:15a	<b>Trolley to Tour of Rosalie</b> (rear of hotel)	Grand Hotel
11:30 – 11:50a	<b>Appetizers at Silver Street Gallery</b>	Silver Street Gallery
12:00 – 2:00p	<b>Lunch, Tour of Monmouth</b> – Mint Julep Demonstration from Roosevelt	Monmouth, Restaurant 1818
2:15 – 2:35p	<b>Dessert at Darby’s</b>	Darby’s
2:35 – 3:45p	<b>Scavenger Hunt</b>	Natchez
4:00 – 4:30p	<b>Wine and Cheese at Katie’s Ladies</b>	Katie’s Ladies Apparel
4:30p	<b>Return to Hotel via Hop On Hop Off Bus</b>	
Saturday – March 10, 2018 – Spouses/Partners Program		
9:00 – 10:00a	<b>Rotary 101 with Bloody Mary</b>	Grand Hotel Conference Room A

CONFERENCE RULES

Please turn off cell phones — take 15 seconds to do it now.

Please be prompt. The facilitators and speakers have committed to being prompt.

Please participate. The general sessions have been designed to be interactive. Everyone has experiences to share. Please do not dominate the time allowed for the sessions.

Be attentive.

Act civilly.

Use the microphone, if available, when asking a question so everyone in the room can hear.

Be courteous, do not talk during presentations.

Please fill out the evaluation. It is important that we receive feedback to make the seminar better next year.

2018 Breakout Sessions

- Breakout Session #1
- Presidents-elect: Planning Your Year of Effective Leadership
  - Presidents-nominee: Leadership – “It’s Not About You”
  - Assistant Governors: Planning Your Year of Effective Leadership

- Breakout Session #2
- Presidents-elect: Making the Most of Rotary’s Public Image
  - Presidents-nominee: Building the Ideal Rotary Club
  - Assistant Governors: Supporting and Strengthening Clubs

- Breakout Session #3
- Presidents-elect: Engaging Your Community
  - Presidents-nominee: Financial Responsibilities
  - Assistant Governors: Building our Foundation – Case Study

- Breakout Session #4
- Presidents-elect: Your Rotary Foundation
  - Presidents-nominee: Rotary – Doing Good in the World
  - Assistant Governors: Problem Solving – Case Study

- Breakout Session #5
- Presidents-elect: Membership Engagement & Development
  - Presidents-nominee: Building Relationships – Joint Meeting with Assistant Governors
  - Assistant Governors: Building Relationships – Joint Meeting with Presidents-Nominee

Breakout Sessions #1-5 Room Assignments

Assistant Governors – Tupelo Room  
Presidents-nominee – Natchez Room  
Presidents-elect, Group A – Concordia Room  
Presidents-elect, Group B – New Orleans Room  
Presidents-elect, Group C – Baton Rouge Room  
Presidents-elect, Group D – St. Francisville Room  
Presidents-elect, Group E – Vicksburg Room  
Presidents-elect, Group F – Greenville Room  
Presidents-elect, Group G – Memphis Room  
Presidents-elect, Group H – St. Louis Room

