



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

The month of February for many people, brings about thoughts of Valentine's Day, with heart shaped boxes of chocolates and long stem roses. The second month of the year in South Louisiana though, also marks the start of another season with different traditions, colors and purpose.

MARDI GRAS !

I have very fond childhood memories of Mardi Gras as a fun family event where people had really good times together. My dear Mother was the Queen of all things purple, green and gold this time of year. Mom loved the carnival season completely and enjoyed sharing her joy with everyone she could, and yes, I definitely inherited that from her.

The customs and traditions of Mardi Gras vary considerably from one region to another in District 6200, but they still are alike in other ways. My experience is that Mardi Gras brings together people of different backgrounds and walks of life to find a common bond that allows them to have fun while enjoying the spirit of community. Well if you throw in the word "service" to that statement, it sure sounds a lot like Rotary, and I love them both.

So make sure you let your sweetheart know how much they are loved and consider embracing the joy of the carnival season through the eyes of a child this year. Happy Mardi Gras!

Your Friend in Rotary,

Mark H. Lee  
District 6200 Governor  
2021-2022





## Past District Governor Jay Brown makes endowment to The Rotary Foundation

Past District Governor John Olin “Jay” Brown, Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, working with The Rotary Foundation, has established the Ginger A. Vann Memorial Endowed Fund with his recent donation of \$25,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

These funds will be held in perpetuity, invested, and the interest generated added to the Share program of The Rotary Foundation. Monies will flow annually to Rotary District 6200 to be used to fund District projects.

The power of this gift by PDG Jay Brown is its enduring ability to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water and sanitation, save mothers and children, support education, grow local economies, and protect the environment. PDG Jay and PAG Ginger have become Major Donors Level Three with this donation.



The Rotary Club of Baker adopted, as one its annual Club Projects for this year, the adoption Junior Achievement and to make presentations at area elementary schools. Photo shows Cathy Craddick, President of the Rotary Club of Baker (left) with Club Program Chair, Doris Alexander, preparing to make a presentation on financial literacy to a local school.



### The Rotary Club of Golden Meadow assists tornado victims in Mayfield, Kentucky

The Rotary Club of Golden Meadow was affected greatly by recent Hurricane Ida, but that did not prevent them from reaching out to help others. The club saw the needs of their community and reacted almost immediately by collecting and distributing items like food, water, fuel and other basic things to help sustain life. The club worked tirelessly for months to provide for those local residents who had very little left after the storm.

Less than five months after Hurricane Ida, several members of the club drove over 500 miles to cook meals for the victims of the tornadoes in Mayfield, Kentucky. All of this was accomplished by a club that has approximately 13 members, many of which are still not back in their own homes.

**4-8-22**  
*Ginger Vann*  
*Memorial Golf Tournament*

Rotarian Ginger Vann left lasting impressions on her hometown of Springfield, Virginia, and her adopted city of Baker, Louisiana. She was named to the select "Rotary's Women of Action" and honored at the White House in 2014 for her work in local schools and workforce development. This tournament honors Ginger and strives to keep her work and passions alive.  
[www.BakerRotaryClub.org](http://www.BakerRotaryClub.org)

**SAVE THE DATE**

**BAKER ROTARY** 

**2022 ROTARY DISTRICT 6200 CONFERENCE  
APRIL 21 – 23, 2022  
HOUMA, LOUISIANA**

District 6200 Governor Mark Lee invites all members and their guests to attend the District Conference titled “CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF ROTARY IN HOUMA.”

Come help the Rotary Club of Houma celebrate its 100th year anniversary along with the other area Clubs. The Rotary Clubs of Houma, Houma Sunrise, Downtown Houma, Houma-Terrebonne, and Thibodaux will all be working together to put on a great time of Fellowship and Fun for the Family of Rotary.

This will be a time to celebrate our accomplishments, honor our Clubs, and make new friendships. Please come to hear interesting speakers and enjoy wonderful food while experiencing the local flavor of the people of Terrebonne’s “Good Earth”.

