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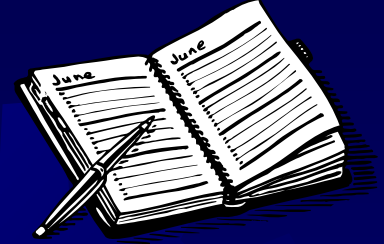
Governor Pam Daniels' Message



How Do You Say Good-by?

- *When I began my tenure as District Governor July 1, 2004, I never thought of it ending. There was too much to learn, too much to do; and too many people to meet to even have time to consider the term ending. Now here it is five minutes later and the year is ending.*
- *The happenings this year have touched my life in a way that will never be forgotten. Meeting over 2,000 Rotarians while visiting the fifty district clubs was probably the most exciting and stimulating. Friendships were made which will last a lifetime. I was aware of the district and international accomplishments, but getting to the heart of Rotary, the accomplishments of local clubs and individual Rotarians truly exemplified the motto "Service above Self". The fun and fellowship of Rotary was another feature of every visit, from Grande Isle to St. Francisville, along the coast to Sulphur or north to DeRidder, whether it was to a regular meeting or a festive event. Before "Celebrate Rotary" became this year's Motto, District 6200 was doing it and that will continue.*
- *While I will miss the thirty e-mails and twenty phone calls and ten letters a day I now understand that I will not be saying good-by. My husband Walt and I will just be entering a different phase of Rotary life. At the regular Morgan City meeting last Thursday, we were filled and we had to sit alone at an empty table at the rear of the room. Shortly there after one of our Rotary friends came up and said "Well Governor Pam, since your tour of duty is nearly over, you have to sit at the rear. My husband Walt answered, No, we are just commoners again. So, its not good-by, but thank you for this wonderful Rotary experience!"*

Calendar of Events



- ★ June 5 – Monthly Attendance Report due to district office
- ★ June 18-22, 2005 – Rotary International Centennial Convention in Chicago
- ★ July 1 – Start of 2005-06 Rotary Year ~ Welcome Aboard DG Don Chauvin
- ★ August 5 – Deadline for District Simplified Grant Applications to PDG Frank Bradshaw, 1373 S. College Road, Lafayette, LA 70503
- ★ August 13 – Selection of District Simplified Grants at District Office

President Glenn's Message



As Rotary's first century draws to a close, I am nearing a personal milestone as well: the end of my presidential year. It has been an incredible century for Rotary and a truly wonderful year for Mary and me.

Everywhere I have visited, I have been struck by one trait common to Rotarians worldwide: an overwhelming desire to be of assistance. That desire to help others is what unites Rotarians everywhere, far more than their diverse languages and cultures set them apart. Their commitment to help is what, in the end, has the most impact.

The strength of Rotary International lies in its members. Where other humanitarian agencies must travel hundreds or thousands of miles to bring aid, Rotary, in most cases, is already there. When the tsunami of 26 December 2004 hit South Asia, Rotarians and Rotaractors were in action within a day, putting their local knowledge of needs and resources to work. Because a Rotary club is made up of community members, not only is help already there – help never leaves. It is a hallmark of Rotary service that we not only respond to emergencies but provide the long-term humanitarian assistance that allows communities to recover from disaster and move forward.

Long after the news crews have gone home and the tsunami victims have faded from the world's consciousness, Rotarians will still be there, rebuilding shattered schools, roads, and lives. As Rotarians, we have a responsibility to our fellow members, and their communities, all over the world. In the months and years ahead, I ask you to remember that the need in countries devastated by this natural disaster has not disappeared just because we no longer see it on our television screens.

As I prepare to turn the presidency over to President-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, many people have asked me what I have learned about Rotary in my time as president. I reply, without hesitation, that I have learned that the dedication of Rotarians exceeds anything I could have imagined. Together, as we begin a new century of putting *Service Above Self*, I ask you to remember the words of Paul Harris at the last convention he attended: "The pioneering days of Rotary have just begun. There is as much to be done today as ever."

Thank you all for a wonderful year and for being 1.2 million reasons to Celebrate Rotary!

Flag Day ~ June 14

Proudly she waves



The sight of Old Glory waving in the breeze or being carried by an honor guard can stir the emotions of every American.

When we see our flag, we think of a country where people are judged by who they are rather than by their national origin. In this country, we are free to determine our own futures according to our own plans and the efforts we are willing to put forth.

More than ever, we think of our armed forces in Iraq and Worldwide who are sacrificing months and years of their lives to defend us. They are Often paying a dear price for their patriotism.

