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# The Difference



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## Message from the District Governor

**IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE!!!!**

Registration to the best-ever District 6200 Down the Bayou Bash is still open. We have a great conference planned for you. The fun begins on Thursday evening with an open hospitality room social beginning at 6 PM in the Courtyard by Marriott room 212 & 214. Friday morning, we have grant certification training and business sessions before lunch. Our Luncheon kicks off with one of our great speakers, President's Rep Past Director Steve Snyder. From then on, you will hear great speakers and participate in panel discussions with many remarkable and motivational panelists.

Friday night Food Fest activities begin at the Southdown Plantation. Be sure to bring your bracelet. Bracelets can also be purchased at the door. Remember children 12 and under are admitted free. Be there when I auction the cutting off of my ponytail. You might want to see PDG Mike or me get a pie in the face at our Food Fest. We will see who won that wager of encouraging our members and clubs to donate the most money to our Rotary Foundation. One of us (Mike) will get the Key lime and, hopefully, none of us will get the pecan pie in our faces!!!

Saturday, we have a special treat when you meet, talk with, and do a project with Early Actors, Youth Actors, Interactors, Rotaractors, RYLA Alumni, Youth Exchange student, and one of our Global Scholars. We will also meet people who have been recipients of the good deeds Rotarians in our district. Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser is our featured speaker at our Saturday Luncheon. Afterwards, you will be able to choose sessions to attend with topics such as Our Foundation, our disappearing coast, non-traditional members, our youth programs, Rotary projects, Visioning and RLI, fund-raising, and increasing your club's visibility in your community.

As if that is not enough, we will finish off the conference with the Governor's Banquet. Meet with the district leaders past, present, and future. I hope you will all find time to attend all or part of our conference. Our Conference Committee has been working for over a year to make sure you will pass a good time and remember our conference as the best ever.

You and Rotary: Making a Difference

*Martha*



## April is Maternal and Child Health Month

Maternal and child health is one of Rotary International's six areas of focus.

In the Philippines, the Rotary Clubs of San Pedro South New Generation, West Bay, Los Banos, Silangang San Pabllo and Batangas Mid-West joined to gether for the *Healthy Mother for Healthy Babies* project. The clubs conducted a seminar, sharing the benefits of breastfeeding and how mothers can best protect and care for themselves while they are nursing their babies. Diapers, hand towels and soaps were distributed to mothers that attended.



In a very high poverty area in southern West Virginia, at the center of the opioid crisis, the Rotary Club of Princeton, West Virginia is addressing these factors that contribute to a very high rate of domestic violence and the need for services with their *Mardi Gras for a Cause* project. Battered women in shelters often receive donations of clothes or coats, but rarely receive personal care items or underwear. The club wanted to do a fun project that might attract new, like-minded members. The signature event was a relaxed social time with Mardi Gras-style beads, music and plenty of refreshments. They had over 100 non-Rotarians attend this first-

ever event in the two hour drop-in time frame.

The Rotary Club of Bweyogerere-Namboole, Uganda, sponsors a **monthly dental project**. They attract an average of 35 mothers and children every month. The activity was organized to commemorate the charter of the Rotary Club of Bweyogere Central. (right)



With the *Josh the Otter* project by the Rotary Club of Rayne, Louisiana, Rotarians educated Pre-K and Kindergarten children about the importance of water safety. (left)

Think about organizing a maternal and child health project in your area!



## SURF's up: Who says Rotary can't be fun?

On 27 January, more than 30 Surfers Unite Rotarian Fellowship (SURF) members gathered to support the Boys to Men Mentoring Foundation with a **1 Wave Challenge and 5K Beach Run**. Rotarians from several clubs, Rotaractors from University of California San Diego, and Interactors from James Madison and University City high schools took part in an attempt to set a world record by exceeding 110 surfers on the same wave at the same time. Sadly, even with 172 surfers, they weren't able to grab the record. But they did have tons of fun and raised \$90,000 for charity! [Learn more about SURF](#).



There are over 65 Rotary fellowships for various area of interest--stamp collecting, cruising, jazz, history, beer, scouting, magicians, quilting--many hobbies, leisure activities and some professions. To find a fellowship, check out the [Rotary Fellowship Directory](#) today.

