



## WHAT A MONTH!!!

By John C. Deacon

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A HUGE salute is due from your District Governor to acknowledge and applaud the rotary activity of April 2019. It was a month filled with celebrations, recognitions, fund-raisers, entertainment and best-of-all, Rotary fellowship. Allow me to recap these events and salute those clubs and Rotarians strengthened our District and Rotary with their efforts:

**District Golf Tournament** - The Country Club of Arkansas, Maumelle - April 12<sup>th</sup>:

A simply gorgeous day with temperature in the high 60s and beautiful blue sky, our golf teams from around the District enjoyed a lunch and put some wicked golf skills on display as Jonesboro University came away with the traveling trophy. We thank our sponsoring clubs, hole and beverage cart sponsors and the Rotarians who enjoyed this wonderful fundraiser for our District.



**District Conference Awards** - Jonesboro, April 25-27<sup>th</sup>:

Congratulations to these Clubs and Rotarians in recognition for their hard work this Rotary year:

Club of the Year:

Large club: **Jonesboro**,  
Med club: **West Little Rock**,  
Med/Sm club: **Batesville**,  
Small club: **Sherwood**

Highest Membership Growth (by %):

1) **Searcy 129%** 2) **Jacksonville 121%** 3) **Stuttgart 114%**

Highest Foundation Giving:

1) **Jonesboro \$678.58** 2) **Sherwood \$338.67** 3) **West Little Rock \$163.90**



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### Events

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### Account Leaders



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Club Rotary Foundation Chair



[Renee B. Brink](#)  
Assistant Governor

Asst. Gov. of the Year: **Beverly Williams, Sherwood...Francine Brunyeel, LR Metro**

President of the Year:  
Large club: **Kenny Gibbs, Little Rock,**  
Med club: **Joe St. Columbia Jr, Helena**  
Med/Sm club: **Diane Hay, Blytheville**  
Small club: **Larry Barnes, Sherwood**



Governors ♦s Theme Award:  
**Cleburne County**

Service Above Self Award: **Barbara Neal, Cleburne County**

Rotarian of the Year, with a PHF funded by PDG ♦s: **David Leech, Stuttgart**

Most Improved Club: **Jacksonville**

Governors ♦ Banner Recipients:  
**Little Rock, Jonesboro, Paragould, Stuttgart, West Little Rock, Jonesboro University, Newport, Searcy, Harrisburg, Hughes, Marshall, Sherwood, Batesville, Jacksonville**



100% Membership Retention:  
**Brinkley, DeWitt, Fairfield Bay, Harrisburg, Hughes, Jacksonville, LR Midtown, Maumelle, Sherwood**

Excellence in Club Recognition Points:  
**Wynne, Paragould, Stuttgart, Blytheville, Cleburne Co, Bald Knob, Fairfield Bay**

Governors ♦ Presidential Award of Excellence:


**Lisa Golden-Jonesboro, Melody Douglas-Wynne, Brooke Ivy Bridges-West LR, Erin Kerley Mathews-Pocahontas, Lauren Fowler-Jacksonville, Jim Carr-Searcy, Michelle Davis-Fairfield Bay, Cathy Churchwell-Bald Knob**



Governors ♦ Special Award of Distinction:

**Sam Hummelstein - Jonesboro, Nancy Leonhardt-West LR, Bob Warner-Jonesboro, Sydney Gilbert-LR After Hours**

Governors ♦ Special Award of Merit:

 [Marie Francine Brunyeel](#)  
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Youth Exchange Chair

**RYLA-Martis Tipton-Sherwood, Ric Love-Sherwood, YE-Vince Guest-Wynne, Susan Chan-Little Rock**

**District Conference Events - Jonesboro, April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>:**



Vincent E. Guest  
Youth Exchange  
Chair



- **PDG Dinner** - Bob Warners♦ residence, April 25<sup>th</sup> -after the off and on rain, a beautiful courtyard setting awaited the Past District Governors♦ of our District for a reception and delightful dinner attended by RIPE Mark Maloney and various past and current District Governors. A special thanks to Mary Ellen and Bob Warner for their ever gracious hospitality for hosting this wonderful tradition before the start of District Conference
- **Conference Sessions** - Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. With the theme ♦ **We will Rock You**♦, the conference opened with these sessions; Sec. Elect training, Membership Attraction, Panel-these clubs are growing, what are they doing, Satellite clubs, struggling club conversation, DACdb for beginners, What is Visioning, Service Project champions, International project opportunities, Public Image, better photos and Social Media.



- **All-Club Luncheon** - Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. RIPE Mark Malone was the keynote speaker at the ALL club luncheon and delivered an inspirational message to our conference attendees. A new Paul Harris Society member was recognized- Dr. Carl Cates, Jonesboro. Also, our foster project scholarship recipient was introduced and we applaud and recognize Dakota Wilkerson as our foster scholarship recipient of \$3,000. Haylee Samples is receiving a \$1,000 scholarship and Quentin Jackson \$500. These awards are due to the work of our Foster project committee and the generosity of clubs around the District.

**Rotary Centennial Plaza Dedication** - It was a day to remember in downtown as the Rotary Club of Jonesboro dedicated a newly built plaza to commemorate the Centennial anniversary of the club's establishment. RIPE Mark Maloney, Mayor Harold Perrin and other dignitaries welcomed the addition of a community connection space in our downtown. The plaza has a nod to Hotel Noble which was the first meeting space for the newly formed Rotary Club in 1919. Complete with a Rotary Wheel and plaques that recognize the significant donors and supporters adorn the circular outdoor space. The plaza is designed for small musical events, weddings, art festivals and many other creative gathering functions. PDG Jerry Brackett and Past Pres. Beverly Parker received "James Gramling Service above Self" recognition for their tireless 3 year effort in the planning and implementation of the Centennial Plaza.



