



**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

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## *District 6820 Newsletter*

**Club Elections** are required to be held in December. The club president appoints a nominating committee and sets a definite time for the purpose of electing officers & directors for Rotary year 2006-07.

**Foundation Seminar** begins at 9:00 AM, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day, adjourns 1:00 PM. Meets at Red, Hot & Blues Bar-BQ in Jackson. Seating limited to 48. Registrations to date 22. Fax 662+323-4285 or e-mail your registration today to [stuart.vance@expresspersonnel.com](mailto:stuart.vance@expresspersonnel.com).

**The Mississippi River Multi-District PETS** is scheduled for Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and District Assembly Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2006. Being held with the district North and the District South of ours. Where? At the Golden Moon Casino and Hotel in Philadelphia. More to come on this from DG Elect Mark Doiron.

**Call for Nominations for District Governor** In accordance with the RI Constitution and By-laws and District 6820, The District Governor Nomination procedure is as follows: On or before December 15<sup>th</sup>, the President of any club wishing to place the name of one of his/her members in nomination shall file the nomination after a resolution has been adopted at a regular meeting of the club. Qualifications for the office of District Governor are listed in the by-laws of RI. Nomination forms are available from John Fair (address in Katrina paragraph.)

**District Conference** dates are now firm. Begins at noon, Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and adjourns at noon Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>. Most functions will be held at the Hunter Henry Center on campus of MSU. The folks in Starkville are going all out to see that you have a great time! More to come....

**Program ideas:** RI has a selection of prepared presentations on RI history, the Foundations, membership and other subjects. See [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) to download copies.

**Project idea:** award a grant to teacher to purchase teaching aids for the classroom.

**Speaker appreciation:** donate a book to a school or a library to honor a guest speaker in lieu of a gift.

**The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee** encourages you to participate (send money).  
Try [www.rotaryfloat.org](http://www.rotaryfloat.org)

**The Coast & the Katrina Fund** PDG John Fair & myself met with several club presidents, AGs and Neil Alford, DG of the district South of us, in Gulfport last week. Housing is the biggest problem- a real bird's nest. Communications remain a problem, but improving. Rotary Clubs suffer. Attendance 60% in some, some not meeting, some clubs have not sent bills out for dues since August, club projects curtailed. Our fellow Rotarians are trying to put their lives back together. Our Rotary Katrina Fund has now received over \$400,000 in donations from Rotarians all over America. We have funded about \$100,000 in assistance to Rotarians who are hurting; truck loads of 2x4's; sheet rock and other materials that will be critical soon, and humanitarian grants.

It is difficult to explain the full force and impact of this monster until you see for yourself the destruction and talk with the people who have lost their homes, their jobs, and their businesses. John Fair continues to be of great service as a communications center for information about needs, shipping, receiving, and contacts.  
[john@thefaircompanies.com](mailto:john@thefaircompanies.com) Tel. 662+772-7181. For the LA district S. of us, contact PDG Sonny Cotton at 601+270-0146. They will need our support and prayers for some time to come.

**Club Presidents...please make copies of this and pass along to those who need to know.**

Yours in Rotary,