Flying the flag reminds us that we are proud of our country and proud to be Americans!



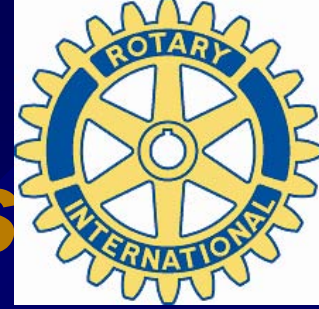
Spinning in the District

Letter from a 2004 winner of the Young Heroes Award

A 2004 winner of the Young Heroes Awarded who attended this year's banquet wrote a follow-up letter to the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge Office. It eloquently states the reasons why it is important for all Rotarians in our District and State to fully support this excellent program.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the 2005 Young Heroes Award's Banquet as one of the former winners (2004). I would like to commend you and your fellow Rotarians for the outstanding work you do in recognizing youth commitment to the betterment of their communities. Rotary Club members are important role models for today's youth and your efforts in sponsoring this program are invaluable in validating the powerful difference youth can make in this world. I now realize more than ever that good character doesn't just exist, but is rather nurtured through the example of those that surround us. Thank you for being one of those nurturing forces in the lives of so many youth and especially the young heroes of Louisiana.

Sincerely, William A. Dunckleman



Ambassadorial Scholars Correction

District 6200 Ambassadorial Scholar who will study abroad in 2006-2007:

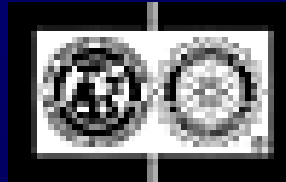
- **Allison Cecilia Augusta Adams** will **NOT** receive the Laura Capozzoli 'French' Ambassadorial Scholarship. Allison is from Jackson, Louisiana and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge Sunrise. She would like to study in France but was submitted for District Designated Funds, not the Laura Capozzoli Ambassadorial Scholarship.
- District 6200 is not awarding a fourth scholarship this year. Please excuse the misprint.

Traveling with Heather to Chile

Sulphur resident and Southwest Daily News Editor Heather Regan is one of four young professionals in Rotary District 6200 to be selected to travel to Chile for one month as part of the Group Study Exchange program sponsored by Rotary International.

Regan will be responsible for making presentations about Louisiana's agriculture and industry in Spanish to more than a dozen Rotary Club's throughout south and central Chile. Team members will stay with native host families and spend time observing Chileans who share their respective career and vocational paths.

Regan will be sending back information about her journey. Below is another article from the traveler.



Chile's wild dogs and the legal system ... Hello Sulphur: I'm sitting upstairs at my host family's home. Neither speak any English, so yesterday they invited a friend who speaks both Spanish and English to assist with the interaction.

His name is Ken Blackburn and he, with the help of John Lindbergh, great-grandson of Charles, introduced salmon to Chile, thereby setting in motion one of the most lucrative businesses in this country.

We arrived yesterday in Puerto Varas after flying from Balmaceda, the small airport we landed at Sunday. At that time I was disoriented and had no idea we were only 15 miles south of Argentina and traveling along the Andes mountains.

We spoke to the Rotary Club in Puerto Montt last night. It was the most formal clubs of the ones we've visited so far. In addressing them we had to use the formal word for you "usted," instead of the less formal "tu".

Traveling with Heather to Chile (Continued)

I sat next to a defense attorney last night who told me that before the incremental implementation of the American justice system four years ago, the fate of criminals in the court system was determined by one man.

Now the only major differences are that instead of a trial with a jury of peers, cases are determined by a tribunal. The attorney, Rafael Duran, said the belief is that the general public is not educated enough to make judicial decisions.

Another difference is that, though legal precedence can be brought up and submitted, the judge can refuse to take the counsel when making a decision. What's interesting is that there is not much legal precedence as this way of operating is fairly new.

The climate here, farther north than where we've been, is similar to Seattle. Though we've been told everywhere we've gone, to expect rain, it has been perfect weather. The region was settled by the Germans in 1850. Some of my team members are in homes where one of the spouses speaks only German. I don't envy them since I speak no German.

Most of the young people, especially children, that we've met here want us to speak English so they can improve theirs. It is safe to say that many of them speak better English than I speak Spanish.

One more point of interest before I become unconscious with exhaustion: Before I left for Chile, I read an article about stray dogs – "quiltros" (street dogs). The article stated that there are approximately 12 strays per human and that the majority are pure breeds. That was a difficult concept to grasp until now.

