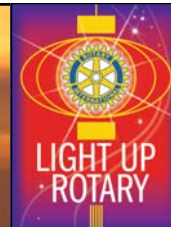


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Leave a Legacy District 6840 Newsletter September, 2014



Governor Brian Hall's Message

We're now sitting at the beginning of September. School has started, football is here or just around the corner, and cooler weather will be with us soon. Each time of the year seems to have its own cadence and autumn's is probably my favorite.



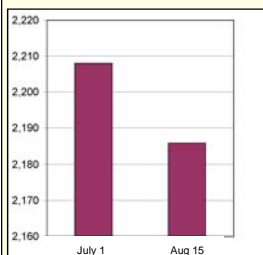
We've started off the year strongly. That's going to sound odd when I tell you that as a district we're down 11 members but it's the truth. July and August are typically when the big hits are taken to membership as clubs are cleaning their membership rolls. Being down just 11 members means we can start from here and really have substantial growth.

On district has thus far given \$13,434 to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. That works out to just about \$6 per member. That's a good start, but we have much ground to cover before June. Giving to the Rotary Foundation tends to happen late in the Rotary year. Let's see if we can change that this year.

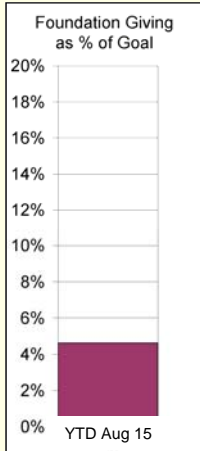
Our district has commitments of about \$400,000 for our Million Dollar Dinner. If you're interested in giving that will perpetually make a difference in our world I can't think of a better way.

If you have not yet set your goals for this year I implore you to do so. Our clubs need and deserve clear direction – an idea of where they're going and why they're going there. Set the goals, then make the plans to make them happen. You'll be amazed at the results in June.

Let me know how I can help you. Thanks for all your hard work.



District Membership



Upcoming Events

- September 4-7, 2014
Zone 30/31 Institute
Kansas City, MO
- September 13, 2014
2015 GSE Team Member Interviews
Slidell, LA
- October 18 - November 1, 2014
Friends Forever Delegation
- November 15, 2014
Strategic Planning Session
WYES Offices
New Orleans, LA
- 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

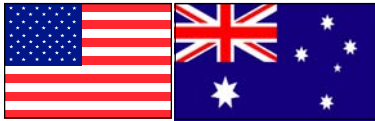
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Club & District News



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. Team Leader interviews were held August 10, and Carl Michel, Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend, was selected.

Carl will participate in the selection of GSE Team Members on Saturday, September 13. Applications are now being accepted for Team Members. The deadline to submit an application is September 6. Application forms are available on the district website. See the bulletin on the website under District Programs > Group Study Exchange for more details.



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.

DG Brian Hall (a Covington Rotarian) has challenged us all to: 1.) increase membership, 2.) raise more funds, and 3.) do something new...so the FUN Rotarians of the Covington Rotary Club want YOU to come play with us on Saturday, October 4th at Rock N Bowl in New Orleans from 7:00 pm - till...! This is Event #429 in the World's Greatest Meal To Help End Polio -- the only one currently registered in District 6840.



Come join us! Register and pay the \$31 via the Covington Rotary Club website www.covrotary.org to reserve your spot. You can bowl or just hang out with other FUN Rotarians from across the district. Either way, your fee covers shoes, bowling, dinner, draft beer and soft drinks, live music after bowling AND 3 polio vaccines. Additional donations are encouraged on-site. We will also hold a raffle for FUN door prizes. Our Youth Exchange Students will be selling the tickets! Invite your scholarship students, invite your families, prospective members. Children 5 and under do not pay (use the "comments" section of the registration page to tell us the number and ages of your group).



The Rotary Club of Franklinton's July service project was the collection of school supplies for the Franklinton Primary School. The supplies were delivered on Thursday, July 31, in time for the opening of school on August 8. Kneeling is Brenda Freeman, Linda Jenkins, and Club President Coylean Schloegel. Standing is Donna Graham, Franklinton Primary School Principal Aylene Crain, Larry McGuire, Claire McGuire, Barbara Oakes, Kathie Brown, Mike Gill, Betty Gill, Butch Reviere, and Steve Bush.