Presidents-Elect Group Assignments

<b>Group A</b> Algiers Benton Eupora Golden Meadow Grand Isle Greater Ascension Parish Houma Downtown Inverness	Kentwood Kinder Lecompte Long Beach Macon Mamou Mansfield Moss Point Northwest Shelby County	Quitman County Red River Shreveport Sardis South Hinds County Springhill St. Joseph Summit Tallulah Tylorsville	<b>Group E</b> Abbeville Bay Springs Belle Chasse Booneville Collins Covington Edgewater Franklin	Germantown Gulfport Orange Grove Hernando Holly Springs Kosciusko Lafayette South Lexington Louisville Northeast Shelby Cty	Many Memphis Midtown Olive Branch Picayune Rankin County Tunica Waynesboro Winnfield Yazoo City
<b>Group B</b> Alexandria Metro Baker Baton Rouge-Capital City Brookhaven-Lincoln Co. Clinton Como Drew/Ruleville False River-New Roads Flowood	Hollandale Itta Bena-Morgan City Jennings Leesville Leland Livingston Parish Mid-City New Orleans NE Monroe New Orleans Riverbend Oakdale	Oil City Pineville Richton Rolling Fork Sulphur Sunrise SW Shreveport Water Valley West Jackson Winnsboro	<b>Group F</b> Aberdeen Amory Bossier City Canton Carthage Collierville Columbia Eunice	Ferriday Hammond Hammond Ponchatoula Sunrise Houma-Terrebonne Lake Charles Lucedale New Albany Opelousas Petal	Ponchatoula Pontotoc Senatobia Slidell Northshore S. Shreveport St. Martinville Sulphur Ville Platte Winona
<b>Group C</b> Avoyelles Belzoni Bruce Calhoun City Central Hancock County Clarke County Franklinton Grenada Houma-Sunrise	Kenner Lafayette North Lake Charles Happy Hour Lincoln Lockport Memphis Central Metairie Sunrise Newton Pass Christian Plaquemines Parish South	Rayne Riverbend South Rankin County St. Bernard Chalmette The Twin Cities Tylertown W. Monroe Westlake Westwego	<b>Group G</b> Batesville Bay St. Louis Biloxi Clarksdale Cleveland East Ascension Gautier Gonzales	Greater Lake Charles Greenwood Indianola Laurel Madison-Ridgeland Metairie Morgan City Natchitoches Northlake-Mandeville	Ocean Springs Philadelphia Ripley Slidell Southaven St. Francisville West Bank Gretna West Point Zachary
<b>Group D</b> Amite Beauregard Vernon Sunrise Bogalusa Bunkie Capital Area Sunset Carrollton Charleston De Ridder	Donaldsonville E. Mississippi E. Shreveport Ellisville Forest Hattiesburg Sunrise Iuka Lake Providence LaPlace	Millington New Iberia Opelousas Sunrise Oxford/Ole Miss Plaquemine Poplarville Port Allen Sumner Welsh	<b>Group H</b> Alexandria Baton Rouge Baton Rouge Sunrise Columbus Corinth Crowley Greenville Gulfport Hattiesburg	Houma Jackson Lafayette McComb Memphis Memphis East Meridian Monroe Natchez New Orleans	North Jackson Oxford Pascagoula Ruston Shreveport St. Charles Parish Starkville Thibodaux Tupelo Vicksburg

# Natchez Convention Center - First Floor



# Natchez Convention Center Second Floor







## RI Director Zones 30 & 31 2017-2019

**GREGORY YANK**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF O'FALLON, ILLINOIS**  
**DIRECTOR-ELECT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, 2017-2019**

Greg Yank serves on the 17 member Rotary International Board of Directors 2017-19.

A Rotarian since 1978, Greg is a member of the Rotary Club of O'Fallon, IL where he served as Club President in 1992-93, and then as Governor of District 6510 twice in 2001-2002 and again in 2010-11. District 6510 is comprised of 48 clubs and 1600 members in Southern Illinois.

He has held positions as the Regional Membership Plan Project Plan Lead (Membership Chair) for Zones 30 and 31 (2015-17), chair of district 6510's Club Visioning Initiative, International Training Leader twice, Membership Coordinator for Zone 29 and Rotary Institute Chair 2013.

Greg is married to past district Governor Catherine Taylor Yank. The Yanks are members of the Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris and Bequest Societies (level 3). Greg was honored to receive the Service above Self Award in 2014. He has traveled to Malawi, Ecuador, India and Belize on Rotary projects.

The Yanks are avid St. Louis Cardinal Baseball fans. Greg has been a proud Green Bay Packer fan since 1957 and owns one share of the team. Catherine is the owner of Jim Taylor Inc. a roofing contracting company located in Belleville, IL. The Yanks have three grown children, one who works in the family business, and three grandchildren.

Professionally Greg has had three different career paths starting with 9 years in the Catholic seminary. He was never ordained. He then spent 25 years in health care executive management and leadership serving twice as a hospital CEO and as President and CEO of a Catholic Health System.

For 11 years, Greg owned a business coaching/peer advisory board franchise called The Alternative Board TAB. He currently continues to be a business coach mentoring/working with six business owners on a monthly/bi-monthly/quarterly basis. He is the principal in GY Consulting & Facilitation Services specializing in business coaching, strategy, facilitation, strategic governance and board development/education.

Greg believes that Rotary enables him to live a life that matters as lives in our communities and the world are changed because of what we do!

## The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-Elect

**RON D. BURTON**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA**  
**CHAIR-ELECT, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, 2017-2018**

Ron Burton retired as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. in 2007. He is a member of the Cleveland County, Oklahoma, and American Bar Associations and is admitted to practice in Oklahoma and before the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a founder and past president of the Norman Public School Foundation and founder and past board member of the Norman Community Foundation.

