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DISTRICT 6200 FORMULATES STRATEGIC PLAN

The Rotary District 6200 Strategic Planning Committee has devised a three-year strategic plan consistent with priorities of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation.

Among the key items established by the committee are:

- Enhanced membership development, evidenced by a net gain of no fewer than one member in each club each year;
- Adoption of a formal club orientation programs for new and incumbent members;
- Use of interest questionnaires among new members;
- Enhanced district communication to all clubs of expectations for membership;
- Adoption by all clubs of updated classification lists;
- Use of exit interviews or surveys at club level;
- Initiation and tracking of District campaign to tap District Foundation alumni

- as prospective members;
- Use of club assemblies focused on membership;
- Increased support of the Rotary Foundation, financially and in terms of club participation, with overall year-to-year gains in Annual Program giving;
- Financial support of the Rotary Foundation, as evidenced by every club supporting increased involvement with programs offered by the Rotary Foundation: District Vocational Training, Scholarship Programs, Global Grants, etc.;
- Use of club assemblies for educational sessions on Foundation giving;
- Use of District Alumni Committee to increase communication to, and engagement of, Foundation alumni in Rotary activities (as donors, members, speakers, and Rotary resources;
- Improved public relations to

- include internal and external marketing of Rotary goals, projects, contributions and opportunities for involvement;
- Increased “Big Wheel” participants;
- Increased club bulletins/newsletters (hard copy or electronic);
- Improved distribution of District Governor’s Newsletter and District-disseminated information within all clubs;
- Increased club/District applications for Rotary PR grants;
- Use of club assemblies for education on PR best practices and resources;
- Enhanced District Administration;
- All clubs on Aparitio club administration software;
- Improved use of technology (webinars, website, downloads, etc.) throughout the District;
- Each club to adopt Club

- Leadership Plan;
- Each club to show evidence of compliance with Club bylaws and RI Manual of Procedure;
- Create, maintain and communicate a district repository for sharing of best practices for membership, programs, service projects, grant applications, newsletters, etc.;
- Pursue professionally maintained District Web site with District budget to support it;
- Use more on-demand/technology-based training.

Enhanced Leadership Development

- Adoption of Rotary Leadership Institute;
 - Increased use of promotion of opportunities, and numbers of individuals stepping up, re: leadership positions/assignments/opportunities at the District level.
- Remove or minimize barriers for district leadership

opportunities (cost, time involvement, travel/physical presence where webinars/ phone conferences suffice, etc.);

Host an annual District Leadership Development meeting within the quarter immediately following new District Governor designation.

New Generations

Increase club participation in Rotary-sponsored youth or New Generations programs and activities – Early Act, Youth Act, Interact, Rotaract, RYLA and Youth Exchange.

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GOLDEN MEADOW CLUB DONATES SPECIAL BIKE FOR SPECIAL GIRL

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GOLDEN Meadow recently helped with the purchase of a special gift for a special little girl, Marie Austin, a 7-year-old girl who suffers from the debilitating affects of cerebral palsy.

Marie's gift was a bicycle, but not just any bicycle. Most little girls have the pleasure of going to one of the local department stores and picking a pink Barbie bike or a Dora bike.

Marie, however, cannot ride one of the cute little bikes our daughters and granddaughters usually ride. With her special needs, her bike has to be made and ordered just for her. It is far more expensive than the Barbie or Dora bike. Marie needs a walker to get around, special chairs to help support her back, an elevator to get in and out of the house, and other special items for everyday living.

Marie's mom and dad, Maxine and Fred, have to pick and choose what items they can afford for Marie; they have to choose what necessities and what luxuries they can afford.

Marie's bike is intended to help Marie build up self-confidence, muscle coordination, balance, muscle tone, and build and develop gross motor skills. Marie was as excited to get her new bike as the Rotarians were to give it. Rotarians Frank Boura, Buffy Boura, and Mike Billiot helped assemble it and fit it to Marie. Once Marie was fitted in and strapped into the seat

and onto the pedals she began pedaling her new bike. She raced Rotarian Mike Collins on the street in front of her home and beat him easily. Both Marie and her mother were excited that the bike fit her; she loved it, and



Pictured are Marie Austin on her new bike with her mother, Maxine. Standing, from left, are Golden Meadow Rotarians PDG Mike Collins, board member Peggy Guidry, President-Elect Mike Billiot, New Generations Committee Chair Buffy Boura, Past President Frank Boura, and future Rotarian Lexie Boura.

she could pedal it readily.

