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## Thoughts From Governor Gary

As we begin a new Rotary year, I want to express my appreciation to each of you for the service you provide to Rotary. Our clubs are the face of Rotary to the world, and the many projects of service and support that we provide are the visible signs of how we add value to our communities. Your club leaders have been busy these last several months putting together plans for the projects that your club will implement this year. I hope you take advantage of the opportunities to demonstrate "service above self" in action.

We have obtained approval for 33 District Grants for the coming year which far exceeds the total of 27 grants that were completed last year. This means you are growing the footprint of our Foundation Giving within our district.

Our Rotary International theme for this year of "Be The Inspiration" offers each of us a chance to examine where we are currently in our Rotary journey and reflect on how we might expand our existing level of participation in all that Rotary has to offer. As a challenge, invite an acquaintance to join Rotary and serve as their mentor for this next year. Not only will you inspire this new member, but your club growth will provide more resources to complete more projects that benefit your community.

The primary emphasis areas for this year will be: 1) membership retention and growth, 2) more humanitarian outreach through The Rotary Foundation to end Polio and fund grants, 3) enhance public image and awareness. These priorities position us to improve how we tell our "Rotary story" to the world so that more people understand how "service" is the primary focus. We can expect new members to join Rotary because our value proposition is better understood. The work of



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the Rotary Foundation through Global Grants and District Grants provide a funding source for strategic projects. Projects are what our communities expect from us.



The month of July is “New Leadership” month. I ask that you take some time to let your club leaders know that you value their efforts to keep your club moving forward.

Together in service,

*DG Gary Lacombe*



## **RYLA**

We held another successful RYLA event on June 7 – 10, 2018. This year the event took place at Bayou Segnette State Park located in Westwego, LA. Many thanks to our volunteers (counselors, chefs, topic presenters) who helped to plan and deliver such an excellent session. Also thanks to the many Rotary clubs across the district who sponsored the students who attended RYLA.

The attendance count was in excess of 50 students.

Several Rotary clubs have invited RYLA students to attend a weekly Rotary meeting and share some of their experiences from RYLA. An example of feedback from a student was that, “RYLA was a very positive experience that provided great value, and they would be an advocate of the RYLA program this coming school year to try and secure two students from their school to attend next year”.



## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



**ROTARY CONVENTION**  
**1-5 JUNE 2019**  
**HAMBURG, GERMANY**

Our convention Promotion Chairwoman, PDG Ezora Proctor, would like to remind all of you to register to attend the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany scheduled for 1 – 5 June, 2019.

Each month, PDG Ezora will add another item to the list of fun reasons you should plan to attend the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany.

You can learn more from the website [WWW.RICONVENTION.ORG](http://WWW.RICONVENTION.ORG)

### WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION?

You will meet the most inspiring people in the world!

Rotary members from more than 130 countries meet at the convention every year. This is your unique opportunity to connect with old friends, make new ones, and share stories about your club's current and future projects.



The first fun thing to consider while visiting in Hamburg:

#### 1. Alter Elbtunnel

The Alter Elbtunnel (also Old Elbe Tunnel, St. Pauli Elbe Tunnel) is a pedestrian, bike and motorist tunnel, which travels underneath the River Elbe and connects central Hamburg to the southern side of the river. While walking, be sure to look at the artworks that line the tiled walls. Travelers enjoy the experience of walking beneath the river and taking in the great view from the opposing side. Free of charge for pedestrians and bikers, motorists are charged a small fee. You'll find the Elbe Tunnel open 24 hours a day (for pedestrians/bikers) off the Landungsbrücken U-bahn stop.

Stay tuned for more in the next Newsletter.



## **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

### **Goals for Priority 1 – SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN CLUBS**

1. Retain current members
2. Increase current club membership
3. Start new clubs
4. Increase members in target areas
  - a) Number of female members
  - b) Members under 40
  - c) Rotaractors joining Rotary

### **Goals for Priority 2 – FOCUS AND INCREASE HUMANITARIAN SERVICE**

5. Increase cash and district DDF contributions to End Polio Now
6. Increase local and international district grants and global grants funded with DDF
7. Encourage Interact and Rotaract clubs to engage in service projects – including projects for the environment – with their local Rotary club and community
8. Increase contributions to the Annual Fund, and build the Endowment Fund to \$2,025 billion by 2025

### **Goals for Priority 3 – ENHANCE PUBLIC IMAGE AND AWARENESS**

9. Publicize the role of Rotary and Rotarians in polio eradication
10. Build awareness of Rotary, and promote the People of Action campaign
11. Increase awareness of Rotary club projects by using Rotary Showcase and Rotary Ideas and creating a club history.





