



**ROTARY:  
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# The Difference



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## Message from the District Governor

Dear Friends in Rotary,

We have just celebrated our District 6200 at a wonderful conference hosted by some of the friendliest people in the world--the Rotary Clubs of Houma. A special thanks goes out to our Co-chairs Mark Lee and Janel Ricca and the wonderful, all-inclusive, team of brains, brawn, and business sense. I want to thank everyone who attended. I hope you enjoyed the venue, meals, meetings, and sessions. RI President's Rep Steve Snyder and his lovely wife, Sharron, were excellent representatives of Rotary. Steve's presentations were both informative and entertaining. After telling us all about his visit to Kenya's District Conference, he finally admitted that this was the best conference he had ever attended!

For any of you who are keeping track, I managed to raise some money via haircut for our Foundation Fund-Raising event on May 4, in Baton Rouge. (If any of you are interested in attending, we have a few spots left. Call me.) I auctioned off my hair and now sport a short bob instead of the long, frizzy locks.

Guess who got the pie in the face!!!! Mike!!! Thanks to the support of all of you out there, I won the bet!!! You guys saved me from a pecan pie in the face. THANK YOU!!! That doesn't mean we have given enough to Our Foundation. If anything, now is the time to look at your personal and club goals and get that final payment toward your sustaining membership or Paul Harris Fellow before the end of the Rotary year. Even though I won the bet, I did wind up with pie in my face as well. The perpetrator made amends by donating funds to our fund-raiser. If anyone else would like to put a pie in my face, we can negotiate a donation for Our Foundation. *(Continued on page two)*

**Message from the District Governor *(Continued)***

Many awards and recognitions were given. Our highest district award, The Governor's Cup, was awarded to Joyce Clark of the Rotary Club of Greater Lake Charles. She received this award for her outstanding and sustained service in the six areas of focus both locally and internationally. When you see her, be sure to congratulate her.

Some of our Rotarians received awards for their service from Rotary International as well. Four of our Rotarians received the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World. Rotarians John Olin Brown, Ken Firmin, Jon Mark LaCour, and Ginger Alison Vann received this prestigious award for their non-financial contributions to polio eradication throughout the region. The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation also awarded PDG Mike "Pie-in-the-face" Collins the Citation for Meritorious Service in recognition of outstanding service to The Rotary Foundation. Be sure to congratulate all of them when you see them.

Here are a few calendar reminders for you:

1. May 3 – be at the Baton Rouge Rotunda at 9:00 a.m. to represent Rotary District 6200 when Governor Edwards declares May 3, 2018 as Rotary Day in Louisiana
2. May 4 – work alongside RI President Elect Barry Rassin and Esther as we do a project at the Baton Rouge Food Bank
3. May 4 – eat supper with RI President Barry Rassin and Esther at our Foundation Fund Raiser at Druscilla's (\$1,000 per person to participate)
4. May 5 – join the Abbeville Club as they do a planting project suggested by RIP Ian Riseley when they plant marsh grasses in the shape of a Rotary Wheel large enough to be seen from space
5. May 11 – Get those district grant applications to our District Administrator at the Lafayette office
6. May 12 – Attend the training seminar in Lafayette hosted by DGE Gary Lacombe
7. June 23 – 27 – Meet new best friends at the International Rotary Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada



A sincere thank you to all of you for your outstanding service to our communities and the world.

You and Rotary: Making a Difference,

*Martha*



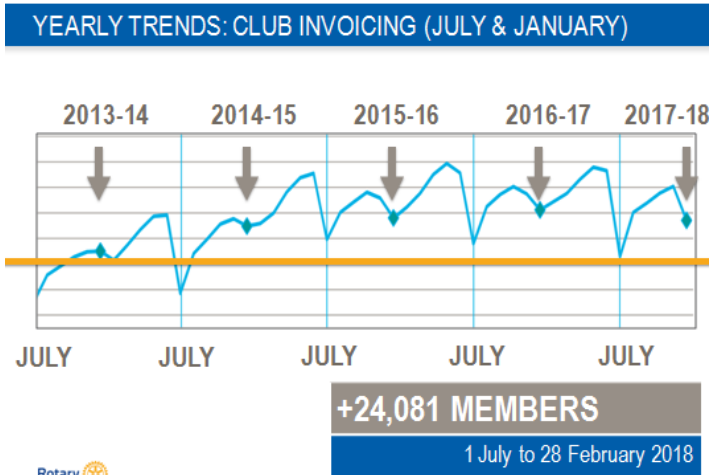
## Five Steps to Telling A People of Action Story

The new People of Action public image campaign helps you to bring the Rotary story to life by showing Rotarians as the people of action we are. Telling our People of Action stories in a meaningful, coordinated way builds the public's understanding of who we are and what we do. It highlights the impact we make in our communities and around the world.



