

# Wheel Talk



Sept - 2016



## President's Message:



Chris Dardeau  
President

This year's theme "Rotary Serving Humanity" could not be more appropriate. I have seen on a local, district and national level the outpouring of support to those in need from the recent flood. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Abbeville, I would like to express our deepest sympathies to our fellow members, residents and businesses

throughout the state who have suffered during this disaster. Our Rotary leadership team will now start determining the needs of our community during this crisis so that our club can effectively "Serve Humanity".

On a lighter note, September is designated as Basic Education and Literacy month for Rotary. The board has approved the purchase of two e-readers which will be donated to Kaplan Elementary which sustained flood damage. Also, the board has approved the purchase of used books from Vermilion Parish Library which will be donated to start the library at Lighthouse Christian Preparatory School. In continuing with last year's successful Book Fiesta, we take a break from our weekly meeting on September 28th and meet up at Azul Tequila but to get in you have to bring a book. All books collected from the Book Fiesta will also be donated to Lighthouse. Looks like Junior Auxiliary will be bringing books and drinking margaritas with us. The more the merrier.



John F. Germ  
Rotary President  
2016-2017



Francis Neziyana  
District Governor  
2016-2017

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Governor Francis Nezianya  
2016-17 District Governor  
Multi-Unit Subway Owner



**Francis Nezianya**  
District Governor, 2016-2017

Francis Nezianya became a Rotarian in 2002 and was appointed club foundation chair in 2003. He served as president of the Zachary Rotary Club in 2006-2007, as well as, club foundation chair, and co-membership chair in 2008. Francis is a member of the Paul Harris Society, a multi Paul Harris Fellow, a bequest member, and major donor.

Francis has served as a District Family of Rotary Committee Member, three years as Assistant District Governor, and chair of the District Community Projects. He was elected District Governor for the 2016-2017 Rotary year. Francis possesses a Bachelor of Science Degree from Southern University A and M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He has been the president and CEO of Nezi, L.L.C. and Asaba and Associates, Inc, for over twenty years. Francis is a multi-location franchisee of the Subway Corporation with locations in and around the Zachary/Baton Rouge area. As a franchisee, Francis was elected to the Baton Rouge Subway franchisees' Board, and is currently serving as board chair. A committed civil servant, Francis has been a City of Zachary council member since 2006 and he was reelected in 2010 and 2014 unopposed.

Francis is an active member of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church where he serves as the church's treasurer, as well as, a Lay Eucharist Minister. In 2012 Francis was elected to the Louisiana Episcopal Dioceses Executive Board where he served a three year term.

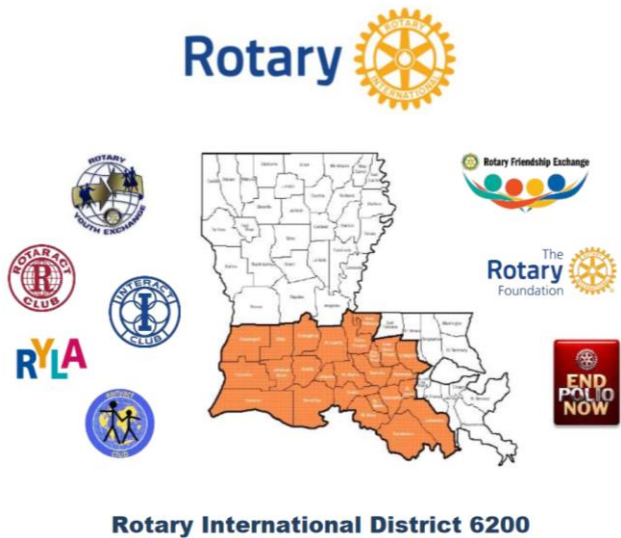
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An enthusiastic volunteer, Francis gives many hours to the City of Zachary's Food Bank where he served on its board and as treasurer. Francis' commitment to education also motivated him to become a member of the foundation assisting the Zachary Community Schools, which is the number one school district in the State of Louisiana.

Francis served as a steering committee member for the Zachary Americana YMCA and he is a former City of Zachary Chamber of Commerce board member and president. Francis is married to Lettimarie; is a committed husband and father of four who has dedicated his life to serving others.



You have two hands.  
One to help yourself,  
the second  
to help others.







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