



**2021 - 2022  
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## **THE GOVERNOR'S REMARKS**

The month of May in Rotary is dedicated to Youth Service. Our district has a long and active history of working with our younger generations through various Rotary programs.

**EARLYACT / YOUTHACT...** Clubs made up of elementary school students age 5 to 13. There are currently 12 clubs in our district. Earlyact Chair Yvonne Normand [cln7709@bellsouth.net](mailto:cln7709@bellsouth.net)

**INTERACT...** Clubs made up of Middle & High School students in the 12 to 18 year old range. Clubs can also be community based and not associated with any particular school. Our district has 22 Interact clubs. Interact Chair Annette Mudd [amudd@cox.net](mailto:amudd@cox.net)

**ROTARACT...** Clubs with people 18 years and older who can join either a University based club or a Community based club to help advance the mission of Rotary. There are 4 Rotaract clubs in our district with more in the planning stages. Rotaract Chair Vic Raxsdale [victorraxsdale@yahoo.com](mailto:victorraxsdale@yahoo.com)

**YOUTH EXCHANGE...** Club or District sponsored students that are 15 to 19 years old and given the opportunity to live in another part of the world to learn a new

language and culture. This Rotary program is re-starting in 2022-23 and is a great way to foster peace in the world. Youth Exchange Chair Yvonne Normand [cln7709@bellsouth.net](mailto:cln7709@bellsouth.net)

**RYLA...** This program is a summer leadership camp for students that are either Junior or Senior leaders of their high schools. Clubs can sponsor students, who learn life skills and make new friendships under the direction of Rotary members. Applications are being accepted now for this June 23-26 camp. Rotary Youth Leadership Award chair Tim McNabb [tmcnabb@houma.com](mailto:tmcnabb@houma.com)

I would like to thank all of these District Leaders and Youth Services Chair Karen Chauvin. If you have any questions about any of these Youth Programs, please contact Karen at [karen.chauvin@gmail.com](mailto:karen.chauvin@gmail.com)

Remember to hold on to your youth by keeping a child like attitude and using it to enjoy life to the fullest. If you can't be young... be young at heart.

Your Friend in Rotary,  
Mark H. Lee  
District 6200 Governor  
2021-2022



### ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022

Our District Conference titled “Celebrating a Century of Rotary in Houma” was held at the Courtyard by Marriott on April 21-23, 2022. Rotarians from all around the district came to Houma to help commemorate the 100th birthday of the Rotary Club of Houma.

The weekend was filled with many opportunities to fellowship, learn, eat, dance, drink and just have fun. Some of the highlights included:

- The Past District Governor’s Banquet that included 18 former district leaders.
- Chef John Folse presented a program on the origins of food in Louisiana.
- Rotary International President’s Representative Blake McBurney from the Rotary Club of Atlanta shared his Rotary insights.



• A presentation on Human Trafficking was delivered by Father Jeffrey Bayhi and Father Chuck Swanson of the Metanoia safe haven for young girls.

• A Food Fest that included crawfish, jambalaya, oysters, frog legs, shrimp, fried fish, etouffee’, gumbo, grits & grillades, creole shrimp spaghetti, seafood bisque, boudin king cake, cookies, pies and so much more.

• The band had everyone dancing while the Lafayette Club kept everyone drinking until the very end of Friday night. There was even a photo booth that allowed groups to capture a moment of happy memories.

• Margaretta Mayes of the DeRidder club was given the first ever District 6200 Inspiration Award for dedication to Rotary in the face of adversity.



• Lafayette North's own Greg Landry was awarded the prestigious Governor's Cup for his leadership, commitment to "Service Above Self" and support of the Rotary Foundation.

• The Terrebonne Parish president and council issued a Proclamation declaring April 21-23, 2022 as "ROTARY DISTRICT 6200 WEEKEND" in Terrebonne Parish.

There were many familiar faces to see and a lot of new friendships that were made. Thanks to the District Conference Committee members from the Four Houma area clubs and the Thibodaux club for a job well done. Hope to see everyone back again for next year's conference in Lafayette.



