



Rotary Review

The Official Newsletter of District 6880

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DG Newsletter article November 2024
By: DG (Head Coach & AD) Howard Eddy

November has a lot of traditions associated with the season!

Thanksgiving is a time for family and friends as well as providing compassion to those less fortunate in our communities through helping with clothing drives and food banks. Have a happy and prosperous Thanksgiving holiday!!

National Elections, which of course, traditionally occur in November. The first of the month brings us the chance to participate in our democracy by voting. This year on the national level even as the down ballot races are still being factored in we remain a divided country and I don't see that changing real soon. One thing almost everyone I talk to seems happy about is the robo calls and text messages asking for money have subsided. We can start by celebrating that for sure! Only time will tell how it all works out but, one thing we can do as Rotarians is to be leaders in bringing people together to do good. Rotary in the US has traditionally avoided taking political stands. Some years ago, we chose instead to focus on promoting the Rotary "Seven Areas of Focus" including Peace and Conflict Resolution, Disease Prevention, Clean Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Education and Literacy and Economic and Community Development. We bring the best from business and industry and the best from both sides of the political divide together to "Do Good in our local Communities and the World." As the dust settles, let's find our place to promote those things and call others to join with us at the club level in our local clubs and the communities where we live and work.

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Want to see your club in the "Spotlight?"

Send information/photos that make your club unique to khugs67@gmail.com and your club might just get "lit!"



Football is a Southern Fall tradition that continues in November and brings to those of us in the SEC some really great legendary contests like the "Iron Bowl" between Alabama and Auburn just to name one. I've shared that I love high school football, SEC football and even the SEC show "True South." I've been able to share a few examples of the kind of local dives depicted on that show as I've visited some of our clubs. I hope the articles have been a fun change of pace and highlighted the rich Rotary connections to several of the South's best of the best.

Anyone have Egg Bowl or Iron Bowl tickets they want to donate? Ha!



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A note about Newsletter submissions

So every good leader solicits and accepts constructive criticism. I try to do that with every club when I visit. I was approached after a recent meeting about why we are not publishing club articles. I shared that I think there was poor communication on my part as DG. What we (our newsletter editor and me) decided this year was that the District Newsletter had become voluminous over the last few years. Rather than be challenged to be creative and share what their club was doing some clubs just sent in the old 1960's format seen in so many local newspapers of that day that was just a stiff photo op with the DG visit or a club speaker. What we tried to say was, "Get creative, send in action photos of your fundraiser or service project." "Big checks" are the stock and trade of non-profits but don't just send a "big check" photo, send in information and photos of where the money went.



WE DO WANT SUBMISSIONS!! Just find ways to help practice what we preach in that we show Rotarians AT WORK TOGETHER IN OUR COMMUNITIES and HAVING FUN!

Send your items by the 10th of the month to Editor Kathy Hughes khugs67@gmail.com

Storm Season. The South also waits with guarded optimism for the last of the Hurricanes and Tornados grateful that we live where snow and ice seldom create the problems other parts of the nation face. We've ALMOST made it through the Atlantic Hurricane Season and Hurricane Rafael was eclipsed by election coverage but more importantly by what the Weather Service attributed to wind shear forces that gutted it to a mild rainy tropical storm.

That said, thanks to some of our District and Zone leaders, we have grown our capabilities and our assets to assist with local Disaster Response. Our limited but important and often missing role is filling the void after the professional "First Responders" conduct search and rescue, and initial "Assessment" missions but before the larger recovery organizations from major denominations and FEMA to the Red Cross and Salvation Army can mobilize their large labor intensive recovery activities.

Later on in this newsletter (pages 13-15) is a list of things our clubs have sourced themselves or in conjunction and partnerships with like-minded groups. As we approach the end of the tax year if you are looking for a place to donate where you can actually see it put to work, please consider a donation to our own DISTRICT 6880 Foundation. As we maintain, upgrade and replace expended supplies from this season so our club teams can train and prepare to help in your community next season if that should be necessary. You can designate Disaster Relief in general or a specific item from our teams "wish lists." Either way, you can avail yourself of the IRS tax benefit of giving it to a recognized charitable organization where the benefit of the funding stays in our District.



