



THE ROTARY JAZZ

DISTRICT 6840 NEWSLETTER

April, 2014



Governor Barbara Mauldin's Message

Presidential Citation forms must be completed and sent to me at 108 N Main, Petal, MS 39465 or electronically to docbarbara@yahoo.com by April 5, 2014. The awards will be given to the clubs at district conference Governor's Luncheon on May 10, 2014 at noon.



Rotarian giving to the Foundation is the money that supports Rotary projects locally and globally. District 6840 is supporting a mammography van in India, End Polio Now campaign, dictionaries to third graders in our own towns and all of the other club activities within the district. Foundation giving supports our Group Study Exchange team to Serbia/Montenegro and our ambassadorial scholars as well as the water projects in Arizona and Malawi and Nicaragua.

We have a unique opportunity to maximize our contributions due to the generosity of PDG Jerry Fortino, Carolyn Fortino, and PDG Todd Lindley, our Zone representative. For every dollar donated to the Foundation, there is a match to double the funds. Simply put, we can now contribute \$500 and receive a Paul Harris Fellow with a value of \$1,000. There is a time frame that must be met. All contributions must occur between March 1 and June 30, but the earlier the better. The contributions may be made by any method: see page 9 for more program details.

We in District 6840 pride ourselves on our generous spirit and giving to all of those who ask for our donations. Rotary is one of the charitable organizations that uses every dollar of Foundation giving to go only to projects. The funds given this year will be invested for three years to generate administrative funds and then the entire original amount is cycled back to go directly to projects. Now is the time to maximize the Foundation support with additional matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to go to ending Polio worldwide.

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Upcoming Events

- April 5, 2014
District Interact Convention
Biloxi High School
- April 12, 2014
District Assembly
Pearl River Community College
Poplarville, MS
- May 9-10, 2014
District Conference
Biloxi Civic Center
- June 1-4, 2014
Rotary International Convention
Sydney, Australia
- July 11-13, 2014
South Central Rotary Youth Exchange
Summer Conference
Lafayette, LA
- July 20-25, 2014
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
Pearl River Community College
Poplarville, MS

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District Governor's Message (cont)

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District Conference will be the real show of the good works that all of the clubs have done this Rotary year. At Friday Night Food Fest not only are the clubs asked to cook and serve the favorite dish but to showcase your best project for the 2013-14 year. Contact Vicky Gutierrez at vickyg@cableone.net about Friday activities and Vicky Magas at vickym16@hotmail.com for other conference questions.

District Conference is a great time to fellowship with the other Rotarians in the district and to celebrate the great year for your president. We have a wonderful program planned so I plan to see you at the Biloxi Civic Center on May 9 at 6:00 p.m. for the opening of the conference at Friday Night Food Fest and on May 10 to hear and learn from Rotarian Michael Angelo Caruso. The Governor's Luncheon will be the official final event on May 10, 2014 where we will honor all club presidents and spouses in the March of the Presidents. I hope that all Rotarians will take this opportunity to support and thank your club presidents for all of the hard work they have accomplished this year.

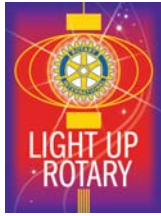
Earlier on Friday there is a golf tournament and sailing excursion as well as a strategic planning session, youth exchange meeting and grant certification training. You should register your attendance and participation in all events with your club secretary. All of the events are centered on you and your success in Rotary throughout district 6840. Come and pass a good time. It won't be the same without you!

Please send the names of the Rotarians in your club who have passed away since the last district conference in 2013 to PDG Ace Necaie at anecaie@gmail.com so that we can honor them at the Memorial Service at 8:30 a.m. at the Biloxi Civic Center on May 10, 2014. The deadline for submission of names is April 21, 2014 so we can print the programs.

Rotary Leadership Institute, March 22, 2014



Club & District News



Club Officer Training - Incoming club presidents, invite your officers to attend the **District Assembly** April 12 at the Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, MS (agenda on page 6). Register online by April 9. Special breakout sessions for secretaries, treasurers, youth exchange officers, membership chairs, and foundation chairs will be presented. District Governor Elect Brian Hall challenges his new club leadership to "Leave a Legacy" in the coming Rotary year. Friends Forever brings in a guest speaker to describe the delegation of Arab and Israeli teens visiting our area in the summer of 2015 (see below).

