

Greetings Rotarians!

January was a busy month for District 6860. On January 20, 2023 the District Nominations Committee, chaired by PDG Harold Lewis, met and selected Butler Cain as governor for 2025-2026. Butler is a member of the Rotary Club of Florence and currently serves as the District Public Image Chair. Also selected during this meeting was the Vice-Governor for 2023-2024, Lee Weinman, and Council on Legislation representative for 2023-2026, Carol Argo.

Thank you to all the participants and attendees who made the 2023 Mid-Year Conference on January 27-28 a huge success. On Friday, the 27th District Governor Elect Mary Grace Evans met with AGs and PEs for PrePETS training and an introduction to what to look forward to in 2023-2024. That evening, several Rotarians enjoyed some fun and fellowship at TopGolf. Winners were DGN David Allgood and Thomas Yerby. On Saturday we shared information and ideas on service projects, fund raising, membership engagement and new club development, social media, Interact, and an update on participation in Foundation grants and PolioPlus, along with opportunities to give to The Rotary Foundation.

We had some fun with Rotary Trivia (Mark Maloney and Bo Porter had perfect scores!) followed by a delicious taco bar lunch. Foundation awards for 2021-2022 were presented with the following results:

Giving to the Annual Fund:

#1 Rotary Club of Shades Valley with \$465.90 per capita

#2 Rotary Club of Vestavia Hills with \$421.95 per capita

#3 Rotary club of Decatur Daybreak with \$284.38 per capita

The following clubs were presented with banners for 100 percent TRF giving and EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) Club: Anniston Morning, Athens, Birmingham-Sunrise, Cullman and Vestavia Hills Sunrise. Certificates of appreciation were presented to 10 clubs in the district that contributed at least \$1,500 to Rotary's polio eradication efforts: Athens, Cullman, Decatur, Florence, Fort Payne, Greater Huntsville, Shades Valley, Trussville Daybreak, Trussville Noon, and Tuscaloosa.

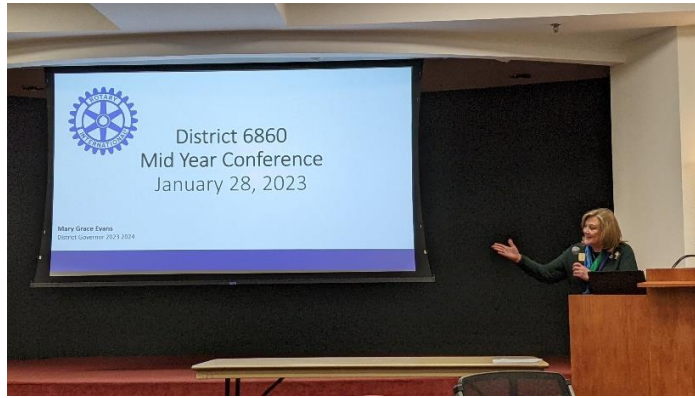
Past District Governor John Valieant led a brief discussion on the District Leadership Plan which has undergone a major revision and called for a vote to accept the updated plan. The motion to accept the DLP met with no objections. The updated DLP will be posted on the district website www.rotary6860.org.

The conference concluded with a service project to stuff Rotary backpacks with schools supplies which will be distributed to needy students in one of the Homewood Schools.

The Rotary year is just over mid-way through and we have a lot of activities coming up in the next few months. Please look at the District Calendar in DACdb and make sure you can join us as we continue to Imagine Rotary this year.

Regards,

Carol Argo
Governor





**You and your guest are cordially invited to attend the
District 6860 Annual Foundation Dinner**

Featuring

Larry Lunsford

The Rotary Foundation Trustee, 2023-2025

Thursday, February 23, 2023

The Magnolia Room
216 Moulton St. E.
Decatur, AL 35601

Hosted by Rotary Club of Decatur and Rotary Club of Decatur Daybreak

RSVP by February 16, 2023

Through registration on [DACdb](#) or
by email to rotaryalabama@gmail.com

Cash Bar Reception 5:30 pm

Dinner and Program 6:30 pm

\$65 per person

Required Information:

<p>If responding by email include: Name(s) of attendees and menu selection for each person</p> <p>Menu Selection: Beef, Chicken or Vegetarian</p>	<p>Payment via credit card on DACdb or Make checks payable to Rotary District 6860 For Foundation Dinner Mail checks to Rotary International District 6860 PO Box 308 Florence, AL 35631</p>
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REMINDER TO ROTARY AND ROTARACT CLUBS

Rotary International Semi-Annual dues invoices were sent out in mid-January to all Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the district. Rotaract clubs – this is new to you. Please be sure to pay these invoices in a timely manner to avoid possible sanctions by RI.

District Awards – Deadline March 31

The Rotary District 6860 Awards Recognition Program is intended to recognize the accomplishments of Rotary and Rotaract clubs that excel during the 2022-2023 Rotary year. All Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in our district are encouraged to plan and apply for awards...EVERYONE enjoys recognition for their efforts. AWARDS are the way we can say “Congratulations for a job WELL DONE!” from the district to the clubs! All district awards share a common due date of March 31, 2023, except the District Vocational Service Award which is due January 1, 2023. Please feel free to contact the Awards Co-Chairs PDG Pat Cross or PDG Sue Mitchell with any questions. For the purpose of applying for awards, a Small Club is defined as having 50 or fewer members and a Large Club is defined as having 51 or more members.

For a full list of awards, application forms and instructions: <https://www.rotary6860.org/awards-program.php>

SUNRISE - ROTARY - SUNSET

Rotary District 6860 & 6880 Multi-District Conference

April 28-30, 2023

Perdido Key Resort, Perdido Beach, AL

FUN – SERVICE – FELLOWSHIP – KNOWLEDGE

With an emphasis on FUN! Come join us for our joint conference in beautiful Perdido Key. Learn about women in Rotary, help with a service project to raise money for the Rotary Foundation, attend a low-country shrimp boil and listen to some beach music around a bonfire. We plan to have something to entice everyone to join us in 2023. We want you to bring your spouse or partner and your children. This promises to be a family affair. We want the whole family to learn about Rotary and help us spread awareness on our seven areas of focus.

IMAGINE a world where we all get along!

IMAGINE a world with less crippling diseases!

IMAGINE everyone everywhere has access to clean water!

IMAGINE a world with healthy mothers and children!

IMAGINE everyone has an opportunity for education!

IMAGINE economic and community development around the globe!

IMAGINE a cleaner environment for all!

Come take your Rotary life to the next level by broadening your understanding of who we are, what we do, where we do it, and why we do it. Together we are ROTARY. Together we can make a DIFFERENCE.

Just IMAGINE!

Registration is open through the DACdb Calendar

Deadline for hotel reservations is April 4, 2023

Guestroom block \$199.00 for single or double occupancy

Should you wish to upgrade accommodations, the following rates will be offered.

Pass View Rate (\$219) Beach View Rate (\$244) Gulf Front Rate (\$279) Executive Suite (\$329) One-Bedroom Suite w/Parlor (\$449) Two-Bedroom Suite w/Parlor (\$529)

Rotary Club

Booking ID 18351

Call in reservations (800) 634-8001 or (251) 981-9811

Online Reservations: <https://www.perdidobeachresolrt.com/>

A credit card and first nights room and tax will be required to guarantee the reservation.

There are limited rooms available for Thursday, April 27