Burton has been a Rotarian since 1979 and has served as RI president; RI director; Foundation trustee and vice chair; RI Board Executive Committee member; RI president's aide; committee vice chair and chair; task force member; International Assembly group discussion leader, assistant moderator, and moderator; and district governor.

A recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award, Burton also has received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and International Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Jetta, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, and members of the Arch Klumph Society and Bequest Society of The Rotary Foundation.



## RI Director Zones 24 & 32 2018-2020

**JEFFRY CADORETTE**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF MEDIA, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**DIRECTOR-ELECT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 2018-2020**

Jeffry Cadorette, Rotary International Director-elect (RID 2018-20) retired from healthcare in 1999 after a 25-year career as a physical therapist. He had been President and CEO of Physical Therapy Associates of Delaware County in Pennsylvania until merging his practice with Riddle Memorial Hospital to form the Riddle Rehabilitation Institute and Riddle Sports Medicine. He now serves as Associate Broker and Executive Vice President at Media Real Estate Company where he is active in all phases of commercial real estate sales and leasing, tenant representation and new project development.

A Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Media, PA since 1977, Jeff served as Governor of District 7450 in 1998-1999. In September of 2016 he was the selection of the Zones 24/32 Nominating Committee for Director to serve on the Rotary International Board of Directors in 2018-2020. He is a past Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator for Zone 32 and the past General Coordinator worldwide of Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinators. He was a delegate to the Rotary International 2004 and 2007 Council on Legislation in Chicago.

In January, 2010 he was one of forty International Training Leaders selected globally to serve at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego. He was reappointed to that position in 2011. He facilitated the training at the Governor-elect Training Seminar for Zone 32 at the Rotary Institute in London, Ontario in 2010 and the Rotary Institute in Boston, MA in 2011. In 2014 he facilitated the training for the Governors-nominee at the Zones 24 & 32 Rotary Institute in Toronto, Canada. He was Co-Chair of the Pre-Institute Training at the 2016 Institute in Winnipeg, Canada.

In January 2015 he was appointed as one of two Seminar Leaders worldwide at the International Assembly in San Diego. Seminar Leaders are tasked with training, coaching, and motivating the 40 International Training Leaders who in turn train the 547 incoming District Governors for the upcoming Rotary year. He was reappointed to that position for the 2016 International Assembly.

He has represented the President of Rotary International at District Conferences across the country and in Canada and has been the keynote and motivational speaker at numerous district conferences, Rotary Foundation dinners, Rotary workshops, and seminars around North America. He is a recipient of the Rotary International Service Above Self Award, Rotary International's highest honor for individual Rotarians and a recipient of The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award, the Foundation's highest distinction.



## District Governors-Elect

**CECIL CAMPBELL**  
**DGE DISTRICT 6190**

Cecil Campbell is a Paul Harris fellow who joined the Bossier City Rotary Club in 1973 and now has over 44 years perfect attendance. He has achieved this by visiting Rotary Clubs all over the world. On an interesting visit to a club in Saint Thomas, the speaker was a man who had just been fired by Ford Motor Company. He was a dynamic speaker but it was not known at that time what an impact he would have on the automotive industry. He was none other than Lee Iacocca.

Life in Louisiana began in the very small town of Benton, in the northwest corner of the state. He completed his education at LSU Law School, and was soon after elected to a District Judgeship. At that time he was the youngest judge ever elected in the State of Louisiana. He retired after 26 years on the bench, but now serves part-time prosecuting felony domestic abuse cases.

Cecil and his wife Sherry have two sons as well as three grandchildren who share his interest in sports, especially baseball and hunting. The family's participation in youth sports led to his service on the National Board of Dixie Baseball for more than 25 years. In 2014 he was honored to be inducted into

the Dixie Baseball Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bossier City, where he currently serves on the Board of Trustees. As a hobby he has become a licensed auctioneer and does many charity auctions but most enjoys auctioneering for Rotary Clubs in his district.





## District Governors-Elect



**GARY LACOMBE**  
**DGE DISTRICT 6200**

A Rotarian since 2002, Gary Lacombe is honored to have been selected to serve the members of District 6200 in the role of District Governor for the 2018-2019 Rotary year. Gary is a member of the Rotary Club of Livingston Parish, Louisiana.