There will be another opportunity to certify your club members to participate in 2014-2015 grants. Certification of at least one club member at a qualifying grant management seminar as well as submission of a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) must be repeated every year. The deadline to submit a request for a 2014-2015 district grant is May 31. Clubs will not be allowed to do so until they have met all qualification requirements. That also includes submission of a final report for 2013-2014 grants.

The 2014 District 6840 Interact Convention will be held April 5 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at Biloxi High School. The Biloxi High School Interact Club is hosting the event in partnership with the Rotary Club of Biloxi. All Rotary Clubs in the district sponsoring Interact Clubs need to inform their Interact Clubs about the event, and encourage their participation.



The incoming Group Study Exchange Team from Serbia - Montenegro will be here from May 5 - 30. You will have the opportunity to meet them either at the District Conference or at a nearby Rotary Club meeting.



*Friends
Forever*

From April 10-16, the Middle East Coordinator for Friends Forever, Raed Habib-Allah, will be visiting New Orleans to lay the foundation for a visit of a Friends Forever delegation of Arab and Jewish teens from Israel in the summer of 2015, to New Orleans and the Gulf Coast!

Raed is scheduled to make presentations at four Rotary clubs and at the District Training Assembly on Saturday, April 12. In addition, there will be a gathering of Arab, Jewish and Rotary leaders, plus others interested in building peace in Israel, on Sunday, April 13 at 3:00pm, at the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, for a presentation, questions, answers and discussion.

Raed is the principal of an elementary school in an Arab village near Nazareth, Ein Mahel. He has been working to promote peace between Jewish and Arab teens for about 15 years, and for about the last 6 years with Friends Forever. It is an extraordinary opportunity to hear from an educator who is dedicated to building peace in a land with seemingly intractable tension and conflict.

Below is Raed's full schedule of presentations:

Friday, April 11 Lunch meeting, **Slidell Rotary Club**

Saturday, April 12 **District Training Assembly** (a short presentation)

Sunday, April 13 3:00pm Gathering of religious / cultural leaders & Rotarians
at **St. Charles Ave. Baptist Church, Uptown, New Orleans**

Monday, April 14 Lunch meeting, **Carrollton Rotary Club**

Tuesday, April 15 Lunch meeting, **Westbank/Gretna Rotary Club**

Tuesday, April 15 Dinner meeting, **New Orleans Riverbend Rotary Club**

Wednesday, April 16 Lunch meeting, **Bay St. Louis Rotary Club**



PDG Karen Babin, District Friendship Exchange



Club & District News (cont)



Applications for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) are due to sponsoring clubs by April 1. The clubs must forward the applications with their endorsement to RYLA by April 15. Application forms are available on the district website. The cost to sponsor one student is \$500. The program is specifically designed for high school students who will be attending their senior year in the fall.

As last year, RYLA will be held at the Pearl River Community College, Poplarville, MS, from July 20 to July 25. Only 65 students can be accommodated; enrollment will be closed after that number is reached. Relatives of Rotarians are eligible to attend.

The Rotary Club of Hattiesburg-Sunrise will conduct its 7th Annual Rotary Run on April 19, 2014. The Run will begin at 8:00 am at the USM Gateway on 4th Street in Hattiesburg. Pre-registration fee is \$20. This year we are partnering with the Edwards Street Fellowship Center. Funds will support their literacy and meal programs. Mail-in Forms must be postmarked by April 9th to get a T-shirt. Forms are available on www.pinebeltpacers.org or by contacting Nadine at nadermed@comcast.net.



7th Annual "ROTARY RUN" 5K Run/Walk

PURPOSE: proceeds benefit the
Edwards Street Fellowship Center.

April 19, 2014 Longleaf Trace 8:00a.m. Prize Awarded for Silliest Socks!

LOCATION: 5k Run/Walk will be held on the Longleaf Trace starting at the USM Gateway. The 5k Run/Walk begins at 8:00 am. Day of race registration begins at 7:00 am. **No bicycles, skates, or roller blades are allowed in the run/walk.** 1 mile Family Fun Walk/Run starts at 8:10am.