## NEW LEADERS FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF ZACHARY



Terry Gomez has been elected president of the Rotary Club of Zachary for the 2018-2019 year. The swearing in ceremony took place on June 21, at The Pointe at Americana. Terry was officially sworn in by Mayor David Amrhein. The installation banquet was a western theme, and members of the Rotary Club were served a delicious barbeque in honor of the new "Rotary Sheriff" in town.

In his capacity as president of the Rotary Club of Zachary, Terry will lead the membership group of professionals who meet weekly for programs, service and networking. "Rotary is about "Service above Self", and I am excited to be this year's president and look forward to our many service projects," says Terry Gomez.





Zachary Rotary Club Board members pictured in group: Danette Castello, John Dry, Brandy Westmoreland, Jennifer Boyd, Charlene Smith, Terry Gomez, Mary Landry, L.T. Dupre, Lisa Rioux, Mike Gennaro, Sharon Phillips, Ruby Homayssi. Not shown, Bret Funk

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF MORGAN CITY INSTALLATION BANQUET

A large group of Paul Harris Fellows were recognized at the recent installation banquet for the Rotary Club of Morgan City.



Members recognized for perfect attendance



Maya Madise receives a club scholarship from Scholarship Chairwoman Emily Berry as part of the annual installation banquet held in June.



## CLUB ANNIVERSARY

### Rotary Club of Westlake (July 25, 1958)

Chartered in 1958, the Westlake Rotary Club was the only community service club in Westlake. Charter members saw a need and responded using their combined energies to promote Rotary.

Community action programs and activities over the years have included an annual beauty pageant, which drew a small town closer together, provided funds for an annual regional Rotary track meet, which helped acquaint many youth in the operations of Rotary. The Charter members were successful business and professional leaders of the community meeting at an organized, informal weekly collective gathering to discuss and help the present and future dreams of a growing community. Today Westlake Rotarians continue to pursue worthy activities in all the avenues of service.

**60 YEARS**

### Past District Governors of the Rotary Club of Westlake:

2015 – 2016: Mike Hayes

Theme - (Be a Gift to the World)

