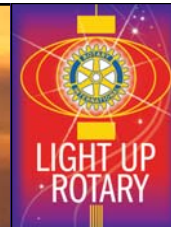


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# Leave a Legacy District 6840 Newsletter December, 2014



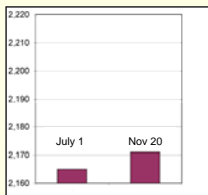
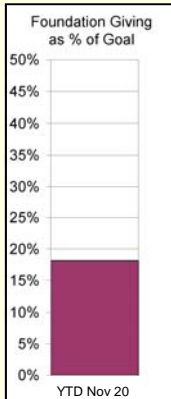
## Governor Brian Hall's Message

Greetings Rotarians! I hope you're as excited about this holiday season as I am. It is a time that we can take time with family and grab a much needed breath before we barge into 2015. Time has this amazing way of marching on, doesn't it?

I want to make sure you're aware of some events coming up in our district. First, we have our Paul Harris Society Gala. Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator Floyd Lancia will be our guest that evening. We're going to have a great evening of fun, food, and Foundation. It is being held at the Great Southern Club in Gulfport on December 4. Check the district calendar on our website ([www.rotary6840.org](http://www.rotary6840.org)) for details and registration.

Second, we have our Mid-Year Checkup coming up on January 10. Each club should prepare a 2 minute presentation on what they've done so far this year. This event is always encouraging and you'll come away with some great ideas for your club. It is being held at the Bay Waveland Yacht Club in Bay St. Louis. Again, check the district website for details.

Lastly, don't forget our District Conference April 10-12 at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi. It's going to be a fantastic weekend. We've got great speakers, awesome breakouts, business networking, food, and fun. We've spent two years planning this event, and it is going to show. Don't miss it. Register today at [www.rotaryrivage2015.com!](http://www.rotaryrivage2015.com!)



District Membership

Please don't forget the Rotary Foundation in your year-end giving. As you can see later in the newsletter we're making great progress towards our goal. Help us reach that \$300,000 mark this year and leave a legacy that we all get to reap in just three years. As always, let me know how I can help you. I appreciate all you're doing for your communities through Rotary.

## Upcoming Events

December 4, 2014  
Paul Harris Society - Foundation Gala  
Hancock Bank Bldg  
Gulfport, MS

January 10, 2015  
Mid-Year Checkup  
Bay Waveland Yacht Club  
Bay St. Louis, MS

February 7, 2015  
District 6840 Team Training  
First Pentecostal Church  
Slidell, LA

March 6-7, 2015  
Ole Man River PETS  
Jackson Convention Complex  
Jackson, MS

March 14, 2015  
Million Dollar Dinner  
Antoine's Restaurant  
New Orleans, LA

April 10-12, 2015  
Rotary Rivage 2015  
Joint District 6820 & 6840 Conference  
Beau Rivage Resort & Casino  
Biloxi, MS

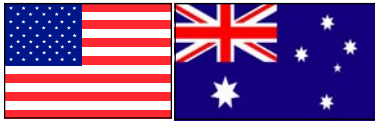
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### Serving Southeast Louisiana and the Mississippi Gulf Coast

## Club & District News



The GSE Team met Saturday, November 15th, to continue planning for its trip to District 9800 and Melbourne, Australia, February 19 - March 22, 2015. The team recently added Chris Vignes, 33, from Gulfport, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gulfport - Orange Grove. Chris works as a Public Information Officer for the City of Gulfport.

The team now consists of Carl Michel (Team Leader and member of the Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend), Alex Michael, Kait Sukiennik, Matt Winterkorn, and Chris Vignes. They are now posting weekly updates on their new Facebook page - District 6840 GSE 2015 Australia.



Leave a permanent gift to The Rotary Foundation that will continue to do good in the world forever! A donation to the Endowment Fund is never spent; only the interest is used to support humanitarian projects around the world. A new commitment of \$25,000 this year through your estate planning will qualify you for an invitation to the Million Dollar Dinner on March 14, 2015, at Antoine's Restaurant in New Orleans. That commitment can take the form of a codicil to a will, or beneficiary to a life insurance policy or IRA. The district has a goal of \$1,000,000 in commitments and has raised about \$700,000 to date in conjunction with District 6200.



Please send in your new officers for next year. This information is due to me and RI. I have previously sent every club the necessary paperwork to complete this. If for some reason you do not have the forms needed, please notify the District Secretary, Gill and he will forward you the forms.

His email is: [norler@cableone.net](mailto:norler@cableone.net) or by land line at 228-875-5937. Thank you for your help in this important matter.

