

# THE DISTRICT 6880 DISPATCH

A NEWSLETTER FOR ROTARIANS IN SOUTH ALABAMA

TOM MANN  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

SEPTEMBER 2011  
NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

KALYAN BANERJEE  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



## **DISTRICT EVENTS**

### Important Dates

October 4 - International Night; Montgomery, AL

October 27-30 - RI Zones 30/31 Institute; St. Louis, MO

District Governor Club Visits

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My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

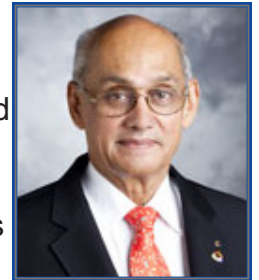
We have a color for the 2011-12 Rotary year, and that color is green. Why green? Because green is the color of spring, of new life, of bright leaves bursting forth from spreading branches. And there is no doubt that it is time to “green” Rotary – to lift our deepening pallor of gray and replace it with brighter shades of green. Overall, in Rotary, only 11 percent of our members are under the age of 40, while 68 percent are over 50 and 39 percent are over 60. It’s not too hard to see where this will lead us in 10, 20, and 30 years down the line, if we don’t do something about it now. It is not enough to simply bring in new members. We need to bring in younger members, who will breathe new life and new vigor into our organization.

How can we be more attractive to younger members, who are so different in so many ways from the young professionals of a generation or two ago? We have to come to them where they are – and for most young people, where they are is on the Internet, on Facebook, on Twitter and e-mail, and on their smartphones. A club that doesn’t have a presence on the Internet simply doesn’t exist as far as they are concerned. A club’s website is its public face – and it has to be a good one.

More than anything, I believe we need to bring back the idea of the family of Rotary. We need to look at all of Rotary as one family: Rotarians, their families, and also Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange students and alumni, Foundation alumni, and so on. And we need to consider retention as an idea that applies not just to Rotarians, but to the entire family of Rotary.

Too often, we look outward to find new members, and we do not see our own young generation, waiting to be called upon. We must look to them to find the capable and enthusiastic new members who will be the club presidents, the district governors, and the RI senior leaders of tomorrow.

We owe it to our Rotary family – past, present, and future – to make sure that our generation of Rotarians is not the last. We must, in a very real sense, reach within – to embrace our Rotary family, so that we can better embrace all of humanity.



Kalyan Banerjee  
President, Rotary International

# What Will Be Your Legacy?

Bill Boyd, Foundation Trustee Chair

Years ago, during a visit to New York City , I saw a T-shirt that said, “He who dies with the most wins.” It seemed funny at the time, but we all read the stories of people who judge their success by their wealth. The problem is that material possessions often do not bring happiness, for there is always someone who has more.

Most of us, however, want our life to be measured by what we have done. Many Rotarians have expressed their appreciation of fellow Rotarians’ service by promising a contribution to our Rotary Foundation that will live on after them. The earnings from their gifts go to our Annual Programs Fund year after year. What better legacy to the world?

By earlier this year, we had almost 8,000 commitments to the Bequest Society. These represented an expected value of about US\$338 million, a significant share of the almost \$700 million in assets and expectancies in our Permanent Fund.

The first Australian RI president, Angus S. Mitchell (1948-49), foretold the creation of the Permanent Fund in 1992, in a speech that ended with this story from the Talmud: Choni Hama’agel saw an old man planting a carob tree and asked when he thought the tree would bear fruit. “After 70 years” was the reply. “What!” said Choni. “Do you expect to live 70 years and eat the fruit of your labor?” “I did not find the world desolate when I entered it,” said the old man. “And as my fathers planted for me before I was born, so I plant for those who will come after me.”

We each have that same opportunity by making a bequest to our Rotary Foundation.

## September 2011 - New Generations Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 DG Visit - Eufaula	2	3
4	5	6 DG Visit - Robertsdale	7 DG Visit - North Mobile	8 DG Visit - Point Clear Mobile Fairhope Sunset	9	10
11	12 DG Visit - Prattville/Milbrook	13 DG Visit - Ozark	14 DG Visit - Monroeville	15 DG Visit - Greene County	16	17
18	19 DG Visit - Brewton	20 DG Visit - Atmore	21 DG Visit - Brundidge	22 DG Visit - Linden	23	24
25	26 DG Visit - Daphne/Spanish Fort	27 DG Visit - Mobile West	28 DG Visit - Mobile Sunrise Fairhope	29 DG Visit - Gulf Shores	30 DG Visit - Foley	

# What Does New Generations Mean?

Rotary International

New Generations refers to the youngest generation in the family of Rotary. Many are participants in Rotary's youth and young adult programs: Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange. Others are service minded young people involved in Rotary club and district activities.