Join the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg for their 2nd Annual Bike-a-Thon on Saturday, November 1. After the race, enjoy food prepared by Chef Robert St. John and the Tabella Italian Restaurant. Race distances are 30, 60, and 100 miles, all starting at the USM Gateway. The two longer races start at 7:30 am; the 30 mile race begins at 8:00 am.



Club & District News (cont)



Ann Bowser (Chamber of Commerce) and Bruce Anzalone (Slidell Rotary Club member) spoke to the Rotary Club of Slidell Northshore about bringing Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA) to the Slidell area. YEA provides opportunities for students in grades 6-12, helping our business community grow by investing in future leaders. YEA East St. Tammany opens this fall as an after school program meeting once a week for 3 hours for a total of 30 weeks. Students enrolled will receive valuable knowledge and experience concerning entrepreneurship that will last a lifetime. Their vision is to help students find their dreams and after their college educations to return to our community and bring those dreams to reality.

Students of YEA East St. Tammany will create a business idea, conduct market research, write a business plans and with the help of business leaders and investors launch their very own real businesses. Students are also eligible to compete for College Scholarships as annually a winner is chosen from each Academy across the US who then goes on to a regional competition and then flown free of charge with one parent to the National Competition where they will compete for College Scholarships. The Academy will be highlighted with two large community events: a Trade Show where the students can present their new business ideas to the public and then the Shark Tank Event where students will be able to pitch their business ideas to a panel of real investors in a Shark Tank style. Applications are available online at www.estchamber.com. For more information contact Ann Bowser at (985) 643-5678.



This year's Rotary SCANEX event was another great success! The 31 Rotary Youth Exchange students arrived Sunday night at the Westbank Bridge Park and then headed over to Mariano's for some late night pizza. On Monday, the group spent the day sightseeing in downtown New Orleans. On Tuesday, the group went to Audubon Zoo, Lakeside Mall, and then finished the day with a swim party at Ellington Swim Club. On Wednesday, they woke up early to board their 48-hour train ride back to Los Angeles. The event would not have been possible without the help of dedicated St. Charles Parish Rotarians.

The Northlake-Mandeville Rotary Club Scholarship Program was started 16 years ago. The club selects two high school seniors from West St. Tammany Parish based on the following criteria.

- Good student academically
- Record of extra curricular activities with emphasis on community service
- Greatest financial need where our Scholarship will have the biggest impact



Students have been given \$10,000 scholarships (\$1,250 per semester) and must maintain a 2.5 or higher grade point average. The Scholarship level has been increased to \$12,000 per student beginning in 2014. Students shown during recent club visits are Whitney Bouey and Meg Robinson (upper right), selected in 2014; Madelene Meier (2011) and Mason Williams (2012) (middle right); Alissa Keegan (2012) (lower right); and Jenna Angelo (2011) and Kari Ousterhout (2013) (left). Whitney and Meg enter LSU this fall to study Industrial Engineering.



District Committee Reports- Rotary Youth Exchange and ShelterBox



MEET OUR INBOUND STUDENTS:

District 6840 Youth Exchange would like to thank McComb Rotary for hosting our first Joint Inbound Orientation August 15-17 at Percy Quin State Park. The District Youth Exchange Officers of 6190 and 6820 and their students joined D6840 students, Rotary Counselors Youth Exchange Officers, and RYE Committee members from Friday to Sunday.



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ShelterBox USA needs district Rotarians to carry out its mission of international disaster relief. Each club needs a liaison to update the club on recent activity. SBUSA also needs more Ambassadors to increase awareness and raise funds. Please contact Ken Thompson at (985)-641-2054 or kdthomps461@att.net.

Deployments - Nepal - A ShelterBox response team is being mobilized in response to large scale flooding, which has affected vast swathes of Nepal, caused by days of incessant rainfall.

Earlier this month, communities along the Nepal-China border were submerged by rising floodwater. Meanwhile, similar scenes have been witnessed along the Nepalese border with India and many districts in between. It is now estimated that as many as 19 districts are currently under water across the mountainous country.

