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THE ROTARY CLUB OF SLIDELL 2014-2015

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS



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Our club has collected new socks and shoes for “Shoes for Orphan Souls” this year. These shoes are part of the largest humanitarian aid projects sponsored by Buckner International, a global Christian ministry dedicated to transforming the lives of vulnerable children, families and elders. According to the Buckner Shoes for Orphan Soul’s website, a pair of simple shoes can go a long way to preventing disease from hookworms and other parasites, as well as protect feet from injury. In many communities, they allow children to attend school who would not have been eligible due to lacking of the required footwear.

The donations will be distributed overseas, as well as in the United States, to vulnerable children and orphans. Since 1999, more than 2.5 million pairs of new shoes have been distributed to children in 74 countries.

District 6840, made up of Louisiana and Mississippi chapters, last year collected 1,494 pairs of shoes and 1,390 pairs of socks for distribution.



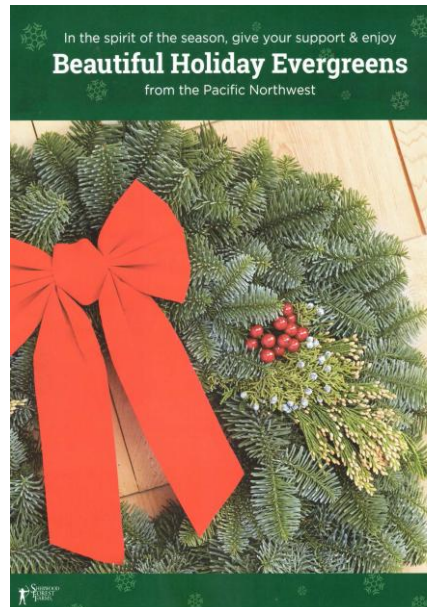
**"If you had ONE
Chance, ONE
Opportunity or ONE
Moment to make a
difference, how would
you?"**



CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER

The Rotary Club of Slidell had another successful fundraising event this past holiday season. Thanks to all the active members taking ownership of the annual Christmas Wreath Fundraiser, our club was able to raise \$4,500 for the scholarship program. The reason this fundraising event is so successful is because of way the program works.

Every member of our club is given the opportunity to place orders for as many Christmas wreaths they can sell. Each member is responsible for buying a minimum of two wreaths at the cost of \$30 each, whether or not they place an order.



The wreaths are delivered in early December, and rotary members gather to sort and deliver the wreaths to the members who placed orders. Our club is fortunate to have Vicky Magas heading up and coordinating the efforts of the fundraising event from start to finish. Vicky lets everyone in our club know when we could start taking orders, passed out colorful brochures so we could distribute and sell the wreaths, and notified everyone of the order deadline and delivery date. Vicky then coordinated a group of volunteers to help on delivery day. The wreaths are fresh, beautiful, and last throughout the holiday season. They make great gifts for the “hard to buy for person,” and help so many students. We hope to continue to increase sales each year so more sponsorships will be possible.



International Projects

Congratulations to Ken Thompson for getting another international project!

Our club has another international project and donated \$500 to help fund a potable water storage tank for the Mexican village (700 population) of Puerto Lobos. There are several Rotary clubs teaming with local Mexican Rotary clubs to fund the \$60,000 project.



Date: January 9
 Name: Kevin Davis
 Topic: Office of Homeland Security



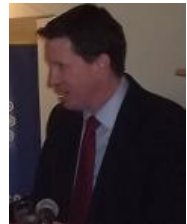
Date: January 16
 Name: Bill Davis
 Topic: Slidell Memorial Hospital



Date: January 23
 Name: Michael Brady
 Topic: Mandeville Rotary on new member orientation



Date: January 30
 Name: Kim Bergeron
 Topic: Media and Fund-Raising



Date: February 6
 Name: Clay Williams
 Topic: Gulfport Airport



Date: February 13
 Name: Kathy Lowery
 Topic: Harbor Center



Date: February 20
 Name: Karen Babbit
 Topic: District Exchange Students



Date: March 06
 Name: Ronnie Kole
 Topic: Jazz on the Bayou



Date: March 20
 Name: Pat Brister
 Topic: St. Tammany Parish



Date: March 27
 Name: Kelley Lutman
 Topic: Nutritional Health

Club Meetings

Weekly: Every Friday, at 12:00 noon
 Place: Pinewood Country Club
 405 Country Club Blvd
 Slidell, LA 70458

Remember to invite a friend. If you will be out of the area, attend another Rotary meeting.

3rd Quarter Highlights

1. If you haven't yet, please say hello to our Foreign Exchange Student from Tawain, her name is Lili. We are looking for host families for next year. If you would like to host a Foreign Exchange Student please contact Ron Davis.
2. We have gained two new major donors to the Rotary Foundation. Please join in to congratulate Brenda and John Case as new major donors. Also Don and Debra Bryan are officially Bequest Society members, as is Ken Thompson.
3. Salmen High School hosted the District Interact Conference "Light Up Interact". There were 150 Interact Students that signed up for the conference.
4. We had 3 of our members attend Preside-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) this past quarter.

Please join in to thank Rene Arcemont, Barbara Doyle (Our President Elect), and Dr. Joan Archer for attending.