PRE-REGISTRATION: registration forms may be obtained and submitted at the following location: **ReMax**, 119 Mayfair Rd, Hattiesburg MS; **Community Bank** 5010 Hardy St or 6095 Hwy 49 Hattiesburg MS. **Walk-in registration** deadline is **April 11**. Mail-in forms must be post marked by **April 9**. Registration forms available on www.pinebeltpacers.org.

RACE PACKETS: Pre-registration race packets are available for pick up on race day, April 19 from 7am to 9am.

REGISTRATION FEES (non-refundable): 5K Run/Walk- \$20 pre-registration & \$25 day of race
Family Rate Maximum: \$45 pre-registration & \$50 day of race.

T-shirts are guaranteed for all pre-registered runners and walkers. Remaining t-shirts will be given out on a first come basis during "day of race" registration.

MAKE CHECKS payable to "Rotary Club of Hattiesburg Sunrise". Mail check and pre-registration form to
Rotary Club of Hattiesburg-Sunrise, P.O. Box 16525, Hattiesburg MS, 39404

For more information contact: Nadine Archuleta, nadermed@comcast.net

Canned goods are welcomed at the run to help support ESFC Food Pantry.



Club & District News (cont)

Rotary District 6840

Proposed Governor Visit Schedule, 2014-2015

<u>Club</u>	<u>Day Club Meets</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Visit Date</u>
Covington	Tuesday	12:00 PM	Tuesday, 01 July, 2014
Algiers	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Wednesday, 02 July, 2014
New Orleans	Wednesday	12:12 PM	Wednesday, 02 July, 2014
Summit	Monday	6:00 PM	Monday, 07 July, 2014
Hammond Ponchatoula Sunrisers	Tuesday	7:30 AM	Tuesday, 08 July, 2014
Riverbend	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Tuesday, 08 July, 2014
Hattiesburg Sunrise	Wednesday	7:00 AM	Wednesday, 09 July, 2014
Metairie Sunrise	Thursday	7:00 AM	Thursday, 10 July, 2014
Northlake Mandeville	Thursday	12:00 PM	Thursday, 10 July, 2014
Slidell North Shore	Tuesday	7:30 AM	Tuesday, 15 July, 2014
Stennis	Tuesday	11:30 AM	Tuesday, 15 July, 2014
Bay St. Louis	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Wednesday, 16 July, 2014
Harahan	Friday	12:15 PM	Friday, 18 July, 2014
Petal	Monday	12:00 PM	Monday, 21 July, 2014
Biloxi	Tuesday	12:00 PM	Tuesday, 22 July, 2014
North Bay Biloxi	Tuesday	5:45 PM	Tuesday, 22 July, 2014
Long Beach	Wednesday	7:00 AM	Wednesday, 23 July, 2014
Ocean Springs	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Wednesday, 23 July, 2014
St. Bernard	Thursday	12:00 PM	Thursday, 24 July, 2014
Slidell	Friday	12:00 PM	Friday, 25 July, 2014
Westwego	Monday	12:00 PM	Monday, 04 August, 2014
Amite	Tuesday	11:45 AM	Tuesday, 05 August, 2014
Edgewater	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Wednesday, 06 August, 2014
Franklinton	Thursday	12:00 PM	Thursday, 07 August, 2014
Gulfport Orange Grove	Monday	12:00 PM	Monday, 11 August, 2014
Columbia	Tuesday	12:00 PM	Tuesday, 12 August, 2014
Poplarville	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Wednesday, 13 August, 2014
Gulfport	Thursday	12:00 PM	Thursday, 14 August, 2014
Carrollton	Monday	12:00 PM	Monday, 18 August, 2014
Hattiesburg	Tuesday	12:00 PM	Tuesday, 19 August, 2014
Hammond	Wednesday	12:05 PM	Wednesday, 20 August, 2014
Tylertown	Thursday	12:00 PM	Thursday, 21 August, 2014
West Bank	Tuesday	12:15 PM	Tuesday, 26 August, 2014
Pascagoula	Wednesday	12:15 PM	Wednesday, 27 August, 2014
Wiggins	Thursday	12:00 PM	Thursday, 28 August, 2014
Pass Christian	Tuesday	12:15 PM	Tuesday, 09 September, 2014