## The State of Rotary's Membership

As of July, 2017, Rotary had 1,202,936 members, which is down 482 from 2016. We have 886 new clubs, bringing the total number of clubs to 35, 656. The average club size is 34, the median size is 27 and the most common size is 20.



This graph shows the cyclical nature of our membership count over the past five years. During the first five months of each year, member numbers grow. That's followed by a slight dip just before the 1 January club invoice, when clubs are report the most membership changes. Then membership again increases through May, only to drop before the 1 July club invoice, as clubs update their membership records.

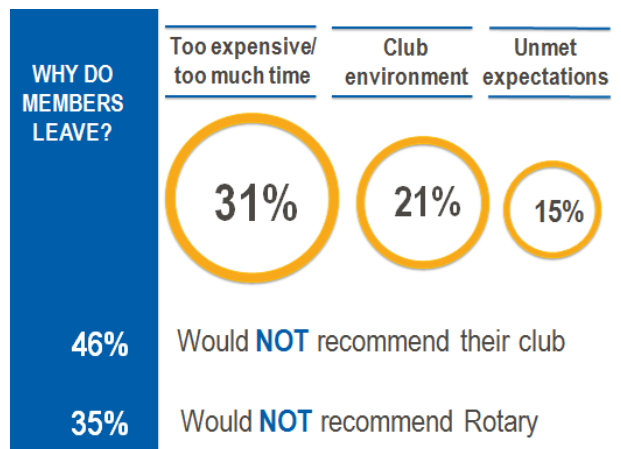
From 1 July through 28 February, we added 24,081 members. It's important that we understand this cycle and plan our efforts

accordingly. To expand our clubs from one year to the next, we should aim to achieve a membership level 3%-5% higher than the previous year between July and May.

Asia represents 32 percent of all of the world's Rotarians. During the same period, Canada, the Caribbean and the United States lost 15,000 members, dropping from 34% to 29%. All other regions have remained stable. New member retention is at 70% and existing member retention is 73%. The most vulnerable phases of membership loss are before their third year and again, after their tenth.

The demographic information trends show that 79% of members worldwide are men and 21% are women. Rotary is aiming its marketing efforts specifically at women, younger professionals and alumni, as well as recent retirees.

There is no one approach to membership that works for all clubs. These three strategies may help: assess your club, embrace and encourage flexibility and take action on membership leads. Also there are many online resources on the Rotary website, check out by searching: club health, membership assessment tools, attracting new members, engaging members, new member orientation and membership plans.



## District 6200 Awards

**The Rotary Foundation's Meritorious Service Award:** PDG Mike Collins. The Rotary Foundation's highest award is the Meritorious Service Award. *The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International give this award to those Rotarians who have rendered exceptional service to the Foundation beyond the district level or for an extended period of time. No more than 50 Distinguished Service Awards are presented each year. Individuals nominated for the Distinguished Service Award must have received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four years prior. The award is given only to those who have demonstrated active service; one who has contributed only financially is not considered for this award.*

**Governor's Cup:** Joyce Clark

**Service Award for a Polio-Free World:** PDG Jay Brown, Ginger Vann, Ken Firmin and PDG Mark LaCour

Cheri McDaniel, Service Chair of Capital City Rotary is shown receiving her **District Service Award**, presented by Assistant District Governor, Vernon Willis.

Other outstanding Rotarians who received the District Service Award are: Donna Landry, Jim Faulk, PAG Mark Lee, PAG Ginger Vann, Matt LeBlanc, Teresita McNabb, Tom Randolph, PDG Mark LaCour, Michael Garner, Nandi' Shenkan, Yvonne Normand, Ken Arceneaux, Shelley Joseph, AG Tim McNabb, and PDG Mike Hayes.

**Membership Award - Largest # Increase:** Rotary Club of eRotary Coastal

**Membership Award - Highest % Increase:** Rotary Club of Lake Charles Happy Hour

**Best Bulletin - 23 or less:** Rotary Club of Baker

**Best Bulletin - 24 to 40:** Rotary Club of Port Allen

**Best Bulletin - 41 to 65:** Rotary Club of Morgan City:

**Best Bulletin - 66 or more:** Rotary Club of Greater Lake Charles

**Highest Number in Attendance at the District Conference:** Rotary Club of Houma

**Highest Percentage of Attendees at the District Conference:** Rotary Club of Golden Meadow

**District Conference Golf Tournament:** Team Captain Peter Pitre, with teammates Kevin Lasseigne, Dan Doyle, and Mart Black. we turned in a score of 65, 7 under par.