## UKRAINE RELIEF ACTION

The Rotary Club of Baton Rouge recently donated \$7,745 to The Rotary Foundation for the Ukraine Disaster Relief, and Rotary District 6200 gave \$10,000.

Rotary International asked that Rotary Clubs donate funds to provide humanitarian aid to regions that are supporting Ukrainian refugees or other victims of the war. These funds will provide water, food, shelter, medicine and clothing.

The response from Rotary members to the war in Ukraine has been simply incredible. In just a few short weeks, more than \$10.4 million has been contributed through the disaster relief network of Our Rotary Foundation.

This money is flowing into the hands of Rotary members in front-line countries and worldwide to help the refugees fleeing the war zones and those who remain to fight for their homeland. The generosity and response to this crisis are extraordinary.

Take a moment to realize the Disaster Relief Account was set up just three years ago. In those three years and before the Ukraine fundraising efforts, it has attracted approximately \$3 million in contributions to help with the many different types of disasters worldwide.



Rotary members step up when needed, and we are becoming more engaged in immediate action and care when faced with disasters such as fires, tornadoes, and pandemics. We also continue to stand together, as a positive force, in long-term recovery and rebuilding to create lasting change.

The world needs Rotary now more than ever before. Proudly share your stories of why you are part of this incredible leadership and humanitarian service organization.

You are making a difference as people of action.

## ROTARY DISTRICTS DONATE TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On Friday, April 29, 2022, the Governors of Rotary Districts 6200 and 6840 met in Thibodaux to present a check for \$ 12,500.00 to Mr. Edwin F. Charles, III with the Bayou Area Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The money will be used to continue the recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Ida on August 29, 2021.

The money came from the many donations that were received after the hurricane devastated the two Louisiana and Mississippi districts. Both districts provided relief to the residents who were hit hard by this strong storm. A check of the same amount was donated to the Habitat for Humanity chapter in the area within the District 6840 geographical borders.



The District Governors presenting a check to the Bayou Area Habitat for Humanity. Left to Right: DG Mark Lee, Edwin Charles, III and DG Bob Vaughn.

## ROTARY CLUB OF BATON ROUGE DONATES TO LOCKPORT VFD

The Rotary Club of Baton Rouge Foundation recently made a donation to the Lockport Volunteer Fire Department for Hurricane Ida relief. The Lockport Volunteer Fire Department does much more than just put out fires. They are going to use the funds to make repairs to several fire stations and provide monthly food to those in need. Post storm, that number increased dramatically. They also have a home goods section set up in one of the Fire Stations to help with needed items.

The donation of \$23,786 went directly to the Lockport community and it making a real difference in the lives of people in Lockport.





## Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION



### The Ginger Vann Memorial Golf Tournament

The first annual Ginger Vann Memorial Golf Tournament was held on April 8, 2022 at Beaver Creek Golf Course in Zachary.

The Rotary Club of Baker held this event in honor of one of their former members who left a lasting impression on everyone she met. Originally from Springfield Virginia, Ginger was passionate about Rotary and received many club and district awards during her years of community service.

Her leadership was acknowledged in 2014 when she was selected as one of only a few in the country to be named one of the “Rotary’s Women of Action” and honored at a White House reception.

Members from around the district came to take part in this tribute to a very special lady who left us all too soon. Ginger left a void in her club and a hole in our hearts.

### 5K Bunny Hop

The Rotary Club of Zachary’s Inaugural Bunny Hop (1 Mile walk/5K walk/run) was a huge success. Held on April 2, they had 112 registered participants. The weather was perfect. Even the Easter Bunny made an appearance at the event !!!!





The District 6200 RYLA Program is rapidly approaching, it is scheduled this year for June 23 – 26, 2022. The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) provides outstanding student leaders an opportunity to expand and hone their leadership and teamwork skills, the four-day program will be held at Bayou Segnette State Park. The program is staffed and operated by volunteer Rotarians from District 6200.