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tions focuses on serving the youth and helping them become better community and world citizens. Buffy Boura, Director of New Generations for the GM Rotary Club, heads the club's efforts to get our community's youth

of which are disease prevention and treatment; and maternal and child health. Helping Marie addresses both disease treatment and child health. Rotary is always trying to assist those in most need.

Marie's cerebral palsy includes a group of disorders that can involve brain and nervous system functions such as movement, learning, hearing, seeing, and thinking. There are several different types of cerebral palsy, including spastic, dyskinetic, ataxic, hypotonic, and mixed. Cerebral palsy is caused by injuries to, or abnormalities of, the brain.

Most of these problems occur as the baby grows in the womb, but they can happen at any time during the first 2 years of life while the baby's brain is still developing. In some people with cerebral palsy, parts of the brain are injured due to low levels of oxygen. It is not known why this occurs.

The bike can help Marie with some of the symptoms of cerebral palsy that she suffers. The use of the bike can help her muscles that are very tight and do not stretch.

They may tighten up even more over time if she does not get proper exercise. Her joints can become tight and may not open up all the way (called joint contracture). Hopefully, over time, this bike will her give her more mobility, independence, and freedom.

and youth organizations involved in service projects in our communities as well as helping our club to serve the youth of our community. Rotary also addresses six areas of focus, two

ROTARY PROJECTS BRING JOY TO CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS

by District Governor
Linwood Broussard



MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN ROTARY:

Shirley and I recently had the privilege and pleasure of joining the Houma Sunrise Club for their annual bike giveaway. We saw more than two hundred children from poor families receive a new bicycle. I cannot imagine a more gratifying experience than that which comes from observing the joy on those young faces. Present at this event were children of Rotarians including my grandchildren Xavier and Annie. They had an opportunity to see how grateful these children were and how fortunate they are to be so blessed. Rotary, through events such as this one, give us an opportunity to teach the values of Rotary and experience the joy that comes from giving unconditionally. Certainly the children who witnessed this will come away with an understanding of what it means to be a Rotarian.

I encourage all clubs that have projects such as this one to share with us how they have impacted their communities and members of their clubs. Please consider writing a short article accompanied with pictures about your project(s) and submit this to our news-

letter editor, Mike Maher.

As leaders of your club, you will have another opportunity to share best practices ideas with other clubs at our midyear assembly. PDG Greg Landry has an excellent program that will take us down the five avenues of service. Panels made up of Rotarians from various clubs will share with us their most successful projects and strategies that have improved the effectiveness of their clubs.

This experience will provide us with new ideas and resources that can be taken back to our clubs. It is really important that you join us as we continue to build the family of Rotary called District 6200. The fellowship that we build at assemblies is sure to help us expand our humanitarian services and result in a stronger membership across our district. My prayer is that we'll have representation from each club.

When you read this we will have launched into a new year. May we have all enjoyed the holiday season and start the year with much hope for a more peaceful joyful world. This will more likely happen if we continue to "reach within to embrace humanity." I hope that we come away from our celebrations with a desire to continue serving others through rotary. May the light of our love for others continue to illuminate the avenues of service as we walk together in "service above self."

Peace be with you,

Linwood

DATES & DEADLINES

JANUARY 2012 • Rotary Awareness Month

- Send Second Half of RI dues and Semi-Annual Report to RI
- Send copy of Semi-Annual Report to District Office
- Send Second Half of District Dues to District Treasurer Jim Faulk
- DMG Mid-Year Reports January 15
- Rotary International Assembly, San Diego, California January 15-21
- Mid-Year Assembly, Southside Public Library, Lafayette January 21

FEBRUARY • World Understanding Month

- P.E.T.S.; Clarion Hotel, Gonzales February 25
- World Understanding & Peace Day, Rotary 105th Anniversary