Along the western border of the country flood damage was so severe that much of the infrastructure was washed away. Around 20,000 families had to be evacuated by helicopters into neighboring India. As conditions have worsened, fears of a potential outbreak of cholera have emerged. Drinking water has become contaminated in recent days and many fear the worst of the damage to buildings will not become fully apparent until floodwaters have receded.

Nepalese authorities have been quick to provide food and medical supplies but there remains a need for shelter as families are still left stranded from their homes. ShelterBox last sent aid to Nepal following flooding in 2008 (photo below).



District Committee Reports- Annual Fund and Strategic Planning



Annual Fund exceeds \$200,000 - "It was pretty grim when we started," said John Cornwell, District Governor-Elect now and Co-Chair then of 6840 giving for The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund-Share. "We were 50% behind the pace of 2012-13 in Feb. Then, we were fortunate that Jerry and Carolyn Fortino (Rotary Club of Algiers) donated 'recognition points' they had collected over the years."

Anytime a Rotarian donates to the Annual fund, Polio Plus, and some of The Rotary Foundation service projects, they are given an equal amount of recognition points which can be used to get a Paul Harris Fellowship for themselves or someone else.

"Jerry and Carolyn donated 89,000 recognition points to a 'Matching Points Campaign' for the clubs in our district," said District Governor Nominee and Co-Chair of the campaign, Randall Feldman. "Anyone, who was not a major donor already to The Rotary Foundation, who gave \$100 or more to The Rotary Foundation between March 1 and June 30, would receive matching recognition points as long as the points lasted."

And the donations started to grow. So much so, that on June 30, the points ran out. Cornwell suggested that donors on that day – and there were many – receive prorated contributions. As long as the proration met The Rotary Foundation guideline of transferring at least 100 points per person, those June 30 donors also received matching points although not the 1:1 match. The final 2013-14 number was \$201,437: a 15% increase over last year!

It's a very good number, but what does it mean? First, it means that the superb programs that The Rotary Foundation supports worldwide - water, literacy, peace, maternal health, disease prevention and economic development - will have the benefit of our funds to continue their good works.

And right here in 6840 in three years, we will have an increase in our funds for our clubs and the district projects. Cornwell concluded, "It was a great way to end Governor Barbara Mauldin's year."

AF Co-Chairs John Cornwell and Randall Feldman



RESULTS OF DISTRICT 6840 SWOT ANALYSIS AUGUST 23, 2014 (75+ Attendees)

Rotarians rated the suggestions. Listed are the top five results in each area. * means the result was rated twice as highly as the next item in that category.

Strengths

- Leadership*
- PETS
- Financial support
- District Conference
- Youth Exchange

Weaknesses

- District communications to members
- Rotary education
- Member engagement
- Racial diversity
- Resistance to change

Opportunities

- Community leadership
- New members
- Interact & Rotaract expands Rotary family
- Rotary branding
- Visibility

Threats

- Apathetic membership*
- Lack of youth in clubs
- The economy
- Loss of club leadership for district
- District relevance

Global Grant Update - Sanitation Network, Egypt

Sanitation Project for Village of Al Adly, Egypt

This Global Grant project develops a sanitation network for Al Adly village (20 km. northeast of Cairo, Egypt). The village has 300 home with 3,000 people who have no sanitation, living in sewerage with all the associated health problems. The Rotary Club of Heliopolis (Egypt) installed a water system in this village two years ago under a matching grant with the Rotary Club of Oldenburg (Germany) and the Rotary Club of Soissons (France). The photos below show the inhumane conditions that currently exist.

The network will be connected to a main sewage station 2 km away. Sustainability of the project will be achieved by the regular maintenance and repair of the Qualiobia governorate engineering department. The total project cost is an estimated \$80,000. The project consists of laying 860 meters of 10" pipe at depths varying between 1 and 3 meters. The project scope also calls for the installation of 40 manholes with 30 cm. cement walls.

