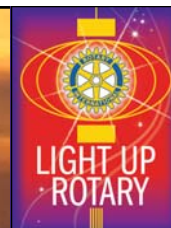




Leave a Legacy District 6840 Newsletter April, 2015



Governor Brian Hall's Message

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." Francis of Assisi

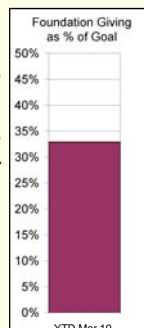
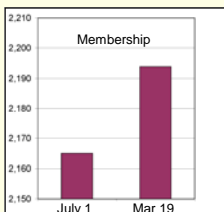


We are quickly approaching the 75% mark of our Rotary year together. Looking back, we have accomplished an amazing amount. On March 14 we got together and celebrated the fact that in conjunction with District 6200 we raised more than \$1,500,000 for the Rotary Foundation. Our district accounted for over \$1,000,000 of that total.

We have chartered a new club and membership is positive in our district. Giving to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation is running at all-time highs. We've engaged in projects that affect our communities, our region, and indeed the globe. We've addressed literacy in New Orleans, hunger in Hattiesburg, and maternal health in India. What an amazing legacy we've already left!

The really good news is that we've still got three months left to add to our legacy. First, you should plan to attend our district conference. I promise you'll have fun and be inspired. There's no better way to jump start the next Rotary year than with the district conference.

Also, continue the push around giving to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation. We can reach our goal of \$130 per member. This is how we make it possible for Rotarians to do more good in the next three years. This is a huge part of our legacy. Join me in leaving this legacy to those coming behind us.



I can't tell you how proud I am of what we've accomplished together. Don't stop now. Let's push it across the finish line.

Upcoming Events

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

May 2, 2015
District Assembly
Pearl River Community College
Poplarville, MS

June 6-9, 2015
Rotary International Convention
Sao Paulo, Brazil

July 19-24, 2015
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
Solomon Retreat Center
Robert, Louisiana

August 29, 2015
Foundation et al Seminars
Pearl River Community College
Poplarville, MS

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Club & District News



The Mid-City New Orleans Rotary Club was officially chartered by Rotary International. The club, while still in provisional status, had already developed a reputation as a community service organization that is changing New Orleans. Pictured is the club cooking for the Boys Hope Girls Hope charity. Club President Carl Michel learned about the official chartering February 27th while in Australia as the Group Study Exchange Team Leader. The club begins official operation with 32 members.



In Little Rock D6840 Rotarians accept the Silver Achievement Award from North American Youth Exchange Network President Don Peters. The award reads, "...This recognition is for those districts that participate enthusiastically, conduct activities that are best practices, and strive to build strong programs...Your program's notable areas of achievement include... Engagement of RYE students in service projects; Awarding Paul Harris Fellow to each inbound student; Family picnic as an official part of Inbound Orientation Camp."



Our Youth Exchange Students assisted with the Interact Conference held at Salmen High School, Slidell, LA, February 28th (left). Left to right in the photo are Lily (Taiwan), Joara (Brazil), and Anna (Denmark). 125 Interact members from across the district participated. The Youth Exchange students and committee also supported the Hammond Shamrock 5K Run (right) held on March 14th, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hammond..



The District 6840/6200 Million Dollar Dinner was held at Antoine's Restaurant, New Orleans, on March 14. With District Governor Brian Hall is our guest speaker, former Rotary International President John Kenny. John, a native of Scotland, is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation.

All 55 attendees had committed at least \$25,000 to The Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund in the past year by naming The Rotary Foundation as a beneficiary in either a will, a life insurance policy, or an IRA. The campaign raised over \$1,500,000, with \$1,050,000 committed by District 6840 Rotarians alone. Those donors are all now members of The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society, Level 2 or higher. More photos on page 8.



Club & District News (cont)



The **Rotary Leadership Institute** held its third session of the year on Feb. 21 at the First Pentecostal Church of Slidell. Four district officers facilitated two breakouts, with 7 students participating in the Part II series, and 6 students participating in the Part III series. Graduation requires participation in all three sessions: Part I, Part II, and Part III.



Similar to the second session, a segment was included reviewing the Strategic Planning Initiative and Long Range Plan, facilitated by District Governor Elect Randy Feldman. Also facilitating were District Governor Brian Hall, Past District Governor Don Bryan, and District Trainer Janice McKellar.



