



February 2018

# The Difference



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## Message from the District Governor

As we move into February, we are getting closer to two very important district events. Both of these are very important for the leadership and the general membership to learn about the good things Rotary does locally and internationally; to learn how Rotary is more than just a service club; and to encourage members to take a more active role in their clubs, district, and on the international level.

Firstly, Ole Man River PETS in Natchez is an amazing opportunity for our Presidents' elect and Presidents' Nominee, as well as our ADGs, to gain perspective, knowledge, and partnerships that will help them determine their goals for themselves and their clubs and to make strategic plans that will help them accomplish these goals.

The PETS team has put together a GREAT event and our District Governor Elect is ready to meet each of you. Make your plans today to join the fun at the Natchez Convention Center / Grand Hotel and see how You can Be the Inspiration in 2018-2019.

The keynote speaker will be **RI President-elect 2018-19 Barry Rassin from the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas**. Come hear his inspiring words so that you can return to your clubs and *"Be the Inspiration."* You will also have the opportunity to meet with our Rotary International Director Zones 30 - 31, Fred Yank.

If you have not already registered, it is not too late. Here is the link that will give you all the information you need:

[PETS Registration](#)



**Rotary International  
President-Elect Barry Rassin**



## District Governor's Message (Continued)

Secondly, and of course dearest to me at this time, is our Down the Bayou Bash District Conference on April 19-21. Registration is as easy as a click away. Go to DACdb, click on the calendar, scroll down to April, and click on register for the conference.



Come down early on Thursday for the golf tournament and stay for the Rotary Social in the Hospitality suite. After grant certification training and a little business session Friday morning, the conference officially kicks off with a luncheon featuring our President's Rep. Past Director Steve Snyder. Show up for our famous Food Festival with live music on Friday night. Be there to watch as either PDG Mike or I, DG Martha, will get a pie in the face for losing the bet on who helped raise the most money for Our Rotary Foundation during their year. I am still hoping that you will all come through for me. To date, I am about \$25,000 short of Mike's total. Come on guys, we can do this!!!

Oh, and by the way, I will be auctioning the cutting off of my ponytail Friday night as well. Saturday morning will be a treat! We will have young and old sharing how Rotary has impacted their lives. After a great luncheon with our President's Rep, we will have several panels to share info with you and answer your questions. We will close off the conference with a formal (optional) dinner, special awards, and the passing of the leadership pins.

All in all, please attend PETS if you are a PE, PN, or ADG. You will not regret it! And of course, the Conference committee has put together a fun-filled Down the Bayou Bash that will both educate and inspire you.

Hope to see y'all there!

*Martha*

## District Conference Golf Tournament!

*Come Play Beautiful Ellendale Country Club  
in Houma on April 19, 2018*

*Registration at 7:00 a.m.*

*Shotgun start at 7:30 a.m.*

[Golf Tournament Registration Form](#)

Call Mart for more information: 985-637-8017



## February is Peace and Conflict Resolution Month

**RESPONDING TO CONFLICT**

**20,000 people**  
are maimed or killed by land mines each year.

**TAKE ACTION**  
Identify triggering or accelerating factors in the conflict and work to mitigate them.

**TAKE ACTION**  
Offer support to marginalized groups that are at risk of violence or persecution.

**51 million people**  
are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution.

**TAKE ACTION**  
Provide relief to those who have fled areas of conflict.

**TIPS FOR SUCCESS**

- 1 Plan projects to engage all community stakeholders, including women, marginalized populations such as ethnic or religious minorities, and opposing sides in conflicts.
- 2 Understand and respect the laws and customs of all the communities you serve.

**TAKE ACTION**  
Help children who have been orphaned, injured, or traumatized by conflict.

**90% of casualties**  
in armed conflicts are civilians, at least half are children.



There is a forum on the Rotary website (rotary.org) called "Cadre: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution" that discusses Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution (PCPR) project planning and implementation and for Rotarians to seek PCPR expertise.

Sign onto the Rotary website and select Exchange Ideas -> Discussion Groups, then search All Groups for "Peace and" then click on JOIN to view the conversations or to ask for assistance.

The Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution cadre members have professional experience working with peace and conflict prevention/resolution in a cross-sectorial capacity, or as a mediator, community advocate, lawyer, diplomat, social worker, etc.

There is special emphasis placed on the following skill sets and experiences:

- Training leaders to prevent and mediate conflict;
- Working with civil society organizations to create community-based conflict prevention programs;
- Supporting local peace-building in communities and regions affected by conflict



They have global grant resources and the moderators, Jos Nolle and Dr. MD Kinoti, each have over 25 years of experience to share on the topic.

Please consider submitting articles for upcoming newsletters! Please note that March is *Water and Sanitation Month* and April is *Maternal and Child Health Month*.



