

Rotary



District 6860

March 2019

A Message from your District Governor

Dear Rotarians,

If you are a football fan, you know that the fourth quarter can make or break the outcome of a game. We are about to enter the fourth quarter of the 2018-19 Rotary year and this is the time to make sure that your club meets or exceeds the goals set for the year, especially for membership growth and Foundation giving (make sure you get those contributions in for the Annual Fund and Polio Plus). Don't wait until the last few seconds of the game, or in the case of the Rotary year, the last few days, to try to accomplish all that you set out to do. Check the status of your achievement, make adjustments in the game plan, and finish the year with a huge win!

There are two important events remaining for the year ♦ the annual District Conference and the Rotary International Convention. This year, our district conference is back in our district after having been in Tennessee in 2017 and Mississippi in 2018. I hope that you will make every effort to attend this year. Our Rotary friends in South Alabama (D6880) will join us in Birmingham April 26-28 for a great weekend of fun, networking and fellowship to celebrate the achievements of this year. This is all about you!!! Come join us.

The Rotary International Convention is an amazing experience and if you have never attended, I encourage you to join us in Hamburg, Germany June 1 through 5. I guarantee that you will be impressed by the Rotarians you meet, the speakers you hear, and the opportunities to network with Rotarians from around the world. The House of Friendship is always a great place to connect with old and new friends, as well as identify opportunities to serve. You never know, you may find a project that touches your heart and come away with ideas and contacts for global grant projects.

Be The Inspiration!

Carol Argo

District Governor

District Awards for 2018-2019

<http://www.rotary6860.org/awards-program.php>

The Rotary District 6860 Awards Program is intended to recognize the accomplishments of Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs that excel during the 2018-19 Rotary year. All Rotary Clubs in our district are encouraged to plan ahead and apply for awards ♦ EVERYONE enjoys recognition for their efforts. AWARDS are the way we can say ♦ Congratulations for a job WELL DONE! ♦ from the district to the clubs! The Awards program will be published in the District Directory as well as on the district website. All awards with due dates have been scheduled for submission on the same date, June 30, 2019 except the Vocational Service Award which is January 15, 2019 and the [Interact Citation Award](#) and [Rotaract Citation Award](#) which are due on March 30, 2019. All other awards requiring club or AG input will be submitted on either the [Standard Award Application](#) or the [Vibrant Club Application](#) to the Awards Chair, by the June 30, 2019 deadline. Contact the Awards Chair, PDG Bo Porter rotaryboporter@bellsouth.net for additional information. For the purpose of applying for awards, a Small Club is defined as having 50 or fewer members and a Large Club is defined as having 51 or more members.

If your club sponsors an Interact or Rotaract Club, please make sure that they receive this information on Citation Awards and encourage them to apply! These are two new awards developed in our district to recognize the good work being done by these clubs.

Rotary Joint District Conference 6860/6880

All Rotarians and spouses are invited and encouraged to attend the annual District Conference which will be held in Birmingham, AL at the Birmingham Marriott April 26-28, 2019. We will celebrate the good work of our clubs this year and have great fun and fellowship. Motivational speaker Michael Angelo Caruso; Ken Schuppert, Vice Chair of the Rotary Foundation Trustees; Rotary International Past President John Germ; and Al Mathis who will speak on the Four Way Test, are just some of the speakers we have lined up. If you can't attend for the full weekend, join us for the All Club Luncheon on Friday, April 26. REGISTER TODAY. Click on this link <http://events.rotary6880.org> or go to the DACdb calendar. DON'T MISS THE RACE TO THE FINISH!



WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Register and attend

Encourage members of your club to register and attend

Provide a door prize valued at \$50 or more to be given out during the conference

Volunteer for a shift at the registration table or hospitality suite (contact Mike Wade for info mwade12@bellsouth.net); or Sergeant at Arms (contact Danny Cooner for info debcooner@aol.com)

Bring a donation for the Joint District Service Project supporting Camp ASCCA from the Amazon Wish List. Amazon gift cards also appreciated. This list is located on the camp's web page <https://www.campasca.org>

Sponsor a table at the Friday All Club Luncheon (\$500 for table of 10)

Sponsor a coffee/beverage break

Co-sponsor the Zoo Event on Friday evening, April 26

Sponsor a hospitality suite

Contact DG Carol Argo (carolargo@charter.net) or Dan Bundy (dbundy@firststusbank.com) about sponsorships

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

Parts II and III of Rotary Leadership Institute will be offered prior to the Rotary Joint District Conference. Sessions will be held at the Birmingham Marriott on Thursday, April 25. Sign up to complete Part II, or if you complete Part III you will be able to participate in the graduation recognition at the District Conference. The cost is \$50. Register through www.hoa-rli.org.