The objectives of RYLA are:

a) To provide an atmosphere in which future leaders will experience challenges that will aid them in developing sound values.

b) To promote an environment that will provide each individual with a basis for insight and understanding for intelligent leadership.

c) To expose the youth leaders to some opportunities and challenges of life

d) To introduce youth leaders to Rotary principles and Rotary youth programs.

e) To promote involvement that encourages the participants to think through and arbitrate conflicts of values.

The Program is designed for incoming and outgoing 11th graders, graduating seniors, both male and female are eligible to apply. This is one of the few Rotary sponsored events that children, grandchildren and family members of Rotarians can attend.

RYLA consists of:

- Leadership and teamwork training via:
  - Outstanding speakers from all over District.
  - Discussion groups.
  - Discussion sessions with fellow RYLarians and Rotarian staff members.
  - Peace Advocacy Training, participants will receive a certificate of completion.
- Activities include:
  - Daily competitions among groups.
  - Team-building projects.
  - Indoor and Outdoor activities.
- Fellowship with student leader peers. RYLarians make friends that will last a lifetime.

Attached, please find:

- RYLA Program Guide for Clubs
- RYLA Club Participation Form
- RYLA Student Application

Help us make the return of RYLA a huge success!



## DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 15TH

A quick reminder that the deadline for completing your Club's District Grant application is Sunday, May 15th. Remember that the District Grant Application can be found in DACdb - Grant Module. You will also need to upload all the support documents required as part of the District Grant Application through the Grant Module.

For a Club to be Grant Certified, two (2) members must have completed the Grant Management Seminar.

The following Rotary Clubs are currently Grant Certified for the 2022-23 Grant Cycle:

Rotary Club of Baton Rouge Capital City  
Rotary Club of Crowley  
Rotary Club of Downtown Houma  
Rotary Club of Golden Meadow  
Rotary Club of Gonzales  
Rotary Club of Houma  
Rotary Club of Houma Sunrise  
Rotary Club of Houma Terrebonne  
Rotary Club of Lafayette North  
Rotary Club of Opelousas Sunrise  
Rotary Club of Welsh  
Rotary Club of Abbeville  
Rotary Club of Donaldsonville  
Rotary Club of Lafayette  
Rotary Club of Lake Charles Happy Hour  
Rotary Club of Lockport



The following Rotary Clubs have one (1) person who has completed the GMS program; however, they need one (1) additional person to complete the GMS program so that the Club can become Grant Certified for the 2022-23 Grant Cycle:

Rotary Club of Baker  
Rotary Club of Greater Lake Charles  
Rotary Club of Morgan City  
Rotary Club of Iberia  
Rotary Club of Sulphur  
Rotary Club of Sulphur Sunrise  
Rotary Club of Thibodaux  
Rotary Club of Westlake  
Rotary Club of Zachary

The GMS program is available through the RI Learning Center, or it can be found on the District Website under District Links.



## “EVERYONE BRING ONE”

### MEMBERSHIP LEADERS

CLUB NAME	MEMBERSHIP @ JULY 1	CURRENT	NET
OPELOUSAS SUNRISE	70	87	17
WESTLAKE	22	38	16
EUNICE	43	57	14
BATON ROUGE	460	468	8
PLAQUEMINE	27	34	7
DOWNTOWN HOUMA	27	34	7

**WE ARE CURRENTLY UP BY 41 MEMBERS FROM JULY 1ST!**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND FOLLOW THE PLAN!**

### **QUICK MEMBERSHIP TIP: MASTERING YOUR ELEVATOR SPEECH!**

Let's say you are at the grocery, and you are wearing your Rotary pin. The person behind you sees it and asks what it is. You say it's your Rotary pin, and they say "What's Rotary? You have about 35 seconds to respond. Right now, come up with three or four sentences to explain it to him or her. The first sentence is the wow line, so they continue to listen. The second is what you get from your Rotary experience. The third is about how big and powerful this organization is, and the fourth is how you will follow-up.