Host Hotel:  
The Courtyard by Marriott  
142 Library Drive  
Houma, La 70360  
985-223-8996

[Book your group rate for Houma Terrebonne Rotary](#)

DISTRICT LINK TO REGISTER FOR THE  
CONFERENCE:  
<https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77574630>

For more information, contact Frank Bradshaw at 337-237-0628 or email at [rotary6200@lusfiber.net](mailto:rotary6200@lusfiber.net)



### MEET YOUR DISTRICT TRAINER

The Trainer for our district this 2021-2022 Rotary year is Past District Governor Harold Domingue. Harold is a member of the Lafayette Rotary Club and an attorney with the Onebane Law Firm. As the District Trainer, Harold is the driving force behind the Summer Training Workshop and the Mid-Year Assembly. His commitment to District 6200 makes him a very valuable part of our leadership team and a person we rely on heavily. Harold is always ready to help out and support the efforts of our District Governor and District Administrator.

### 2022 Mid-Year Assembly

#### The Rotary Foundation Recognitions for Rotary Year 2020-21

Presentation of 2020-21 recognition awards from The Rotary Foundation to the Rotary Clubs were made by PDG Yvonne Normand who serve as District Governor in 2020-21.

The following Rotary Clubs achieve Top Three Highest in Per Capita Annual Giving honors in District 6200:

- Rotary Club of Baton Rouge Capital City –
  - Top Per Capita Rank – 1
  - Per Capita Giving Level - \$1,114.58 per member
- Rotary Club of Lafayette North
  - Top Per Capita Rank – 2
  - Per Capita Giving Level - \$609.19
- Rotary Club of Opelousas
  - Top Per Capita Rank – 3
  - Per Capita Giving Level - \$501.40



The following Rotary Clubs in District 6200 attain both status as an Every Rotarian, Every Year Club and become a 100% Foundation Giving Club.

- Rotary Club of Abbeville
- Rotary Club of Beauregard Vernon Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Greater Lake Charles
- Rotary Club of Houma Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Houma Terrebonne
- Rotary Club of Kinder
- Rotary Club of Opelousas
- Rotary Club of Rayne
- Rotary Club of Southeast Baton Rouge
- Rotary Club of Westlake

The following Rotary Clubs in District 6200 were recognized for their support in Rotary's campaign to End Polio Now, by meeting/exceeding their goals.

- Rotary Club of Abbeville
- Rotary Club of Baton Rouge
- Rotary Club of Downtown Houma
- Rotary Club of Greater Lake Charles
- Rotary Club of Lafayette



## Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Sessions Planned for February

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) aims to strengthen the Rotary Club and strengthen our individual lives. While Rotary provides an opportunity for all of us to provide service to our community and worldwide, RLI provides an opportunity to enrich that opportunity through sharing experiences and ideas with other Rotarians throughout the region.

RLI is a great place for newly inducted Rotarians to learn about the “Object of Rotary quickly.” Club Officers can build on their Rotary Knowledge to enhance their club experience. Club Presidents can expand on the skills gained at their President-Elect Training Seminar. Club Officers for the 2022-23 Rotary year to prepare for their year. Longtime Rotarians can re-ignite the old Rotary flame, and at the same time, share their experiences with the other participants.

The District will continue offering the RLI program with RLI Part II and RLI Part III offered this February utilizing the Zoom platform. The schedule is as follows:

- RIL Part II – Online – two Tuesday evenings, February 1 and 8, 2022, 6:00 to 7:30 PM both evenings.
  - [Registration link](#)
- RIL Part III – Online – two Tuesday evenings, February 15 and 22, 2022, 6:00 to 7:30 PM both evenings.
  - [Registration link](#)

Cost for each part will be \$15 and can be handled at the time of registration.

### Important Links

[District Website](#)

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

### Song Lyrics of the Month

THERE'S SO MUCH I NEED TO DO  
BEFORE I GET OVER YOU  
BUT I CAN'T BOTHER WITH IT ALL  
UNTIL AFTER MARDI GRAS  
ALL THAT MUSIC IN THE AIR  
HAPPY PEOPLE EVERYWHERE  
MAKE IT HARD TO SING THE BLUES  
UNTIL MARDI GRAS IS THROUGH

Steve Earle  
“After Mardi Gras”

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

April 21-23, 2022 - Houma

#### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

June 4-8, 2022 - Houston, Texas