*SURF was organized by Brett Morey, chair of SURF and past president of the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, California, USA. Brett came to Louisiana after the devastating flood of August 2016 to help gut and rebuild homes. He also helped us to raise over \$50,000 for Louisiana flood survivors in the Baton Rouge area.*



## Rotary Citation

Your Rotary, Rotaract, or Interact club can earn a Rotary Citation for achieving goals that strengthen Rotary and your club. Goals include increasing club membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation and building awareness of Rotary in your community. Entering achievements for your club can be tricky. Find out how to report your clubs progress toward achieving the Rotary Citation! [Rotary Citation Achievement Guide](#).



## Community Assessment for Global Grants

Next year clubs that apply for global grants will need to do a community assessment for the community where the project will take place. This is the first step in the global grant process. The assessment will determine a community's strengths, weaknesses, needs and assets to assure the project is effective and sustainable in the community where the project will be undertaken. The [Global Grants Community Assessment Results](#) Form will need to be filled out. For help in doing a community assessment, Rotary International has created the [Community Assessment Tools](#) guide.





## Rotary Club of Baton Rouge Capital City



The Baton Rouge Capital City Rotary and John Staples welcome speaker Jonathan Guelfo who was on the Knock Knock Museum's architectural team. Pictured: Jonathan Guelfo, Juan and Dr. Rocio Coto, President John Staples and Jency Hogan. Dr. Rocio Coto and Jency and Aaron Hogan (not pictured) are new members that were inducted in February.

(On right) Capital City Rotary honors World War II veteran and inducts new member.

## Rotary Club of Welsh



Pictured above is Rev Chandler Willis, Presbyterian minister, being inducted into the Rotary Club of Welsh by Rotarian Mary Gaudin. He is the newest member, raising the club to 39 members.

(On right) The Rotary Club of Welsh had a BBQ burger fundraiser on March 4 and raised about \$3,000 for a water project, to complete their avenue of flag project and to help support local schools.



President John Staples; Cheri McDaniel; Captain Jerry Black, US Army; Assistant District Governor Sam Herpin and new member Pama Barber (inducted in January).



## Rotary Club of St. Francisville

The *Louisiana Hills and Hollows Bicycle Tour* is coming up on Saturday, May 29 at the West Feliciana Sports Park located at 10226 West Feliciana Parkway in St. Francisville.

This fully-supported cycling event offers bicyclists of all ability levels a wide variety of marked routes through Louisiana's premiere hill country, including 36, 45 and 65 mile routes.

Come and experience the back roads of scenic West Feliciana Parish as you pedal your way under the canopies of century-old live oaks, navigate its big hills and deep hollows, leisurely steer your way past beautiful pastoral scenes and traverse the sandy creeks over low-water bridges. The tours will start and end at the magnificent West Feliciana Sports Park, which is also home to "The Beast", Louisiana's foremost 6.5 mile off-road biking trail.



The tour is sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Francisville and the proceeds of this charitable event will serve to benefit our organization and its many service endeavors within the community.

The entry fee is \$40 per rider and includes a customized event t-shirt, water bottle, and a delicious, post-ride meal. Late registration is \$50 after May 12th. To make the event more enjoyable, there will be ample rest stops and restrooms along the routes and SAG Wagons and Patrol Vehicles, as well as a Law Enforcement and EMS presence for traffic control and medical assistance.

Be advised that this tour is not a race, but rather for personal enjoyment and satisfaction in knowing that you helped a good cause while having a lot of fun with family and friends.

SNELL or ANSI approved helmets are required for all participants, and all entrants must be at least 12 years of age. Participants under the age of 18 will require the written consent of their Parent(s) or Legal Guardian.

Day-of-event registration will begin at 7:00 am at The West Feliciana Sports Park, 10226 West Feliciana Parkway, located on the northern edge of St. Francisville, via U.S. Highway 61. The tours will commence as follows: 65 mile – 8:00 am; 45 mile – 8:30 am; 36 mile – 9:00 am

For additional information, please contact Kevin Dreher by email at [kevindreher@bellsouth.net](mailto:kevindreher@bellsouth.net) or by telephone at (225) 721-1120.

Registration can be completed at: [Louisiana Hills and Hollows Bicycle Tour Registration](#)  
or on Facebook at: [Louisiana Hills and Hollows Bicycle Tour Facebook Registration](#)





## Rotary Club of Baker

*Letter to the Editor by PE Doris Alexander*

After completing this weekend's annual Presidents-elect Training Seminar in Natchez, I am even more convinced that I am blessed to be part of a 1.5 million person movement to bring about positive and constructive change for the betterment of humanity.

