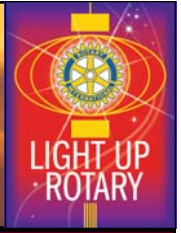




Leave a Legacy District 6840 Newsletter October, 2014

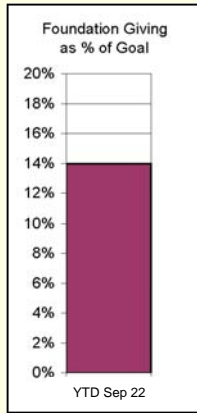


Governor Brian Hall's Message

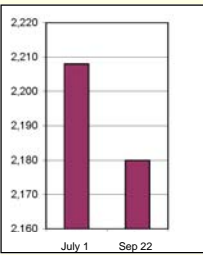
It is October! Fall is here and the first quarter of the Rotary year is behind us. The calendar seems to race ahead at a greater and greater clip. October is Vocational Service month in Rotary. It's a great opportunity to remind Rotarians everywhere that service extends beyond our Rotary meetings each week and should be a part of what we do each day. The chance to teach, mentor, and direct is open to each of us if we'll take that chance.



We're continuing to press towards our goal of leaving a legacy. As of today, over half of our clubs have contributed to the Rotary Foundation. Northlake-Mandeville has already contributed over \$200 per member to the Rotary Foundation. That's fantastic work for so early in the year! The Rotary Clubs of Amite, Slidell, and Algiers have also met our goal of \$130 per member as well (see club totals on Page 7).



I have issued a challenge to our clubs: if the Rotarians in our district achieve giving of \$110 per member to the Rotary Foundation by the time of the District Conference (April 10-12 at the Beau Rivage) I will shave my head at our Saturday night luau. Help us achieve a fantastic goal (on the way to our final goal) then register to come to the District Conference and watch me become more streamlined.



It's been a great year so far. Keep working to make a difference in your communities. What you do matters!

Upcoming Events

- October 18 - November 1, 2014
Friends Forever Delegation
- November 15, 2014
Strategic Planning Session
WYES Offices
New Orleans, LA
- 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
- March 6-7, 2015
Ole Man River PETS
Jackson Convention Complex
Jackson, MS
- April 10-12, 2015
Joint District 6820 & 6840 Conference
Beau Rivage Resort & Casino
Biloxi, MS

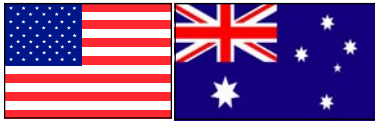
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Club & District News



Group Study Exchange - District 6840 will do a Group Study Exchange with District 9800 - Australia in 2015. The exchange will take place March 1-28. Carl Michel, Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend, was selected as 2015 GSE Team Leader. Carl is an Assistant District Attorney for Jefferson Parish. Following interviews on Saturday, September 13, Carl and the GSE Committee have selected the following as GSE Team Members:

Kimberly Cox-Sherlofsky, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gautier, lives in Gautier and works as the Admission Counselor for The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast

Alex Michael, sponsored by the Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend, lives in New Orleans and is an Account Executive for LeSEA Broadcasting Corp.

Kait Sukiennik, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ocean Springs, lives in Ocean Springs and works as the Office Manager for Home Instead Senior Care.

Matthew Winterkorn, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Stennis Space Center, lives in Slidell and works as a Meteorologist for the Stennis Space Center.



Friends Forever Returns - the third delegation from Northern Ireland will come to District 6840 from October 18 to November 1. The two-week retreat brings five Catholic teens and five Protestant teens into a "neutral environment" to build bonds of trust and friendship. The full schedule and complete information on the Friends Forever tour are on Page 7 of the newsletter.

RYE Update - the school year is well underway and all of our Rotary Youth Exchange students are making plans to attend their host school homecoming football games, dances, and school spirit activities. They have joined sports teams at their schools (Lily, from Taiwan, attends Northshore High in Slidell; Joara, from Brazil, attend Covington High in Covington; Anna, from Denmark, attends Hahnville High in Luling) and have made great strides in adapting to their communities and families.