Rotary Foundation Month. November is recognized as "TRF" (or The Rotary Foundation) recognition month. I'm thrilled to report that our District resoundingly responded to the October "Purple Pinkie" Drive to help channel funds to eradicate Polio. Our district exceeded what we raised last year and almost every club put in at least \$25 toward the drive. Thank you to each of you who followed through on your commitment to be "ALL IN" for Rotary, "ALL IN" for our International President and "ALL IN" to help our District do so well.

October was an exciting month for ROTARY SUNRISE members. There is always joy when new members are inducted and especially when three new members joined our club!!! A warm welcome to y'all!



Patrick Cooper inducted by past new members Bradley White (2nd from left) and President Robert McGinley and Ken Ellingwood (2nd from right) with Allen Oaks President John Davidson. (left) and President John Davidson)

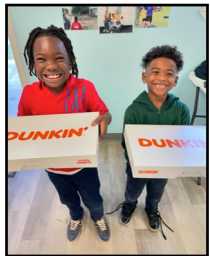


Another highlight was the distribution of 'Purple Pinkie Donuts'. Due to the great organization by Robert Greer (Polio Program/Purple Pinkie Co-Chair - left) and Frank Harkins (Assistant Governor -

middle) it was an easy task for members Allen Oaks and Joerg Kemnade (right) to pick up and distribute 'PPD's' to various organizations.



Allen Oaks delivering the 'PPD's'...



This year ROTARY SUNRISE bought 42 cases and almost 500 'PPD's' were distributed to 'Light of the Village', 'Boys & Girls Club', 'Meals on Wheels' and 'McKemie Place'.



While waiting at 'Light of the Village (LoV)' in Prichard, there was this kind man who didn't belong to 'LoV', but when

he saw the "PPD's" he immediately asked whether he might have a box to take home...ROTARY made him very happy!!!



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Central Baldwin Sunset Rotary

Central Baldwin Sunset Rotary received a special paddle from The Marine Corp League at their 249th Birthday Celebration! This paddle is in appreciation of CBSR's continued support of their organization.



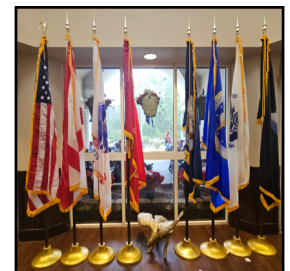
Central Baldwin Sunset hosted their 10th Annual Alligators n Ale. A few change-ups this year made it a HUGE success, raising \$35,000! Live music and fifteen teams cooked chicken wings, ribs, and a protein of their choice. Food was amazing, entertainment was great, and Alligator Alley was the perfect venue. See you next year, the 1st Saturday in October.



Central Baldwin Sunset Rotary served Veterans and their families at Willian F Green Veterans Home on Veterans Day.



Central Baldwin Sunset participated in their annual Service Project, Halloween at the Library. A Trunk or Treat event at the Robertsdale Public Library.



Auburn Rotary

The biggest news in service this fall is our Babies Love Books program, which provides books to babies born at East Alabama Medical Center and dictionaries to 3rd graders in Auburn City Schools. In late August, we received a donation from Dun's Buns, a philanthropic baking group from St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. They take orders throughout the month and then meet to fill the orders for pickup each third Thursday. They then choose worthy service projects to donate their proceeds.



In September, we honored Auburn Men's Basketball Coach Bruce Pearl as our Citizen of the Year. At our September 11 meeting, Coach Pearl spoke to our club about his dedication to developing his players on and off the court, emphasizing the principle of service over self.



The Auburn Rotary Club is also participating in Rotary Foundation Football, like many clubs do. We heard from Auburn USA Wheelchair Handball, and the national champion NCAA mascot, Auburn's own Aubie.



We hosted a program from the Exceptional Foundation, an organization that provides services and programming for adults with Syndrome and other disabilities, and many of our members participated in a matching fund campaign that raised more than \$5000 in just a few days.



In early October, we had a vocational visit to the New Venture Accelerator at Auburn University, a center that serves and supports innovation and entrepreneurial efforts by providing office space, support and expertise to entrepreneurs and assists them as they seek venture capital funding and other business development efforts

Tuskegee Rotary



Tuskegee Rotary Club delivers dictionaries to Macon County third graders.