District Secretary Gill Miller



The Rotary Club of Slidell Northshore gives new meaning to the term Rotary International with its newest member, Gabriela Lemoine, shown here with Club President BJ Petersen. Gabriela is a former member of Club Rotario Matamoros Profesional in Matamoros, Mexico.

A native of Mexico, Gabriela has lived most of her life in Mexico, but earlier this year, she moved to the United States with her new husband Rodney. She is excited about being a part of Rotary again and hopes to participate in joint projects with her former club in Mexico.



The officers of the Slidell High School Interact Club were recently installed at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Slidell. Shown with the Interact Club members are Club President Rene Arcemont and Interact Sponsor Vicky Magas.

The District Interact Conference will be held at Salmen High School in Slidell on February 28, 2015. Please make plans to attend.



## Club & District News (cont)



The Friends Forever delegation from Northern Ireland spent their last evening Trick or Treating and enjoying a Halloween party at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Slidell. Instead of asking for candy, the teenagers asked for canned goods to donate to local food pantries. Interact students and youth exchange students joined them in the fun.



The next day, November 1, the delegation headed back to Belfast to spend the next year as ambassadors for peace in their native land.



A Resolution was presented on November 18th by the Gulfport City Council designating "Rotary Day" in the City of Gulfport in recognition of and thanksgiving for the very special work that the Gulfport Rotary Club and the Gulfport-Orange Grove Rotary Club do for the benefit of people, and particularly the children, in the Gulfport community.

Gulfport Rotary Club participates in many activities including: the Dictionary Project (delivers dictionaries to all third grade students in the Gulfport School District and the Catholic Diocese Schools in Gulfport), holds a Draw Down to raise scholarship funds for Gulfport High School and St. Patrick High School (a 33-year project of the club), rings the bell each Christmas season for the Salvation Army and makes donations to such worthy groups as the Boy Scouts of America and the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

The Rotary Club of Gulfport-Orange Grove volunteers in projects including: Christmas for Kids, the Dictionary Project, the Salvation Army Bell Ringing project, the Christmas Basket Project, several Scholarship programs, and generously provides financial support as well as time to many causes in our community. Thank you for making the community of Gulfport truly a special place to live!



## District Committee Reports- Strategic Planning Initiative Meeting, Nov. 15

17 Rotarians rated the things they wanted the district to do (starting July 1, 2015). The numbers illustrate how many points were given by how many votes:

- 22/6 Create a conduit for younger professionals to get involved / a community-based Rotaract club of 20 Somethings
- 21/6 Make foundation giving second nature / double number of major donors
- 20/6 Build something / a signature project / Have a P.R. effort to support recruitment / Create an Annual Report / Do a Rotary Day
- 15/4 Create an intense district membership effort
- 14/5 Take advantage of new digital technologies to give district communications more impact / make ours an "e-district" / 6840 app / create a district speaker database
- 14/4 Do a dozen inbound and outbound Youth Exchanges annually
- 13/4 Develop leadership positions in the club with formal requirements / something to be signed
- 12/3 Define and communicate roles for all district officers / increase Assistant Governor training
- 11/3
  - a. Encourage clubs to sponsor new clubs
  - b. Do more Rotary Foundation presentations at clubs by district leadership
- 10/3 District chairs will distribute three techniques to their club counterparts that will help the clubs succeed in those areas: "the critical few"
- 8/3
  - a. Increase club members' identification with district by increasing P.R. of projects
  - b. Support Group Study Exchange and Vocational Training Teams
- 7/4 Engage more Rotarians in the Rotary Leadership Institute
- 7/3 Make district/club positions an honor so that those in those positions will carry out their duties
- 7/2 Build awareness of our how we are making a difference
- 6/2 Increase the percentage of club members at district events / make the events relevant, age appropriate, and time well spent.
- 5/3
  - a. Facilitate partnerships among clubs and between clubs and other groups
  - b. Initiate Dolly Parton Imagination Library project.
- 5/2
  - a. Encourage joint club meetings
  - b. District leadership will identify issues and answers
- 5/1 Focus on Rotary projects rather than non-Rotary projects
- 4/2 Help clubs bridge the gap between generations so that all members take part
- 4/1 Train club treasurers
- 2/1
  - a. Do a Rotary Foundation on-going project / hands-on / outside the district
  - b. Work with the Scouts about emergencies and disasters

The final product from the preliminary data above will be a Long Range Plan, still in a developmental stage.

District Governor Nominee Randy Feldman facilitated the meeting.