## District Awards

At the District Assembly on January 27, several awards for the 2016-17 Rotary year were distributed to clubs in various categories. Congratulations!

### Foundation Awards:

#### "Top Three Highest in Per Capita Annual Giving"

*(Clubs with a minimum \$50 per capital giving to the Annual Fund)*

1. Zachary (\$762.36 per member)
2. Greater Lake Charles (\$518.29 per member)
3. Baker (\$447.92 per member)

#### "Every Rotarian, Every Year"

*(\$100 Annual Fund giving per capita with every dues-paying Rotarian in the club giving at least \$25 to the Annual Fund); and*

#### "100% Foundation Giving Club"

*(all club members give at least \$25 with an average of \$100 per capita giving to any gift designation)*

- Abbeville
- Baker
- Baton Rouge-Capital City
- Beauregard Vernon Sunrise
- Crowley
- East Ascension
- Gonzales
- Greater Ascension
- Greater Lake Charles
- Jennings
- Opelousas Sunrise
- Rayne
- Welsh
- Westlake

#### "Polio Certificate of Appreciation"

- East Ascension
- Gonzales
- Greater Lake Charles
- Houma
- Lafayette
- Sulphur
- Thibodaux

### 2016-17 Presidential Citation Award

- Baker
- East Ascension
- Jennings
- Rayne

### Public Image Awards:

#### "Best Website"

Lafayette

#### "Best Large Club Social Media"

Lafayette

#### "Best Mid-Size Club Social Media"

Morgan City

#### "Best Small Club Social Media"

Greater Ascension



### Vocational Service

*by Allan Farr*

Insurance is a great vocation. Insurance first began hundreds of years ago when ship owners pooled their risks together to have money available to pay for the inevitable sunken ship lost at sea, along with the lost cargo. For centuries a bell tolled at Lloyd's of London signaling a lost ship, cargo, and crew. As professional insurance agents, we help people manage the many risks they have in life. These risks are profound and include: life, health and property values of all types.

When the risk is too great, such as a ship launched with a weak hull, a poorly balanced cargo or inadequate navigation equipment, the risk is said to be uninsurable. Such is the state of health insurance today. The health costs are so high that the cost to insure, or pay for, the expected health expenses is beyond the financial capabilities of all but a few.

Insurance companies cannot assume the risk so they minimize their exposure by forcing people to retain more risk themselves in the form of a deductible. In spite of the high deductibles the premium is still very unaffordable. Like the original ship owners that eventuality formed Lloyd's of London, there is an alternative today, medical cost sharing.

Medical Cost Sharing is NOT Insurance. It is simply a large group of people who have gathered together to share the future costs of their unexpected healthcare needs. That's a loaded sentence! So if you have a preexisting condition, like our leaky ship example, your related costs may not be able to be shared. If you participate in highly risky activities such as sky diving, racing motorized anything, or free climbing structures, then your resulting injuries cannot be shared just as if the ship owner sailed into a hurricane on purpose. If however you become ill or have an accident after joining the cost sharing group, your medical costs will be shared with the group. As a result, the monthly contribution from each family is far less than what health insurance premium would be in the not-so-free health marketplace.

To become a professional insurance agent, one must pass a rigorous examination and become licensed by the state. Yearly continuing education ensures up to date knowledge on a variety of issues. Once licensed, one needs to gain experience. Once experienced, one can help people manage their risks in the most cost efficient manner.

About the author. Allan Farr has served the insurance industry for 38 years as an insurance company executive and currently as the owner of ISU Lemoine Insurance Agency with offices in Ville Platte, DeRidder, DeQuincy and Denham Springs. He has obtained numerous insurance designations including CPCU, CIC, CRM, ARe, as well as numerous seminars.



**Rotarian Allan Farr**  
**Ville Platte Rotary Club**



## Rotary Club of Franklin

The Winnsboro-Franklin Parish Chamber of Commerce sponsored the annual Christmas parade, that has been held at night for the last 14 years. The Franklin Rotary Club won the best decorated golf cart in the parade. The golf cart decorations were a joint effort from several rotary members. The parade was a lot of fun and the club has already been challenged for next year.

Also, their newest Rotarian, Ms. Beverly Domengeaux, won two Saints tickets to the Christmas game from a club raffle.

Congratulations Rotarian Domengeaux.



***President Iris Sharp, pictured with Ms Beverly Domengeaux and President-Elect Dawn Kaiser-Melancon***



***President-Elect Dawn Kaiser-Melancon at the Franklin City Council meeting***

## Rotary Club of Abbeville

In their support for the Vermilion Parish 4H program, the Abbeville Rotary Club purchased a fine hog at the recent 4H Livestock Show and Sale. The club successfully bid on this hog that was raised by Jake Hebert, a 7th grader at Renee Rost Middle School in Kaplan. Jake is the son of Daks and Christy Hebert. Assisting with feeding the hog this afternoon were Rotarians Mark Shirley, Charles Dill and Tom Thompson.