### **AN EXAMPLE SPEECH**

"Joining Rotary is the second-best decision I ever made, the first is marrying my spouse. I have gotten to give back to our community here and around the world in so many ways for kids, nutrition, literacy, health, disaster relief; whatever has interested me, there is a way to get involved with members of my club; and there are 36,000 clubs around the world and more than 1.2 million people who are my friends and partners in this. If you would like to learn more about our organization, you are invited to be a guest at one of our Rotary meetings or give me one of your business cards and I can contact you with more information."



Heart of America  
**Rotary**  
Zones 30 & 31



## PATHWAYS to our FUTURE<sup>2.0</sup>

Zones 30 and 31 Conference  
Chattanooga, Tennessee!

**The opportunity to have  
conversations that matter!**

- Innovative new session formats
- Deep dives on topics that matter
- Time and space to listen, engage and take action



Governor line training is on  
September 27 - 29, 2022

Conference dates are  
September 29 - October 2, 2022

**Registration Opens  
May 15, 2022**

**Watch your email  
for details**





## Song Lyrics of the Month

MAY THE GOOD LORD BE WITH YOU  
DOWN EVERY ROAD YOU ROAM  
AND MAY SUNSHINE AND HAPPINESS  
SURROUND YOU WHEN YOU'RE FAR  
FROM HOME  
AND MAY YOU GROW TO BE PROUD,  
DIGNIFIED AND TRUE  
AND DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU'D HAVE  
DONE TO YOU  
BE COURAGEOUS AND BE BRAVE  
AND IN MY HEART YOU'LL ALWAYS STAY  
FOREVER YOUNG

Jim Cregan, Robert Dylan, Kevin Stuart, James Savigar & Rod Stewart  
"FOREVER YOUNG"

### Guest speaker uses music to heal

Zachary Rotary was honored to hear from music artist turned advocate, David St Romain, at this week's meeting and learn more about the work he's doing to help at risk children and veterans.

Songs of Survivors was created in 2018 by David St Romain. He began piloting the idea of writing songs to help people through their healing process. Songs of Survivors (SOS) exists to help the most at-risk children and men and women who served in the US military who are in need of healing from the past traumas. Learn more at [sosmusic.org](http://sosmusic.org).



### Important Links

[District Website](#)

[Brand Center](#) - Download PoA assets and create images

### Playground Benches

The Rotary Club of Lafayette North continued their long standing project to serve the residents of the Ile des Cannes community in Acadiana by installing new benches and shade trees in their community park. RCLN was instrumental in establishing the park many years ago and has also conducted COVID vaccine drives for the residents as well as book drives and reading sessions for the children.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

June 4-8, 2022 - Houston, Texas



## HOUMA SUNRISE and HOUMA TERREBONNE ROTARY CLUBS'



**BEECHWOOD AGED TO PERFECTION MEETS GRILLED TO PERFECTION**

### Competitors Info:

Event:	6th Annual Bud & Burgers Championship
Showcase:	26 local teams consisting of 4 categories; restaurants, corporations, backyard grillers and Rotary Club amateurs challenge each other's burger making and grilling skills for a chance to win title of "King of Burgers" and prizes.
Day:	Saturday, June 11, 2022
Time:	5:00 – 9:00 pm      Grillers set-up opens at 1:00 pm      Gates to the public at 5:00 pm
Place:	Southdown's Buquet Pavilion & Grounds
Team Size:	Teams of 6 are accepted in registration. Each team must have two servers. Fees include event entrance, aprons, wristbands and four (4) drink tickets per person.
Entry Fee:	<b>ROTARIAN TEAM DISCOUNT - \$200.00 PER TEAM of 6.</b>
Space Size:	30 - Trailer pull-up are supplied an 18' x 30' space which includes supplied tent. 6 - Tent spaces are supplied a 10' x 14' space which includes supplied tent.
Needed Items:	Competitors need to supply 50-75 burgers, cut into quarters (1/4) for sampling (200-300 samples). Competitors supply own generators, electrical, pits, ice, ice chest, warming units, condiments and serving containers/items.
Supplied Items:	One 10' x 10' tent, One 8' table, Signage for tent 6 Complementary event passes and aprons Competitor's name highlighted in printed media, and event signage, t-shirts and on event website and Facebook pages.
Competitors Meeting:	Thursday, May 26, 2022 – <b>To be determined later.</b> 5:30 pm – Aprons, wristbands and event information distributed.