I am left believing that this has been one of the most rewarding weekends I have experienced in a very long time. Not only was the information and practical training superlative, but the fellowship with compassionate, enthusiastic and optimistic fellow Rotarians, committed to a better community, nation and world was extraordinary.

Nothing that I have seen or heard online, or in person, prepared me for just how rewarding and exciting this weekend would be. It makes me proud to be a Rotarian and to serve in whatever way that the future holds for me and this wonderful organization.

I wish to express my wholehearted thanks and appreciation to all those that organized this PETS event and made this weekend possible.



## Rotary Club of Opelousas Sunrise



Congratulations to our newest member of the Rotary Club of Opelousas Sunrise, Cody Begneaud! He is the administrator of Heritage Manor Nursing Home. Pictured with Cody is Assistant District Governor, Richard Hidalgo and his sponsor, Rotarian Harold Taylor.



### Foundation Fundraiser Dinner

*Featuring an unforgettable evening of food, fun, fellowship, and conversation with Guest of Honor and Speaker Rotary International President-Elect Barry Rassin*

Location: Drusilla's Place, 3482 Drusilla Ln # D  
Baton Rouge

Date: Friday, May 4, 2018

Time: Social 6:00 p.m. and Dinner 6:30 p.m.

\*Admittance: \$1,000 per person

Register on the Rotary District 6200 website at  
[Foundation Fundraiser Dinner](#).

## History

Fifty years ago, the first Rotaract club was formed to give young adults a place to connect and take action for good. In 1968, Rotary members in North Carolina chartered the first Rotaract club to provide young people an opportunity for service. A half-century has passed since the first Rotaract clubs began inspiring young leaders to take action to improve their communities. There are now 10,904 Rotaract clubs, 250,792 Rotaractors in 184 countries.



## A Dilemma: What Would You Do?

One of your club members, a well-known local business owner and a strong advocate of your club's service projects, is going through a tough business transition and has made drastic financial decisions, in turn adversely impacting many of her clients. Community members are questioning her integrity as a business owner and her interest in improving the community. Over the past few weeks, her diminished image is also starting to impact your club's reputation. What do you do?



## Humor

Boudreaux was walking down the wharf near de bayou and he met up with Thibodeaux.

He says to Thibodeaux, "Hey podna, how ya'll are?"

Thibodeaux says, "May ok." Boudreaux says, "And how's your wife?"

Thibodeaux says, "May my wife is an angel."

Boudreaux says "You lucky, my wife is still living!"



## Upcoming Events

<u>City</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Houma</b>	<b>District 6200 Conference</b>	<b>April 19 - 22</b>
<b>Abbeville</b>	<b>District Marsh Grass Planting Project</b>	<b>April 28</b>
<b>Baton Rouge</b>	<b>District Foundation Fundraiser Dinner</b>	<b>May 4</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:	5	3	14
Pakistan:	0	2	8
Nigeria:	0	0	0



## Polio this week as of 20 March 2018

Afghanistan: Two new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) were confirmed this week. One case occurred in Gaziabad district, Kunar province, with onset of paralysis on 14 February, and the other case occurred in Shawalikot district, Kandahar province, with onset of paralysis on 19 February. This will raise the total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2018 to five.

Central Africa: One new case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The case was reported in Mulongo district, Haut Lomami province, with onset of paralysis on 31 January. This raises the total number of officially reported cVDPV2 cases in the DRC in 2018 to three.

Horn of Africa: An advance notification of one new circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) positive environmental sample in Somalia has been received, collected on 22 February from Hodan district, Banadir province. Before this most recent advance notification, three cVDPV2s were isolated from two environmental samples collected in Hamarweyn district, Banadir province (Mogadishu), Somalia, one on 4 January, and one on 11 January 2018. These latest isolates are genetically linked to previously isolated VDPV2s from 2017, collected on 22 October and 2 November from environmental samples collected from Waberi district, Banadir province. In total, four environmental samples (with seven unique virus sequences) positive for cVDPV2 were collected in Somalia between October 2017, and January 2018.

## 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	3	0	96	Feb 22, 2018

