

# Rotary



# District 6860

## June 2019

### A Letter From Your District Governor

Dear Rotarians,

It's hard to believe that the 2018-2019 Rotary program year is almost at an end. I have enjoyed serving as district governor to the 51 clubs in District 6860. I have learned and been inspired by what I have seen as I have traveled approximately 30,000 miles this year visiting clubs and participating in service projects and fund raisers.

On each of my club visits, I shared with you my desire that each of us learn, serve and celebrate Rotary. Let's take each of these actions and describe what I witnessed this year.

**Learn** ♦ The district provided numerous opportunities to learn more about Rotary and develop leadership skills through Mid-South Presidents-Elect Seminar, Zone summer seminars, Mid-Year Conference, District Training Assembly, the annual trip to R.I. Headquarters in Evanston, District and Global Grant Qualification Training, Rotary Leadership Institute, Club Visioning, and District Conference. In addition, I heard from many of you that the Rotarian Magazine provides an avenue for learning more about Rotary and how clubs around the world are helping others. A few others frequently visit the RI website [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and our district website [www.rotary6860.org](http://www.rotary6860.org) to learn more.

**Service** ♦ I am in awe of what Rotarians in our district have done this year to serve their local communities and beyond. Examples include: built wheelchair ramps, provided scholarships for local students, installed fencing to provide a safe playground area for a local YMCA, sent students to RYLA, built a playground for a local library, cleared and maintained walking trails, mentored high risk high school students, provided books and managed a local Imagination Library program, planted trees, assembled disaster relief buckets, provided clean water in Ghana and Haiti, participated in an anti-bullying campaign, provided dictionaries to third graders, provided dental exams and supplies to communities in Honduras, put together backpacks to send home with impoverished children, submitted global grants applications to build a small school in rural Uganda, provide clean water and sanitation for schools in Mongolia, and develop a program to eliminate cervical cancer in Sri Lanka. This is just a sampling of what Rotarians have accomplished this year through their service! Thank you all.

**Celebrate** ♦ Rotary clubs throughout the district came together for social occasions and events to celebrate achievements. The Rotary Club of Birmingham hosted the annual Rotary Trail event, the Rotary Club of Fort Payne held its annual Rotary Rose Event to recognize a local non Rotarian female leader and celebrate achievements for the year. The Rotary Club of Albertville held an end of year meeting and social to recognize distinguished service this year. Several clubs have social events scheduled in addition to their regular meetings. Rotarians were also able to celebrate accomplishments at the District Mid-year conference and the Rotary Alabama Joint District Conference held at the end of April in Birmingham.

I cannot end my year without expressing my sincere thanks to the Rotary Club of Shades Valley for their support this year. I know that I am indeed fortunate to be a part of a vibrant club that engages members, mentors potential leaders and has great expectations for members to serve at the club and district levels, and beyond. Thank you for your leadership, your encouragement and your support. I am truly blessed.

As the 2018-2019 year ends, please keep your eye on the future of Rotary. I encourage and challenge every Rotarian in the district to give generously to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus to support the programs of The Rotary Foundation. Seek opportunities to serve and lead in your clubs and at the district level. Help Rotary Grow by identifying potential members and inviting them to join, help establish new innovative Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs in the district, and charter new Interact clubs in your communities. Continue to Be the Inspiration in your words and your actions as Rotary Connects the World!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Carol Argo

District Governor 2018-2019

Rotary District 6860

### Barry Rassin Ends Term as RI President



As I look back on all the things I have seen and the people I have met since becoming president of Rotary International last July, I am certain of this: Rotary's capacity to transform lives for the better is unparalleled. Our impact is far beyond anything I could have imagined when I first became a Rotarian.

I think about the Rotarians I met in Pakistan, who partnered with Coca-Cola to improve sanitation in Karachi's neighborhoods while supporting polio eradication efforts. I think about the Puerto Rican Rotarians who are helping entire communities rebuild their lives after Hurricane Maria. I think about the German Rotaractors who are working to save bees ♦ whose role as pollinators is so important to our planet ♦ from extinction. I think about the six Rotarians and Rotaractors who were honored as People of Action: Young Innovators at Rotary Day at the United Nations in Nairobi, Kenya, in November for their work to create novel solutions to tough challenges.

It seems like only yesterday that I stood on a stage in San Diego and asked you to *Be the Inspiration* in your clubs, in your communities, and in the world. Your response was an inspiration to me. You are paving the way for Rotaractors to become our future leaders, helping start new Rotaract clubs and working to include Rotaractors in Rotary events and projects in your communities. You are working hard to eradicate polio, participating in 4,200 events in more than 100 countries for World Polio Day. And you are carrying out transformative projects that will create lasting change in your communities and in the world.