Past RI President Luis Vicente Giay coined the term New Generations when he shared his belief that the future of Rotary relied on involving young people in the organization's programs and activities. At the 1996 RI Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, he said:

"Our vision for the future, now more than ever, is the difference between success and failure. The New Generations are our investment in the future. Let us begin to build that future today." New Generations Service became Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service in 2010. It is defined in article 5 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution:

New Generations Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

Rotary clubs should be committed to involving youth and young adults in their vocational, community, and international service projects, and to providing programs and resources that support them. Club-level projects such as mentoring programs, career days, and essay contests support New Generations while promoting Rotary and its ideals to youth in your community. Other activities could include:

- Recognizing students who exemplify Rotary's ideals of service by offering awards and scholarships for exemplary young people in your community
- Involving local youth in fundraising efforts that support projects for young people in the community or around the world
- Supporting youth through community service projects such as donating books and dictionaries to school libraries

Involving youth and young adults in community service projects is one way for your club to get active in New Generations Service. Young people contribute to their communities every day through projects such as:

- Raising money to eradicate polio
- Volunteering to assist senior citizens
- Organizing neighborhood cleanups or renewal projects
- Holding food drives to benefit antihunger organizations
- Working with organizations to hold career fairs

A successful collaboration on a service project may lead to increased interest in Rotary

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## District 6880 Club Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following District 6880 Clubs who are celebrating their anniversaries in September.

Opelika	September 1, 1919	92 Years
Mobile West	September 12, 1974	37 Years

## RYLA - Our New Generation

It is never too early to start thinking about recruiting high school juniors and seniors for RYLA. This years RYLA will be held at Camp ASCCA from April 12-15, 2012.

**What:** Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, is an intensive leadership training and conference for high school juniors and seniors. The program will include lectures and discussion periods with skilled and prominent leaders, as well as group activities, recreation, good food and fellowship.

**Who:** High School Juniors & Seniors – Participants are selected and sponsored by their local Rotary club. Rotary members are business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, promote high ethical standards and strive to build goodwill and peace in the world.

**Where:** Camp ASCCA, near Dadeville AL. Participants will stay in camp facilities activities will take place on the camp property. Participants are housed in bunkhouse-type buildings.

**When:** Held in the Spring, usually in March or April. Participants will usually arrive on a Thursday for registration. RYLA usually concludes on Sunday morning following breakfast, an ecumenical prayer service, and final session.

**Why:** RYLA is an activity sponsored by District 6880 of Rotary, representing some 50 Rotary Clubs in south-central Alabama. These clubs select and sponsor approximately 85 young people to meet in an unfamiliar setting to focus on leadership and decision making skills. We stress the Rotary Four Way Test of things we think, say or do:

Is It The Truth?

Is It Fair To All Concerned?

Will It Build Good Will And Better Friendships?

Will It Be Beneficial To All Concerned?

**Applications/Information:** Applications and information documents are at [www.rotary6880.org](http://www.rotary6880.org). Parental or Guardian permission forms will be required for all participants.

**Expense:** There is no cost to any youth. You may bring individual spending money for incidental expenses. The local, sponsoring Rotary Club pays registration fees. All students should coordinate their transportation arrangements through the Rotary sponsor.

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## Grandson of The 4 Way Test Author Visits Chilton County

On August 24th, Al Mathis spoke to the Chilton County Rotary Club. Rotary Past President Herbert J. Taylor, the author of The 4 Way Test is Al's grandfather. Al is a Rotarian from Childersburg, Alabama and president of The 4 Way Test Association.

Al discussed the history of The 4 Way Test and his fond memories of his grandfather.

For six decades Rotarians have been using The 4-Way Test as a practical yard stick in their business, community, and personal affairs. The 4-Way Test does not provide answers. It asks questions which the user must answer. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements was created in 1932 by Rotary Past President Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. In 1943, Rotary International adopted The 4-Way Test.

Left to Right:  
Gordon Swenson, Al Mathis and Roger Yeagan.