We encourage all Rotarians and Rotary Clubs to remember to include our students as speakers at your clubs or as an extra guest at your next family outing. Bring your family to meet Lily, Joara, and Anna as they demonstrate how to be a Rotary Goodwill Ambassador at the following Rotary service projects:

Saturday, Oct 4, 7 pm-til: Covington Rotary's World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio (Event #429) at Rock N Bowl in New Orleans (see covrotary.org to join us!).

Sunday, Oct 5: Finish Line Welcome Committee in Venice, LA, www.mississippichallenge.co.uk/



Jim Hooper, with the Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish, has been asked to help with Interact at the District level this year. In order to become familiar with the other Interact Clubs in the District, please send him information about your Interact Clubs. He is looking for the clubs that have Interact clubs, contact person(s) within each Rotary Club and activities that the Interact Clubs will be working on this year. It is hoped that each club will receive the Presidential Citation Award and information about that program will be forwarded later this year.

Again, please forward your contact and club information to Jim Hooper. Jim's email address is hooperwj@yahoo.com and his office phone number is 985-785-9512.

Club & District News (cont)



The District Nominating Committee has selected ADG Kathie Short, Rotary Club of Pass Christian, as the District Governor for the Rotary year 2017-2018. The challenge process has been completed, and Kathie's title will be District Governor Nominee Designate.

To all, we will be having our final strategic planning session of this planning cycle at WYES, 916 Navarre Avenue in New Orleans from 8:30-noon, Saturday, November 15. It will be at this meeting that we finally work on the long-range plan for 2015-16 and beyond. I can't stress enough the importance for you all to attend. We will be determining the future direction of the district, and your input is critical. Please go to the district website and sign-up. I look forward to seeing you there. DGN Randy Feldman

 Ponchatoula Rotary & Ned Welles Memorial Scholarship Fund Present

8th Annual Golfin' Dollars for Scholars Golf Scramble



Thursday, October 23, 2014
Carter Plantation

1 pm Shotgun
\$125 per person includes
putting contest and raffle

Contact Chad Richard, Angelique
Richardson, or Sparky Welles for more
information.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CENTRAL HANCOCK COUNTY

Club 6840



Invites You to Join In For The

3rd ANNUAL DA-FEET HUNGER WALK



Saturday, November 1, 2014

Walker's 9:00 a.m. Walker's with Dogs 10:00 a.m.

\$25 Entry Fee: ALL entries will receive a commemorative tee shirt, bottled water,
& food voucher for hot dog & chips after the walk. Doggie water bowls available too!

All Proceeds Will Benefit the Hancock County Food Pantry & the Animal Shelter
Non Perishable Human and/or Pet Food Donations are greatly appreciated!

Contact Betty Maxwell, Rotary Club of Central Hancock County, for more information



*Friends
Forever*

The Rotary Clubs of the Beach Territory, (Biloxi, Edgewater, North Bay, Ocean Springs) will be hosting a social for the students from Ireland on Monday, October 27, 2014. This gathering will be held at the Donal Snyder Center, Pass Road in Biloxi, from 5:30- 8:00pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm with a presentation by the students at 7:00pm. **All Rotarians in the District are invited to attend.** If you would like to attend please RSVP to Vicky Gutierrez, vickyg@cableone.net, no later than October 10th.

Club & District News (cont)



"VERMONT FOLIAGE ADVENTURE" FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE BETWEEN D6840, & D7850 IN VERMONT!

Some Rotarians from District 6840 are being invited to visit Vermont from about September 29 to October 7, 2015, or September 30 to October 10, 2015.

About February 11 to 21, 2015, a group of Rotarians from Vermont will join us for some of the Mardi Gras festivities, and other features of our Gulf Coast Region!

During the week to 10 days in Vermont, there will be plenty of sightseeing - autumn colors, mountains, museums, etc. - to explore. Some details to follow.