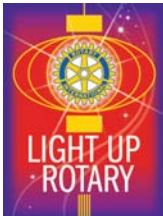
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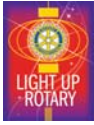
Richton	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Wednesday, 10 September, 2014
Central Hancock	Thursday	12:00 PM	Thursday, 11 September, 2014
Lucedale	Monday	12:00 PM	Monday, 15 September, 2014
Picayune	Tuesday	12:00 PM	Tuesday, 16 September, 2014
Greene County	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Wednesday, 17 September, 2014
Moss Point	Thursday	7:00 AM	Thursday, 18 September, 2014
Gautier	Thursday	12:00 PM	Thursday, 18 September, 2014
La Place	Tuesday	12:00 PM	Tuesday, 23 September, 2014
McComb	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Wednesday, 24 September, 2014
Kentwood	Thursday	12:00 PM	Thursday, 25 September, 2014
Belle Chasse	Tuesday	12:15 PM	Tuesday, 30 September, 2014
St. Charles	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Wednesday, 01 October, 2014
Ponchatoula	Thursday	12:00 PM	Thursday, 02 October, 2014
East New Orleans	Tuesday 1st and 3rd	1:00 PM	Tuesday, 07 October, 2014
Kenner	Wednesday	12:15 PM	Wednesday, 08 October, 2014
Metairie	Thursday	12:15 PM	Thursday, 09 October, 2014
Bogalusa	Tuesday	12:15 PM	Tuesday, 14 October, 2014
Plaquemines Parish	Tuesday 1st and 3rd	12:00 PM	Tuesday, 21 October, 2014

Leave a Legacy

District Assembly Agenda
April 12, 2014
Pearl River Community College
Poplarville, Mississippi



8:30 am	Call to Order and Welcome
8:35 am	RI Theme and Our Goals – Leave a Legacy!
9:00 am	Get the business out of the way! (Policy Manual)
9:15 am	Friends Forever Israel – build peace in Israel here in District 6840
9:50 am	Break
10:00 am	Breakouts
	Presidents-Elect
	Club Administration (Secretaries and Treasurers)
	Foundation
	Membership
	Youth Exchange
11:45 am	Lunch
12:45 pm	District Strategic Planning
1:45 pm	Grant Management Seminar
3:00 pm	Adjourn
3:15 pm	DAC meeting



Ole Man River PETS March 7-8

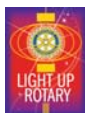
Ole Man River President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) was held this year (March 7-8) at the Jackson Convention Complex, a change in venue from the Hilton Jackson that we had used the last two years. The new facility was ideal for our purposes, and the convention staff was very receptive to our needs.

Michael Angelo Caruso repeated from last year as one of our keynote speakers. Michael has delivered over 2,000 paid presentations and keynote speeches around the world. He will be District Governor for District 6180 (Michigan) in 2016-2017. Jennifer Jones joined us from Windsor, Ontario, Canada, where she is a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland and a Past District Governor of District 6400. She has presented keynote addresses and training workshops at more than 100 conferences across North America, and, recently, St. Petersburg, Russia, Panama City, Bangkok, Lisbon, and Finland.

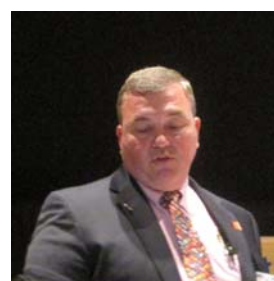
Bill Gormont comes to us from Rochester, New York, where he has spent 25 years teaching leadership teams organizational and motivational skills. He will be District Governor for District 7120 in 2015-2016. Richard "Big Rich" Churchman, in his role as Asst Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, presented the grant seminar that is part of the certification process for clubs wishing to participate in 2014-2015 grants. Big Rich is a Past District Governor of District 6200 (southwest Louisiana).

In addition to the training and instruction provided to incoming club presidents serving in 2014-2015, a special emphasis was placed on training Assistant Governors, and Presidents-nominee who will be serving as president in the 2015-2016 Rotary year. Each of the four District Governors had the opportunity to meet with their leadership team to spell out their overall district goals and expectations. Then Assistant Governors met with the club leaders within their territories to define individual club goals.





Ole Man River PETS (continued)



2014-2015 Deputy Governors



2014-2015 Assistant Governors





Matching Points Program Clarifications

To: Rotarians of District 6840
From: John Cornwell, Randall Feldman
Re: Annual Fund Matching Points Program Clarifications

A number of Rotarians have already expressed interest in the Matching Points Campaign to raise needed funds for the Annual Fund and then to our District Grants. They have asked for some clarification, so, here are the answers to some Frequently Asked Questions.