## Rotary Club of Welsh

Paul Savoit, Postmaster for Welsh, became the newest member to the club at the 18 Jan 2018 meeting. He was introduced to the club by Becky Hudson. Dominic Prudhomme, Zach Hayes, Pearse Migl and

Dylan Hughes briefed the club on their football season enroute to becoming the state 2A football champs.



## Rotary Club of Livingston



The Rotary Club of Livingston Parish reports the passing of one of its former, long-standing members, William Webster Sr., after a short illness. Mr. Webster was very active in the community of Walker and the Livingston Parish Rotary Club, having served in many leadership capacities, including Club President. He will be missed.



## The Rotary Club of Grand Isle

### Upcoming events:

- There is a **farmers market** every second Saturday of the month, contact Linda Goldman at 985-696-0107.
- They are having a **raffle** the drawing is March 24 for a fun, pirogue, and a \$50 gift certificate.
- March 24: **Wild game cook-off**, contact Paul Frazier at 504-6283285.
- April 13-15: **Blessing of the fleet**.
- May 5: **Car Show**: contact David Terrebonne at 504-418-3865.



## Rotary Club of St. Francisville

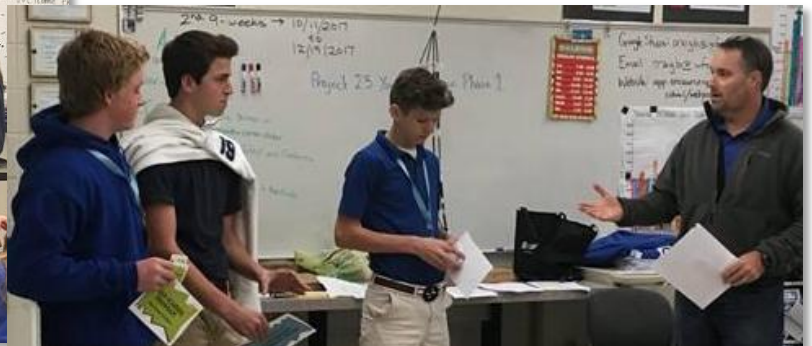


Did you know that approximately 7,000 kids drop out of school EVERY DAY in the U.S.?

That's why Rotary Club of St. Francisville members Carter Leak IV (*top left*); Susan Davis (*middle left*); Kevin Couhig (*bottom left*); President Jim Ferguson (*top right*); Sam LeBlanc and Robert Hanna (*bottom right*); Stephanie Ferguson and Paul Robinson Jr. (*not shown*); recently went to West Feliciana Middle School to talk to 8th grade students about CHOICES.

Rotarians prepared for the program with training & materials, then paired up to present the CHOICES program over 2 days to the 8th grade students. The mission of CHOICES Education Group is to empower students with vital tools that will increase their career and life

opportunities by staying in school. Getting involved with CHOICES is one of the most effective and powerful ways to help with the education crisis in our country.





## Rotary Club of Baker

The Baker Rotary Club is the first club in the district to achieve the Rotary Citation for 2017-18.

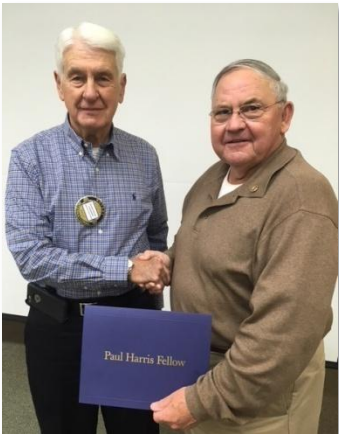
1 of 51 clubs in district 6200 have achieved the Rotary Citation

Club ID	Club Name	Rotary Citation Achieved? (4 of 4 categories needed)	Required Activities (2 of 2 needed)	Support and Strengthen (4 of 8 needed)	Humanitarian Service (4 of 9 needed)	Public Image and Awareness (4 of 8 needed)
2598	Abbeville	2	1	4	2	5
2599	Baker	4	2	5	6	6
2600	Baton Rouge	1	1	4	0	0
31536	Baton Rouge-Capital City	0	1	3	1	0



## Paul Harris Fellows

### Rotary Club of Opelousas Sunrise



**ADG Richard Hidalgo and  
Rotarian Harold Taylor**

Congratulations to Rotarian Harold Taylor. The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International has awarded him with a Paul Harris Fellow in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world. He was presented with this honor by Assistant District Governor Richard Hidalgo.