Golf Cart Raffle The Rotary Club of Central Hancock County is raffling a 2012 Yamaha from PGA West in La Quinta, California, home of the PGA West Nationals. It is a gold tone cart with gold tone wheels, 48 volt batteries, includes an electric battery charger, windshield, wheel covers, fold down rear seat, and has a heavy duty rear mounted trailer hitch great for pulling a small garden trailer.

The ticket prices are one chance for \$25, or five chances for \$100. Keep in mind that only 500 tickets are available so chances are very high to win. Also, any non-winning tickets are tax deductible. Proceeds will benefit the club's local and international charities.

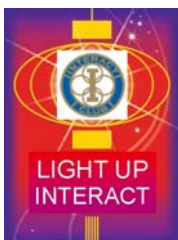


Puerto Lobos (MX) Water Tank Global Grant - Puerto Lobos is a fishing village on the west coast of Mexico located 120 km. southwest of Caborca. Municipal services are provided by the city of Caborca. Puerto Lobos has a water problem. Although a piping network extends to 80% of all homes, the network is empty because no holding tank exists. Water trucks deliver water weekly in barrels outside each home, but this water source is easily contaminated by dust and debris.

The City Water Department and the Rotary Club of Caborca studied the problem and determined that an elevated water tank with an 80,000 liter capacity (21,000 gallons) would be needed to provide a rapidly growing community of over 700 inhabitants with safe, clean drinking water. The hermetically sealed water tank would be installed on land owned by the city of Caborca, over a 15 meter high metal structure to provide sufficient water pressure by gravity. The photo is a similar tank in a nearby town. Water will be supplied to the tank from an existing well 4 km. away. A system of filtration and chlorination off the tank outlet will make the water potable. The City Water Department will maintain the system.

The project cost is an estimated \$60,000. The sponsoring Rotary Clubs, Caborca and Villa Park (CA) are seeking additional partners. District 6840 and the Rotary Clubs of Slidell and Slidell Northshore are participating in the Global Grant. With The Rotary Foundation match, \$46,000 has been pledged to date. If other clubs are interested, contact Ken Thompson at (985)641-2054 or kdthomps461@att.net

Club & District News (cont)



“Light Up Interact” Conference was held at Salmen High School in Slidell on Saturday, February 28. Over 200 Interactors from 12 clubs from all across the district met to celebrate their Interact Club’s accomplishments during the past year.

Television personality Sally Ann Roberts was the featured guest speaker, along with Judge Jim Lamz, speaking about his juvenile drug court, and Pastor Don Bryan speaking on Rotary, Interact, and other Youth Programs. District Governor Brian Hall and Slidell Mayor Freddy Drennan welcomed everyone during the opening ceremonies.

After lunch the Interactors participated in a Talent Show. In the hour-long “Brag Time”, each club had the opportunity to wax eloquently about their accomplishments, and display their club scrapbooks. Attendees had the chance to participate in a community service project before lunch, packaging personal hygiene items for the UMCOR non-profit organization to be distributed overseas to disaster victims. Each club received a tree, courtesy of District 6840, to be planted at their sponsoring schools.

District 9800 GSE Team comes to visit us. The team from Melbourne, Australia, arrived at the New Orleans Airport on Sunday, March 22, and will depart Friday, April 17. Their detailed itinerary can be downloaded from the district website. The team will be addressing the following club meetings:

Tuesday, March 31 - Covington
Tuesday, March 31 - New Orleans Riverbend
Wednesday, April 8 - Bay St. Louis
Thursday, April 9 - Gulfport
Wednesday, April 15 - McComb



The team will also be at the District Conference at the Beau Rivage, Biloxi, on Sat, April 11. Pictured (l to r) are Joni, Tom, Jacqui, Peter (Team Leader), and Latasha.



Ole Man River PETS March 6-7 - District 6840 was one of five districts participating in the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar held at the Jackson Convention Complex in downtown Jackson, MS. Incoming club presidents learn what to expect in their year as club president, and how to prepare for a successful tenure. Training sessions were also provided for Assistant District Governors, and for presidents-nominee taking office in 2016-2017.

Ann Lee Hussey spoke on her life as a polio survivor, and what life is like in third-world countries that have very little health care.