The plans are basically home-stays with Rotarians, "Bed & Breakfast style." Guests will have their own rental cars/vans (probably for 4 or more passengers each) and will be responsible for their personal expenses and meals when they are on their own. Every effort will be made to make sure that the planned itinerary suits the interests and needs of the participating folks.

If you are interested in participating as a "host" for some of our visitors next February, please let me know. "Hosts" will have some priority if the September-October trip gets over-subscribed!

The Vermont trip is a GREAT opportunity to visit a special part of New England, at a special time of year!! Start your planning for a wonderful Rotary adventure!!!

PLEASE let me know ASAP if you are interested!!

Karen Babin, 2015 Friendship Exchange Coordinator for D6840

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

ksbabin@gmail.com



The mission of The Rotary Leadership Institute is to provide an educational opportunity for Rotarians identified as potential leaders by their club presidents. Each club president is asked annually to nominate club members as potential club leaders (not necessarily future presidents) in the years ahead.

Rotary needs a constant influx of leaders as club officers, since they change every year. It is difficult at the club level to learn enough about the exciting world of Rotary and leadership skills in volunteer organizations are often different from business leadership skills.

MEMBERS LEARN

- more about the what/where/why of Rotary
- how to select service projects
- how to work with volunteers
- what it takes to lead a club
- how we use our \$\$ to fund projects

SHOULD MY CLUB PARTICIPATE? If your club members care about its future, they will want the best leaders possible. RLI is an outstanding opportunity for each club to improve the Rotary knowledge of its key people and to be exposed to new ideas of leadership. The exchange of ideas with other experienced Rotarians alone makes the courses extremely worthwhile.

Part I, October 25, 2014. For more information visit Rotary 6840 website; or contact Janice S. McKellar, District Chair, at 601-303-1152 or jmckellar@smcc.edu.

District Committee Reports- Rotary Youth Exchange and Foundation



OUTBOUND STUDENTS SOUGHT
Rotary Youth Exchange Application deadline for D6840 high school students between the ages of 15 and 17 (must not be older than 18-½ in September, 2015) is **NOVEMBER 7**. Children of Rotarians are eligible to apply but are not given priority in the selection process.

The applications must be turned in to a local club which agrees to become the **SPONSOR** of that student's application. Clubs may sponsor more than one student. An application fee of \$50 made out to D6840 RYE must accompany the application. A Sponsor club must identify a Youth Exchange Officer (training will be offered to all who assume this role) and sign the application and the Addenda prior to forwarding the application to Outbound Chair Houston Costolo by November 21.

Once the application is received by the District, the District will communicate directly with the applicants and the Sponsor club Youth Exchange Officer. Both Houston and RYE Chair Elizabeth Van Sant can be contacted at any time with questions regarding this process. Contact information and the application are on the District Website District Programs -> Youth Exchange

District Interviews will be held in Slidell on Saturday, December 6. Applicants and their guardians must be present from 9 am - 1 pm. D6840 Rotarians with an interest in serving on the interview panel, please contact Houston or Elizabeth.

We would like to have a panel of 20 Rotarians or friends of Rotary with an interest in youth service, international service, and this program in particular. No prior experience is necessary. Interviewers will receive instructions and training at 8 am on the day of the interviews.

Save the Date
Thursday, December 4, 2014



Make your plans now to join us at our
District 6840 Paul Harris Society –
Foundation Gala

at 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

Registration will be set up on our district web site soon.



Friends Forever Delegation



FRIENDS FOREVER

Founded in 1986

Friends Forever (www.friendsforeverusa.org) brings together 10 teens (ages 15-17) from areas of conflict—Northern Ireland or Israel — for a 2 week retreat in the USA (a "neutral environment"), 24/7, to build bonds of trust and friendship, learn about American religious and political tolerance, diversity, etc. Follow-up activities for a year "back home" involve the teens, their families, neighbors, and classmates for continuing strides toward peace.