Gary earned his Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Louisiana Tech University in 1980. Following his course of study in graduate school at Louisiana Tech, Gary earned his Master's degree in mechanical engineering in 1982. Gary began his career working for an international oil company by supporting one of their manufacturing facilities in Louisiana. After 32 years of service to the company, he elected to retire in 2014.

Gary has been a long-time volunteer for Junior Achievement, teaching financial literacy to young students in elementary and middle schools. Gary is also a member of Dream Teachers, Inc. which is an organization that sponsors the "Teacher of the Year" and "Principal of the Year" recognition

programs in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education. He has also served as a district chairman for the Boy Scouts of America, supporting the scout troops in his community.

Gary's service to Rotary includes club president, Assistant District Governor as well as Public Relations Chair for District 6200, and District 6200 Rotary Foundation Annual Fund subcommittee chair. Gary and his spouse, Lynette, are both Paul Harris Fellows.

Gary and Lynette have two adult sons who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout. She continues to serve as a speech therapist in the local school district where they live. He enjoys helping with Rotary fundraisers and projects that help to improve their community.



**GRAY CARTER**  
**DGE DISTRICT 6800**

A graduate of North Carolina State University with BS degrees in Chemical Engineering and Pulp and Paper Technology, Gray spent over 30 years in the paper industry. He currently has his own consulting practice.

He joined Rotary in 1985 and has been a member of Clubs in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee. He is currently a member of the Memphis Rotary Club where he serves as the Club Chair for Rotary FYI with an emphasis on mentoring. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

He has served as an Assistant District Governor since 2014 as well as serving as a District Foundation committee member with responsibility for the Paul Harris Society.

Gray is married with three grown children and two grandchildren. He is the Past President of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for West Tennessee which garnered national chapter of the year during his term as President.



**PAMELIA SMITH**  
**DGE DISTRICT 6820**

Pam is a charter member and past President (2011-2012) of the Rotary Club of South Rankin County, a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor, Paul Harris Sustaining Member and Major Donor. Pam is a member of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Club Board of Directors (2013-2018). She is past president of GFWC-MFWC Florentine Evening Club and currently Vice President of GFWC-MFWC District V.

Pam is an RN Regulatory Consultant for The Joint Commission, an International Accreditation Company. Her nursing background of 40 years includes Medical-Surgical, Cardiology, Pediatrics, Oncology, Labor and Delivery and Post-Partum. Pam has an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing and bachelor of Science in Education degrees from Mississippi University for Women; a Bachelor of

## District Governors-Elect

[PAMELIA SMITH CONTINUED]

Science in Nursing from the University of Mobile and a Master of Science in Nursing Degree from the University of South Alabama with concentrations in Maternal-Child care and Education. She is a certified teacher in K-8 Elementary Education with specialties in science and math. Pam is a member of First Baptist Church Richland.

Pam's proudest accomplishments are having been married to the late Robert H. "Rob" Smith, Rotary District 6820 Past District Governor (2013-2014); mother to three daughters and one son; step-mother to two young women and "Mimi" to 18 grandchildren.

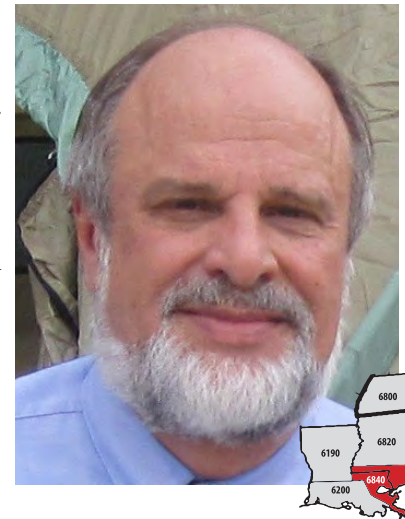
**KEN THOMPSON**  
**DGE DISTRICT 6840**

Ken Thompson, Rotary Club of Slidell, has spent most of his working career as a Petroleum Engineer and Engineering Supervisor, working along the Gulf Coast in Texas and Louisiana, and offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. He has also worked as a financial representative and stock broker.

He has been a Rotarian since 2000, serving as Club President in 2008-2009. He was chairman of the Slidell Heritage Festival for three years, a joint venture between the Rotary Clubs of Slidell and Slidell Northshore. He has participated in ten Matching Grants and Global Grants, and traveled four times to Mexico to immunize children against polio.

