



Feb/March - KEY Moments in District 6150

By John C. Deacon

The District is owed an apology for the lack of a newsletter in February; time did not cooperate. I am therefore combining February and March. As you should know, we had a GREAT Foundation Banquet at the Clinton Presidential Library on Tuesday evening, Feb. 19th with our RI President Barry Rassin as the keynote speaker. In the words of Frankie Vali and the Four Seasons . . . "Oh what a night"!

Actually it was more like a week's worth of activity compressed into a 3 day visit. We filled his time with tours, meetings, meals and what Rotary does best . . . network and exchange ideas. Pres. Rassin filled *our* time with inspiration for Service, Youth, and Commitment.

Foundation Banquet



Our annual Foundation Banquet was celebrated on Tuesday, Feb. 19th at the Clinton Presidential Library preceded by a reception honoring major donors, Paul Harris Society members and Past District Governors at the Clinton School of Public Service beforehand. This signature event was a District Fundraiser for the Rotary Foundation. Although the weather did NOT cooperate, we still had a packed house to witness our Rotary Leadership and hear RIP Rassin's vision and perspective on all things Rotary. The Rotary Foundation will have additional funds with which to

address our world's greatest needs.



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Events

April 12th
[District 6150 Golf
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Rotary Day at the Capitol

In honor of RI President Barry Rassin's visit to Arkansas, our 3 Arkansas Rotary Districts held Rotary Day at the Capitol on Tuesday, Feb. 19th. Both the Senate and the House of Representatives read a resolution on the floor of each chamber touting Rotary Day at the Capitol. All Rotarian Legislators came down front of the Senate and House for the reading of the resolutions . . . it was a proud moment for Rotary as NUMEROUS legislators are Rotarians.



Afterward in the Rotunda, Governor Asa Hutchinson awarded an Arkansas Traveler citation to RIP Rassin in a show of true Arkansas hospitality and attendance at this ceremony filled the Rotunda of our State Capitol. What a proud moment in Rotary and Arkansas history!

Other Highlights of Pres. Rassin's Visit:

Clinton School of Public Service

- RI President Barry was the keynote speaker in the Distinguished Speaker series at the Clinton School of Public Service. The event was live-streamed and a very nice crowd was on-hand to receive President Rassin's words of service. Prior to the live-streamed event, Pres. Rassin met with Dean Skip Rutherford and PDG's from our District to discuss the Clinton School scholarship program and other issues. Our District is proud to learn about, and take action for a Clinton Scholar who lost his country's funding. Our District stepped up to the plate and secured funding that will enable this student to finish his schooling at the Clinton School . . . your District at work for good in the world.



Central High School
Museum and School -
Pres. Rassin and a



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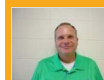
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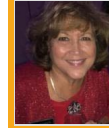
contingent of Rotarians toured the National Park Service museum across from Central High School and listened to the compelling story of one of our nations' most impactful stories of our Civil Rights movement. Afterward we toured Central High School building with the current

principal Nancy Rousseau.

Heifer International - Pres. Rassin and entourage was given a VIP tour of Heifer International which was followed by a meeting with Heifer CEO Pierre Ferrari. Mr. Ferrari and accompanying leadership described their mission, scope and objectives while urging greater collaboration with Rotary on international projects. Two great organizations with global connections and meaningful projects . . . a match made in heaven.



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Peace and Conflict Resolution



February was Peace and Conflict Resolution month for Rotary International - what a way to shine a spotlight on the goal by Pres. Rassin visiting the Clinton School of Public Service. I learned that the curriculum is project based and provides hands-on opportunities for the students to plan, quantify, organize and implement worldwide projects in their area of interest. This approach differs

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from other Peace Centers for Rotary which are more research based. Rotary will embrace ALL approaches to the effort of global peace.

March - Water & Sanitation Month

District 6150 just this month agreed to participate in a Global Grant using \$5,000 in District Designated Funds for a water project in El Pilar, Guatemala. Our International Service project Chair Bob Warner is connected with Rotarians from Districts all over the world that share the challenges and opportunities to provide clean water and sanitation .



. . . an area where we take for granted on a daily basis.

Visioning

March will kick off the first visioning effort by District 6150 as we have teams assembled to go into each club and help the club articulate a vision for their future. Our first session will be Thursday, March 21st at the Jonesboro University Club. A 4-hour session will help club members discuss potential goals, projects and ideas and then organize them into priorities. This exercise will Strengthen and Support our clubs as they try to navigate toward a successful Rotary club experience. Please contact Nancy Leonhardt, Chair of our D6150 Visioning Team to discuss a date for your club.

Mapets

March 28-30th. March is a critical Rotary month in the fact that the Presidents-Elect assemble in Fort Smith for MAPETS (Mid-America Presidents Elect Training Seminar). This is a CRITICAL step in the success (or lack of) for each individual Rotary Club. Leadership is at the heart of everything Rotary and MAPETS is where our club leaders get the roadmap toward these goals and objectives. Exchanging ideas with current and past club leaders also establishes the networking and communication that's essential for leveraging one's skills and knowledge toward the upcoming Rotary Year.

As we are coming into the final stretch of this rotary year, **PLEASE** put these upcoming dates on your calendar:

- **DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT - Friday, April 12th** - The Country Club of Arkansas, Maumelle, AR
- **DISTRICT CONFERENCE - April 26th & 27th** - Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR
- **CARDINAL RAFFLE TICKET SALES** - sales throughout April, drawing **May 6th**.

As I sign off, remember to **◆ Be the Inspiration ◆**.

John Deacon, District Governor

District 6150, 2018-19

District News

By Sydney O. Gilbert

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We have a full calendar over the next few months. You can learn more by visiting [the District Calendar](#).

Rotary District 6150 Golf Tournament - Date to be determined in April

Rotary District 6150 Conference ◆ April 26-27, 2019

Arkansas State Univ., Jonesboro

DACdb Tips:

- Did you miss the DACdb Virtual User Conference in January? You can find all the materials, videos, etc from the Help Tab in DACdb.
 - **Login to www.dacdb.com > click on Help > on the left navigation go to User Conference 2019**
 - RI Integration
 - The Club Officer Compare & Member Compare tools are very helpful in keeping your membership rolls accurate. If your club is sync-ing with Rotary International (RI Direct), DACdb pushes updates made in DACdb to RI. On a semi-annual basis, it is wise to check the "Member Compare" tool to identify any disparities in member records between these two databases.
 - **Login to www.dacdb.com > click on My Club > on the left navigation open "RI Integration"> Member Compare**
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