



# District 6840 At Your Service

Rotary Year 2008-09  
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Rotary District 6840  
District Governor Greg Lier

<http://www.rotary6840.org/>

## DISTRICT SERVICE CALENDAR

### JULY

#### NEW BEGINNINGS

**Sign up volunteers  
for projects now!**

### August

#### MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION

**Kick off you're  
your Dictionary  
Project this  
Month!**

### September

#### NEW GENERATIONS

**Coastal Clean-Up  
is an international  
water project**

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*Wear your Rotary pin  
every day!*

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## Service Is What Rotarians Do BEST!

Club, community, world—those are the places where you see Rotarians doing what they do best—SERVING. Rebuilding schools and neighborhoods after a disaster, distributing dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, providing clean water for a hospital in Honduras, and working to strengthen each other in our Clubs and vocations, illustrate the width and breathe of “service above self” shared by Rotarians world wide. Rotary International is the world’s largest and most effective service organization. And it begins with you.

This newsletter is designed to help you be an effective Club leader by sharing ideas, promoting partnerships, and publicizing the service activities within Rotary District 6840. This is your opportunity to brag a little, network with your colleagues, and share, share, share!! With over 50 Rotary Clubs in District 6840, we have so much to share and so many hands to help.

Need some project ideas? See page 2

## DG Greg Lier’s District Service Goals

**Make Dreams Real** by fully engaging your members in Service projects that provide fellowship and emphasize these areas of service for Rotary year 2008-09→

- LITERACY
- WATER
- HEALTH AND HUNGER

Each of these activities falls under an Avenue of Service—Community, International, Vocational, and Club!

**Make Dreams Real** by adding an international component to your project by partnering with our 2008-09 GSE District 9980 in New Zealand. Contact your District 6840 Service Chairmen for ideas, networking, and connections to other Clubs.

Need money for your project? See page 2

## Coastal Clean-Up

**September 20**

Join the **Coastal Clean-Up (MS)** or **Beach & Inland Water Ways Clean-Up (LA)** project!

*This SERVICE project counts toward 3 Avenues of Service—*

**Club, Community, International**

*And it is a WATER project!!*

1. **Form** a team of Club members and their families
2. **Register** your team and be sure to include your Club name
3. If your area is not participating, then **partner** with another Club
4. Team members should **wear** Rotary-logo tee-shirts
5. **Take** pictures and **submit** a press release to your local newspaper—mention Rotary
6. **Recognize** and **thank** volunteers at your next Club meeting and in your club newsletter.



RC of Ocean Springs (MS) had fun, fellowship, and great participation at the 2007 Coastal Clean-Up.

## Idea corner!

Looking for new ideas? Rotary Clubs across District 6840 sponsor a variety of activities focused on the “Four Avenues of Service.” Below are some events and fundraisers that are proven successes:

1. **PANCAKES!** Breakfast, supper, or all day—Club Pancake projects are fun, fellowship, and fund raisers. In some towns, annual Pancake days are family traditions—plus these events raise awareness of Rotary in the community.
2. **FESTIVALS!** Alligators, Blueberries, Mullet, and Music—sponsoring and/or participating in local festivals are great community builders that bring tourists to your area. Festivals are great partnering opportunities!
3. **RACES!** Marathons, 5Ks, or family fun runs are popular events that provide an opportunity to partner with local health facilities and local businesses. Not athletic, then race turtles, plastic ducks, or hold a “day at the races.”
4. **TOURAMENTS!** Golf, bowling, archery, horseshoes, poker, fishing! Everybody likes a little friendly competition. Challenge a local newspaper or TV sports personality to liven up the event and increase coverage.

**Be sure to thank your volunteers and businesses that support the event.**

## District Simplified Grants Available For Your Club

Does your Club have a one-time-only service project that involves the active participation of your Club members? Does the service project enhance your community by serving the less fortunate? Will the project take less than a year to complete? Can you publicize the project as being sponsored by Rotary? Then you are halfway to receiving up to \$1500 from the District Simplified Grant! Several Clubs in District 6840 have kicked-off their **Dictionary Project** using a Simplified Grant—here’s how your Club can do it, too.

- Go to <http://rotary6840.org/photos/1132979138.pdf> and print an application.
- Contact your local elementary schools and get the number of students in third grade. Be sure to include teachers, too!
- Go to [www.dictionaryproject.org](http://www.dictionaryproject.org) for helpful information, sample letters to school district superintendents, and sample press releases. Select and order the dictionary you would like to distribute.
- After receiving approval from the school district, begin making appointments for delivering the dictionaries and soliciting volunteers to help with the distribution. It takes about an hour to present dictionaries to three classrooms. Take pictures!
- Include a book plate that acknowledges your Club as donor.
- Submit your report to District 6840.
- Send a press release to your local news outlets!