He has served as Global Grants Chair, Deputy Governor, LA Territories, and District International Service Director. He served for four years as District Newsletter Editor and District Website Manager, and has participated in the last six PETS. He is a ShelterBox Ambassador, and serves on staff at the annual training in Texas for new Ambassadors. He is a Major Donor, a Bequest Society member, a Paul Harris Society member, and a Benefactor.

In May, 2015, he returned from a US - Russia Friendship Exchange program in western Russia, and spoke on his experiences at an international conference in Houston. He also participated in a Friendship Exchange to New England in September, 2015. He has hosted four Rotary Youth Exchange Students and is active in Kairos Prison Ministries. His wife Paula and he have one daughter, Kathryn, who lives in Arizona.



## Speaker

**KEVIN MELTON**



Kevin Melton is a Senior Advisor for USAID and with the International Peace and Security Institute (IPSI). Kevin is an international development specialist, foreign policy analyst, and entrepreneur with more than 14 years of experience in post-conflict and international human security matters throughout Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Pacific. His experience stems from managing and coordinating a variety of donor-funded foreign aid projects focused on conflict sensitive development including preventing/countering violence and extremism, post-conflict economic development, local governance capacity building, and governance and social cohesion. Over the last few years, he has also helped train and lead civilian and military teams and provided policy guidance and strategic and operational analysis to enhance civil-military planning efforts with bilateral and multilateral organizations, donors and embassies. Kevin has worked for USAID as part of a District Stabilization Team in Kandahar, Afghanistan; worked in Kabul as a Stability Advisor to NATO headquarters and to ISAF Commanders General Petraeus and General Allen; and, and directed a \$150M USAID stabilization program in Eastern Afghanistan to promote community building, better governance, and public service delivery. He has a B.A. from James

Madison University and a M.A. from Queensland University, Australia. He is a Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumnus and a Truman National Security Project Fellow.



Rotary Staff



**KENDALL ABBEY**  
*Annual Giving Officer, The Rotary Foundation*

Kendall Abbey is Annual Giving Officer for Zones 30 and 31. As an Annual Giving Officer, she promotes The Rotary Foundation, consults on engagement strategies, and develops fundraising tactics.

Kendall has been with Rotary since 2013. In her first role as an Alumni Relations Specialist, she supported Rotary’s alumni associations and developed alumni engagement strategies.

Kendall received her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from The College of Wooster. After college, she received her TEFL certification and taught English in Buenos Aires for two years. She is currently a Young Professional Ambassador of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and an active member of The College of Wooster’s alumni association.



**JOE ROTH**  
*Product Owner, Member & Club Management, Rotary International*

Joe joined Rotary International staff in December 2014 as a part of the Club & District Support team where he supported the global CDS team and served as the product owner of Rotary Club Central. As part of RI’s focus to better support the products provided to Rotarian leaders, Joe became a dedicated product owner for Rotary Club Central, Club & District Administration, Membership Leads, and the Club Locator App in 2017. As Product Owner, Joe is responsible for continuously improving these products and delivering value to users. Prior to joining RI, he spent more than 10 years a public policy leader in various associations and small businesses. Joe moved to Illinois in 2007 and is the proud father of 4-year-old twin boys.

Entertainment



**CHACHABOO**

Based in Natchez, ChaChaBoo is made up of 4 talented professional, seasoned musicians. Over the past 10 years they have played together locally from time to time.

In 2015 they made the decision to begin not only playing local venues but to also play all across Louisiana and Mississippi at events, casinos, parties, weddings, and clubs. They are categorized as a “classic rock” band but the song list reveals that they play R & B, blues, soul, country and just about all types of music.

Their mission is to make sure that audiences have FUN. They pride themselves on being professional and conduct themselves in a professional business manner, but they do not let business and professional conduct keep us from being FUN.

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5. Natchez City Cemetery
6. National Cemetery
7. Natchez Convention Center
8. Natchez in Historic Photographs
9. Museum of African-American History & Culture
10. Natchez State Park
11. Natchez Trace Parkway
12. Natchez Under-the-Hill
13. Old South Winery
14. St. Catherine Creek National Wildlife Refuge
15. William Johnson House
16. Duncan Park (Golf/Tennis)
17. Beau Pre' Golf Course
18. The Natchez Mall
19. Forks of the Road
20. Natchez Trails Pavilion
21. Rhythm Night Club Memorial Museum
22. Natchez Little Theatre
23. Gazebo at Natchez Bluff Park
24. Magnolia Bluffs Casino
25. Bud Scott
26. The Ealey Brothers
27. Natchez Burning
28. Papa Lightfoot







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