



January 2016 District 6200 Newsletter

From the Governor's Desk

Out with the old, In with the new!

As we begin this New Year, many of us try to begin with a new outlook. While I know exactly how hard it is to change my own behavior, I thought you might want some ideas to help to make the world a better place.

First, let me repeat some of the old sayings that I heard during my visits as Governor. One of those was, "I would be a Foundation Sustaining member, but \$100 is a lot of money." While that used to be true, today, that is hot dog and nacho money at a college football game. Another was: "I would give to the Foundation, but I like my contributions to help locally." The answer to that is, of course, that the donations to the Foundation District Designated Fund are returned to the district to be used by our clubs for District Grants. That is as local as it gets.

Another area of concern was the formation of morning or evening clubs in your area, a topic where I heard "a morning or evening club would just cannibalize our membership." In fact, in every area where a second club has been formed in our district, the established club was strengthened. Sharing the gift of Rotary makes all of us stronger.

Some other ideas for this year are to take some time to put Rotary back into Rotary. Get a group together for Rotary Leadership Institute training. Contact District RLI Chair Mark Lee to set up a session. If your club does not have a strategic plan, schedule some time with me, Governor Mike, for a visioning session to begin the process!

Finally, the next few months are great months for membership. If you need ideas on how to grow membership, contact membership chair Ginger Vann. If you need to hear to new ways Rotary has developed to talk about ourselves, so that we can be more effective with potential members, contact public relations chair Gary Lacombe.

Let's be a gift to each other, a gift to the world, and let's have fun along the way!!!



Michael G. Hayes & wife Natalie
District Governor, 2015-2016

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Polio Update - Fewer Cases!



Polio Headlines Jan
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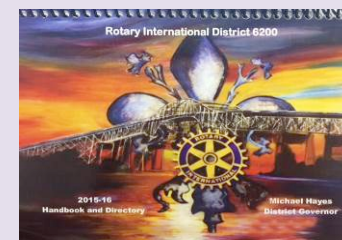
D6200 News

- District 6200 has added 60 new members in 2015! We are the leading district in membership in our zone!
- New database system, DACdb is here!
 - District and Club Database will manage everything from prospecting and member management to registering for events and billing for monthly dues.
 - Read more here:



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- The Rotary District 6200 directory has been completed and will be distributed to Club Presidents and ADGs during our mid-year assembly. PDGs will receive their copy via regular mail.



"I Can Read" Program

The Rotary Club of Lafayette North delivered the "I Can Read" program to Carencro Heights Elementary School in December. Each child received a DVD along with Christmas treats.

This project supports literacy in our community and teaches kindergarten children that learning to read is fun. The "I Can Read" DVD assists with reading and writing in an enjoyable environment by embedding 13 high frequency sight words in the language of joyous songs; children sing-along and dance-along as they learn sight words.

This program has a history of success based on results from the last four years with the Kindergarten classes at Carencro Heights Elementary School.



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Morgan City Rotary Club

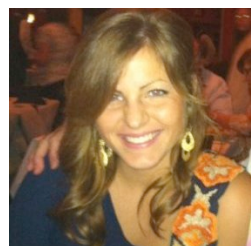
Members of the Morgan City Rotary Club made a donation to the St. Mary Outreach. Below are Morgan City Rotary Club President Cherie Laiche (left) and receiving the donation on behalf of St. Mary Outreach is Brenda Liner (right).



Congratulations to Dorian Boudreaux!



Congratulations to Dorian Boudreaux, former CHS Interactor, intern at the Rotary District 6200 Office, and now a college graduate. She received a B.A. in communications from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. *Many thanks and good luck* to Dorian for her diligent work in our Rotary District 6200 office during her fall semester!



D6200 Welcomes Alexis Lofton

Alexis will be completing her internship during her final semester as an organizational communications major/leadership studies minor at ULL. Alexis is involved in the Sigma Alpha Lambda Honors Association, Kappa Delta Sorority and the Organizational Communication Association.

In Memoriam

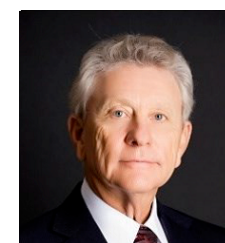
Governor Mike and Rotary District 6200 would like to express condolences and sympathy to the families of [Jim Evans IV](#), RC of Franklin, and from the RC of Baton Rouge, [Cheney C. Joseph](#), and [Arthur J. Choppin Jr.](#)

Events for January/February

- D6200 Semi-Annual payments due
- January 30th-Mid-Year Assembly
- February 6-Club Visioning
- Calendar of Events Click Below



Club Presidents
Updated Calendar.pdf



The D6200 Nominating Committee met in December and made two selections. First, Gary LaCombe of the Livingston Parish Rotary Club was selected District Governor Nominee Designee. DGND Gary will be District Governor during the 2018 – 2019 Rotary Year. The committee also selected PDG Linwood Broussard to serve next year as Vice Governor with DGE Francis Neziyanya. Please extend your congratulations to Gary and Linwood.