[District 6860 RLI Part II in Birmingham, AL 4/25/2019](#)
04-25-2019 8:00 am

[District 6860 RLI Part III in Birmingham, AL 4/25/2019](#)
04-25-2019 8:00 am

10 Years and Almost a \$1 Million

By Dan H. Bundy

What lasts 10 years? Your favorite aunt's fruitcake? The longest economic recovery ever? UBER started 10 years ago. AND the Boiling and Bragging Rotary event began 10 years ago. The great news is, all of these are still going strong!!

So what has been accomplished since the start of it all? We have fed thousands of participants some fabulous burgers, dogs and shrimp. We've had amazing music. We've celebrated our team spirit and enjoyed the camaraderie of our friends and fellow Rotarians. All along the way, we have raised **\$918,637.53!!!**

Where has this money gone? To support the Critical Care Transport team at Children's Hospital of Alabama. These funds provide the transport and medical equipment to save lives on a daily basis, throughout our district and around the state. Children's Hospital is one of the TOP 10 busiest pediatric hospitals in the country and in 2018 alone, they SAFELY transported 969 patients.

It's been 10 years since we started but we've only just begun. This is a District 6860 sponsored event and another one of the many examples of what Rotarians can do when they work together. We want every club in the district to make some level of financial contribution to the effort this year! We know we can reach that first million so we are calling this year's event The Million Dollar Tailgate. Mark your calendars for August 17, 2019, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, for another fun filled evening celebrating our team colors and helping out a truly worthy cause. The name of the group we support isn't by accident, Critical. Whether you've been before or this is your first visit, come out and join us, form a team, volunteer or just sit back and enjoy the evening. You'll be helping to make good things happen in your own back yard.

For more information, check out the website at www.BoilingNBragging.org or email Mary Jean Sanspre at sanspreemj@gmail.com. To send a contribution, make your check payable to Children's of Alabama for Boiling N Bragging and mail to: Boiling N Bragging, 800 Corporate Parkway, Building A-6, Suite 110, Birmingham, AL 35242.

Rotaract Foundation Ball



Join the Rotaract Club of Birmingham for its 2019 Foundation Ball from 8pm-midnight at newly renovated The Theodore. All Rotarians are invited to join the fun they have planned with a live Motown band, hors d'oeuvres from Tre Luna, free beer, wine, and signature cocktails, raffles and much more! All proceeds from the event go to sponsor Rotaract's three main [signature service projects](#): Achieve Alabama, Ready2Succeed, and Ready2Read. New this year, there will be a VIP lounge (and pre-party starting at 7pm) for VIP ticket holders, which gives you access to the pre-party, additional cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a private lounge with comfortable seating, and extra premium fun. The Rotaract Club of Birmingham is hoping to bring the entire Rotary District together to celebrate, and all Rotarians can use a special discount code (code: BeTheInspiration) to receive a discounted ticket to attend! There will be valet and security on site and the venue is handicap accessible. Visit the [Event Page](#) for more info and to purchase tickets. Reach out to [Michael Stone](#) if you have any questions.

Lending A Hand In A Time Of Need

When disaster strikes, Rotarians are there to help lend a hand. That is precisely what happened when a tornado swept through Wetumpka, Alabama destroying a church and several homes, while causing damage to several businesses. Members of the Rotary Club of Shades Valley stepped up to help out and through the Shades Valley Charitable Foundation. After discussions about the needs of the community, a decision was made to support two local Boy Scout troops that lost their scout hut, trailers and equipment.

On Tuesday, March 12 members of the Rotary Club of Shades Valley visited with the Rotary Club of Wetumpka and presented a check for more than \$10,000. Attending from Shades Valley were President Denis Devane, Ted Brasfield and DG Carol Argo.



How You Can Help In Lee County

1. Financial - Here are three avenues for your tax-deductible donation.

Rotary District 6880 has a district foundation that is accepting tax deductible contributions, which may, if desired, be specified for Lee County Recovery. All funds received by this foundation will be distributed to victims through the coordination of the local area Rotary clubs.

*Send a check payable to Rotary District 6880 Foundation designated for Lee County tornado relief to Rotary District 6880 Foundation c/o PDG Linda Mong/BancorpSouth, 30585 State Hwy 225, Spanish Fort, AL 36527.

Rotary District 6860 has a Donor Advised Fund established with The Rotary Foundation which you can contribute to designated for Lee County Disaster Relief

*Send a check payable to The Rotary Foundation DAF (memo line District 6860 Disaster Recovery DAF #406) and mail to: Rotary DAFc/o NRS12 Gill Street, Suite 2600 Woburn, MA 01801. When you send in contributions, please send an email to our District Disaster Chair Al Mathis at Al@iMathis.com so that we can track contributions earmarked for the Lee County tornado.

Rotary Club of Shades Valley has the Shades Valley Rotary Charitable Foundation which gives you the opportunity of supporting your foundation and this need simultaneously.