## District 6200 Conference Thank You

On behalf of District Governor Martha Collins and the Conference Committee, let us say thank you to everyone who attended or contributed to this year's event. The four Houma host clubs worked very hard to make the conference a memorable experience for all Rotarians and their guests. The "Grab Bags of Love" project for the area's homeless and those in need, spearheaded by Daniel & Trudy Doiron of the Downtown Houma club, along with the help of clubs throughout the district, will continue to provide comfort for many in our area. We would also like to thank Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser and Rotary International President's Representative Steve Snyder and his wife Sharron for addressing our conference attendees.



**2018 District Conference Co-Chairs Janel Ricca and Mark Lee**

The Golf Tournament, Food Fest and the entire weekend of events made it obvious to all that District 6200 is ROTARY PROUD.

Thank you, Janel Ricca and Mark Lee, 2018 District Conference Co-Chairs.



## District Conference Photographs

*by Donna Landry*

Thanks to all who worked so tirelessly and yielded such success with the Rotary District 6200 Conference in Houma this weekend. While I didn't take photos at all sessions (tied up with a couple of presentations and doing double duty for the day job much of Friday), I did capture a good bit at the Food Fest and Saturday sessions.

You need only click on this link to access an existing Snapfish account - or set one up free with no obligation to buy anything - to view, get prints or download shots to social media among the 225+ please [click here](#).

If there's a shot or handful of shots you would like me to send you as separate emailed files, just let me know which those are. Please pass this link along to others who might be interested but for whom I don't have email addresses: <https://www.snapfish.com/photo-gift/share?via=link&token=pVc5Xag-wP8A1uqfTZJbQQ/AUS/27947536753070/SNAPFISH>

*Note from the editor: Take some time to view these fantastic photos! Mark Lee also shared some photos, shown on the next page.*





District Governor Martha Collins and PDG Mike "First Laddy" Collins



We made Grab Bags of Love!



Bacon-wrapped Shrimp and Food Fest Chefs



We met friends old and new



Past District Governors' Dinner



We ate (a lot), drank, danced and made merry



There were several interesting project displays



And we all learned something new about Rotary

Much fun was had at the District Conference!

## Rotary Club of Crowley

The Rotary Club of Crowley participated in “Painting with a Twist” at Ms. Audrey’s Tutoring Center on Saturday morning, February 17th. A district grant provided 25 at-risk children with the tools to paint on canvases featuring the artist Vincent Van Gogh. Eight Rotarians, the director of the Art Gallery in Crowley, a local artist, parents and teachers from the tutoring center encouraged the students during the morning activity. The tables were set with canvases, paints, and brushes. Each student was given the book “Vincent’s Colors by Vincent Van



2nd picture of group of students from Ms Audrey’s tutoring center painting with Vincent Van Gogh

*Rise Against Hunger Project:* The community of Crowley came together on March 10th to bag 10,152 meals that will be sent around the world to feed the hungry. The Rotary Club of Crowley joined Rise Against Hunger to help alleviate hunger in the world by 2030.

In June of 2017, Rotarians Mary Zaunbrecher, Tracy Young and Susan Comeaux joined others at the RI Convention in Atlanta and experienced meal packaging through Rise Against Hunger. They got together and brought this event to Crowley. Over 92 individuals—including 20 Crowley Rotarians—ranging in age from 12 to 92 helped with this fun filled event. In just over 2 hours, all bags were filled and ready to be shipped to US warehouses. *(Continued next page)*



Crowley Rotarians Georgie Petitjean, Mary Zaunbrecher, Kirk Schexnider, Joan Finley and Mary Ella Zaunbrecher.

Gogh”. The art director read the book to the children which ranged in age from 5 to 14. They were then asked to choose one of the prints in the book and paint their picture on the canvas. The students used their imagination and creativity to construct their masterpiece. After all painted one or more canvases, students were treated to a pizza party.





## Rotary Club of Crowley: Rise Against Hunger Project (Continued)

From these warehouses, bags will be shipped around the world. The club is already planning another event in 2019 in hopes of doubling the amount of bags packaged.

This meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. The program was created to give dedicated individuals and organizations the opportunity to participate in a hands-on international hunger relief.

For more information on how your Rotary Club can participate, visit [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org)



## Rotary Club of Opelousas Sunrise



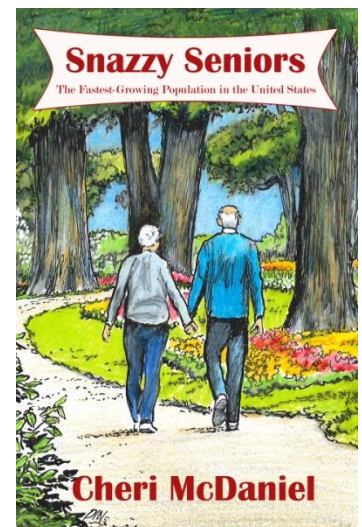
Rotary Club of Opelousas Sunrise would like to recognize Joe Hidalgo, a Paul Harris Fellow among us, who has repeatedly gone above and beyond in "doing good in the world." He will likely never meet the children, women, and men who will benefit, but on their behalf, our club offers a sincere thank you. Joe Hidalgo has distinguished himself as a multiple Paul Harris fellow. Thank you, Joe, for using your time, talent and treasure to enhance the lives of others. Your generosity means so much to so many. Today, Joe received his 8th multiple Paul Harris pin. Joe will wear this with pride in honor of all the lives that he will reach through his generosity. Thank you for being a Paul Harris Fellow who continues to put "Service above Self." Pictured presenting Joe Hidalgo with his pin is Richard

Hidalgo, Assistant District Governor.



