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Dear Rotarians,

It's Peace and Conflict Resolution month. How appropriate with the cease-fire in Gaza and discussions ongoing in Ukraine. Let's hope successfully. One of our goals has been to plant more peace poles. As I have described during my visits, we will have a peace celebration and the unveiling of a peace pole at the PACE center to start our District Conference. The Livingston Club in Denham Springs is planting peace poles in every middle school. During the conference we will hear from the Chair of the Rotary Action Group for Peace from South Africa.

Hopefully, everyone was ecstatic over the record snowfall we received over the last few weeks and was able to enjoy the few minutes of winter wonderland. Now summer seems to have returned and it's time to break out for the spring community projects. Keep me informed of these as Clara and I would love to visit. I know there are bunny hops and Project Love upcoming. Mardi Gras season has arrived, and balls and parades will be abundant. We look forward to visiting again as a spectator. Remember, some of the best recruiting occurs when your community is celebrating alongside you. It's a great time to encourage them to be a part of the fun and community support. Be sure to advertise your events before and after to get as much exposure as possible.

Lastly, we had a great mid-year assembly. One of the topics that hit home with me was the discussion of companion clubs. What a great way to provide another opportunity to serve our community. I am starting a club in our Gonzales area to serve those who can't make breakfast or a noon meeting. Teachers are a prime example. My daughter, a teacher, couldn't make it to either, so we are now starting an evening club that can support any of the other three clubs in our immediate area. Additionally, we will not have a meal, so the cost will be less than \$100 a quarter, including dues and the Foundation giving. Something our younger members need with young families to support. The club will meet twice a month and support the base club with projects and fundraisers.

Additionally, they can if desired, conduct their own events. A chair will pre-side instead of a president, since they are a full member of the primary club. The Treasurer and Secretary of the primary club will perform the administrative activities. I am excited to provide another opportunity for makeup for our members and another way to bring members into Rotary. Feel free to call me if you have questions.

Let's have fun and make the world a better place.

Craig Walling, District Governor

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Exciting News! Recently, the **Zachary Rotary Club** welcomed Frank Corcoran, the new CEO of Lane Regional Medical Center, as their guest speaker. A Louisiana native, Frank shared his vision for the hospital, updated us on the exciting renovations underway, and reaffirmed the hospital's commitment to providing exceptional healthcare to the community. His passion for innovation and patient-centered care is inspiring, and we're excited to see the positive impact he will make in his new role.

Thank you, Frank, for taking the time to connect with us and share your plans for the future of Lane Regional Center. *Pic L-R Heather Prejean, Rotary President, Frank Corcoran, LRMCC CEO Frank Corcoran, Julie McLin, Public*



Recently, Dr Ashley Willis of Lane Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, spoke to **Zachary Rotary Club**. Dr Willis shared valuable insights about allergy, asthma, and immunology care for both children and adults, including the latest treatments and advancements available in Zachary.

We are proud to have Dr Willis serving our community and bringing specialized care closer to home. Her dedication to improving patient's quality of life is inspiring, and we look forward to her continued involvement in community health education.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with Dr Willis, call 225.658.4080.

Pic L-R Dr Ashley Willis, Lane Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and Zachary Rotarian Carl Herrick

Zachary
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ROTARY BUNNY HOP 2025



SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

DOWNTOWN ZACHARY

(Near Lee St/ Virginia St)

8:00AM | 1 MILE RUN/WALK

8:30AM | 5K RUN/WALK

REGISTRATION LINK

<https://runsignup.com/Race/LA/Zachary/ZacharyRotaryBunnyHop>





2025 DISTRICT 6200 CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Thursday, April 24, 2025	5:00pm	Past District Governor's Crawfish Boil (invitation only)
Friday, April 25, 2025	7:30am-5:00pm	Peace Pole Dedication, Conference Sessions and Speakers
Friday, April 25, 2025	6:00pm-8:00pm	Food Fest at PACE Center
Saturday, April 26, 2025	8:00am-11:00am	Business Session and Celebration of Life

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

Price LeBlanc PACE Center
2824 St. Anthony Avenue
Gonzales, LA 70737

REGISTER BY USING QR CODE OR COMPLETE FORM & MAIL CHECK TO:

Tracy Browning, Conference Chair
1644 E. John Alan Street
Gonzales, LA 70737

USE QR CODE TO REGISTER:



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION PAYMENT INFORMATION

Full Conference Registration - \$125 per person (Rotarian & Non-Rotarian)
Registration includes: all sessions, breakfast and lunch on Friday, breakfast on Saturday and Food Fest on Friday night
Please use the QR code to register and pay OR complete form below and make checks payable to: **Rotary District 6200 Conference**

REGISTRATION FORM (Only use this form if you do NOT register using the QR code to link to dacdb)

☐ **Rotarian** Registration Full Conference \$125

Rotarian's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Club Name: _____

Are you a first time attendee? ☐ yes ☐ no Do you have any dietary restrictions? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, please check: ☐ vegetarian ☐ vegan ☐ gluten free ☐ allergy-shellfish ☐ allergy-nuts

☐ allergy-other: _____

☐ **Non-Rotarian** (Spouse/Partner/Guest) Registration Full Conference \$125

Name: _____

Email: _____

Do you have any dietary restrictions? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, please check: ☐ vegetarian ☐ vegan ☐ gluten free ☐ allergy-shellfish ☐ allergy-nuts

☐ allergy-other: _____

FOOD FEST (FRIDAY NIGHT): For those not registering for the conference

_____ **Non-Rotarian** (Spouse/Partner/Guest) ONLY Attending Food Fest Friday Night - \$25

_____ How many tickets at \$25 each would you like to purchase?

HOTEL OPTIONS:

Please make your hotel reservation directly using the links below

Clarion Inn (Cutoff Date 4/9/25)

1500 LA Hwy 30 W

Gonzales, LA 70737

225.285.4614

Reservation Link: **\$119 per night**

[Rotary 2025 Conference Clarion](#)

Springhill Suites by Marriott (Cutoff Date 4/10/25)

2801 S. Cabela's Parkway

Gonzales, LA 70737

225.621.3000

Reservation Link: **\$119 per night**

[Rotary District Conference 2025 Springhill](#)

Questions? Please email Tracy Browning at 2025district6200conference@gmail.com



District 6200 Conference Sponsorship Packages April 24-26, 2025

Platinum \$3000	Gold \$1500	Silver \$1000	Bronze \$500
10 Food Fest Tickets	6 Food Fest Tickets	4 Food Fest Tickets	2 Food Fest Tickets
Company name listed on conference signage & event tables	Company name listed on conference signage & event tables	Company name listed on conference signage & event tables	Company name listed on conference signage & event tables
Social media & Event correspondence recognition with company logo	Social media & Event correspondence recognition with company logo	Social media & Event correspondence recognition with company logo	Social media & Event correspondence recognition with company logo
Mentioned in Welcome Speech opening the conference each day	Mentioned in Welcome Speech opening the conference each day		
2 tickets to the Past District Governors Crawfish Boil (Appx 50 people) Thrs. Apr. 24 at the Governor's Home			
5 minutes to talk at event			

In-kind Donations can be made for any other amount

Individual/Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsorship Pkg: ☐ Platinum \$3000 ☐ Gold \$1500 ☐ Silver \$1000 ☐ Bronze \$500 ☐ In-Kind Donation \$ _____

Please complete form and make check payable to: **Rotary District 6200 Conference** and mail to: Tracy Browning (1644 E. John Alan Street, Gonzales, LA 70737) **OR** pay by credit card using the QR code and email form to: 2025district6200conference@gmail.com



Council on Legislation Proposals

We are in the midst of Counsel on Legislation (COL) season and membership discussions are not immune to this global conversation that is scheduled to take place in April 2025. Proposed Enactment 25-07, for example, proposes lowering the minimum number of new members needed to charter a new club from 20 to at least 15.

This is one of 86 enactments scheduled to be discussed and voted upon this year. Reaching out to your district's COL representative is your opportunity to weigh in on the direction of our organization. The COL will be voting on enactments involving membership, Club administration, Rotaract, and qualifications for various positions, and these are just some of the topics scheduled to be discussed.

[Click on the link below to review all of the proposed legislation.](#)

Monthly Social Media Tip: Choose the Right Platform

There are many great social media platforms each with different uses. ***People should choose a social media platform that matches their interests and needs.***

Facebook is great for connecting with family and friends and sharing updates. Instagram is ideal for visual content and exploring hobbies, while Pinterest is excellent for finding ideas and inspiration.

Each platform has its own features and audience, so pick one that feels comfortable for you. Many platforms are user-friendly and offer tutorials to help you get started.

Focus on the ones that make you feel engaged and connected. Finding the right platform can enhance your experience and keep you in touch with friends, community, and loved ones.

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