Here it is raining dogs and dogs. They travel in packs. What's interesting is that everywhere we've gone we have been told there is no problem with attacks. They say that the dogs are accustomed to people because there is more foot traffic than car traffic and they also feed them well. Dogs are very much part of the family in Chile.

Until later, Heather



**SHELTER
BOX**

THE NEED EXISTS,
THE NEED PERSISTS...



Update on Tsunami Relief Project

To date District 6200 has collected \$14,700 in which we have purchased 15 temporary shelter units through Shelter Box ~ all of which have been sent to the Thailand area. The remaining funds (\$1,200) will be used to assist in other areas as the governments of the affected areas have asked that the sending of temporary shelter units cease.

As always, the Rotarians of District 6200 have come to the aid of those whose lives were devastated by elements beyond their control. The help given to the people of the areas affected by the recent tsunami shows why Rotarians, especially those from District 6200, are so well respected throughout the world.

A Big Announcement from Frank J. Devlyn, RI Pres 2000-01

My Amigos! It is with great excitement that I announce the organization of a brand new Rotary Fellowship...a Fellowship for EVERY ROTARIAN...the International Fellowship of Rotarian Convention Goers.

As a fellowship it is our mission to Encourage all Rotarians to participate In the annual Conventions of Rotary International because:



RI Pres Frank J. Devlyn (Continued)

- ✦ It is at the Conventions that Rotarians see the true internationality of our great organization.
- ✦ It is at the conventions that Rotarians around the world come together one-on-one, share their projects, and become friends.
- ✦ It is at the conventions that the humanitarian works of Rotary are furthered through friendships that are formed on a Rotarian to Rotarian basis.
- ✦ It is at the Conventions that Rotarians experience the scope of Rotary and come to understand what its impact is beyond the club and district level.

As you can see, the benefits are many and it is our goal to have EVERY Rotarian participate in this experience. Join the new fellowship and share your experiences, your photos, your stories with all Rotarians.

RI Pres Frank J. Devlyn (Continued)

RI Conventions are memorable experiences for all Rotarians who attend. It is at the annual RI Convention where Rotarians and their families and guests get an eye opening experience to the internationality, power and magic of our worldwide organization.

For many Rotarians, going to the RI Convention was the single event that changed their view of Rotary and their commitment to our organization. For the first time, they were able to see the “big picture” of Rotary.

Take time, and visit the new Convention Goers fellowship web site at <http://www.conventiongoers.org>. While you're there, go to the “Share Your Story” page. There you'll be able to tell others who you are, where you're from, how many conventions you've attended and then share at least one story with us about how attending an RI Convention changed you as a Rotarian or how you developed a new Rotary friendship because of it or how you became involved in a Rotary project because of it. You get the idea! That's what the web site is for. Then, be sure to register as a brand new member of this exciting new fellowship. You're just the kind of member we are all looking for.

District 6200 Paul Harris Fellows

CLUB	PHF'S	Multiple PHF's	Benefactors
Abbeville	87	18	10
Baker	43	11	2
Baton Rouge	567	61	17
Baton Rouge Capital City	10	1	0
Baton Rouge Sunrise	95	15	3
Beauregard-Vernon Sunrise	18	5	2
Crowley	89	13	1
Denham Springs	18	0	0
DeQuincy	9	1	0
DeRidder	63	8	0
Donaldsonville	2	0	0
East Ascension	10	0	3
Eunice	42	3	1
False River – New Roads	9	0	0
Franklin	19	1	0
Golden Meadow	68	8	1
Gonzales	82	15	3
Grand Isle	8	0	0
Greater Lake Charles	146	38	6
Houma	118	27	9
Houma Terrebonne	21	3	0
Jennings	21	3	0
Kaplan	19	1	1

Paul Harris Fellows (Continued)

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>PHF'S</u>	<u>Multiple PHF's</u>	<u>Benefactors</u>
Kinder	10	0	1
Lafayette	220	45	18
Lafayette North	20	0	1
Lafayette Pinhook	21	2	1
Lafayette South	69	11	3
Lake Charles	95	21	4
Lake Charles East	24	6	0
Lockport	4	0	0
Mamou	3	0	0
Morgan City	97	15	4
New Iberia	100	39	4
North Ascension	0	0	0
Oakdale	31	0	0
Opelousas	65	6	6
Opelousas Sunrise	16	3	3
Patterson	31	3	0
Plaquemine	36	2	0
Port Allen	29	1	0
St. Francisville	10	2	0
St. Martinville	5	0	1
Sulphur	82	14	10
Sulphur Sunrise	1	0	0
Thibodaux	70	6	1
Ville Platte	56	10	0
Welsh	13	0	2
Westlake	18	2	0
Zachary	22	1	0
TOTALS	2,712	421	118

His Holiness The Pope Vatican City



On behalf of the worldwide community of Rotary members, I am honored to offer you my most sincere congratulations on your election as the Supreme Pontiff.

