

Rotary International District 6860 Newsletter

December 2022

Seasons greetings to Rotary and Rotaract members throughout District 6860! This is the time of year for fun and fellowship. Clubs are planning parties, participating in fund raising events to support local charities and focusing on spending time with family and friends. Thank you for providing food and clothing for needy families, for distributing toys to children, for bell ringing in support of Salvation Army, and for the many other generous acts of kindness that are helping those in need.

As you know, this time of year is not always joyous for everyone. Remember to reach out to club members who may have lost a loved one, or who may be struggling physically or emotionally. A kind word, a simple gesture of caring and kindness can go a long way to help people get through a very difficult time of year. Let's all make sure that we all take care of our members, as well as those in need in our community.

I wish you all joy and peace!

Carol Argo
Governor

District 6860 Mid-Year Conference

All members are invited to attend the District Mid-Year Conference which will be held January 27-28, 2023 at the Homewood Public Library in Homewood, AL. All members are invited to attend. PEs and AGs are expected to attend the AG training and PE training on January 27. The District Council of Governors and Finance Committee will also be meeting on Friday afternoon. General sessions will take place on January 28. This year we are focusing on what clubs in the district are doing through service projects, membership development and engagement, and Foundation giving. There will be a session on Youth Services (Interact and RYLA) and another on fundraising ideas. IPDG Harold Lewis will give out membership and Foundation awards for 2021-2022. We will conclude our general session on the 28th with a service project. There is no charge to attend the conference, but anyone wishing to participate in the optional social event at Top Golf will pay for the game and their food and drink.

Register now to attend the Mid-Year Conference

<https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77635268>

2022-2023 Mid-Year Conference Draft Agenda

Friday, January 27

11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

AGs meet with DGE (box lunch provided)

Rm 101

1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	PEs, AGs meet with DGE	Rm 101
1:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Welcome/Introductions (Mary Grace Evans)	
1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Roles and Responsibilities/Expectations	
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Goals: DACdb and MyRotary (Tom Greene and Dennis Sanders)	
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	International Assembly Review	
3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	MSPETS Prep	
4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Awards and Recognitions	
4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Q&A and Wrap-up	
<u>Friday Special Sessions</u>		
1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	District Finance Committee meeting (Lee Weinman)	Rm 116
3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Council of Governors (Bill Petty)	Rm 116

Optional social and dinner at Topgolf on Friday evening – time tbd - participants pay for their game/food/drink

Saturday, January 28

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome (Carol Argo/Erica Murphy)
9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Service Projects (Mike Wade)
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Membership Engagement and New Club Development - Rotary and Rotaract (Tommie Goggans/Jeris Gaston/Knox Richardson)
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Foundation Giving (Ryan Stallings/Philippe Lathrop/Holly Trawick)
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Social media ideas (Erica Murphy)
12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Rotary Trivia/Break
12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Awards and business meeting
1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Youth Services (Interact, RYLA)
1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Fundraising ideas
2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Upcoming events (Carol Argo, Will Ratliff)
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	What to look forward to in 2023-2024
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Service Project
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn (Carol Argo/Erica Murphy)

All Saturday sessions will be in the Large Auditorium

District Foundation Dinner

The annual District Foundation dinner recognizes and honors the generous donors of The Rotary Foundation including Paul Harris Fellows, Paul Harris Society members, Major Donors, Benefactors, Bequest Society members and Arch Klump Society members. Join us as we acknowledge and show appreciation to the many donors in District 6860. The event will be held on February 23, 2023 at The Cook Museum on Decatur, Alabama. We are honored to have Trustee Larry Lunsford as our featured

speaker for the evening. Registration is required and will be available through the DACdb calendar in January. The link to registration will be shared as soon as available.

District Multi-Year Planning



Twenty-five members of Rotary and Rotaract met on Saturday, December 9 in Gardendale to participate in a Multi-Year planning process led by Rotary International Director Elizabeth Usovicz. The process resulted in a framework to be implemented over the next two and a half to three years for the district to support Rotary and Rotaract clubs in our district. Participants included current club presidents, past presidents, Assistant Governors, Past District Governors, district leaders and the current DG line. Details of the plan will be shared in upcoming newsletters and at the district conference.