Some of the partners in the Global Grant are:

Rotary Club of Heliopolis (Egypt)
Rotary Club of Minneapolis (MN)
Rotary Club of Slidell (LA)
Rotary Club of Villa Park (CA)
Rotary Club of Orange North (CA)
District 6840 (LA/MS)
District 6820 (MS)

Rotary Club of Soissons (France)
Rotary Club of Hoogezand (The Netherlands)
Rotary Club of Napoli (Italy)
Rotary Club of Oldenburg (Germany)
Rotary Club of Covington (LA)
District 5320 (CA)
District 6060 (MO)



Friends Forever Delegation



FRIENDS FOREVER Founded in 1986

For the 3rd year, D6840 will be hosting a Friends Forever delegation of Northern Ireland Teens - October 18 to November 1

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, together 24/7 in a "neutral environment," to build bonds of trust and friendship. 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. Follow-up activities for a year "back home" involve the teens, their families and neighbors for continuing strides toward peace.

Some of the basics:

- (1) 5 Catholic & 5 Protestant teens, are accompanied by 2 Youth Workers
- (2) An American Site Manager provides local logistics
- (3) Team building—"ropes course," other "Outward Bound" type activities
- (4) Community Service projects: food pantry; homeless shelter; City Park; etc.
- (5) All go to a Catholic Mass and a Protestant service during the visit
- (6) Special activities: BBQ at a home; pool party; boating; farm visit; etc.
- (7) Lodging for all participants - together - at the Epworth Project in Slidell and at a home near Bay St. Louis

Opportunities to meet the 2014 **Friends Forever** delegation:

Rotary Clubs: Tuesday, **October 21** - LaPlace Rotary Club
Wednesday, **October 22** - St. Charles Parish Rotary Club
Tuesday, **October 28** - Covington Rotary Club
Friday, **Halloween** - Slidell Rotary Club
Wednesday, **October 29** - Gulf Coast Rotary Clubs - planning an evening event
Friday, **October 24** - a "District Party" at a home in Slidell

Finances: Transportation for 12 from Northern Ireland is the largest expense

Total "host community cost" for a visit—about \$25,000

Sponsorships of \$2,500 per student are encouraged

Donations dramatically help the budget: sponsored meals at Rotary clubs; 15 passenger van; gasoline; groceries - 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 Grants - 2014-2015

Club	Description	Amount
Algiers	Park Bench City Park New Orleans	\$675.00
Algiers	Time for Kids Subscription	\$325.00
Columbia	Dictionaries	\$1000.00
Covington	Youth Exchange	\$500.00
Covington	Feed the Needy—Christmas (1500)	\$3000.00
Edgewater	Children's Health Fair	\$2250.00
Franklinton	Dictionaries	\$500.00
Gautier	Lunches for Learning-- Honduras	\$1000.00
Gulfport-Orange Grove	Dictionaries	\$1000.00
Gulfport-Orange Grove	Dolly Parton Imagination Library	\$1000.00
Gulfport-Orange Grove	Scholarships	\$1000.00
Gulfport-Orange Grove	Christmas for Kids	\$500.00
Hattiesburg	Common Core Literacy	\$750.00
Kentwood	Kentwood Museum Rehab	\$1000.00
LaPlace	Books for 2 Elementary Schools	\$1500.00
Long Beach	Dictionaries	\$500.00
New Orleans	Dictionaries	\$1000.00
New Orleans	St. Xavier School-India	\$3000.00
New Orleans Riverbend	LUMCON	\$500.00
New Orleans Riverbend	St. Bernard Project	\$1500.00
New Orleans Riverbend	Readers 2 Leaders	\$1000.00
Northlake Mandeville	Reading Program Lacombe Elementary	\$1200.00
Pass Christian	Boys and Girls Club Supplies	\$300.00
Pass Christian	Dictionaries	\$200.00
Pass Christian	Gifts for Troops	\$250.00
Petal	Dictionaries	\$1500.00
Slidell	Shelter Box	\$1000.00
Slidell	Youth Exchange	\$500.00
Slidell	Bridge City Project	\$1500.00
Slidell Northshore	Dictionaries	\$1500.00
St. Charles Parish	Lunches for Learning-Honduras	\$4000.00
St. Charles Parish	Digital Books-Elementary Schools	\$500.00
Tylertown	Scholarship	\$550.00
District 6840	Friends Forever	\$5000.00
District 6840	Shoes for Orphans	\$2500.00
District 6840	GSE Outbound-Australia	\$15,000.00
Contingencies	Special Projects	\$10,341.00
	Total	\$69,341.00