



Meridian Mississippi
April 11-14, 2024

Rotary
District 6820



Rotary International President's Representative



PDG JG Lafferty

John started life after High School studying Law at University. He left in 1982 to pursue a career in law enforcement and was selected to join New Scotland Yard and enjoyed his life in London working in various roles and in specialist operational squads including Royalty Protection. He left London some years later to return to his beloved Scotland where he continued working in law enforcement dealing with business crime.

He joined the Rotary club of Kelso in the Scottish Borders in 1995 and was President of the club in 1999/2000.

He first met Gordon McNally in 1995 and they have been good friends ever since. As a result, Gordon persuaded John to join the District team in 2001 as Chair of the Community and Vocational Service Committees. He remained on District until 2010 and was Governor of D1020 in 2007/8. Free from District responsibilities, he then enjoyed spending more time with his own Kelso club which now included Gordon and Heather amongst their number and was President for the second time in 2015.

In 2022, Districts 1020 and the neighbouring D1230 merged to form a new super District and John was asked to return to the team to oversee the administration of the new District 1320 as District Secretary. After the sad demise of the Kelso club, John decided to form a new type of club and thus the Borderlands Passport Group was formed. They were chartered in 2023 and still proudly boast Heather as a member.

John is a passionate Rotarian who believes wholeheartedly in the power of Rotary and the collective good which can be achieved when clubs and Rotarians work in unison. His one true passion in life, apart from Rotary, is his love of dogs. He has been married to Mhairi, who is a classically trained singer and music teacher, since 1986 and they live outside the small town of Hawick in the Scottish Borders with their pack of Border Collies who he says are far more intelligent than him.

Rotary International Zones 30-31 Director Elect



PDG Brian Hall

Brian is a member of the Rotary Club of Covington, LA. He has served his club and district in many positions, including as District 6840 Governor in the 2014-2015 Rotary year. Brian was active with the Host Organizing Committee of the 2011 Rotary International Convention, where he served as the chair of the Technology Committee, and as a member the RI Promotions Committee for the 2019 Honolulu convention. He served Rotary Zone 31 as Assistant Regional Rotary Public Image Coordinator in the 2013-2014 year, as an Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator in the 2016-2019 years, and as End Polio Now Coordinator from 2019 to 2022. Brian served as a Training Leader at the International Assembly in both 2018 and 2019 and a Training Leader Support in 2021 and 2022. Brian is currently serving as a board member of the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group, board member and past chair of the Past District Governors Fellowship, and treasurer and CFO of HANWASH. Brian is also serving as chair of the Joint Rotary International/Rotary Foundation Technology committee, reporting to the RI Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation's Trustees. Brian received Rotary's Service Above Self award in the 2021-2022 Rotary year. Brian will be serving as a member of the Board of Directors of Rotary International in the 2025-2027 Rotary years from Zones 30 and 31.

Brian has been married to his wife, Lynn, for 30 years. They currently reside in Madisonville, Louisiana. They have two children, Keely and Patrick.

Brian was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi. Brian worked as a CPA for several years before changing careers to become a computer programmer. In 1998 he and Lynn relocated to New Orleans, where Brian decided to merge his backgrounds and begin consulting with companies regarding business and financial systems. In 2000, he and three others formed AIM Technologies to provide information and business systems sales and consulting.

District Governor



Mark DiBiase

Mark DiBiase is a two-time District Governor, serving both 2022-23 and 2023-24 Rotary Years for District 6820.

He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Grove City College with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Systems.

He has 34 years of project, production, engineering and computer experience, holding a variety of management positions with Milwaukee Electric Tool, James Hardie, US Gypsum, and Armstrong. In 2002, he became President and Owner of Infinite Concepts, a computer network and administration firm located in Greenville, MS. Mark was honored as a “Top in Tech” recipient by the Mississippi Business Journal in 2019, as it grew to one of the 50 largest IT companies in the state. In December 2021, he sold his business and is now retired.

Mark has served on and has been President of multiple community Board of Directors in Greenville including The Greenville Arts Council, Delta Center Stage and The United Way of Washington County. In 2020, he received the Chuck Jordan Leadership Award from the Washington County Economic Alliance for his leadership with local business development.

Mark has been a Rotarian for 17 years, is a Past President of the Greenville Rotary Club, and has also served as Assistant Governor. He and his wife both participate on the District 6820 International Service Committee and have traveled on all the District’s International Service Trips to Guadalajara, Mexico. Mark is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Paul Harris Society member, and became a Level 1 Major Donor in 2021.

He currently resides outside of Leland with his wife Rhonda DiBiase, who is also a Rotarian in her own right and a Paul Harris Fellow.

District Governor Elect



Sharon Moulder

Sharon is a Member of the Rotary Club of Madison/Ridgeland and Past-President. She has served on the Membership Committee several times and has actively participated in Club Service Projects. Sharon is a Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society Member and Polio Plus Society Member. She is also a graduate of Rotary Leadership Institute and Facilitator training for RLI and Visioning Program.

Sharon is DGE for District 6820, she has served as District Treasurer and Rotary District 6820 Foundation Treasurer.

As President Elect for the Madison Ridgeland Club, Sharon participated in Club Visioning and it was a great success.

Sharon joined Members of District 6820 on Mission Trip to Guadalajara two times, she led the Vision Screening Team during both trips. Her husband Gary is also a Member of the Madison/Ridgeland Club and joined her on both Mission Trips.