Ann Lee has participated in 26 volunteer National Immunization Day teams, and led the last 22 herself. Victor Nunnemaker related to the audience how his year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Germany, and later as a Ro-



tary Foundation Scholar in Switzerland literally turned his life around and saved him from the life of poverty that he seemed destined to as a young child in California. Our own PDG Greg Lier conducted the Grant Management Seminar. Over 260 were in attendance at the seminar.

District Committee Reports- ShelterBox Response to Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu



March 16, 2015 - A ShelterBox response team is being mobilized to travel to Vanuatu after the South Pacific country was hit by Cyclone Pam on Saturday, March 14. The strength of the category five storm, with winds reaching almost 200 miles per hour, has been compared to that of Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated large parts of the Philippines in 2013.

Vanuatu, one of the world's poorest nations, is made up of a sprawling cluster of more than 80 islands. The country, which is situated around 1,000 miles east of northern Australia, sits on the Pacific Ring of Fire and suffers from frequent earthquakes, tsunamis and active volcanoes as well as severe storms and rising sea levels.

While there is a communications blackout in most of Vanuatu, reports suggest that more than a quarter of a million people could now be homeless as a result of the cyclone and that up to 90% of structures have been destroyed or damaged. Thousands of people are now sheltering in evacuation centers in the provinces of Efate, Torba and Penama.

Many of the country's essential services, including schools, hospitals and power, are in disarray and Vanuatu's president Baldwin Lonsdale has said that the country is in "immediate need" as the storm has "wiped out" all development of recent years.

ShelterBox has agreed to work with fellow aid organization CARE International to distribute 1,000 shelter kits to people affected by the cyclone. The kits, which are designed to Red Cross specifications, can be used to repair and waterproof damaged buildings as well as to make emergency shelters. The kits will be dispatched from prepositioned stocks in Subang Airport, near Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. Having prepositioned aid means that we are better prepared for disasters and can reach the people who need it as soon as possible.

Alf Evans, ShelterBox Operational Manager, said: "We have been in frequent touch with other aid agencies, making clear our willingness and capability to help. Our initial response will see the 1,000 shelter kits deployed from Subang, and distributed with CARE International. Once we have ShelterBox response team members on the ground, we will be aiming to make further contributions to partnership work on shelter and repair."

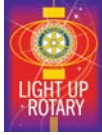
A ShelterBox response team, made up of volunteers Peter Pearce and Ross MacKenzie, will be heading to Vanuatu within the next few days to make preparations for ShelterBox aid distribution.

At least eight other nations apart from Vanuatu have experienced some level of impact from Cyclone Pam, including the Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Fiji, Tuvalu and Papua New Guinea. Officials have yet to assess the damage in many of these outlying areas due to lack of communications and power.

Cyclone Pam has now headed south, hitting New Zealand. Though it has weakened in strength, states of emergency have already been declared, and people have been evacuated,

First impressions from Ross Mackenzie, part of the ShelterBox response team which arrived in Vanuatu on Wed, March 18: "Flying in yesterday, the view out of the window was one of total devastation - no lush, tropical trees and the damage to buildings varied from minor damage to total destruction."





Rotary Rivage 2015



"Shoes for Orphan Souls" service project - PLEASE bring a new pair of shoes to donate to a needy child somewhere in the world – international AND domestic!

"Stop Hunger Now" On Saturday afternoon, everyone is invited (including children as young as 5!) to participate in this service project. In assembly line fashion, we will be assembling 20,000 packets containing a nutritious meal for 6 people!

Thursday **Golf at Shell Landing** (Scramble; \$85-cart, lunch; 10:30 to noon tee-times) & **Fishing** (by reservation) [Jim Twiggs, jim.twiggs@coastali.com, 228-497-9751]

There will be a nice **"Welcome Reception"** on Thursday evening (6:00 to 7:00).

Club project displays & Rotary merchandise will be in the House of Friendship.

The 9:00am start on Friday will be for the **"Business Meeting" & "General Session."**

The **"Lunch Honoring Club Presidents"** at 11:30am will include a presentation by the newly named **2016-2017 RI President, John Germ** from Chattanooga!