## Rotary Club of Baton Rouge Capital City

Cheri Daniels had her book dedication for the new book on Sunday, April 15. The following Rotarians were recognized in a chapter in her "Snazzy Seniors" Book: Mr. and Mrs. Rotary: Mike and Martha Collins; New York Rotary President during 9/11, Helen Reisler; PDG Clarence Prudhomme for working with youth; LSU Professor at Law, Lucy Bowers for work on sex trafficking; PAG Patricia Robinson for humanitarian service and PDG Jay Brown who was awarded the Rotary Meritorious Service Award.



## Rotary Club of Livingston

The Livingston Rotary Club coordinated at 5k Superhero Fun Run that was held on April 7 in Denham Springs. The fun run raised money to provide new running shoes to children in need in the area. Some participants dressed in super hero outfits. They raised \$2,500 dollars and gathered 48 pairs of shoes at the event that were donated to Livingston Parish School students.



## Rotary Club of New Roads

The New Roads Rotary Club is sponsoring their Annual Community Prayer Breakfast that will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at the Scott Civic Center in New Roads. Doors open at 7:00am, Breakfast served at 7:30am. The Guest Speaker is His Excellency The Most Reverend Shelton Fabre, Bishop of Houma/Thibodaux Diocesan, and a native of New Roads. Breakfast Tickets are \$10.00 per person.

Also, the New Roads Rotary Club has formed a partnership with Mr. Ernest Gaines, renowned local, state, national and international author. He has autographed his total collection of books (11) for the club to raffle (\$5.00 a chance) along with a wooden bookcase to protect that priceless collection.

The raffle is a fundraiser to benefit the club's scholarship program. False River Rotary awards a scholarship to a senior with the highest grade average at each of the three private and public high schools in the parish. The drawing will take place at the Annual Breakfast.

## Quote

Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you, not because they are nice but because you are.



## Humor

Beaudreaux and Thibodeaux were waiting at a bus stop when a truck went by loaded up with rolls of turf. Boudreaux said "I'm gonna do dat when I win da lottry!" What's dat" asked Thibodeaux. "Send da lawn off to be mowed"



## Upcoming Events

<u>City</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Baton Rouge	\$1,000 Foundation Dinner	May 4
Abbeville	District Marsh Grass Planting Project	May 5



## W.H.O. Wild Polio Virus Update:

<u>Country</u>	<u>2018 Year-to-Date</u>	<u>2017 Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Total 2017</u>
Afghanistan:	7	3	14
Pakistan:	1	2	8
Nigeria:	0	0	0



## Polio this week as of 30 April 2018

Afghanistan: No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) have been confirmed this week. The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2018 is seven. The most recent case (by date of onset) occurred in Ghaziabad district, Kunar province, with onset of paralysis on 3 March. Two new WPV1 positive environmental samples have been reported this week, both collected in Kandahar district, Kandahar province, on 5 March. Supplementary immunization days are currently ongoing,

Pakistan: No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) have been confirmed this week. The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Pakistan in 2018 is one. The most recent case (by date of onset) occurred in Dukki district, Balochistan province, with onset of paralysis on 8 March. One new WPV1 positive environmental sample has been reported this week, collected in Jacobabad district, Sindh province, on 7 March. Supplementary immunization days are currently ongoing, during which vaccinators aim to vaccinate children across eight provinces using bOPV.

Central Africa: No new cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) were reported in the past week in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The total number of officially reported cVDPV2 cases in the DRC in 2018 remains three. The most recent case (by date of onset) was reported in Mulongo district, Haut Lomami province, with onset of paralysis on 31 January. Children living in the districts where the latest cases were reported were last targeted with mOPV2 during December vaccination days. The next campaign will take place following the completion of microplanning exercises to ensure high vaccination coverage during campaigns.

## Case Breakdown by Country for cVDPV (Vaccine-Derived Polio):

<u>Total Cases</u>	<u>2018 Year-to-Date</u>	<u>2017 Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Total 2017</u>	<u>Last Incidence</u>
Globally:	0	0	96	
--In Endemic Countries	0	0	0	Dec 17, 2016
--In Non-Endemic Countries	6	0	96	Feb 22, 2018