Opportunities to welcome Northern Ireland Teens:

10/21, LaPlace Rotary

10/22, St. Charles Parish Rotary

10/24, Informal dinner at Newton home in Slidell (RSVP to Sharron)

10/27, Beach Territory Clubs host Friends Forever (RSVP to Vicky G.)

10/28, Covington Rotary (11:30-12:30) 10/31, Slidell Rotary

Some of the basics for the Friends Forever delegation:

Team building — Community Service projects — a Catholic Mass & a Protestant service

An important concept is the "**life raft principle**"—when you sit next to someone on a life raft, ones "humanity" takes precedence over religious and political differences.

- 10 teens, 5 Catholic & 5 Protestant, are accompanied by 2 youth educators.
- An "American Site Manager" provides local logistics.

All participants stay, travel, volunteer & prepare meals together for the 2 weeks.

Lodging will be at the Epworth Project in Slidell & a home near Bay St. Louis.

Transportation from Northern Ireland is the largest expense.

Donations dramatically help the budget: sponsored meals at Rotary clubs, pubs, homes, restaurants; gasoline; groceries; etc.

Donations of any size are welcome:

"Friends Forever," c/o Karen Babin, 900 S. Peters St., #13, New Orleans, LA 70130

For more information: ksbabin@gmail.com, 504-875-4342; 518-588-9096 (mobile)

District 6840 Giving - Annual Fund

Club	Actual AF Giving	Actual AF per member
Northlake Mandeville	\$ 11,955	\$ 209.74
Amite	\$ 4,810	\$ 171.79
Slidell	\$ 7,906	\$ 146.41
Algiers	\$ 1,950	\$ 130.00
Ocean Springs	\$ 3,925	\$ 57.72
Pass Christian	\$ 1,512	\$ 52.14
Covington	\$ 1,045	\$ 34.83
Picayune	\$ 1,000	\$ 21.74
Metairie	\$ 1,050	\$ 18.42
Biloxi	\$ 1,100	\$ 16.18
St. Charles	\$ 1,200	\$ 14.81
Carrollton	\$ 430	\$ 13.87
Hattiesburg	\$ 540	\$ 6.00
Long Beach	\$ 75	\$ 5.77
Richton	\$ 100	\$ 5.56
Westwego	\$ 130	\$ 5.42
Tylertown	\$ 130	\$ 4.81
McComb	\$ 347	\$ 3.77
West Bank	\$ 200	\$ 2.90
Riverbend	\$ 40	\$ 2.67
La Place	\$ 50	\$ 1.92
Gautier	\$ 100	\$ 1.89
Bay St. Louis	\$ 125	\$ 1.81
New Orleans	\$ 230	\$ 1.78
Hammond	\$ 75	\$ 1.25
Gulfport	\$ 100	\$ 0.76
Hammond Ponchatoula Sunrisers	\$ 25	\$ 0.44

Club	Actual APF Giving	Actual APF per member
Belle Chasse	\$ -	\$ -
Bogalusa	\$ -	\$ -
Central Hancock	\$ -	\$ -
Columbia	\$ -	\$ -
East New Orleans	\$ -	\$ -
Edgewater	\$ -	\$ -
Franklinton	\$ -	\$ -
Greene County	\$ -	\$ -
Gulfport Orange Grove	\$ -	\$ -
Harahan	\$ -	\$ -
Hattiesburg Sunrise	\$ -	\$ -
Kenner	\$ -	\$ -
Kentwood	\$ -	\$ -
Lucedale	\$ -	\$ -
Metairie Sunrise	\$ -	\$ -
Moss Point	\$ -	\$ -
North Bay Biloxi	\$ -	\$ -
Pascagoula	\$ -	\$ -
Petal	\$ -	\$ -
Plaquemines Parish	\$ -	\$ -
Ponchatoula	\$ -	\$ -
Poplarville	\$ -	\$ -
Slidell North Shore	\$ -	\$ -
St. Bernard	\$ -	\$ -
Stennis	\$ -	\$ -
Summit	\$ -	\$ -