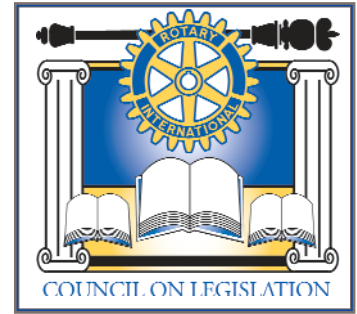


# Rotary Council on Legislation

PDG Carol Franks

The Council on Legislation, Rotary's "parliament," meets every three years to deliberate and act upon all proposed enactments and resolutions submitted by clubs, district conferences, the General Council and Conference of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, and the RI Board. The Council itself also makes proposals.

The Council on Legislation is an important part of Rotary's governance process. While the Board of Directors sets policies for Rotary International, the Council is where Rotary clubs have their say in the governance of the association. Every three years, each district sends a representative to the Council, which reviews proposed legislation. Every club and district is entitled to submit legislation to the Council, and some of Rotary's most important work has resulted from Council action. Women were admitted into Rotary because of the action of the 1989 Council on Legislation, and PolioPlus was born as the result of the 1986 Council.



The Council comprises more than 500 representatives from every part of the Rotary world. Voting members include one elected representative of the clubs of each Rotary district. Some nonvoting members include the chair and vice chair of the Council, the RI president, members of the RI Board, and past RI presidents. The next Council on Legislation will be in April 2013 in Chicago and our district representative is PDG Carol Franks of the Troy Rotary Club. She was elected by ballot vote at the District Conference in May 2011.

## Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

When submitting legislation to RI, the proposer must provide a statement of purpose and effect not to exceed 300 words in order for the proposal to be considered duly proposed. This statement should identify the issue or problem that the proposed legislation seeks to address and explain how the proposal addresses or resolves the problem or issue.

## Opposition to Adopted Legislation

The RI Bylaws were amended to provide that an action of a Council on Legislation would be suspended if clubs representing at least 5% of the votes entitled to be cast by clubs file forms opposing a Council action. Previously, a Council action could only be suspended if clubs representing 10% of the votes entitled to be cast file forms opposing the action.

## Council Deadlines and Dates

31 December 2011 Deadline to submit legislation

30 September 2012 Proposed legislation published

Here is the link on how to propose legislation:

[http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/col13\\_how\\_to\\_propose\\_legislation\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/col13_how_to_propose_legislation_en.pdf)



## Rotarian Jim Golson Visits Poipu Beach, Kauai Rotary Club

District 6880 Rotarians travel the world and when they do there is always a Rotary club to visit and use as a makeup.

During his recent vacation, Jim Golson visited the Poipu Beach, Kauai Rotary Club in Hawaii on August 4th.

Remember that as you travel you can locate the nearest Rotary club on the RI website.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator-/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

# District RLI Seminar Increases Rotary Knowledge

Rotary District 6880 held Part I of the Rotary Leadership Institute in Montgomery, Alabama, at Troy University Montgomery Campus. District Rotarians gathered on Saturday, August 20, 2011 for a series of fast-paced, interactive courses about Rotary knowledge and leadership skills.

Part I is the place the Rotary Leadership Institute begins. Everyone starts with Part I and then at future Institutes will take Part II and then subsequently Part III.

Rotarians enjoyed the fun, interactive sessions. They left with an enthusiasm, new contacts, fresh ideas, an increased understanding of their potential as Rotarians, and valuable skills impacting their club leadership.



## District and Club Announcements/Events

### Brundidge Rotary Club Hangs Yellow Ribbons

Jamie Whitworth along with other Brundidge Rotary Club members hung yellow ribbons on Veterans Blvd in Brundidge to welcome home the Alabama National Guard 900th Component Repair Company returning home from a year long tour in Afghanistan.

The 170 reservists conducted transportation and security missions in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



### A Rotary “Bonjour and Bon Voyage” for Madalyn Collins - International Youth Exchange Student

Madalyn Collins (International Youth Exchange student) and her mom Amy Collins attended the Daphne/Spanish Fort Rotary Club meeting on Aug 22nd to say “bonjour” and until we meet again, next year!! Madalyn, a junior at Spanish Fort High School, and a member of the Interact Club, left the next day for a long-term (11 month) exchange to France. Club members will reciprocate next year in receiving an IYE student from France. Members Beverley Allen and Linda Mong were instrumental in making the IYE take place.