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### 6860 & 6880 Have Successful Multi-District Conference



## 2018-2019 Highlights

- 205 registered for joint district conference (6860 and 6880) ♦ combined Friday luncheon and full conference
- Foundation Dinner in Huntsville ♦ keynote speaker RIPE Mark Maloney and Gay
- Held the first Mid-year Conference which brought together club presidents and district leaders for training and updates on the progress of clubs year to date, along with the presentation of several club awards
- The district (through points contributed by several Rotarians) recognized all members of the Critical Care Transport Team of Children ♦s of Alabama as Paul Harris Fellows
- Rotarians and Rotaractors from 6860 participated in the passing of the RI presidential banner to Mark and Gay Maloney during the closing ceremony of the RI Convention in Hamburg, Germany
- RLI graduation ♦ 1 Rotarian graduated with several in the pipeline for this next year
- DGE Bill Petty organized another successful National Immunization Day trip to India with 15 Rotarians and spouses/partners attending
- Rotaract Club of Birmingham chartered a Rotaract Alumni Association
- 1 new Rotaract Club chartered by the Rotary Club of Florence
- 1 new Satellite club chartered by the Rotary Club of Madison
- PDG Bo Porter, RC of Shades Valley, was presented with the Rotary International Service Above Self Award for distinguished service
- Chester (Marty) Keely named recipient of the District Vocational Service Award for a Rotarian
- Ronnie Dukes presented with this year ♦s Tom Milford Award
- Mike Wade presented with this year ♦s District Leadership Award
- Record fundraising for Boiling N Bragging with over \$120,000 raised toward the \$1 million target
- 3 new Paul Harris Society members ♦ The district held a multi-year planning session to develop a new strategic plan for 2019-2022
- 2 clubs participated in Club Visioning ♦ Pell City and Homewood
- 19 Rotarians travelled with coordinator PDG Tom Greene on the annual trip to Rotary International headquarters in Evanston

## 6860 Year In Review



## Rotary Districts Honors Bo Porter

By Carla Daily on Monday, May 20, 2019



Bo Porter received the Rotary Service Above Self award at our joint D6860/D6880 district conference on Friday, April 26, 2019. PDG Tom Greene presented the award with Rotary International President's Representative Wade Nomura, Past Rotary International President John Germ, TRF Trustee Ken Schuppert, District Governor 6880 Sam Adams, District Governor 6860 Carol Argo, President of the Rotary Club of Birmingham Eric Jack, and Barbara Porter (Bo's spouse) in attendance. [Read More](#)

## Rotary's 110th Annual Convention Concludes

- ◆ More than 26,000 registrants representing 3,605 Rotary clubs in 170 countries
- ◆ Rotary commits US\$102 million this year to end polio
- ◆ Hamburg gains ◆24 million in tourism revenue
- ◆ First German nominated to serve as Rotary International president in 2020
- ◆ mytaxi donates ◆70,000 to German Rotary club projects
- ◆ 35 speeches and 98 breakout sessions
- ◆ 334 exhibit booths of which 200 featured Rotary humanitarian projects

**HAMBURG, Germany (5 June 2019):** As Rotary closes its 110th annual international meeting at the Hamburg Messe und Congress on 5 June, Rotary members will bring home indelible memories and new insights on how to improve lives and bring positive, lasting change to communities around the world.

In his keynote address, Rotary International President Barry Rassin said, "Service to others is an integral part of our mission, whether it's through the plans and actions of individual clubs, Rotary's six areas of focus, or the transformational support of The Rotary Foundation. And the service that most defines us and our global mission is the ongoing goal to rid the world of polio."

Alongside partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), Rotary has achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases since spearheading the initiative more than 30 years ago. Since then, Rotary members have contributed \$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from polio. Today, just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary is committed to raising \$50 million per year, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars through a matching agreement with the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#). Including the matching funds, Rotary is committing another US\$102 million this year to fund polio eradication efforts in 13 countries.

Michel Zaffran, director of polio eradication for the World Health Organization (WHO) presented on the progress and global significance of the initiative. "We're truly on the cusp of eradicating a disease for only the second time in human history," said Zaffran. "Our responsibility is nothing less than to ensure that no child anywhere will ever again be paralyzed by the poliovirus."