#### Celebrity judges will award:

- "King of Burgers" Grand Winner      - Selected from Restaurant, Corporate and Backyard Griller Competitors
- Best Restaurant Burger Champion
- Best Corporate Burger Champion
- Best Backyard Griller Burger Champion
- **Best Rotary Burger in the District Champion**
- People's Choice Burger Champion

HOUMA SUNRISE AND HOUMA-TERREBONNE ROTARY CLUBS'

Bud & Burgers Competitors 2022 Agreement:

FIRST 26 TEAMS ACCEPTED – DON'T DELAY!

Rotary Club or Rotary Group Name (Name to appear in print. Please type or print legibly.)

Contact Person E-mail Address

Mailing Address City, State & Zip Code

Day Phone Fax Cell Phone

If your team is bringing a trailer, please state the size. (We must have this information for logistical purposes.)

Each team creates their unique burger for the competition that is served to judges and attendees. Competitor MUST feature a burger for the Judges competition and supply enough samples (Est. 50 burgers cut in 1/4 samples) for the People's Choice award. NO COMPETING TEAM IS ALLOWED TO SELL ITEMS OF ANY KIND.

Team Members will have to check in and wear their pre-issued wristbands. NO PETS and NO SMOKING are allowed on the grounds of Southdown Plantation.

Clean up area is provided in the Pavilion kitchen. ALL teams will clean up their booth spaces, empty garbage in provided receptacles and exit the premise with their equipment by 10:00 pm.

No outside beverages are allowed on festival grounds. Beverages will be provided by our naming sponsor.

FOOD PREPARATION & STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Location Where Food Will Be Prepared: \_\_\_ Cooking Onsite \_\_\_ Pre-Cooking Offsite (All burgers and supplies must be on site by 4:00 pm) Vendor must check "Yes" to both and understands they are responsible by law for maintaining all food temperature requirements.

Will food be maintained at 140° \_\_\_ Yes Will food will be maintained at 41°F \_\_\_ Yes

Waiver

The COMPETITORS shall indemnify and hold harmless Houma Sunrise Rotary Club, Houma-Terrebonne Rotary Club, Sunrise Rotary Club of Houma Foundation, Rotary Foundation of Houma-Terrebonne, Event Sponsors and THCS its agents, employees, volunteers from and against all claims, damages, losses, expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from (i) the conduct or management of the Premises or of any business therein, (ii) any act, omission, or negligence of the COMPETITORS or the partners, directors, officers, agents, employees, invitees or contractors of the COMPETITORS (iii) any accident, injury or damage whatsoever occurring in or at the premises. COMPETITORS hereby expressly indemnifies Houma Sunrise Rotary Club, Houma-Terrebonne Rotary Club, Sunrise Rotary Club of Houma Foundation, Rotary Foundation of Houma-Terrebonne, Event Sponsors and THCS for the consequences of any negligent act or omission of Houma Sunrise Rotary Club, Houma Terrebonne Rotary Club, Sunrise Rotary Club of Houma Foundation, Rotary Foundation of Houma-Terrebonne, Event Sponsors and THCS its agents, employees, and volunteers, unless such act or omission constitutes gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

My team and I have read and agree to honor the terms provided in the Competitors Info and to the terms of the Competitors Agreement with Houma Sunrise Rotary Club and Houma Terrebonne Rotary Club.

Signature – Team's Authorized Representative Date

Make your \$200.00 check payable to: Sunrise Rotary Club of Houma Foundation Mail completed form and payment to: Sunrise Rotary Club – c/o Pernell Pellegrin 103 Ramey Road - Houma, LA 70360

Questions??? Contact: – Competitors Event Chairmen Loney Grabert: 985-859-4231 or grabertl1@bellsouth.net Sherman Naquin: 985-232-7422 or sherman.naquin@blbank.com