*Checks should be made payable: SVRCF Memo Line: Alabama Disaster Relief Fund. You may mail your check to P.O. Box 530342, Birmingham, AL 35223 or hand deliver to either Bill Ross or Bo Porter

2. Volunteer ♦ If you or your family would like to help out on-site, please contact Jericho Wilson, President of the Opelika Happy Hour Rotary Club Cell: 334-707-2486 or email jerichorw@gmail.com.

Sanders Completes Rotary Peace Academy



Meet Dennis Sanders: a member of the Rotary Club of Madison, Communications Officer for District 6860 and a recent graduate of the Rotary Peace Academy.

Last week Dennis saw a link on our District FB page to <http://rotarypeaceacademy.org>, where Rotary offers a Positive Peace course to bring Rotarians up to speed on the partnership Rotary International has with the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).

IEP has developed a system of quantitative measures that can change the way the world views Peace. The online course was very informative, and Dennis highly recommends it to anyone interested in how Rotary can contribute to peace locally, nationally, and internationally.

Check it out and let ♦s build a cadre of Rotary Peace Academy graduates in District 6860!

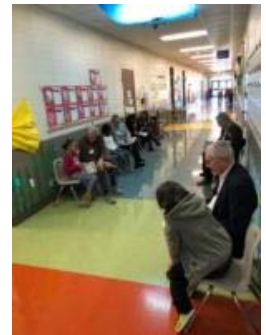
Rotary Connects the World, Including Our Own Communities

After an official visit to the Rotary Club of Cullman last August, the District Governor received an email from Rotarian Mike Krassick asking for assistance in connecting his daughter Maria, a teacher at Huntsville Whitesburg K-8 School with a Rotary Club that might come read to her students. Maria was aware that Cullman Rotary on DEAR Day (Drop Everything And Read) reads to kindergarten and first grade students for about two hours. They have done this for years and typically have 25 to 30 (one or more per classroom) Rotary, Rotaract and Interact members participate. Maria was eager to establish a similar program in her school.

Contact information for Rotary clubs in the Huntsville area was shared with Maria who reached out to these clubs. Several weeks ago the Greater Huntsville Club responded to the request by sending a group of 10 plus Rotarians in the morning and another 10 plus Rotarians in the afternoon to read one on one to the first graders.

Maria says that many of her students are children of single parents. This event was important on many levels ♦ it provided an opportunity for the children to interact with adults other than their parent or teachers; it offered the children an opportunity to have someone read to them; and it provided an opportunity for Rotarians to engage in meaningful service and interact with young children. A win ♦ win all around.

Thank you Mike for sharing this need; thank you to the Rotary Club of Greater Huntsville for making the connection with Maria; and thank you to the Rotarians who participated. These first graders will likely remember this for years to come; and I ♦♦ bet that the Rotarians who participated got a lot out of their interaction with the students as well!



9 Steps To Becoming A Peace Fellow

How does someone become a Rotary Peace Fellow? How does a district nominate a potential fellow? Freelance writer and editor Keri Lynch, who also works as a PR consultant to Rotary International, outlines the steps in this article for *The Rotarian*

By Keri B. Lynch

In 2011, Kiran Singh Sirah turned 35 — halfway through our life's journey, he says, citing Dante's Divine Comedy. The UK native had been living in Edinburgh and Glasgow for a decade, working on a variety of cultural endeavors. I felt I had done everything I needed to do and learn in Scotland. It was time to take my experiences and move them to the next level.

That's when Sirah heard about the Rotary Peace Fellowship. Since the program began in 2002, more than 1,200 peace fellows have received fully funded scholarships to study at one of six peace centers at universities around the world. With help from Rotarians in Scotland, Sirah eventually landed one of those scholarships and headed to North Carolina, where he earned a master's degree in folklore studies and a graduate certificate in international peace and conflict resolution.



Singh Sirah, center, marches for peace. Learn why [Singh Sirah believes spinning tales can](#)

[foster world peace](#). Photo by Johnson City Press

It felt like a chance at a second life, he says. Here was an opportunity to harness new skills, explore new ideas, and get the academic and theoretical knowledge I needed to advance my peacebuilding work.

So how does someone become a Rotary Peace Fellow? And how does a district nominate a potential fellow? Follow the steps laid out below

Step 1: Determine which of the two fellowship programs offered by Rotary best suits your goals and circumstances.

The master's degree program requires at least three years of relevant full-time work experience and lasts 15 to 24 months, including an applied field experience of two to three months between the first and second academic year. The program is offered at five Rotary Peace Centers based at six universities. Fellows accepted into the program must study at a center outside their home country. The universities are:

- Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, United States
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- University of Bradford, Bradford, England
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
- Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

Aimed at candidates with at least five years of relevant full-time work experience, the professional development certificate program provides an intensive three-month program in peace and development that includes two to three weeks of field study. It is offered by the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Residents of any country, including Thailand, may attend the Chulalongkorn peace center.

The Rotary Foundation annually awards up to 50 fellowships in each of the two programs. The fellowship covers tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all research and field study expenses.

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