(L to R) Porter Dunlap; Doug Falkinburg; Jennifer Gontarski; Jessica Keller; Madalyn Collins; Mickey Parish; Cleve Gantt, President; Tom Byrne; Starke Irvine; Linda Mong; Bill Stallworth ;Shawn Alves

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### EREY Contributions

Encourage each of your members to donate at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation's Every Rotarian Every Year campaign. Be a part of Rotarians leading the way to help people here and around the world. Please do not wait until too late in the Rotary year to mail in these monies because it often takes a while for RI to process the information and it is very important that we get credit during this Rotary year. Your AG will be contacting you about this to see if you need any assistance.

### Polio Contributions

Please join Rotary International's groundbreaking campaign to eradicate polio. District 6880 is suggesting the each club donate \$17/member for polio. As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk.

### 2nd Annual Iron Bowl Membership Drive



Foley Rotary Club just kicked off our 2nd Annual Iron Bowl Membership Drive. We ask folks to declare their team, Auburn or Alabama. Once they have done this then members bring perspective members to our meetings and when they join the team that the member declared gets a touchdown~ The week of the Iron Bowl is when we total up to see which team wins. The winners get steak for lunch and the losers have to eat hot dogs. This year we may throw in some penalties. Of course last year Auburn won and we plan on winning again. Can you tell I am an Auburn fan? War Eagle my Rotary friends~

Submitted by: Elizabeth Cole



*WHAT IS YOUR CLUB DOING?*

*WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT YOUR CLUB IS DOING!*

*SEND YOUR PICTURES AND SHORT ARTICLE TO -  
DG6880TMANN@GMAIL.COM.*

Club	Members 06/11	Current Members	Net Change	Meetings Held	Attend %
Andalusia	60	60	0	4	50%
Atmore	38	38	0	4	57%
Auburn	118	117	-1	3	56%
Bay Minette	34	35	+1	4	76%
Brewton	65	62	-3	3	55%
Brundidge	29	29	0	4	92%
Chilton County	13	12	-1	4	70%
Daphne/Spanish Fort	33	33	0	3	58%
Demopolis	43	44	+1	4	78%
Dothan	172	169	-3	3	73%
Dothan-Houston County	136	135	-1	4	64%
Elba	19	17	-2	3	80%
Enterprise	83	78	-5	3	68%
Enterprise Sunrise	13	13	0	3	72%
Eufaula	41	43	+2	4	61%
Evergreen	20	19	-1	4	74%
Fairhope	80	80	0	4	74%
Fairhope Sunset	27	25	-2	4	73%
Foley	53	55	+2	4	67%
Geneva	23	22	-1	4	55%
Greene County	14	14	0	4	95%
Greenville	41	41	0	4	55%
Gulf Shores/Orange Beach	24	24	0	4	82%
Jackson	32	32	0	4	72%
Lee County Sunrise	32	33	+1	4	62%
Linden	10	10	N/A	N/A	N/A
Luverne	30	30	0	3	85%
Mobile	264	265	+1	4	46%
Mobile Sunrise	102	101	-1	3	63%
Mobile West	37	37	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monroeville	14	14	N/A	N/A	N/A
Montgomery	120	120	0	3	47%
Montgomery Capital	42	41	-1	3	66%
Montgomery Sunrise	35	38	+3	4	79%
North Mobile	26	23	-3	3	36%
Opelika	48	48	0	3	58%
Opp	22	21	0	3	76%
Ozark	67	67	N/A	N/A	N/A
Phenix City	42	43	+1	3	71%
Point Clear	83	84	+1	4	65%
Prattville	47	46	-1	4	56%
Prattville/Millbrook Sunrise	21	22	+1	5	59%
Robertsdale	53	53	0	4	61%
Selma	45	43	-2	3	62%
Tallassee	29	29	0	4	69%
Troy	86	83	-3	3	60%
Tuskegee	16	14	-2	4	64%
Wetumpka	26	25	-1	4	59%
York	8	8	0	4	91%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>2,495</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66%</b>

## DISTRICT 6880 OFFICERS

Tom Mann .....	District Governor
Jim Golson.....	District Governor Elect
Bob Callahan.....	District Governor Nominee
Joe Saloom.....	Past District Governor
Bob Mills .....	District Treasurer
Alan Wallace .....	District Secretary
Barry Cavan .....	Aide to the Governor

## ASSISTANT GOVERNORS AND AREAS

Jan McDonald .....	Area 1
Mickey McInnish.....	Area 2
Bill Trant.....	Area 3
Olaf Lieb .....	Area 4
Frank Nalty .....	Area 5
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