#### Club anniversaries next month !

Port Allen      59 years

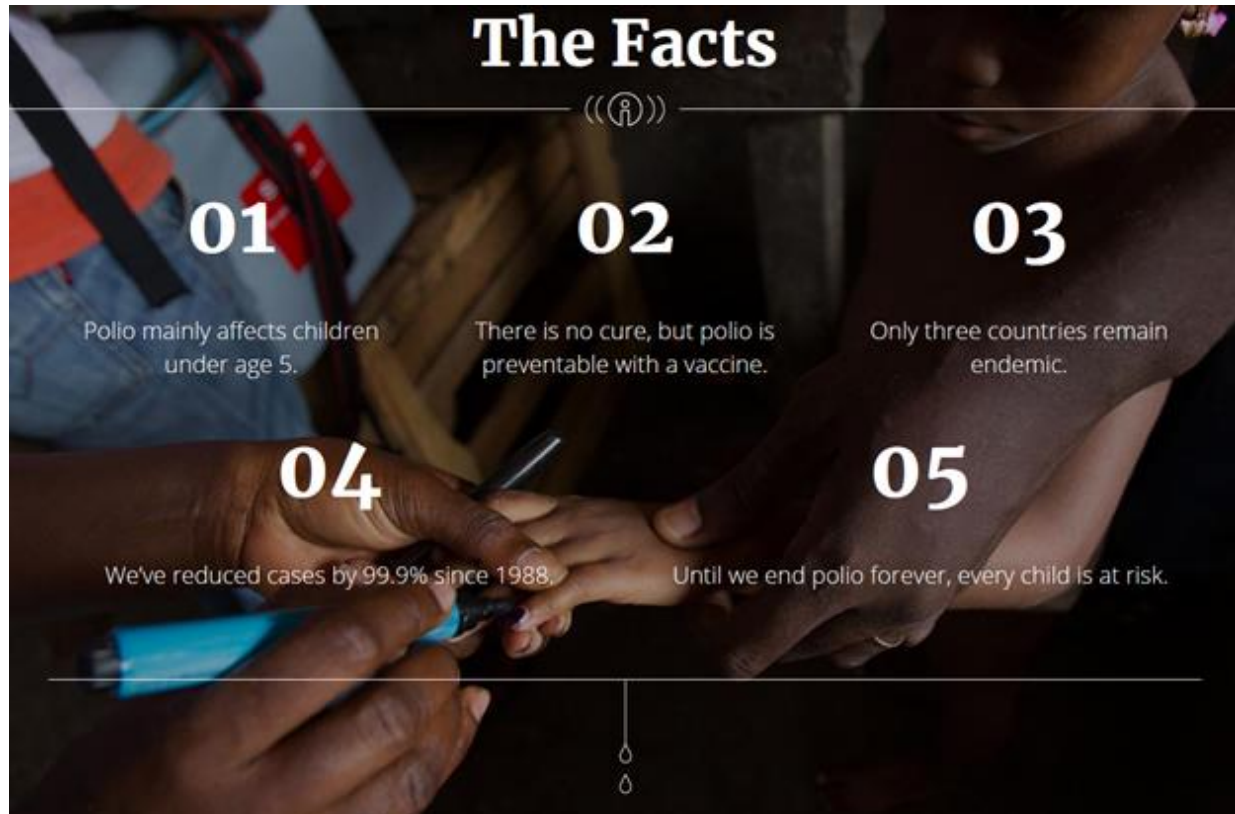
Kinder          80 years

Thibodaux      82 years





## JOURNEY TO END POLIO



### Case breakdown by country

Countries	Year-to-date 2018		Year-to-date 2017		Total in 2017		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	8	0	4	0	14	0	27-Apr-2018	NA
Democratic Republic Of The Congo	0	7	0	4	0	22	NA	14-May-2018
Nigeria	0	1	0	0	0	0	NA	15-Apr-2018
Pakistan	3	0	2	0	8	0	18-May-2018	NA
Somalia	0	5	0	0	0	0	NA	23-May-2018
Syrian Arab Republic	0	0	0	21	0	74	NA	21-Sep-2017

NA: Onset of paralysis in most recent case is prior to 2017. Figures exclude non-AFP sources. All cVDPV are type2. cVDPV definition: see document "Reporting and classification of vaccine-derived polioviruses" at [\[pdf\]](#)

### Weekly country updates as of 26 June 2018





### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Don't miss out on this fun-filled conference which includes three Rotary Districts.

Book now while rooms are still available.

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**CRUISE**  
**May 2-6, 2019**

**Rotary** 

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[www.rotarycruise2019.com](http://www.rotarycruise2019.com)

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<b>Ocean View Cabins</b> <small>Per person for first occupant in cabin.</small>	<b>\$556</b>
<b>Additional Family</b> <small>Third and fourth passengers in the cabin.</small>	<b>\$263</b>

Price includes the cruise, taxes, prepaid gratuities and insurance. Each room will have a \$50.00 per room credit toward their on-board expenses.

Reservations are handled by Travel Agent (Jackson Travel, LLC). Initial payment of \$150.00 per person by 6/25/2018. Final amount due by 3/1/2019. Bookings will be available until early 2019, but price and availability are not guaranteed.

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## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND INFORMATION

We are eager to receive your articles, announcements and photos to share in the District 6200 monthly newsletter. We want to highlight your activities, achievements, and the fun you have as a club to our entire district. We'll do our best to include a variety of articles/photos; however, we may not be able to include everything that is submitted due to space limitations. In order to help assemble the newsletter, please adhere to the following guidelines:

**Photos** – JPG or GIF format is preferred for all photos. If you have a professional photo from another source/publication, please get permission to use the photos. Please include the names of the individuals, club name, and/or event name and a brief description of the photo.

**Articles** – Please submit in MS Word or text only format and please proofread your articles prior to submission. If this is an article from another publication or another person, please verify that we have permission to re-print.

Please email to Frank Bradshaw @rotary6200lusfiber.net by the 25th of the month.



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