Sharon and Gary both attended the RI Convention in Hamburg Germany. They have also attended many District Conferences.

Sharon is the Accounting Manager at Lighthead Sanders CPA Firm in Madison, she has been with the firm for 13 years.

District Governor Nominee



Russell Butts

Russell Butts is a member of Rotary Club of Natchez and is a 3rd generation Rotarian. Russell Joined the club in May of 1988 and has served in all positions including club President in 2007.

Russell is currently serving the club as Foundation and Membership chairman.

Russell is the current DGN for District 6820 having previously served as Grants chairman for several years. Russell is a Paul Harris Fellow, a benefactor, a member of the Paul Harris Society , a Polio Plus Society member and a Major Donor. He is a graduate of Rotary Leadership Institute .

Russell has been married to Stephane for 42 years and they are the proud parents of 3 children and thrilled grandparents of 2 grandsons. Hobbies include traveling, golf and of course spending time with family.

District Governor Nominee Designate



Jimmy Parker

Jimmy joined the Rotary Club of Columbus in 2015. He quickly became a club leader and served his first term as Club President from 2017 to 2018, with a second term as Club President from 2019 to 2020. He has been the club's Membership Chair for the past three years. Jimmy attended the Emerging Rotary Leader Seminar at the Montgomery Alabama Zone Institute in 2018 and began taking on various roles at the District level. Jimmy has served as an Assistant Governor for three different District Governors and was a member of the District Membership Committee from 2019 to 2020. He currently serves as the 2023-24 District Conference Chair, District RLI Coordinator, District Learning Facilitator, and is a member of the District's Club Visioning team.

In addition to active leadership roles at both the local and district level, Jimmy is a strong supporter of the Rotary Foundation. He is a Paul Harris Society member, Paul Harris Fellow +6, and a Bequest Society member. Jimmy currently resides in Columbus, MS, where he holds the position of Risk Management Engineer for Ecolab Healthcare. He is a Mississippi State University graduate, and United States Marine Corps Veteran.

Rotary to the MAX, April 11th-14th

Time	Location	Event	
Thursday, April 11th			
5:30-8:00	5th St IVO of Threefoot Hotel	Meridian Rotary Club Ball Drop	Meridian Rotary Club's annual fundraiser
Friday, April 12th			
09:00-12:00	Riley Center Lobby	Registration	
10:30-11:30	Riley Center, Room 3-C	District Business meeting	DG Mark DiBiase
12:00-1:30	Riley Center, Exhibit Hall	Opening Session (Lunch)	Welcome by the Mayor of Meridian: Jimmie Smith Keynote Speaker: RI President Representative PDG John Lafferty
1:50-5:00	Meridian, MS	Partner Event	Mississippi Children's Museum The MAX: Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Riley Center tour , information available at registration
1:50-2:40	See breakout schedule	District Breakout 1	See breakout schedule
3:00- 3:50	See breakout schedule	District Breakout 2	See breakout schedule
4:10- 5:00	See breakout schedule	District Breakout 3	See breakout schedule
6:00-9:00	5th St IVO of Threefoot Hotel	Full Moon on 5th	Meridian's monthly downtown block party. Hospitality Suite @ Waggoner Engineering
Saturday, April 13th			
7:30-8:30	Riley Center Lobby	Registration	
9:30-12:00			Brian Hall, Director-Elect RI Zones 30-31
8:00-9:30	Riley Center, Exhibit Hall	Breakfast Session	Jimmie Rodgers Foundation: Father of Country Music
9:50-10:40	See breakout schedule	District Breakout 4	See breakout schedule
11:00- 11:50	See breakout schedule	District Breakout 5	See breakout schedule
12:30-2:00	Riley Center, Exhibit Hall	District Awards Closing Session (Lunch)	RI President Representative PDG John Lafferty
2:00-7:00	Meridian, MS	Free time in Meridian	Free admission to the Mississippi Children's Museum Riley Center tour: Sign-ups available at registration desk
3:00-5:00	The MAX	Tour the MAX	Free guided tour of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience
7:00-9:00	DC Guitar Shop	Young Rotarian Social	Joint social with the Young Professionals of Meridian
7:00-9:00	Waggoner Engineering	Scotch Tasting w/ PDG John Lafferty	Ticketed event
Sunday, April 14th			
3:00	Riley Center	Meridian Symphony Orchestra	Complimentary tickets available

Rotary to the MAX Breakout Sessions

Friday, April 12th: 1:50-2:40

Threefoot Blooms Flower Arranging Class ThreeFoot Blooms	Room 3-C Rotary Jeopardy AG Michelle Nicholson	Room 3-D RYLA Recap Clear Moore
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Friday, April 12th: 3:00- 3:50

Room 3-B Rolling Fork Tornado Relief AG Danny Brunt	Room 3-C Scotland RIP Rep PDG John Lafferty	Room 3-D Engagement vs Communication DGN Russell Butts
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Friday, April 12th: 4:10-5:00

Room 3-B Mexico Service Trip DGE Sharon Moulder	Room 3-C Membership ARC Richard Churchman	Room 3-D Foundation Made Easy PDG Bill Walker
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Saturday, April 13th: 9:50-10:40

Room 3-B Hope Village Ride Across America Meridan Rotary Club	Room 3-C Scotland RIP Rep PDG John Lafferty	Room 3-D Mexico Service Trip DGE Sharon Moulder
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