First, you don't have to do anything to acquire the matching points other than make your donation. Periodically, we will receive updates from The Rotary Foundation about the latest gifts. We will transfer the matching points in response.

Second, we have said that this is a Rotary Direct project. However, if your club is already submitting your donations for you to your account, those donations will also be matchable, as long as they are designated for Annual Fund - SHARE.

Third, if this is the case, your matchable donations began March 1 and go through June 30. What we are able to match are those donations that are received by The Rotary Foundation during that period.

Fourth, there is a lack of clarity of a Rotary Foundation rule on matching points, and in an abundance of caution, only donations of \$100 or more will be matched with an equal amount of recognition points. But this is cumulative, so if you donate \$50 a month from now until June, or \$200 altogether, 200 matching points will be transferred to you.

We are very encouraged about the excitement this campaign has already sparked. We ask that you take part now. Remember, whatever donation you are able to make between now and June 30 of \$100 or more will be matched. So, if you donate \$500, 500 points will be transferred to your account and you will receive a Paul Harris Fellowship for yourself or someone you wish to assign it to.

And the bottom line is that this will increase the availability of funds for local district grants to clubs and other local and international activities down the road. In other words, we will be able to provide more valuable services to our community and around the world.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to send Randy an e-mail: rfeldman@ramamail.net.

Many thanks for your support.

John Cornwell
Districts Governor Nominee

Randall Feldman
District Governor Nominee Designate

P.S. The amount of matching points is not unlimited, so do act now.

District 6840 Attendance Report

February, 2014

Club	Jul 1	Mar 1	Diff	Attend
Bayou Territory				
Belle Chasse	40	36	-4	42%
Plaquemines Parish	22		DNR	
Westbank/Gretna	74	70	-4	73%
Westwego	23	24	1	56%
Algiers	15	15	0	70%
BayPass Territory				
Bay St Louis	71	69	-2	81%
Pass Christian	27	29	2	74%
Picayune	46	47	1	54%
Stennis Space Center	15	14	-1	66%
Beach Territory				
Biloxi	77	77	0	60%
Edgewater	39	44	5	76%
Ocean Springs	64	68	4	60%
North Bay	9	9	0	85%
East Coast Territory				
Gautier	54	52	1	
Lucedale	42	38	-4	81%
Moss Point	18	18	0	67%
Pascagoula	126	127	1	39%
Greene County	21	21	1	53%
Gulf Territory				
Gulfport	127	129	2	62%
Gulfport Orange Grove	38	36	-2	76%
Long Beach	12	12	0	88%
Wiggins	20	15	-5	46%
Hancock County	26	28	2	71%
Heartland Territory				
Franklinton	24	26	2	61%
McComb	99	97	-2	67%
Summit	12	13	1	79%
Tylertown	25	23	-2	82%

Club	Jul 1	Mar 1	Diff	Attend
Hub Territory				
Hattiesburg	96	95	-1	47%
Hattiesburg Sunrise	34		DNR	
Petal	48	52	4	56%
Richton	21	19	-2	63%
Orleans Territory				
East New Orleans	13	12	-1	50%
New Orleans	131	128	-3	40%
St. Bernard	18	18	0	82%
Riverbend	19		DNR	
Lake Territory				
Covington	36		DNR	
Northlake/Mandeville	60	60	0	51%
Slidell	59	54	-5	44%
Slidell Northshore	46	45	-1	75%
Piney Woods Terr				
Bogalusa	26	26	0	66%
Columbia	44	37	-7	59%
Poplarville	30	29	-1	53%
Pontchartrain Terr				
Carrollton	34	30	-4	53%
Kenner	14	14	0	64%
Metairie	61	60	-1	59%
Metairie Sunrise	21	21	0	60%
Tangi Territory				
Amite	27		DNR	
Hammond	62	62	0	50%
Kentwood	15	15	0	
Ponchatoula	41	45	4	52%
Hammond/Ponchatoula Sunrise	60	60	0	31%
River Territory				
Harahan	14	15	1	62%
La Place	26	25	-1	72%
St. Charles Parish	77	74	-3	84%