MARCH • Literacy Month

- World Rotaract Week March 8-14

APRIL • District Conference Month

- Club presents a Program on the ROTARIAN Magazine
- District Interact Convention • Hosted by Carencro High School Interact Club Dates/Site TBA
- Presidential Citations for Rotary Clubs and Interact Clubs due to District Governor April 1
- Foundation Gala April 7
- Deadline for District Governors to submit nominations
 - for the External Relations Best Cooperative Projects Award April 15
- Deadline to report to RI which Rotaract and Interact Clubs qualify for the Presidential Citation Award April 15
- Deadline for clubs to submit submission forms to District Governor
 - for the RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives—MDI Award April 15
- DMG Final Reports Due April 15
- District Conference • "Rock 'N Roll with Rotary" • Holiday Inn Holidome, Lafayette April 19-21

MAY • Environmental Month

- Rotary International Convention • Bangkok, Thailand May 6-9
- District Assembly • Clarion Hotel, Gonzales May 12
- Deadline to submit recognition forms for the RI Membership Development and Extension Award May 15
- Deadline to submit nomination forms for TRF for Meritorious Service May 15
- RYLA Camp • Lake Fausse Point May 30 - June 3

DISTRICT CONFERENCE AGENDA

PDG Greg Landry has sent the following tentative agenda for our District Conference. Landry serves as conference chair. The event will be in Lafayette's Holidome. A registration form appears on page 8 this newsletter. Specific times and places for the agenda below will be announced later.

Thursday, April 19

- Golf Tournament
- PDG Reception & Dinner

Friday, April 20

- Business Session: 2012-2013 District Budget; Nominating Committee Report; Location for 2015 RI District 6200 Conference; Club Awards
- All-Club Luncheon: Remarks by RI President's Representative; RI & District Awards; 2013 District Conference in Gonzales; RI 2012 Bangkok & 2013 Lisbon
- GSE/VTT Program & District Recognition Awards

- Concurrent Sessions (Discussion format): Topics to be decided
- Celebration of Life
- Senior Leadership Session
- Food Festival

Saturday, April 21st

- Continental Breakfast
- The Rotary Foundation Session: Polio Campaign Update; Grants Update; Scholarships; TRF Recognition Awards
- New Generations Session: Earlyact; Youthact; Interact; Rotaract; Youth Exchange; RYLA
- Motivational Session: Friendship Exchange; Motivational Speaker
- Governor's Luncheon: Remarks by RI President's Representative; Remarks by DG Linwood Broussard; District Awards; Resolutions; Passing of Pins - DG, DGE, DGN, & DGND; Remarks by DGE Mark Lacour; Closing Comments by DG Linwood Broussard



The Interact Club of South Lafourche High School was recently rewarded for its volunteer service. The Rotary Club of Golden Meadow presented the Interact Club of South Lafourche High School with a check for \$500 at their Thanksgiving Banquet. The Interact Club was instrumental in serving food at the recent two-day Rotary Bayou Music Festival. The Interact Club will use the money to fund service projects in our community. Interact has already raised more than \$1,000 for breast cancer and sponsored a clothing drive for the needy in the community. Pictured above are the Golden Meadow Rotary President Morris "Greaux" Guidry; Mrs. Angie Gisclair-Rossworm, South Lafourche High School Sponsor; Interact board members Brooke Guidry, President; Dionne Galliano and Seddy Boura.



GOLDEN MEADOW CLUB REPAIRS BASKETBALL GOALS

The Rotary Club of Golden Meadow recently replaced the broken basketball backboards at the Golden Meadow Community Park. They purchased the aluminum for the backboards, the goals, and the Rotary emblems on the backboards. Frank Boura of SBL Construction donated the welding for the backboards and had his crew install the backboards at the park. Before both backboards were completed, the kids in the park were already playing and shooting hoops. The club is investigating the possibility of setting up lights so that practice can take place in evening hours. Rotary International has added New Generations as its fifth Avenue of Service worldwide. Buffy Boura, Director of New Generations for the GM Rotary Club, heads the club's efforts to get Golden Meadow's youth and youth

organizations involved in service projects in our communities as well as helping our club to serve the youth of our community. The Rotary Club of Golden Meadow is actively involved in finding ways to fulfill the needs of providing our youth with opportunities to grow and develop into productive community and world citizens through these programs and services. Hopefully, getting our young people involved in activities will help instill in them a sense of community involvement and collaboration. If you would like to help in some way, you can find out more about Rotary by calling PDG Mike Collins at (985) 696-4642 or President Morris "Greaux" Guidry at (985) 696-3450.