# District Committee Reports- Rotary/ShelterBox Fact Sheet from [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



Fact Sheet | Rotary and ShelterBox

## **Partnership background**

The project partnership between [Rotary](#) and [ShelterBox](#) offers opportunities to collaborate in providing emergency shelter and vital supplies to stabilize, protect, and support communities affected by disasters and humanitarian crises.

## **About ShelterBox**

ShelterBox is an international relief charity that provides immediate assistance to people affected by disasters such as earthquakes, volcanic activity, flooding, hurricanes, cyclones, tsunamis, or conflict. With 17 international affiliates, ShelterBox provides shelter, lifesaving equipment, and educational materials to hard-hit communities worldwide. Since its founding in 2000, ShelterBox has responded to more than 200 natural disasters and humanitarian crises in almost 90 countries, providing vital aid for well over 1 million people.

## **How do ShelterBox response teams operate?**

A highly trained ShelterBox response team, composed mainly of volunteers, distributes ShelterBoxes at the site of a disaster, working closely with local organizations, international aid agencies, and a global network of volunteers. Each ShelterBox, tailored to the particular disaster, typically contains a relief tent for an extended family, blankets, water storage and purification equipment, cooking utensils, a stove, a basic tool kit, a children's activity pack, and other essential items. Distributions may also include SchoolBoxes containing essential tools for teachers and basic educational supplies for 50 children.

## **How can my Rotary club or district get involved?**

Rotary clubs and districts can assist ShelterBox with emergency disaster relief efforts that meet the needs of an affected community. Some collaboration examples include:

- *Organizing and taking part in an event that raises funds for ShelterBox, or making a donation to ShelterBox*
- *Assisting with local deployment efforts by helping to clear aid through customs, accommodating response teams, or training members of local communities in setting up relief tents*
- *Aligning ShelterBox relief efforts with local governments and organizations working in areas devastated by disaster or humanitarian crisis*

## **ShelterBox Global Gifts**

This holiday season, give gifts that make your loved ones feel special. Share the joy of helping a family in their hour of greatest need. Each Global Gift will help provide shelter, warmth and dignity to families left homeless by disaster. Holiday gift ideas start at \$25. Order from [www.shelterboxusa.org/globalgifts](http://www.shelterboxusa.org/globalgifts) or contact ShelterBox USA Ambassador Ken Thompson.

## District Committee Reports- Rotary Youth Exchange and Foundation



If your club has not invited a Rotary Youth Exchange Student or a member of the RYE Committee to present to your club this year, please do! If you invited us last year, invite us again! RYE is one of the most exciting programs of Rotary and can both bring the world into your club, homes, and community and also open up the world to the high school students in your area. Each year, approximately 8,000 incredibly brave students participate in Rotary Youth Exchange for a full school year and the students in the communities we serve now have this opportunity... But each club needs to have **one** knowledgeable person to field questions from applicants and families and to deliver information to Interact clubs and applicants.

Our three students this year, Lily from Taiwan in Slidell (contact Ron Davis: [ron.davis@bluebell.com](mailto:ron.davis@bluebell.com)), Anna from Denmark in St. Charles Parish (Fen Swann: [fwann@bellsouth.net](mailto:fwann@bellsouth.net)), and Joara from Brazil in Covington (Kirk Michel: [kmmapps@gmail.com](mailto:kmmapps@gmail.com)), are looking forward to invitations to your clubs, your service projects, and the experiences you can offer.

This month Anna joined District Youth Exchange Officer Elizabeth Van Sant in a presentation to the Rotary Club of Kenner. Lily joined Elizabeth in presentations to the Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis and to the Salmen High School Interact Club (Slidell). The Bay St. Louis club has elected to sponsor an exchange student next year.

Going fishing? Have extra tickets to a Saints game? Does your club have a fun social event planned? Is your club membership feeling old? Invite a student to keep you young! Does your membership need to know more about the World of Rotary? Invite a Rotary Youth Exchange Student!



Join us at our District 6840 Paul Harris Society - Foundation Gala on Thursday, December 4

Register Now on the District Website  
[www.rotary6840.org](http://www.rotary6840.org)



Location: The Great Southern Club, atop the Hancock Bank Building, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Social: 6:30 pm (cash bar)

Dinner: 7:00 pm

(Choice of Entries, steak or salmon with salad, vegetable, dessert, tea, and coffee) \$45/person  
Fees can be paid online.



Spencer Emanuels, a member of the Rotary Club of Ocean Springs, is making a pledge that he hopes will enable the district to meet the Foundation goals that District Governor Brian Hall has set forth.

Spencer is pledging 10% of his real estate commissions to The Rotary Foundation for the next 24 months. We sincerely thank Spencer for taking a huge step forward toward Doing Good in the World.

