

# Rotary International District 6860 Newsletter

## April 2023

Dear Rotarians,

March was a very busy month for District 6860. Presidents-elect and Assistant Governors attended Assistant Governor Institute and MSPETS training in Chattanooga and came away with knowledge and great ideas for leading their clubs next year. District Governor-elect Mary Grace Evans and District Trainer Erica Murphy put together an excellent District Training Assembly program to provide incoming club officers, directors, and committee chairs with the information and tools they need to effectively lead their clubs next year. Ryan Stallings and Holly Trawick offered two district and global grant qualification workshops to prepare clubs for the grant application process for next year. My thanks to all of the Rotarians in the district who were involved with the training and organizing of these events, and my thanks to each of the clubs who sent representatives from their clubs to obtain the training to successfully lead their clubs.

We are in the final quarter of the 2022-2023 year, but there is still work to be done. Check list of things that need to be done before June 30:

- Clubs that received district grant funds for this year need to make sure your projects are on track for completion and reporting by the June 15
- Pay your district dues and RI dues if you have not done so (if you don't know, ask me)
- Make sure your membership listing in DACdb is up to date and information is entered correctly
- Make sure all of your club officers and committee chairs are listed in DACdb for next year
- Encourage every member to give to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and PolioPlus and send in those donations by June 1
- Encourage your outgoing officers/directors to meet with incoming officers/directors to make for a smooth transition in leadership
- Register for the District Conference at Perdido Beach Resort April 27-30
- Register for the International Peace Conference May 4-6
- Make sure your goals for the year are on track. If you are tracking goals in Rotary Club Central, review goals and update information as needed
- Continue to work on your membership, service projects and giving to The Rotary Foundation

Please review the information below on three very important opportunities for Rotarians in District 6860. The District Conference is an annual event that brings together Rotarians to share and celebrate their achievements for the year. Enjoy an opportunity to network with Rotarians from all over Alabama and have fun at the beach. The International Peace Conference will be held in Birmingham Alabama and offers a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet and learn from peacebuilders from across the globe. Past District Governor Bill Petty is again offering an opportunity for Rotarians to participate in a National Immunization Day in India, visit global grant projects and enjoy Rotary hospitality and fellowship.

I hope to see you all at Perdido Beach Resort!

Regards –

Carol Argo  
Governor

## Rotary District 6860 & 6880 Joint District Conference

April 28-30, 2023

Perdido Beach Resort, Perdido Beach, AL

### Imagine Rotary at the Beach!



With an emphasis on FUN! Come join us for our joint conference at Perdido Beach Resort. 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.

### Register Now

<https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77644209>

### Topics

- **Keynote Speaker: Mark Daniel Maloney (Past Rotary International President)**
- **Keynote Speaker: Gay Maloney “Women in Rotary” Local club to International**
- **Rotary International President’s Representative Brian Hall**
- **District Disaster Updates and Mobile Disaster Unit on site**
- **Top District Fund Raising Projects in District 6880 & 6860 - Fairhope Rotary Steak Cook-off and Boiling N Bragging to Support Children’s of Alabama Critical Transport**
- **Rotary Global Grants/Disaster Response Fund District 6880 Foundation Chair Bob Callahan/ District 6880 and Foundation Chair Ryan Stallings/District 6860**
- **Showcase Local District Grant Service Projects**
- **District meetings**
- **Memorial Service**
- **Plenty of free time to walk on the beach**
- **District Award Presentations**
- **Gulf Shores/Orange Beach Rotary Club Pontoon Boat Excursion to Robinson Island**
- **Oyster Grilling**
- **Rotarians, relax by the pool**
- **Saturday night ‘Low Country Boil’ • Door Prizes**

**The full agenda is on the district calendar – the conference starts Friday morning (April 28)**

**Perdido Beach Resort, 27200 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach, AL 36561**

**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.perdidobeachresort.com/>

A credit card and first night's room and tax will be required to guarantee the reservation.

**Rooms for Thursday, April 27 are sold out**



Rotary International District 6860 (North and Central Alabama), in partnership with The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, and the Institute for Human Rights at the University of Alabama Birmingham, presents the 2023 International Peace Conference (IPC). IPC will bring together people from across our nation and the globe to highlight the pursuit of peace at all levels of society. Hosted in Birmingham, Alabama, wherein 1963, nonviolent protesters foreequality and racial justice changed history.

This two-day immersive experience will bring together Rotarians and non-Rotarians and distinguished leaders in academia, government, public safety, religion, business, and community service to share ideas and propose solutions to some of society's most complex

challenges. Programs and approaches that are already making a positive impact will be highlighted.

RI President Jennifer Jones, RI Director for Zones 30-31, Elizabeth Usovicz, PRIP Ravi Ravendran, PRIP Mark Maloney are just some of the Rotarian leaders who will be speaking or presenting. Check out the conference website for full details and schedule of speakers and events.

Register now: <https://www.peaceconference2023bham.com>



### **Polio Immunization NID Opportunity**

PDG Bill Petty (D6860 AL) shares with us this opportunity to participate in a Polio Immunization trip to Agra, India. Bill has organized and gone on similar trips with many Rotarians over the past six years, with interruptions during the COVID pandemic. His Rotarian contact in India is the owner of a travel agency there and is experienced in taking care of Rotarians and academics on similar trips. While not sponsored or endorsed by Rotary International or Zones 30 and 31, this may be your opportunity to deliver this kind of “hands-on” Service Above Self.

This year’s seven-day trip to participate in delivering the Polio vaccine will start on October 19th, arriving in New Delhi and traveling to Agra to participate in immunizations there. The following days are sightseeing, including several local Rotary projects. There is an option to extend your trip to thirteen days, adding a week and ending on October 31st. This second week includes additional sightseeing, including a rail trip to a tiger reserve, Jaipur City and more. See the flyers and forms below, or click here for more details, the signup form, and photos from past similar trips. See more about The Rotary Club of Agra Tajmahal’s Polio Volunteers & Projects on its Facebook page.

Flyer with more detailed itinerary: [1.Polio\\_Event\\_Oct\\_2023](#)

Registration form: [2a.polio\\_RID\\_Oct\\_2023\\_registration](#)

One week tour details: [3.Essence Of India with Rotary- option 1](#)

Two week tour details: 4.Essence of India with Rotary – option 2

Early bird discounted **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** is coming up fast on April 19th. Email your questions to PDG Bill Petty at: [bpetty@cba.ua.edu](mailto:bpetty@cba.ua.edu).