Montgomery Rotary



October 22, President Wes Littlefield and Rotarian Marcus Morgan picked up the 73 boxes of Purple Pinkies from Dunkin Donuts that our club purchased and had them ready for pick up at the Kemco location. Past President, Hal Bloom, donated his boxes, and Jackie Pittman delivered them to a local fire department and made several firefighters happy!



Picture of PDG Sam Adams and PDG Skip Dotherow delivering dictionaries to MacMillan on Oct. 15th. The teacher is Anissa Parker.



PDG Sam Adams (not in picture) and PDG Skip Dotherow delivered dictionaries to Pintlala. The teacher is Maigan Johnson

October 19th we had Rotarians and a crew from Kemco meet at Valiant Cross Academy to do a deep clean of the school. We appreciate all who were able to take a few hours out of their day to pitch in.



Maitri Chandrasoma and Henry Weatherly

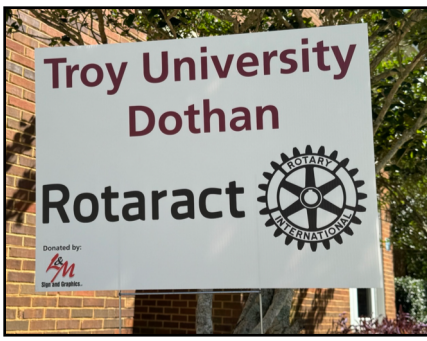


Maitri Chandrasoma, Young Boozer and Kimberly Baker. (all



Cristy Andrews, Karlyn Edmonds, David Knudson, and Kevin O'Meara


) We appreciate Pres. Wes Littlefield sending his Kemco crew to deep clean all the floors. If you know of an organization that may have a "Done in a Day" project our club can help with, please email Brandi at office@montgomeryrotaryclub.com



The Troy University Dothan Rotaract Club was honored to have the Tuesday Rotary join us on the Troy University Dothan Campus for their Tuesday meeting. We asked several of Tuesday Rotary Members to share about their businesses and charitable efforts. We loved sharing Rotaract members' businesses and service projects. L&M Sign and Graphics donated a sign for the club. Cake and a campus tour topped off the event people are still talking about.



NEWTON LIBRARY
TROY DOTHAN ROTARACT PROJECT



AMOUNT RAISED
\$1,200

WE PLAN TO REPAINT THE WALLS AND STAIN THE TRIM. REDO THE FLOORING AND CLEAN UP THE WINDOWS

End Polio Now! In addition to the clubs, I would be remiss not to recognize the great team that pulled it off! AG Mike Sledge and PDG Robert Greer as co-Chairs. Team AG who helped Mike with the logistics, PDG Dell who stood ready to crunch RI numbers but, who mostly got off the hook because of the great job everyone else did and Margo from Duncan Donuts in TN who was our go to. Not everyone seems to be aware and they don't brag but her and her company owner are Rotarians and to date have DONATED every single donut at no cost to Rotarians or Rotary to do their part to help end Polio in our lifetimes.

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

If you got close to being awarded a Paul Harris fellow or realized how simple it could be to participate as a member of the Paul Harris Society (as simple as pledging \$67/month average over the year) will do so much good. Some of those funds come back to the District after an ongoing three year cycles in the form of our District Simplified Grants that many clubs have leveraged to do projects of impact right in their community. Grant training is mandatory and will be provided to you if you attend the Midyear Conference at the end of January 2025 in beautiful Fairhope.

MIDYEAR FUN & TRAINING IN FAIRHOPE

PLAN NOW FOR JANUARY FUN IN FAIRHOPE Speaking of the Midyear Conference, The CLOCK IS TICKING! We negotiated a terrific hotel "early Bird" discount rate but DON'T WAIT, 40 days before the Midyear the Discount ends and rates will be "Rack Rate" if you can even get a room. Register on DaCdb (LINK) and be sure to make a Hotel Reservation for Midyear before they are gone! Again, discounted rates end 40 days out on December 20! REGISTER FOR THIS FUN EVENT NOW!!!!

