

The District Connector

Rotary



HAPPY *New* YEAR!



2023-2024
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Indeed, it is the beginning of a new Rotary year for all clubs, districts, & at RI headquarters. I want to personally thank **iPDG Tim McNabb** for spending his time and talents as DG last year and assisting me while I was learning the responsibilities I would soon encounter. Thank You, Tim!

Our RI President for this Rotary year is **Gordon McNally of Scotland**. His focus for this year is to continue the causes from previous RI Presidents such as empowering young girls, DEI, and of course, Polio. In addition, he would like for all Rotarians to help those with mental health issues. President Gordon lost his only brother some years ago when taking his own life after suffering depression for many years.

[Click Here for special message from RI President!](#)

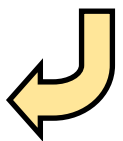


R. Gordon McNally
President, Rotary International

I'm anxious to begin Club visits and to hear all of the good deeds being performed in D6200. Please remember to turn in any stories of your Club activities to the District office so these can be highlighted in the District's newsletter. Videos and photos are encouraged, as well as written articles. We want to highlight your club's activities during the year so everyone can read about the works you do throughout the district.



Club Engagement Workshop
Saturday, August 19th 9AM-3PM
West Baton Rouge Conference Center in Port Allen.



This workshop will focus on ways to engage new and existing club members, showcasing the clubs with success in retaining members. Many of our Clubs have lost 40% – 50% of their membership during the last five years, most of which had joined only two years prior. Although some loss is inevitable, there are proven ways to retain many of those who just “lose interest”.




There will also be a session to focus on where your Foundation dollars are being spent. We’ll show you the breakdown.

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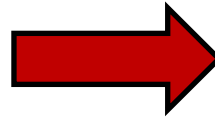
ENHANCING THE MEMBER EXPERIENCE by Frank Bradshaw

As Club President for the 2023-24 Rotary year, it is good to remember that a member’s overall satisfaction is directly related to the club experience. Here are three things you can do to make sure your club is offering a meaningful experience for everyone:

-  Asking for member feedback. Get to know them with a Member Interest Survey and use a Member Satisfaction Survey to assess the experiences offered to the members. And if members leave, take the time to understand why by offering an Exit Survey.
-  When new members join your club, provide a New Member Orientation that offers a meaningful learning experience, personal connections, inspiration, and fun.
-  Engage with Rotary’s networks and resources to enhance the projects you do in the community and beyond.

CLICK HERE FOR DISTRICT 6200 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Click the 2023-2024 logo to hear the lovely story behind this year's theme from Rotary International President, R. Gordon McInally!



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2024-2025 Global Grant Scholarships Applications for 2024-25 Rotary Global Grant Scholarships valued at \$35,000 each are now being accepted for one year of graduate study abroad among qualified applicants. Any Rotary Club in the District is eligible to submit one or more candidates by or before Friday, Oct. 20. The opportunity requires study after the July 1, 2024 start of next Rotary year within one of Rotary's seven areas of focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention •Disease prevention/treatment •Water/sanitation •Maternal & child health
- Basic education/literacy •Economic/community development •Supporting the environment

Desired country, university, study field and anticipated budget are required on the application and District Committee interviews anticipated in November/December. Interested clubs and students are urged to contact District **Scholarships Chair Donna Landry** for more information and guidance. She and former or current scholars can also be available for related club presentations. For more information, contact landry.donna@gmail.com or call 337-470-2300 or 337-205-1632.

OPEN WORLD PROGRAM 2024 CALL FOR HOSTS

Rotary International is pleased to announce new hosting opportunities under the Open World Program during the 2024 calendar/hosting year, which will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of Rotary's participation in the program. [CLICK HERE FOR ALL THE DETAILS](#)

ZACHARY ROTARY INSTALLATION BANQUET

What a fun time at the Zachary Rotary President Induction held 7/13/23. The Pointe at Americana was decorated with a beach theme and Rotarians enjoyed good food prepared by The Chop Shop. Rotarians honored outgoing President David Gomez as President Daniel Gomez.



LOCAL CLUBS DONATE TO WOUNDED WAR HEROES

HOUMA, LA – Six local Rotary Clubs worked together to donate ditty bags for veterans participating in the Wounded War Heroes Grand Isle Offshore Rodeo this past weekend. [CLICK HERE FOR ALL THE DETAILS!](#)



DISTRICT 6200 ROTARIANS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

[*Click Here for more Peace Park Melbourne 2023 Memories*](#)



PDGs Richard Churchman & Brian Hall



Rotary Foundation CADRE Melbourne Training Logo



15th WASRAG(Water Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group) Water Summit-HANWASH (Haiti National Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Committee Members)



Opening Session Flag Ceremony— Argentina Flag



Past RI President Jen Jones and husband Nick Krayachich



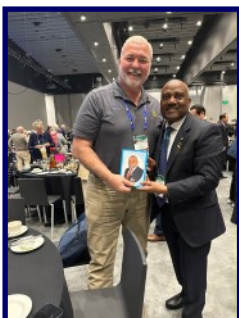
Jennifer Jones welcoming Rotarians at Opening Session



Richard Churchman with his Past RI President Bill & Lorna Boyd



Richard Churchman with Lindsay Wilkinson who led a GSE team from Australia



Richard Churchman with African Speaker Emmanuel



6200 DG Ken Firmin with wife Judy



TRF CADRE Team that received training in Melbourne at International Convention