After lunch - 9 engaging and enlightening **"Breakout Sessions"** to choose from – Membership, Fund-raising, Leadership, Business Networking, Youth Programs, PR & Social Media, Water Projects, Grants, The Rotary Foundation, Friends Forever/Peace, Top Rotary Leaders, Rotary Leadership Beyond the Club!

The new **"Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum,"** (on the same property as the venue for the Food Fest), will stay open until 6:00pm for our group!

The rollicking **"Food Fest"** will start at 6:00pm at the open-air **Point Cadet Pavilion!** Clubs provide the food and drinks. Great band, great fellowship - no charge!

Saturday morning features the **"Foundation Breakfast"** at 8:00am.

9 more interesting and educational **"Breakout Sessions"** on Saturday morning!

Lunch at 11:45am will feature some special presentations.

Saturday afternoon is **"Free Time"** with many participating in the **"Stop Hunger Now"** service project

A casual, fun, **"Luau"** themed dinner (overlooking the Gulf, weather permitting), will round out Saturday! Reception at 6:00pm, Buffet Dinner starting at 7:00pm.

The Sunday morning **"Service of Remembrance"**, a **"Jazz Brunch"** and the **"Wrap up"**

Rotary Rivage 2015 - Breakout Sessions

Friday, April 10

Session 1 - 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

- Azalea A Successful Fundraising
Greg Lier (Moderator), Zach Rowland, Lindhe Guarisco, Carl Cantrelle
- Azalea B Water and Sanitation Projects
Bill McLeod (Moderator), Bill Boykin, Ken Thompson, Brian Manning
- Azalea C Business Networking
Carl Michel (Moderator), Patrick Fontaine, Mark Anderson

Session 2 - 2:25 pm - 3:10 pm

- Azalea A Growing your Club's Membership
Danny Williams (Moderator), Mike Bradley, Karen Teichman, Roscoe Greene
- Azalea B Rotary International at the Highest Levels
Brian Hall (Moderator), RIPN John Germ, Floyd Lancia, Todd Lindley, Bob Warner
- Azalea C Business Networking
Carl Michel (Moderator), Patrick Fontaine, Mark Anderson

Session 3 - 3:20 pm - 4:05 pm

- Azalea A Rotary Leadership beyond the Club Level
Roscoe Greene (Moderator), Harry Fields, Amanda Fontaine, Carl Michel
- Azalea B Friends Forever/Peace Initiatives
Karen Babin (Moderator), Steve Martineau, Kevin Brown, Todd Lindley
- Azalea C Club Visioning/Strategic Planning
Randy Feldman, Mark Fields

Saturday, April 11

Session 4 - 9:00 am - 9:45 am

- Azalea A Growing your Club's Membership
Danny Williams (Moderator), Carl Michel, Mark Anderson, Mike Bradley
- Azalea B Rotary Grants - Processes & Successes
Greg Lier (Moderator), Kathie Short, John Fair, Bob Graves, Bob Warner
- Azalea C Public Relations and Social Media
Brian Hall (Moderator), LeAnne Brewer, Pamela Stewart, Karen Teichman

Session 5 - 9:55 am - 10:40 am

- Azalea A Rotary Youth Exchange
Elizabeth Van Sant, Debra Hicks, Rotary Youth Exchange students
- Azalea B Club Visioning/Strategic Planning
Randy Feldman, Mark Fields
- Azalea C Leadership
Roscoe Greene (Moderator), Barbara Travis, Jane Molloy, Greg Lier

Session 6 - 10:50 am - 11:35 am

- Azalea A Successful Fundraising
Greg Lier (Moderator), Zach Rowland, Flint Distefano, Lindhe Guarisco
- Azalea B The Rotary Foundation - Giving, Endowments & Legacies / PolioPlus
Rich Churchman (Moderator), Floyd Lancia, Karen Teichman, Todd Lindley, Tom Martin
- Azalea C Interact / Rotaract / Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
Mike Sigler (Moderator), Jason Sanchez, Steve Jackson, Jim Hooper, Bill Roberts
- Gardenia Rotary Youth Exchange Training
Elizabeth Van Sant, Debra Hicks, Rotary Youth Exchange students

District Assembly - May 2, 2015



District Assembly

Incoming club presidents, please encourage your clubs' officers to attend the **District Assembly** May 2nd at the Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, MS. Register online by April 29. There will be special breakout sessions for Club Administration, Public Relations, Foundation, Membership and Service Projects. District Governor Elect John Cornwell will present our goals for the coming year and introduce the 2015-2016 RI Theme "Be a Gift to the World."