As a global network of community volunteers dedicated to promoting international peace and goodwill, we have derived great inspiration from your illustrious predecessors over the previous decades. We also had the great honor of being touched directly by the life of John Paul II, and we hold his memory in our hearts. We look forward to continuing our very warm relationship with the Holy See in the years to come.

I am fully confident that during your Pontificate the Holy See will continue its firm commitment to peace and to alleviating the suffering of humankind. Your wisdom and humility will surely inspire Rotary as well as the whole world community to join together in lending a hand to those who are in need.

The Rotary community extends its best wishes for your Pontificate. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely, **Glen E. Estess Sr.**, President 2004-05, Rotary International*

Rotary program builds good will

Nitza Luengo, 39, who teaches English as a second language in Lastarria, a town in Chile with many economic deficiencies, was impressed when she visited south Louisiana last week as a participant in the Group Study Exchange program of The Rotary Foundation.

“We have been visiting companies, factories, hospitals and the schools,” Luengo said of her group from South America. She was one of five visitors in the group.

Luengo said she was “very impressed” with Rotary District 6200 – which encompasses southwestern Louisiana.

The area apparently surpassed her expectations. She had been told the economy is not as strong in this area as in some other parts of the United States.

“But in my country, you’d have too much,” Luengo said. “We have visited the hospitals and the schools here. And in my country, we do not have all of the advanced technology that you have.”

The Group Study Exchange serves to promote international understanding and good will, organizers say. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarians’ homes and meet their vocational and professional counterparts. They also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country and state.

The Rotary Foundation provides a round-trip air ticket. Rotarians in the host country provide meals, lodging and group travel in their district. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses.

Tom Bergeron Sr., an assistant governor of District 6200 of Rotary International, said he took pleasure in his group’s playing host to Rotary District 4350, the Chile group in which Luengo is involved.

“We hosted their group for a day, and at the same time we have a team of people down there in a group study exchange program,” he said. “They come over here and learn about us, and we go down there and learn about them. They were all over south Louisiana, being hosted by all the different Rotary clubs of District 6200.

“I thought they were among the finest people I’ve met,” Bergeron said. “They were very professional, they spoke well of their country and showed interest in learning more about the United States, our culture.”

Rotary program builds good will (cont'd)

During their stay in Louisiana from March 20 through Monday, members of the group visited the Academic Distinction Fund staff and went shopping at the Mall of Louisiana.

“Being with them and hearing them talk about the lack of resources in Chile reminded me of how much we have to be thankful for,” said Patricia T. Robinson, a community activist who was one of two who chauffeured the group.

“When they shopped, they were looking for necessities,” Robinson said. John B. Staples, “who is with Capital City Rotary, helped them to find sturdy backpacks. They live in a rural area, so you’ll see them with a backpack before you see them with a briefcase.”

The exchange program has been a part of Rotary International since 1966.

“Every year it’s a different country that we’re in exchange with,” said Janice Bradshaw, general secretary for Rotary District 6200. “Next year, we’re going to exchange with the Philippines.”

Explaining a little about the program, Bradshaw said generally a team visiting another country would consist of a Rotarian who is a leader and four professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are not Rotarians.

“Rotary International wants young professionals. We’re an international nonprofit organization that wants to promote understanding and world peace,” she said.

“When you go to another country, it makes you understand the world better,” she said. “It makes you much more of an understanding person.”

Bradshaw said the young professionals often return home after having experienced the exchange and become Rotarians, just because they’re trying to give back to Rotary what was given to them through the exchange experience.”

For more information about the exchange program, or for applications for the trip to the Philippines, write to Janice Bradshaw at Rotary District 6200 Office, P. O. box 44365, Lafayette, La 70504, or call (800) 301-8560.