# Stop Hunger Now



## WORKING TOGETHER TO END HUNGER

### Why Rotarians and Stop Hunger Now Make Good Partners

- Every day 25,000 people die from hunger and hunger-related causes.
- No country has achieved rapid and continuous economic growth without 40% of its adults being able to read and write.
- Supplying a sustainable school feeding program in a developing country can double or triple school enrollment. Education is proven to provide a way out of poverty, decreasing birth and infant mortality rates as well as increasing the incentive to immunize children.
- Stop Hunger Now works directly with approved non-profits in over 30 developing countries.

### *Is it the truth? YES!*

- There is enough food available to feed everyone in the world 3,500 calories a day.
- There is an acceptance that absolute poverty and a day-to-day life of basic survival is normal.
- The enormity of hunger intimidates those who truly care.

### *Is it fair to all concerned? NO!*

- Rotarians working together to package food provides Rotarians a viable way to end hunger as the food they package is directed to school feeding programs in developing countries.
- Rotarians serving together builds community spirit, provides community outreach, raises awareness and the power of Rotary to effectively and sustainably change lives.
- The reality of hunger moves from the truth in our head, to compassion in our hearts, when we are able to serve with our hands.

### *Will it build good will and better friendships? YES!*

- Poverty, hunger, and a lack of education are contributors to social unrest and global terror.
- Helping our neighbors abroad encourages global partnerships.
- Service above self changes the lives of Rotarians as well as the lives of those they aid.
- Helplessness over the enormity of suffering disappears when we are provided a way to give.
- Rotary is working in 200 countries and regions around the world to end hunger.
- Stop Hunger Now's food packaging events have allowed groups of all sizes to make a difference in the lives of school children and malnourished in developing countries.

### *Will it be beneficial to all concerned? YES!*

For more information go to [www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org)

Or contact Sheila Currie at 228-547-9376 or [currie.sheila@gmail.com](mailto:currie.sheila@gmail.com)

## District 6840 Giving - Annual Fund

Club	Actual APF Giving	Actual APF per member	Club	Actual APF Giving	Actual APF per member
Northlake Mandeville	\$11,955	\$ 209.74	Belle Chasse	\$0	\$ -
Slidell	\$9,595	\$ 195.82	Bogalusa	\$0	\$ -
Amite	\$4,810	\$ 185.00	Columbia	\$0	\$ -
Algiers	\$1,950	\$ 130.00	East New Orleans	\$0	\$ -
Covington	\$2,795	\$ 99.82	Edgewater	\$0	\$ -
Pass Christian	\$1,512	\$ 63.00	Franklinton	\$0	\$ -
McComb	\$5,672	\$ 61.65	Greene County	\$0	\$ -
Ocean Springs	\$3,925	\$ 58.58	Gulfport Orange Grove	\$0	\$ -
Central Hancock	\$1,145	\$ 45.80	Harahan	\$0	\$ -
Picayune	\$1,000	\$ 22.22	Hattiesburg Sunrise	\$0	\$ -
Carrollton	\$530	\$ 22.08	Kenner	\$0	\$ -
Metairie	\$1,050	\$ 18.42	Kentwood	\$0	\$ -
Metairie Sunrise	\$370	\$ 17.62	Lucedale	\$0	\$ -
Biloxi	\$1,100	\$ 16.92	Moss Point	\$0	\$ -
St. Charles	\$1,200	\$ 14.81	North Bay Biloxi	\$0	\$ -
Long Beach	\$175	\$ 13.46	Pascagoula	\$0	\$ -
Hattiesburg	\$580	\$ 6.59	Petal	\$0	\$ -
Gautier	\$300	\$ 5.66	Plaquemines Parish	\$0	\$ -
Richton	\$100	\$ 5.56	Poplarville	\$0	\$ -
Westwego	\$130	\$ 5.42	Slidell North Shore	\$0	\$ -
Tylertown	\$130	\$ 5.00	St. Bernard	\$0	\$ -
La Place	\$100	\$ 4.55	Stennis	\$0	\$ -
West Bank	\$200	\$ 2.90	Summit	\$0	\$ -
New Orleans Riverbend	\$40	\$ 2.67			
New Orleans	\$280	\$ 2.24			
Ponchatoula	\$100	\$ 2.22			
Bay St. Louis	\$150	\$ 2.14			
Hammond	\$125	\$ 2.12			
Gulfport	\$250	\$ 1.88			
Hammond Ponchatoula Sunrisers	\$25	\$ 0.44	District Totals	\$51,294	\$ 23.69