**(above) Catherine Stansbury receiving Paul  
Harris Fellow for Cora Vital from Welsh  
Rotary President Arlene Henien**

**(left) President Henien and Rotarian  
Herschel Bourque**

### Rotary Club of Welsh

Cora Vital was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow plus 2 award posthumously at the January 4, 2018 meeting. Her sister, Catherine Standbury

accepted the award from club President Henien. On January 18, President Heinen was awarded her Paul Harris Fellow plus 2 award and Herschel Bourque was awarded his Paul Harris Fellow plus 5 award.



## What's New?

The 2018 - 2019 Rotary International president's theme was just announced. It is "*Be the Inspiration.*" Rotary International President-elect Barry Rassin laid out his vision for the future of the organization on Sunday, calling on leaders to work for a sustainable future and to inspire Rotarians and the community at large.



**Click the arrow above to view RIP-E Barry's Rassin's 2018-19 Theme Address**

Rassin, a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, unveiled the 2018-19 presidential theme, *Be the Inspiration*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "I want you to inspire in your clubs, your Rotarians, that desire for something greater. The drive to do more, to be more, to create something that will live beyond each of us."

2018-19 RI President Barry Rassin announces his presidential theme, *Be the Inspiration*, at Rotary's International Assembly.

Rassin stressed the power of Rotary's new vision statement, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." This describes the Rotary that leaders must help build, he said.


To achieve this vision, the president-elect said, Rotarians must take care of the organization: "We are a membership organization first. And if we want to be able to serve, if we want to succeed in our goals — we have to take care of our members first."

Rassin asked the incoming district governors to "inspire the club presidents, and the Rotarians in your districts, to want to change. To want to do more. To want to reach their own potential. It's your job to motivate them — and help them find their own way forward."





## Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

On Saturday, January 13, Mark Lee, Sam Herpin and Donna Landry did an excellent job of teaching Part III of RLI. Part II is coming up **this Saturday, February 3** at the Rotary District 6200 Office in Lafayette. For more information contact PDG Frank Bradshaw at the district office or call Mark Lee at (985) 637-0232. 



## Healing the Scars of War

In the mountains of Poland, 26 children traumatized by violence in a war zone get a chance to be kids again at Rotary camp. To find out if it works check out:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotarians-help-kids-traumatized-war>



## A Dilemma: What Would You Do?

Your club commits to covering airfare for a local high school student embarking on a year long Rotary Youth Exchange. Club members form three committees, each responsible for hosting a fundraising event to collect money that will pay for the student's round trip international airfare. The first two events raise the targeted amount, but bad weather forces your club to cancel the third committee's event, scheduled a week before the student's flight must be booked. As a result, that committee requests that all club members split the remaining amount needed for the ticket purchase. You, along with a handful of other club members, are uncomfortable with this request.

What do you do?



## Humor

Thibodeaux ran into Boudreaux at the feed store the other day, and asked, "Hey, Boudreaux, you know what time it is?" Boudreaux looks at his watch and replies, "Mais, yeah, Thib, it's four o'clock." Thibodeaux shakes his head and tells Boudreaux, "Man, I been axin' people for de time all day long, an' everybody gives me a different answer!".



## Upcoming Events

<u>City</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lafayette	Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Part III	Saturday - February 3
Your City	District Grant Project Final Reports Due	Thursday - March 1
<b>Natchez</b>	<b>Ole Man River PETS</b>	<b>March 8 - 10, 2018</b>
<b>Lafayette</b>	<b>District 6200 Interact Conference</b>	<b>March 14-15</b>
<b>Houma</b>	<b>District 6200 Conference</b>	<b>April 19 - 22</b>





## 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:	2	0	14
Pakistan:	0	0	8
Nigeria:	0	0	0



## Polio this week as of 31 January 2018

- New on <http://polioeradication.org/>: In one of the final strongholds of the poliovirus, vaccination coverage is improving thanks to [the women working to access children](#).
- In Pakistan, we documented some of the [high-risk mobile children](#) that must be visited by vaccinators during the low transmission season.
- By [expanding environmental surveillance](#), Afghanistan hopes to track the movement of poliovirus with more accuracy than ever before.
- Summary of newly-reported viruses this week: Afghanistan: three new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) have been reported--one in each of the Nangarhar and Kandahar provinces and the Shawalikot district. Six new WPV1 positive environmental samples have been reported. Pakistan: Six new WPV1 positive environmental samples have been reported, one collected from Sindh province, one from Balochistan province, two from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, once from Karachi Landhi and one from Peshawar. Nigeria continues to implement an emergency response to the detected WPV1 strain and circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) strains affecting the country (last detected in 2016).

## 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	91	
--In Endemic Countries	0	0	0	Dec 17, 2016
--In Non-Endemic Countries	0	0	91	Nov 25, 2017



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