German Rotary members have contributed more than US\$31 million to end polio, and on 1 July 2020, [Holger Knaack](#), owner of the real estate company Knaack KG, will oversee this effort as the first German to serve as Rotary International president. Knaack of Ratzeburg said, "I'm honored to have the confidence and support of Rotary's 1.2 million members." said Knaack. "As president, I plan to highlight the best Rotary has to offer where people of all backgrounds can see themselves reflected in our service and impact."

During the four-day event, attendees heard from an array of world class speakers, including:

- ◆ Dr. Peter Tschentscher, First Mayor of Hamburg
- ◆ Dr. Gerd Müller, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development
- ◆ On the closing day, Eckart Diepenhorst, CEO of mytaxi presented a check for \$70,000, representing 100 percent of the proceeds from all rides to and from the Hamburg Messe from 31 May through 5 June to support the following German Rotary club projects:
  - ◆ A bee pasture project developed by the Rotary Club of Ahrensburg to help the dwindling bee and butterfly populations;
  - ◆ Emotions Training for Autism, developed by [Rotaract Germany](#), to support those with autism spectrum disorder thrive;
  - ◆ [HANWASH](#), a collaborative initiative by local Rotary members, [The Rotary Foundation](#) and [DINEPA](#) to bring clean water to Haiti.

## Alabamians in Hamburg at RI Convention



## RIPE Mark Maloney Sets Goals for 2019-2020

This is the text of the remarks as they were prepared. The spoken remarks may have differed slightly.

Thank you, Larry, Gay, and my family. As we look forward to next year's convention in Honolulu, aloha!

First of all, please join me in a rousing thank-you to our president, Barry Rassin, and his partner, Esther. President Barry and Esther are beloved around the world and for good reason. Barry stepped into office under very difficult circumstances, with the sad passing of our friend Sam Owori, and he has proven to be one of our very best leaders. In particular, his personal connection to Rotaractors and his efforts to elevate Rotaract will have an impact for a generation and beyond and we express our

gratitude for his inspirational vision and his love for this organization.

President Barry and Esther traveled quite a bit around the world, and Gay and I look forward to that as well. I love to travel, especially to visit with fellow Rotarians.

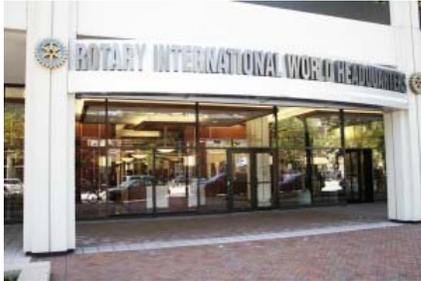
But last year, my wife, Gay, and I had one of those travel experiences that would strain the optimism of even the most cheerful traveler. We found ourselves with six hours to wait, at an airport where we were not scheduled to be, on a day we had not planned still to be traveling, having woken up that morning at a hotel unknown to us the night before. It was one of those days.

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## Trip Planned to RI Headquarters in October

By Carla Daily on Monday, June 17, 2019



Calling all travelers! A trip to Rotary International headquarters is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>. RI President Mark Maloney and wife Gay will be our hosts at a reception in their condominium during the trip. A day in Rotary One is also a part of the trip. Interested parties please contact Tom Greene ([tvgreene@me.com](mailto:tvgreene@me.com), 205-288-0271) to reserve a spot on the trip. Please respond by June 21st.

## University of North Alabama Charters Rotaract Club



The Rotaract Club of University of North Alabama was chartered in October 2018 and is District 6860's newest club.

Butler Cain, a member of the Florence Rotary Club and chair of the Department of Communications at the University of North Alabama, asked for his Club's support in reviving Rotaract on UNA's campus. Members enthusiastically approved the proposal, and Cain volunteered to serve as Rotaract's new adviser.

Rotaract plays a vital role in Rotary's global service mission, he said. I wanted young adults studying at UNA to have an opportunity to learn about Rotary's values, serve our communities, and develop leadership skills.

Cain said Rotary's website, [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org), provides easy-to-follow instructions for chartering a new club. The website also includes templates for the club's bylaws and constitution, which Rotary International requires for approval.

The Rotaract Club of University of North Alabama is prioritizing growth and visibility, Cain said. During the 2019-2020 academic year, the Club will focus on promoting its meetings, recruiting new members, and establishing service projects.