- **Picnic on the Plaza** - the first official function on the Rotary Centennial Plaza was an outdoor picnic for District Conference attendees. Strategically placed under tents on the plaza Rotarians enjoyed fellowship and renewed friendships at the picnic.
- **The Ultimate Oldies Show** - after the picnic on the plaza, our District hosted a highly entertaining Ultimate Oldies Show at the Forum, the downtown venue which houses the Foundation of Arts; community theatre, arts and various entertainment attractions in the historic Forum, a downtown Jonesboro treasure. The Ultimate Oldies show was non-stop hit music from multiple decades with talented artists from the Paragould area showcasing the music from the 50s to the 90s and everything in between. Throw in fun, laughter and toe-tapping sing-alongs and Rotarians had a night to remember.
- **Foundation Breakfast** - Conference kicked off the Foundation Breakfast with a Conversation with Paul Harris (a.k.a. David Leech) who gave a personal history and background of his life and early beginnings of Rotary. Club recognitions were awarded as well.
- **Conference Sessions** - Don Peters Youth Track, Polio and Immunization, Membership Engagement, New member panel - what do new members want? District Business meeting.



- **Awards Luncheon** - Keynote speaker Dr. Shane Hunt, Endowed Professor of Sales Leadership and Professor of Marketing at Arkansas State University. Dr. Hunt gave a rousing testimony to our conference Rotarians and brought home the message of giving thanks to the audience in recognizing the outstanding work of Rotarians. The final awards were given to the Clubs of the Year and Presidents of the Year. Recognitions were given to the remaining clubs who were the Inspiration in an outstanding Rotary year for District 6150.

### **Cardinal Raffle Tickets** - fundraiser for District 6150

District 6150 came through with the largest quantity of Cardinal ticket sales in recent history with 2,448 tickets sold for a total of **\$12,248** raised for the District and another **\$12,248** raised for the clubs. The winning ticket holders were Marcus Johnson of Jonesboro (sold by Jonesboro's Brian Rega) and Francine Bruyneel of LR Metro (sold by Patrick Mathieu, LR Metro). Each winner receives 2 tickets in the National Car Rental Club section for an all-you-can-eat buffet and preferred seating PLUS \$500 cash to the St. Louis Cardinals - Chicago Cubs game on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.



### **District Membership Challenge** - as announced in January, 2019

It was announced in January that the winning club in each category would receive \$500 from the District to assist the club with either a project or fund additional activity in efforts to increase membership from January 15<sup>th</sup> and ending on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The numbers have been tallied and congratulations to the winners:

Large Club:

**Jonesboro**, grew from 136 to 151, representing an increase of **15** members or **11%**.

Medium Club:

**Searcy**, grew from 56 to 67, representing an increase of **11** members or **19.6%**

Med/Sm Club:

**Cleburne County** and **Blytheville** both grew by **4** members. Cleburne Co from 28 to 32 and Blytheville from 35 to 39 for increases of **14.3%** and **11.4%** respectively

Small Club:

**Sherwood** grew from 29 to 34, representing an increase of **5** members or **17.2%**

Overall in District 6150, we increased membership **48 new Rotarians** and are still **#1** in Zones 30-31 in growth for the Rotary year of 2018-19 with a total of 88 new Rotarians, or 24 more than the next closest District in our Zones. Congrats to ALL clubs who **ve** made membership a priority for our District this year.

So much to celebrate, but still so much to do...District 6150 can take pride on our accomplishments but vow to continue the work in our communities and in the world. Remember, BE the Inspiration.

Regards,

**John C. Deacon**

District Governor, 2018-19



## District News

By Sydney O. Gilbert

**District Governor Induction is SATURDAY, June 22.**

The email that went out this week incorrectly said Thursday. You may pay by Credit Card or Check. **Make checks payable to the Rotary Club of Lawrence County** & mail to District 6150, PO Box 242282, Little Rock, AR 72223.

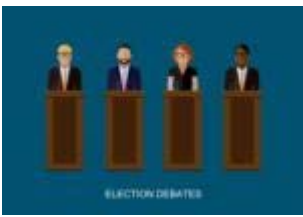
Please Register by June 14.

[Register Now through Dacdb.](#) If you do not know your DACdb password, [Click Here](#) to request a personalized link to register. Your personalized link to register will arrive via email in a few minutes.

**Edit 2019-20 Club Positions NOW!**

Go ahead and update your 2019-20 Club Positions in DACdb before May 31.

Think of the photos where two and three highways converge with cars creeping along as they take turns merging into one freeway. If you wait until June to update your members and 2019-20 leadership, you will be among the thousands of clubs around the world



attempting to accomplish the same task at the same time. And, in turn, may find yourself bogged down in the merging stream of data trying to be updated at Rotary International.

[Learn More](#)

### Discover How to Make Committee Signups Easier & Faster with DACdb

OMG! This is cool! Check out how DACdb has made Committee Signups super easy. They even have templates for Pmails you can send out to your club to get everyone signed up. [Learn More](#)



## FREE Training! DACdb University



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Tuesday, May 21 4:00 - 5:00 PM CT

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# District Governor Induction

You are cordially invited to the

## District Governor's Induction Dinner

George S. Fray  
District 6150 Governor 2019-2020

**Saturday, June 22, 2019**

5:30 p.m. Reception

6:15 p.m. Dinner

Williams Baptist College  
Mabee-Gwinup Dining Hall  
Walnut Ridge, AR

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Lawrence County



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Don't know your password, [click here](#). A personalized registration link will be sent to you by email.

*Please register by June 14, 2019.*