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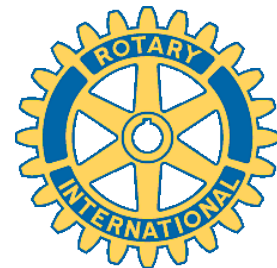
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This Week's Speaker: DG, Greg Lier

Rotary District Governor to Address New Orleans Club

Greg Lier is a lifelong resident of the New Orleans area. Greg received his undergraduate degree in accounting from Southeastern Louisiana University in 1976 and his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School in 1979. While Greg does not actively practice law, he has used his accounting and legal training working as a real estate developer and manager with Rathborne Land Company since 1984.



In 1987, Greg moved to Luling, LA, and joined the St. Charles Parish Rotary Club (then known as the West St. Charles Rotary Club). Greg believes that everyone has an obligation to give something back to the community. Rotary was the perfect fit. During Greg's early years in the club, he was actively involved in international service. This soon became his favorite part of Rotary. Over the years Greg has hosted numerous GSE team members, youth exchange members and an ambassadorial scholar from Sweden.

Greg started serving at the district level in 1992 as a member of the ambassadorial scholarship committee. Greg has served as the chairman of the committee since 1994, and is currently the Foundation Chairman for his club. In recognition of his effort on behalf of Rotary, Greg was named Rotarian of the Year in 1993-94 and was club president of the St. Charles Parish Rotary Club in 1996-97. Greg is also active in several business and civic organizations, and is a past president of the Harvey Canal

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Industrial Association, the Elmwood Business Association and the St. Charles Economic Development Council.

Greg is married to the former Debbie Sandoz and they have two boys, Greg, Jr. and Joseph. Besides Rotary, Greg's interests include golf, traveling with his family, wine tasting and attending sporting events.

Our theme this year is "Make Dreams Real". I think this theme describes what we do best. We take an idea and turn it into a course of action that helps people in need. Whether its feeding the hungry, literacy, disaster relief and recovery, scholarships, or countless other projects, our efforts turn dreams into reality. I look forward to working with you this year as your District Governor.

Here is how you can contact DG Greg Lier P.O. Box 157 Harvey, LA 70059 B: 504.364.9584 F: 504.368.6388 greglier@rathborne.com

Past District Governor Milton Wheeler Final Report

Read about our successful year just ended.

As a final word in this extraordinary year, let me say a huge thank you to my beloved district for your making Rotary so much stronger in D6840. Ray Hymel would love it! We certainly have "won one for the Gipper!" Critical in your success story is making the local clubs effective engines of service. We enjoyed cheering for you as a record-breaking thirty-three (out of fifty three) clubs met President Wilf Wilkinson's standards for the Presidential Citation award. Many others came so close. Of course, membership development is the sine qua non of an organization. Here you have consistently led the twenty-four districts of Zones 29 and 30 and by June 10 had a net gain of 145 members. In Annual Giving to the Rotary Foundation you have also set a record. The goal of \$175,000 was a little more than the previous record. Annual Giving Chair Ace Necaise of Gautier advised yesterday that the Rotary Club of Pascagoula handed him a \$10,000 contribution and that he had shot it off in overnight mail to Evanston to extend well over \$220,000 our record-breaking Annual Giving total.

Thanks to Past District Governor Milton Wheeler for a great year and for his tireless dedication to Rotary.

[Read more of PDG Wheeler's Closing Report](#)

Free Disaster Preparedness Training

Your Club Sponsors Programs

ARE YOU READY? Free Preparedness training for your

family and business sponsored by Rotary Club of New Orleans. For more information contact Eric Pickering at nolacert@cityofno.com

Rotary/Interact Feed the Hungry Project

Help Needed to Fill Grocery Bags

Rotarians, Interactors, and community members meet every first and third Friday of every month to fill grocery bags for this critically needed project. They meet at the Covenant Presbyterian Urban Ministry Institute, 2128 Felicity Street starting at 4:45 p.m. and running no later than 6:30 p.m.

If you would like to help prepare the deliveries, visit with our own Mary Beth Arceneaux at Capital One (504) 533-2167 T32167.

Rotary Clubs Seek Help For Midwest Flood Victims

Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Clubs Need Donations

The severe flooding in the Midwest has pushed two Rotary Districts to ask for financial assistance from other districts. The two most urgent requests come from the cedar Rapids and the Iowa City areas. Their



contact and payment details are below. President Nimmo has asked us to give generously so we will leave the notice here in the Bolo a couple of weeks.

District 6000 Fund Make checks payable to "HEF Inc." and note "Iowa Disaster Relief" on your check. Mail to: Dick Kennedy 1811 N. Dubuque Rd. Iowa City, IA 52245

District 5970 Fund Make checks payable to "Rotary 2008 Flood Relief" and mail to: Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation 200 First St. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

The region also needs volunteers. If you are interested, you can contact: District 6000 Administrator Caroline Scharff at 877-976-8279.

Let Past District Governor George Mahl know about your contributions for our records at gmahl@aol.com.

Blast From the Past

Catching Up On Bill and Eddie Rosen

On August 27, 2008 Nashville's Parthenon Museum is

presenting "Immersion: A Katrina Room. This is a photographic installation of life size images by our former Rotarian, Bill Rosen. Bill and Eddie moved to the Nashville area after Katrina having suffered total destruction of their home in Lakewood South from flood and wind damage. Being an experienced and recognized photographer, Bill had proposed this project over a year ago and it will come to fruition on the 3rd Anniversary of Katrina.

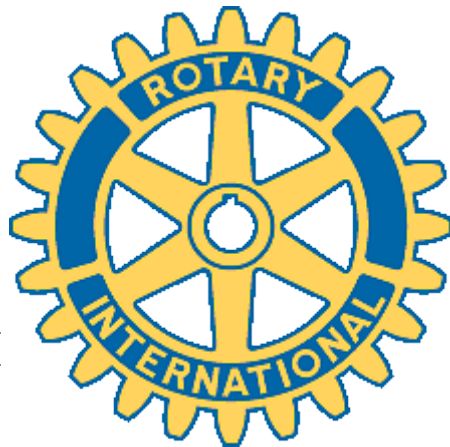
A private Cocktail Reception will be held in advance (\$75 donation which totally benefits the New Orleans Habitat for Humanity) and it will feature Jim Amoss of the T-P who will speak on his experience during the Hurricane. Bill is excited about showing the citizens of Nashville a first hand view of the impact that the storm had on a family to which they can relate, and we wish him a very successful event. If any Rotarian desires any further information, Bill can be reached at LCSNO@AOL.COM

Know a Prospective Rotarian?

Applications Available

If you know someone who should be a Rotarian, invite them to lunch! Applications are available on our website and from President Philip, Kevin Laborde, or Cindy Markham.

[Download New Member Applications](#)



Last Week's Speaker: David Blossman, President, Abita Springs Brewing

Upcoming Speakers:

Today: District Governor Greg Lier

August 6th: Johnny D'Bartolo, Boys and Girls Clubs

August 13th: Jim Hoskins, General Manager, Harrah's Casino & Hotel

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