## Madison Launches New Satellite Club

By Carla Daily on Thursday, May 9, 2019



Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Madison for successfully launching a Satellite Club. The Rotary Satellite Club of Madison Sunset officially received its charter from Rotary International on 7 May 2019. Satellite members and others were together for what turned out to be the first meeting as a chartered satellite club. To kick off the meeting Madison's President Tim Stone made the announcement that he had received a notice from RI that the charter was official.

## Giving Back - Lee Weinman Reflects on 20 Years of Rotary Service

By Rachel Davis, [The North Jefferson News](#)

Lee Weinman joined Rotary initially for one very simple reason. Gardendale's mayor asked him to join.

The late Kenny Clemons was a member of the Rotary Club of Gardendale (now Rotary Club of North Jefferson) in 2002 and was a friend and Sunday school classmate of Weinman's. Weinman had moved to Gardendale in 1977, but still didn't know many people in the area, outside of church members. Clemons thought joining Rotary would allow him to meet new people and become more involved in the local community.



Fast forward 17 years and Weinman is poised to take over as District Governor for the 2020-2021 year. In that role, he will oversee 51 clubs in north Alabama, including the largest single club in the world, the Birmingham Rotary Club.

Weinman explained that some clubs are locally-focused and some are internationally-focused, but every club is slightly different.

◆ There are many different ways that Rotary touches communities, ◆ Weinman explained.

The local club is a tight-knit group that works hard on both local and international projects, but they are tied to Rotary Club International, which boasts more than 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs in 200 countries or specific geographic regions.

Locally, the group worked to help create the Miracle League Park for children with special needs, cleaned the Cluster Springs Cemetery and helped purchase refrigeration equipment for the Mt. Olive concession stand at the ballpark, among other projects.

Internationally, the local club has worked to help bring clean water to Haiti by installing more than 250 water filtration systems in the country, digging a well and installing a water filtration system in Nicaragua and purchasing dental equipment to be used in mission trips to north Africa and Peru.

In addition to the initiatives taken on by each club, Rotary International has projects that all clubs contribute to, including the eradication of polio worldwide. In 1979, Rotary vowed to immunize six million children in the Philippines against polio. After that, the group promised the children of the world that they would eradicate the disease completely. With funds matches 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the group has cut the number of reported illnesses globally from 350,000 reported cases in 1988 to less than 20 so far in 2019.

Heinemann hopes more people will become involved in Rotary locally.

◆ If you want an avenue to give back, Rotary is a great avenue to do that, ◆ Weinman said. ◆ I have been blessed to meet a large number of really good people from all over the world. ◆

The North Jefferson Rotary Club meets each Wednesday at noon at the Gardendale Civic Center. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary or joining, should contact a Rotary member or attend one of the weekly meetings.

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## Polio Eradication Update

Dear Rotary Polio Eradication Leaders:

Before the rush of Rotary year end activities, I wish to give you a brief update on polio matters:

The polio case count continues to increase and this week it will be officially reported that we are at the same level as in all of 2018, 33 cases. But let us put this in perspective: We have experienced 4 straight years with less than 100 cases and the final cases are in some of the toughest areas for mistrust and for lack of access due to antigovernment elements.

The news from Africa continues to be very good. In September we will have gone three years without a case of wild polio virus on the entire continent. The Regional Certification Commission for Polio Eradication for the AFRO Region will be meeting in March 2020 to consider whether the area is to be certified as free of the wild polio virus. Congratulations to all the countries in this region on your progress.

How will we know Africa is polio free? As part of the funding round from Rotary approved by the Rotary Foundation Trustees this month, Rotary is funding all surveillance in the AFRO region for the quarter beginning 1 October 2019. This grant of US\$7.2 million will support surveillance activities in 45 countries and 5 regional centers. We are also funding in the amount of US\$ 5.4 million for surveillance in 11 countries of the Eastern Mediterranean WHO region. Rotary is also resuming the direct funding of vaccines. US\$ 2.2 million was just approved for oral polio vaccine for Kenya and the Democratic Republic of the Congo and US\$ 4 million for Afghanistan. In total, the Trustees approved over \$US 50 million to WHO and UNICEF for the eradication of polio.

More good news is that the Global Certification Commission is now considering whether to certify the world free of Type 3 Polio. There have been no cases since November 2012. A decision is anticipated later this year.

We still have cases of vaccine derived polio with 12 reported so far this year with 2/3rds of them in Nigeria. Attacking these outbreaks is costly and has strained the budget of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Contributions are lagging a bit from Rotary Clubs and Rotarians. We need further support to reach the goal of \$50 million in cash and DDF before 30 June. As polio eradication is Rotary's top humanitarian objective, we hope to see all clubs participate.