There will be another opportunity to certify your club members to participate in 2015-2016 grants. The deadline to submit a request for a 2015-2016 district grant is May 31, 2015. Clubs will not be allowed to do so until they have met all qualification requirements:

- 1) *The final report for your club's grant for 2014-2015 must be submitted to PDG Greg Lier by **March 31, 2015.***
- 2) *A member of your club must attend Grants Management Seminar every year. Our first seminar was held at Ole Man River Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS). Our only other opportunity this year will be held at District Training Assembly.*
- 3) *Your club's current president and incoming president must sign the club memorandum of understanding and return to Foundation Chair Ace Necaise by **May 31, 2015.***

Club grant applications will be taken online via the District 6840 website. To repeat, you will only be able to fill out a grant request after your club has attended a Grants Management Seminar and returned a signed copy of your club Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).



Million Dollar Dinner - March 14





Group Study Exchange - February 19 - March 22



District 6840 Giving - Annual Fund

| Club | Actual APF Giving | Actual APF per mem |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| North Bay Biloxi | \$4,321 | \$ 720.10 |
| New Orleans Riverbend | \$4,929 | \$ 328.61 |
| Amite | \$7,666 | \$ 294.84 |
| Northlake Mandeville | \$15,435 | \$ 270.79 |
| Slidell | \$10,095 | \$ 206.02 |
| Covington | \$4,980 | \$ 177.86 |
| Kenner | \$2,240 | \$ 149.33 |
| Algiers | \$2,125 | \$ 141.67 |
| Plaquemines Parish | \$1,600 | \$ 114.29 |
| Pass Christian | \$2,012 | \$ 83.83 |
| McComb | \$7,197 | \$ 78.22 |
| Ocean Springs | \$4,425 | \$ 66.04 |
| Central Hancock | \$1,345 | \$ 53.80 |
| Bogalusa | \$1,260 | \$ 52.50 |
| New Orleans | \$6,245 | \$ 49.96 |
| Biloxi | \$3,100 | \$ 47.69 |
| Long Beach | \$591 | \$ 45.48 |
| Gautier | \$2,175 | \$ 41.04 |
| Carrollton | \$780 | \$ 32.50 |
| Metairie | \$1,780 | \$ 31.23 |
| Lucedale | \$1,000 | \$ 27.03 |
| La Place | \$540 | \$ 24.55 |
| Picayune | \$1,000 | \$ 22.22 |
| Belle Chasse | \$730 | \$ 21.47 |
| Metairie Sunrise | \$370 | \$ 17.62 |
| St. Charles | \$1,325 | \$ 16.36 |
| East New Orleans | \$190 | \$ 15.83 |

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Hattiesburg | \$1,290 | \$ 14.66 |
| Richton | \$200 | \$ 11.11 |
| Slidell North Shore | \$430 | \$ 10.00 |
| Gulfport Orange Grove | \$350 | \$ 9.46 |
| Hammond | \$538 | \$ 9.12 |
| Stennis Space Center | \$100 | \$ 7.14 |
| Westwego | \$130 | \$ 5.42 |
| West Bank | \$364 | \$ 5.28 |
| Tylertown | \$130 | \$ 5.00 |
| Gulfport | \$510 | \$ 3.83 |
| Hattiesburg Sunrise | \$130 | \$ 3.82 |
| Petal | \$175 | \$ 3.57 |
| Poplarville | \$100 | \$ 3.57 |
| Edgewater | \$145 | \$ 3.37 |
| Bay St. Louis | \$175 | \$ 2.50 |
| Ponchatoula | \$100 | \$ 2.22 |
| Pascagoula | \$150 | \$ 1.20 |
| Hammond Ponchatoula Sunrisers | \$25 | \$ 0.44 |
| Columbia | \$0 | \$ - |
| Franklinton | \$0 | \$ - |
| Greene County | \$0 | \$ - |
| Harahan | \$0 | \$ - |
| Kentwood | \$0 | \$ - |
| Moss Point | \$0 | \$ - |
| St. Bernard | \$0 | \$ - |
| Summit | \$0 | \$ - |
| | | |
| District Totals | \$94,497 | \$ 43.65 |