



Rotary International  
District 6200

### ROTARY DISTRICT 6200

District 6200 encompasses 17,700 square miles of southwest and south central Louisiana except for the New Orleans area. There are 25 parishes/counties and the population is 1,950,000. The district has 49 clubs with approximately 2,535 members. The smallest club being Grand Isle with 12 members and the largest is Baton Rouge with 516 members.

District 6200 is known as the Cajun area of the state. The migration of the French Acadians to Louisiana was neither smooth nor immediate. Many were shipped to the New England colonies, others to the West Indies or back to France, and many wandered for 20 years before learning that they were welcome in the predominantly French territory of Louisiana. Cajun (the word is a corruption of the original French pronunciation of Acadian – A-ca-jan) Country today lies within a triangle in the central part of the state and the region’s principal city, Lafayette, is the unofficial capital of “Acadiana”.

Group Friendship Exchange,  
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peace & world understanding.

# INTRODUCING...

## ROTARY DISTRICT 6200'S GROUP FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TEAM

### D6200 TO D5080 (CANADA & NW USA) May 18 – May 28, 2007



### Dan & Rose Dartz

Dan, a 27 year Rotarian, is a Past President (1982-83) of the Abbeville Rotary Club. He served as a team leader for the 2005 D6200 Group Study Exchange with Chile D4350. Both Dan and Rose are Paul Harris Fellows and have enjoyed attending the last two Rotary International Conventions in Chicago and Copenhagen, Denmark.

Dan has spent his entire 40 year professional career as an Elementary and Secondary School Educator. He retired as Superintendent of Vermilion Parish Schools in 2002. Dan received his Doctor of Education Degree from Columbia University and is presently working as an Education Consultant.

Rose was an Administrative Assistant for Louisiana’s 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judges. Rose spends much time caring for her invalid mother and raising her granddaughter. She really loves to decorate her home and her cooking is enjoyed by all.

Both Rose and Dan enjoy traveling, dancing, and eating out weekly with their friends. Dan is a “sports nut”. He enjoys golf and all spectator sports. Rose prefers shopping and visiting with her “girl friends”.

Rose and Dan have been married for 6 years. Meeting after both lost their spouses to Lung Cancer. Rose has a daughter, and a granddaughter. Dan has four children and 11 grandchildren. Both are non smokers, are Catholic, and have no special dietary requirements. They look forward to experiencing their first outbound Group Friendship Exchange.



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### Joe and Barbara Hidalgo

Joe and Barbara Hidalgo will celebrate 50 years of marriage in August 2007. Joe was a Veterinary Pharmaceutical Salesman (Pfizer) for 42 years, retiring June 2000. Barbara, a teacher, chose to remain at home to raise their 5 children, 2 daughters, and 3 sons. Together they have 8 adorable grandchildren.

Joe became a Rotarian in 1989, and has 17 years of perfect attendance. He was the first president to serve his club for two consecutive terms, 1997-1999. He was chosen Rotarian of the Year in 2004. Both he and Barbara are Paul Harris Fellows; Joe is a multiple, sustaining member, and benefactor. He is a 3 term ADG, and twice Co-chair of District Disaster Committee. He headed the District relief efforts for hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Joe is current Co-Chair of Friendship Exchange Committee and is also Chair of District Membership Committee. Joe and Barbara attended the last ten District Conventions and four International Conventions.

Both enjoy reading, traveling, gardening, cooking, visiting family, and square dancing. Barbara is a Bible student. Joe is an avid hunter, cattleman and sometime fisherman. He serves on the Boards of the Farm Bureau, Cattlemen Association and Southwest Feeds. He is an advisor to the St. Landry civil Parish Council President.

They like to attend Catholic Church on Sunday. They are non smokers and have no food allergies.



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## Bob & Rosalind Landry

Bob and Roz have been married for 24 years. They have 6 children and 10 grandchildren. Bob is a French speaking Cajun from the Acadiana area. Roz came to Acadiana 30 years ago from her hometown of Freeport, New York. They are avid square dancers and have been past presidents of the State Square Dance Organization as well as the Lafayette Club.

Bob's career has been in top management in the retail industry. He worked for Sears and was transferred 6 times to various states and decided to take early retirement after 17 years to return to his Acadiana roots. He then worked as V.P. and General Manager for a local home center and retired in December, 2005 after 24 years.

Roz was an Administrative Assistant for the School Board and in the medical field and chose to retire 15 years ago to become a homemaker.

Bob joined Rotary 3 -1/2 years ago, and is currently President-Elect of Lafayette South Rotary Club. His enthusiasm for Rotary led he and Roz to two International Rotary Conventions, one in Australia and recently in Copenhagen. They are also going to Salt Lake City.

The Landrys are travelers, especially to their beach home in Destin, Florida and to square dance in other cities around the country. They are looking forward to their first GFE experience. Both are non-smokers, no special dietary restrictions and have no allergies.



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## Lance & Nan Linscombe

Lance's Rotary roots began in Interact before becoming a Rotarian 26 years ago. He was Past President of the Rotary Club of Lafayette and has served District 6200 as Membership Chair, GSE Chair, Assistant Governor, and PDG (2003-04). He is currently serving as District 6200 Foundation Chair. He was a GSE Team Leader to Finland (1998) and England (2000).

Lance and Nan own and manage Cornerstone Village South. It is a private pay retirement, assisted living, and nursing care center. It has been a work of love for the past forty years. They have three adult children (two daughters and son-in-laws and one son) and one grand-daughter. They enjoy sharing time with family, friends, and traveling. They have attended twelve RI Conventions.

Lance enjoys swimming, gardening, photography, reading, dancing and having fun! He is a Retirement, Assisted Living, and Nursing Home Administrator and Social Worker (MSW). Nan enjoys cooking, gardening, photography, reading, antiques, and shopping. She is a homemaker and master gardener and assists Lance at Cornerstone with interior decorating, gift shop purchasing, and resident activities. Their "special joy" is time with their grand-daughter, Francesca.

Lance and Nan's first Friendship Exchange was with England, and they look forward to their second opportunity for Friendship Exchange with D5080.

Lance and Nan are non-smokers and have no special dietary requirements. Church attendance would be fine; however, it is not a requirement. They are open to attend church with their host.



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## Tom and Evelyn Randolph

Tom and Evelyn built their house in Baton Rouge 30 years ago after many moves with the Navy and Shell. They have raised their five children and now enjoy traveling to Austin, Chicago, Milwaukee, and Delaware to visit their young grandchildren. Two of the ten live in the neighborhood, which leaves a little time for other travel, including a wonderful exchange with District 1100 in England.

With degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Tulane, Tom started with Shell Chemical and retired from Shell Offshore in 1993. He continued as an environmental consultant for major oil companies. After 20 years working with EPA Washington and four Regions, the national offshore guidelines and discharge permits were finished. Now he enjoys computers, stocks, and volunteer activities.

Evelyn worked in the art department for the Charleston newspaper and then was an elementary teacher. After the first baby came she devoted her energies to raising a wonderful family. She is an avid photographer and has over 10,000 photos in her iMac.

Tom is a ten year Rotarian and District Co-Chair for Friendship Exchange. He helped with the Rotary hurricane response. His club, Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, has almost 500 members. Evelyn has worked for many years with its Inner Wheel club on the Trash and Treasure sale. Tom is a volunteer assisting seniors with income tax filing.

Both are non smokers and have no dietary restrictions. They are Catholics and like to attend church when traveling.



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## You and Your Spouse