Pictured placing the Rotary emblem on the backboard are T-Roy Borne, parent, and GM Councilman and Rotarian Frank Boura. Below are Ozzy Borne; Seth Borne; PDG Mike Collins; Golden Meadow President Morris "Greaux" Guidry; and Golden Meadow Councilman and Rotarian Mike Billiot.



Three-Club Christmas Party

The Kinder, Oakdale and Welsh clubs joined together for a Christmas party on Dec. 6, 2011, in Kinder. Pictured are the Presidents of each club: Gene Bacon, Oakdale; Nancy Burleigh, Kinder; Kyle Todd, Welsh. The three joined forces to foster fellowship, celebrate Christmas and kick off Rotary's Family Month in style.

FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS CONTINUE



As part of DG Linwood Broussard's visit and Shirley Broussard's Hunger Project, the Crowley Rotary Club, along with First Church of God in Christ, collected more than 500 pounds of nonperishable food items and toiletries. The food went to Crowley's The Welcome House. Showing the collected items are, from left, Mike Goss, Crowley Rotary president; Rev. James Proctor, Crowley Rotarian and pastor of First Church of God in Christ in Jeanerette; DG Linwood Broussard, Shirley Broussard, and A. Bellow, manager of The Welcome House.



Ella V. Wakley, left, coordinator for the Senior Food Program, receives the food donations amassed by the Kinder Rotary Club. With her is Shirley Broussard. Seated at center is Lee Anna McCauley.



The Rotary Club of Ville Platte donated to its local food bank. Club President Annette Johnson, left, is shown with Bayou Rotary's First Lady, Shirley Broussard.



The Lafayette South Rotary Club donated \$130 and food items to the Lafayette Food Net Program. With Shirley Broussard is Brandon Hyde, club president.



With DG Linwood and Shirley Broussard is Kristin Bucher, right, president of the Plaquemine Rotary Club. The food was donated to Our Brother's Keeper Food Bank.



The Morgan City Rotary Club and Rouse's Supermarket gave food to the St. Mary's Outreach Center, along with \$600 contributed by club members. Pictured from left are Lea Hebert, club president, DG Linwood and Shirley Broussard, and Brenda Liner, assistant director of St. Mary's Outreach Center.



The Pinhook Rotary Club donated to Lafayette's Food Net Program. With Shirley and DG Linwood Broussard is William Adams, right, club president.

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Bayou Rotarians, send me your news! Please send me articles and photos that show your club's service to your community and to the Rotary Foundation.

ATTENDANCE, MEMBERSHIP, FOUNDATION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2011

	Membership as of 7/1/2011	Current Membership	Attendance %	Foundation Goal	Foundation giving as of 10/31/2011
REGION I • Tim McNabb, AG					
Houma	94	103	65.03%	\$9,500	\$100
Houma Sunrise	32	32	66.00%	\$2,700	
Houma Terrebonne	56	52	64.00%	\$5,500	
Thibodaux	85	85	60.47%	\$6,370	\$6,001
REGION II • Gary LaCombe, AG					
Donaldsonville	33	31	71.00%	\$3,500	\$1,600
East Ascension	58	58	69.00%	\$5,800	\$3,075
Gonzales	56	56	67.00%	\$6,500	
Livingston Parish	9	10	No Report	\$700	
North Ascension	20	20	44.00%	\$2,700	\$100
REGION III • Francis Nezianya, AG					
Baker	17	20		\$2,250	\$1,900
Baton Rouge Capital City	19	23	64.00%	\$2,600	\$100
False River/New Roads	15	15	No Report	\$340	\$522
St. Francisville	48	48	No Report	\$6,750	
Zachary	54	64	66.15%	\$5,700	\$725
REGION IV • Warren Birkett, AG					
Baton Rouge	499	493	51.66%	\$50,000	\$19,720
Baton Rouge Sunrise	106	99	65.00%	\$11,000	\$550
Central	8	8	50.00%	\$2,300	
Plaquemine	45	45	No Report	\$4,500	
Port Allen	34	34	51.00%	\$1,800	
REGION V • Rose Arceneaux, AG					
Beauregard-Vernon Sunrise	32	30	90.00%	\$1,600	
DeRidder	39	39	No Report	\$3,400	\$153
Franklin	49	45	49.00%	\$4,500	\$3,125
Lower Atchafalaya	16	17	56.00%	\$1,100	
Morgan City	69	68	79.49%	\$6,400	\$2,775
REGION VI • Harold Domingue, Jr., AG					
Lafayette	145	146	70.98%	\$15,000	\$554
Lafayette North	22	23	93.00%	\$2,400	\$1,600
Lafayette Pinhook	10	9	94.40%	\$1,100	\$600
Lafayette South	48	45	51.00%	\$5,000	\$2,393
Rayne	26	24	78.00%	\$2,500	\$2,200