By Donald Lee, The Advocate, April 23, 2005

The Rotary Foundation Monthly Contribution Report from 1 July 2004 to 31 May 2005



Top Clubs Ranked by Annual Giving Per Capita

1.	Crowley	\$209.04
2.	Morgan City	\$199.35
3.	Greater Lake Charles	\$194.32

Top Clubs Ranked by Total Annual Giving

1.	Baton Rouge	\$35,932.00
2.	Crowley	\$14,215.00
3.	Greater Lake Charles	\$12,825.00

Rotary District 6200 Attendance for April 2005

Club	Members as of 6/30/04	Current Members	% Attendance	Rank
GROUP I	Membership	To 25 Members		
Baker	18	22	65.00	
BR Capital City	15	12	66.64	
Denham Springs	21	17	70.37	
DeQuincy	17	18	81.95	
False River/New Roads	14	14		
Golden Meadow	17	22	81.25	
Grand Isle	13	12	60.42	
Jennings	19	20	87.00	
Kaplan	21	20	71.00	
Lafayette Pinhook	12	11	71.00	
Lake Charles East	13	12		
Lockport	23	24	52.00	
Mamou	22	28	89.90	
North Ascension	18	11	71.10	
Sulphur Sunrise	20	23		
Westlake	21	22	88.00	
GROUP II	Membership	26 to 50 Members		
Beauregard Vernon Sunrise	29	32	90.75	
DeRidder	30	33		
Donaldsonville	28	28	73.00	
East Ascension	47	42	69.07	
Houma Terrebonne	46	45		
Kinder	37	31	73.30	
Lafayette North	27	28	83.57	
Lafayette South	47	52	81.00	
New Iberia	41	41	63.00	
Oakdale	37	31		
Opelousas	46	48	79.36	
Opelousas Sunrise	28	28	64.00	
Patterson	28	28	48.00	
Plaquemine	49	49		
Port Allen	29	25	90.70	
St. Martinville	32	33	58.60	
Ville Platte	49	55	60.00	
Welsh	35	34	85.00	
Zachary	44	44	74.81	

Attendance for April 2005 (Continued)

Club	Members as of 6/30/04	Current Members	% Attendance	Rank
GROUP III	Membership	51 to 75 Members		
Abbeville	55	50	66.35	
Crowley	70	64		
Eunice	69	64	45.50	
Franklin	59	64		
Gonzales	54	57	79.56	
Greater Lake Charles	57	68	71.24	
Houma	71	81	80.54	
Lake Charles	69	69	63.46	
Morgan City	58	61	79.52	
St. Francisville	56	50		
Sulphur	71	69	72.43	
GROUP IV	Membership	76 and over Members		
Baton Rouge	514	501	77.82	
Baton Rouge Sunrise	133	123	83.00	
Lafayette	155	156	75.45	
Thibodaux	99	95	58.44	
District Totals	2592	2567	72.58%	

2004-05 Foundation Goals for Clubs of District 6200

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>0405</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>0405</u>
Abbeville	5,600	5,700	Lafayette North	1,500	
Baker	2,000	2,925	Lafayette Pinhook	900	
Baton Rouge	35,000	36,248	Lafayette South	4,700	4,418
BR – Capital City	1,400	2,485	Lake Charles	3,000	4,740
Baton Rouge Sunrise	12,000	12,078	Lake Charles East	1,300	
Beauregard-Vernon Sun	1,400	1,450	Lockport	2,400	1,140
Crowley	5,000	27,740	Mamou	500	1,000
Denham Springs	1,700	1,535	Morgan City	6,000	11,563
DeQuincy	1,300		New Iberia	2,000	4,275
DeRidder	2,000	1,650	North Ascension	1,000	
Donaldsonville	1,200	850	Oakdale	4,000	
East Ascension	3,000		Opelousas	4,500	5,318
Eunice	2,200		Opelousas Sunrise	2,200	2,994
False River/New Roads	1,000		Patterson	1,500	1,520
Franklin	1,000	3,975	Plaquemine	4,600	2,706
Golden Meadow	600	1,300	Port Allen	1,500	3,350
Gonzales	4,000	4,350	St. Francisville	5,600	2,190
Grand Isle	400		St. Martinville	1,300	925
Greater Lake Charles	11,000	12,825	Sulphur	5,400	6,122
Houma	6,000	8,385	Sulphur Sunrise	2,000	
Houma Terrebonne	1,000	2,733	Thibodaux	5,000	2,400
Jennings	2,200		Ville Platte	5,000	2,650
Kaplan	1,000		Welsh	2,800	
Kinder	3,000	2,700	Westlake	1,750	2,125
Lafayette	15,000	5,620	Zachary	4,700	100
			TOTAL	\$194,085	