Rotary International District 6880 2024-2025 **IMPORTANT "ALL IN" DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| December 1 | Deadline to update (drop/add) membership for January SAR |
| December 20 | last day for discounted early bird rate for Midyear hotel..... Don't wait! Rooms are already being booked, when they're gone, they're gone! |
| December 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard deadline for election of 2025-2026 club officers (Pres, Pres Elect, Sec. & Treas.)• recruit sponsors and donations for Midyear Conference |
| December 31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard deadline to report 2025-26 Club President, PE, Secretary & Treasurer to RI (in MyRotary & DaCdb-critical for timely invitations to PETS & PN Training)• Hard deadline for RI Meritorious Service Award Nominations to DG |
| Jan-March | AGs make third quarter club visits |
| January 1 | Rotary International Semi-Annual Report
Dues due to RI
District dues due to District Treasurer |
| Jan 31-Feb 1 | Midyear Training Conference-Fairhope, Hampton Inn/Nix Center
(Important training for club officers including DaCdb and MyRotary) |
| February 9-14 | DGE Training at International Assembly, Orlando, FL |

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February TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration & Hotel Block opens for AGI/Mid-South PETS in March 	May 1	Hard deadline for final reports for District Grants due from clubs to District 6880 (Failure to meet the deadline places a freeze on any future grant application)
February 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club awards chair should solicit nominations for District Awards • Applications due (applications and information at District6880.org) • Final (Past Due) deadline for Incoming Club officers to be reported to RI • Solicit nominations and funding for students to attend RYLA in March 	May 8	Hard deadline for AGs to complete memo of official visits and send to DG
Feb 27- March 2	RYLA @ Camp ASCCA	May 15-18	District Conference, Hampton Inn, Orange Beach, AL
March 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard deadline to submit nominations or club and individual district awards (see www.district6880.org) 	May 30	Deadline to update membership for July SAR
March TBD	Assistant Governor Institute & Mid South PETS in Chattanooga, TN	June 1	Deadline to submit District Grant Applications
April-June	AGs make fourth quarter club visits	June 15	Hard deadline to submit record of contributions to TRF for credit in current RI FY year
April 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft deadline to complete Presidential Citation Requirements (and enter into Rotary Club Central—Final changes up to June 15 • Club recruit sponsors and Donations for Annual Conference 	June 21-25	Rotary International Convention, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
		June 29	Hard deadline for all activities completed and entered into MyRotary for credit toward your club’s Rotary Citation awarded at following year’s conference
		June 30	CONGRATULATIONS on a great “ALL IN” with the “MAGIC OF ROTARY” year!



Who do these feet belong to????



Can you guess whose feet these are hanging out with Jimmy Buffett music and toes in the sand thinking about District Conference in May 2025? Send your guess to newsletter editor (khugs67@gmail.com) for special recognition next month.

Registration is now open on DaCdb District Calendar section for Midyear at the end of January 2025. Lock in your discounted hotel reservations and registration now and be eligible for a special drawing!!

DISASTER RESPONSE AND RELIEF DONATION INFORMATION

WANT TO CONSIDER A TAX DEDUCTABLE DONATION BEFORE THE END OF THEY YEAR?

DONATIONS OVER \$500 will be recognized by a certificate of thanks

DONATIONS OVER \$1,000 will have a recognition sticker, plaque or decal on or adjacent to the item(s)

DONATIONS OVER \$2,000.00 will have your name or company discretely placed on the asset wrap or outside recognition panels

QUESTION: What are our current assets?

Response Assets managed by our Clubs participating in cooperation with District Disaster Response. While each team and asset can operate independently, ideally they are prepared to come together and work a larger location and cooperate with our other assets as well as those from other charitable organizations.

CURRENT ASSETS	Status & Experience	Mission Capability
Cook trailer team South,	Existing, over 5years	Capable of Estimated 600 clamshell meals per day
Cook trailer team North,	Gearing up for next season	Aim is to supplement or equal Team South's
Chain Saw & Muck out team South	Existing, over 5years	Team has worked multiple post storm recovery missions to clear debris at locations overlooked by initial first efforts

QUESTION: What are the "Wish List" Items you or your company can donate to make happen and get the end of year tax benefit?

Portable Shower Trailer	Existing, deployed in SC	Trailer is in need of routine maintenance including exterior signage and interior deep cleaning after this year's deployment but is serving over 80 people a day at a community disaster distribution center.
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ESTIMATED DONATION \$2,000.00

Portable Shower/Laundry Trailer	Existing,	Needs significant repairs
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The Trailer was poorly designed although could be a tremendous asset. It has weight & balance issues that are beyond the scope of routine maintenance including reengineering the axel to weight areas distribution that may require expertise of a commercial truck trailer company. Exterior signage and skin need deep cleaning and replacement or rewrap. Interior will also need a deep cleaning and routine maintenance after having been in storage It is capable of estimated 40 people a day for showers and loads of laundry when connected to needed water supply at a community disaster distribution center.