Attendance, Membership, Foundation Report for November 2011, continued

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REGION VII • Reven Deshotel, AG					
Mamou	15	13	91.10%	\$2,000	
Opelousas	48	43	62.00%	\$5,000	\$695
Opelousas Sunrise	22	23	78.26%	\$1,000	
Ville Platte	46	46	49.77%	\$2,500	\$2,375
REGION VIII • Richard Primeaux, AG					
Abbeville	42	41	51.00%	\$3,900	\$2,300
Kaplan	16	19	79.00%	\$1,700	\$900
New Iberia	30	32	No Report	\$1,800	
St. Martinville	36	41	48.25%	\$2,200	\$2,183
REGION IX • Ezora Proctor, AG					
Crowley	73	76	No Report	\$7,000	\$250
Eunice	49	47	40.00%	\$3,000	
Jennings	20	21	No Report	\$2,200	\$1,800
Welsh	36	36	100.00%	\$3,400	\$3,400
REGION X • Carmen Million, AG					
Greater Lake Charles	53	51	80.18%	\$15,675	\$1,541
Lake Charles	53	51	56.32%	\$3,500	\$1,175
Sulphur	59	59	86.40%	\$6,000	
Sulphur Sunrise	14	15	No Report	\$1,400	
Westlake	22	20	67.70%	\$2,200	\$1,195
REGION XI • Tom Hassell, AG					
Golden Meadow	19	18	67.00%	\$2,000	\$2,000
Grand Isle	13	13	No Report	\$450	
Lockport	27	27	63.00%	\$2,700	
REGION XII • Huey McCauley, Spec. Adv					
Kinder	17	19	65.80%	\$1,800	\$125
Oakdale	18	19	67.11%	\$2,000	
Rotary District 6200	2472	2472	63.27%	\$246,935	\$67,632

REGISTRATION FORM
 Rotary International District 6200
 District Conference
 April 19-21, 2012
 Lafayette, LA
 Holiday Inn Lafayette
 "Rock 'N Roll with Rotary"



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Rotarian's Last Name First Name Club

Spouse/Partner Last Name First Name Club (if also Rotarian)

Child Name(s)

Mailing Address

Contact Phone # E-Mail

Check all that apply:

- Past District Governor
- District Governor Elect
- District Governor Nominee
- Assistant Governor
- District Secretary
- District Treasurer
- General Secretary

- Club President
- Club President Elect
- Club Secretary
- Club Secretary Elect
- Voting Delegate
- VIT/Youth Exchange
- Interact

- Paul Harris Fellow
- Benefactor
- Major Donor
- RI Pres. Rep.
- Spouse
- Special Guest
- Other:

Accommodations: Holiday Inn Lafayette
 2032 NE Evangeline Thruway, Lafayette, LA 70501 Phone: 337-233-6815

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Full Registration Fee Includes:
 All-Club Luncheon and Food Fest on Friday,
 Governor's Banquet on Saturday, and all
 Conference Sessions. (Come dressed in 1950s attire
 for '50s-style Rock and Roll Party at Food Fest.)

Full Registration Fee
 ___ Number of persons @ \$110 each \$ _____

A LA CARTE REGISTRATION

All-Club Luncheon
 ___ Number of persons @ \$25.00 each \$ _____

Food Fest
 ___ Number of persons @ \$50.00 each \$ _____

Governor's Banquet
 ___ Number of persons @ \$35.00 each \$ _____
 (Noon)

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

BY MARCH 19, 2012, MAIL
 REGISTRATION FORM
 ALONG WITH PAYMENT OR
 CREDIT CARD CHARGE
 FORM TO:
 District 6200 Conference
 Attn: Scott Lavergne,
 Registrar
 P.O. Box 52504
 Lafayette, LA 70505