Our advocacy to governments for their support continues to bring results. There has been recent positive progress from the United Kingdom, the United States, the UAE and India is notable for totally supporting sustaining its status as polio free. A new pledging moment will occur in Abu Dhabi in November.

Pakistan and Afghanistan continue to see outbreaks, positive environmental samples and new cases. Three large provinces in Afghanistan have suspended all immunizations. Pakistan had a difficult immunization round two months ago impacted by false attacks on social media. A round of immunizations that began on 17 June initially appear to have overcome much of the previous attacks.

Thank you to all the polio leaders and contributors in clubs, districts and globally who are working together as a team to fulfill our promise of a polio free world.

## 2019 Council on Legislation Essential Changes

### Attendance

**Make ups.** Rotarians can make up for an absence at their club meeting within the same Rotary year. (19-35)

### Club Board

**President.** A club president's term can be extended for up to one year when their successor has not been selected. (19-22)

### Club Finances

**Financial reporting.** The annual meeting for the election of officers includes the club's mid-year financial report with current and previous year income and expenses. (19-24)

**Satellite club financials.** A satellite club's financial statement may be audited or reviewed. (19-29)

**Club dues increased.** In 2019-20, member dues are 34.00 per half year. To improve service to clubs, RI semiannual dues were increased by \$.50 for each of the next three years ◆ to US\$34.50 per half year in 2020-2021, US\$35.00 per half year in 2021-2022 and US\$35.50 per half year in 2022-2023. (19-82)

### Changing Club Name or Location

**Notification extension.** Proposed changes to a club's name or locality are provided to each member and the governor at least 21 days (currently 10 days) before changes are voted on. (19-26)

**Modernized language.** There are no longer classification restrictions on forming a club in a locality. A club may be formed even if one or more clubs are already organized in the locality. The locality of a club that conducts its activities primarily online shall be worldwide or as the club board determines. (19-28)

### Club Rules

**Modernized language.** The *Standard Rotary Club Constitution's* language was modernized and streamlined to help with flow and readability. No substantive changes were made to the policies. Download the new easy to understand version, which all clubs are required to use. (19-30 and 19-116)

## District Finances

**Deadline extension.** Within one year of serving as governor, an independently reviewed annual statement and report of district finances is provided to clubs in the district for their approval. (19-57)

## District Leadership

**Without a vice governor.** If a governor is unable to serve and no vice-governor has been designated, only a past governor will serve as acting governor. (19-53)

## Elections

**Club voting strength.** A club's voting strength is determined by the number of members on its 1 July club invoice. (19-49)

**Challenge deadline.** When a valid challenging nomination for governor is received, voting for candidates occurs in a ballot by mail or at the district conference if the challenge remains valid for 30 days. (19-52)

**District dues.** Clubs may only participate in voting for the member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director, for the selection of the governor-nominee, or by electors at a district conference, if they have paid their district dues and are not indebted to the district as determined by the governor. (19-54)

## Membership

**Rotaract clubs.** Just like Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs are now members of Rotary International. While there are no operational changes for Rotaract clubs or the Rotary clubs that sponsor them, this provision elevates the status of Rotaract clubs and allows RI to increase support and resources to help them grow. (19-72)

**Diversity.** Clubs need a well-balanced membership that celebrates diversity. (19-18)

**Classification.** The classification limitation has been removed, so clubs may now determine for themselves the appropriate number of members in a particular classification. In addition, elected or appointed public officials are no longer prohibited from joining a club using the classification associated with their office. (19-37 and 19-39)

**Small clubs.** A governor may request the RI Board to terminate clubs with fewer than six members. (19-70)

## Rotary Governance Documents Updated

Dear Rotarians,

The Council on Legislation (COL) met 14-18 April 2019 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The English revised constitutional documents, that incorporate all the enactments adopted by the COL, are now available. The following three documents have been updated:

- [Constitution of Rotary International](#)
- [Bylaws of Rotary International](#)
- [Standard Rotary Club Constitution](#)

They have been posted on the [Governance documents](#) page of My Rotary and language versions will be posted as they become available. The Report of Action, sent in May 2019, can also be found on the [Councils](#) page of My Rotary.

The revised documents will also be included in the 2019 Manual of Procedure, which will be ready for distribution by October 2019.

If you have questions about policies adopted by the Council, please contact your Club and District Support representative.

If you have questions about the 2019 Council or future Councils, please contact Council Services at [Council\\_Services@rotary.org](mailto:Council_Services@rotary.org).

Best regards,

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