ESTIMATED DONATION \$5,000.00

EXAMPLES OF ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC DONATION NEEDS TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT SEASON

4ea CPR AED Machines 1 for each rolling asset.

AEDs are now common many places but unfortunately not so at many disaster sites despite the fact many volunteers and community victims not used to extended stress or hours of labor are there performing under conditions that are prone to create cardiac stress

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$1,500 per AED or \$ 6,000.00

4ea BLS/ALS Trauma Bags 1 for each rolling asset.

Many local medical facilities and EMS assets have been drained by the initial incident and care for victims leaving no guarantee that a volunteer cut by a chain saw or cuts and broken or sprained limbs from heavy work have the needed equipment even if the site has a volunteer nurse, EMT or other person familiar with field trauma care. Many volunteers and community victims not used to extended stress or hours of labor are there performing under conditions that are prone to create injuries beyond what a \$10 home first aid kit can supply.

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$550.00 per Ambulance level kit or \$ 3,000.00

4ea HD Commercial Fire Extinguishers 1 for each rolling asset.

Part of being self-sufficient volunteers is to have the needed safety supplies for your own activities. Working around cooking areas, or fuel for generators and saws dictates the ability to suppress a minor fire with onboard you bring to the site.

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$200.00 per Commercial grade extinguisher or \$ 1,000.00

4ea HD Extended Ice Chests 1 for each rolling asset.

To avoid cross contamination of ice and food each asset should have a minimum of one modern multiple day ice chest to hold team water and sports drinks to maintain the health of volunteers while deployed.

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$200.00 per Commercial grade chest or \$ 1,000.00

Bulk Hotel shower kits and shampoo

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$1,000.00 to resupply and restock

Small use packages of Laundry supplies

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$500.00 to resupply and restock

Cleaning and disinfectant supplies to maintain equipment

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$1,000.00 to resupply and restock

Updated Microsoft Office software to track and document time, materials and volunteer hours

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Inventory control supplies to mark, catalog and track items donated and better facilitate sharing of small items between teams as needed

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$1,000.00 to obtain tags, set-up controls and inventory lists

Subscription to portable MiFi boxes from a major carrier to gain signals in areas where coverage is maxed following disaster allowing volunteers to reach out for resupply and victims to contact loved ones.

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$500.00 to obtain subscriptions and set-up system

Tarps, and cleaning supplies for muck out or locations to mitigate roof damage until more can be done by insurance contractors or larger disaster recovery teams.

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$1,000.00 to obtain items for assembly of on time use kits to be left with victims

Disposable meal distribution supplies and non-perishable items to support cook teams to deploy on short notice with a supply run prior to departure.

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$1,000.00 to replenish supplies for two cook trailers

Funds for District purchase of dedicated PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) standardized with Rotary logo but specific to each team's mission (ie chain saw hard hats, aprons for food handlers)

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$1,500.00 to obtain adequate safety supplies and have items screened or embroidered

Funds for training volunteers (ie SafeServe requirements for food handlers, wildland fire saw operation certification for saw operators, first aid training, chaplaincy guidelines for volunteers who can provide emotional support to victims)

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$1,000.00 to secure seats in regional training and cover volunteer's out of pocket costs for registration and testing

Funds for practical exercises where volunteer personnel, equipment and supplies are challenged for mission readiness by table top exercises and equipment inspections.

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$1,000.00 to set-up regional tabletop training exercises in coordination with other NGOs

ID Creation and management for Rotary volunteers and especially documentation of advanced equipment training or special skills that meet FEMA NGO skill levels.

ESTIMATED DONATION of \$1,000.00 to obtain ID Cards and lamination or printing and set-up controls and maintain personnel training records

WANT TO SEE YOUR AD HERE????

Send your business card size ad to Kathy Hughes at khugs67@gmail.com. Your ad will be FREE until January 2025. Make sure to inquire about rates that will carry through the Rotary calendar year and includes new ad copy options. Send your check to Kathy at 1216 Ferndale Drive, Auburn, AL 36832. Mark District Foundation on the memo line and it's a donation.

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