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## Assistant district governor finds Dixie County Rotarians serving others inspirationally



Rotary Club District 6940 Assistant District Governor (Area 10) Jana Carlisle presents Rotarian Katrina Gross VanAernam with the district governor's pin for the 2018-19 Rotary Year. To the right in the photo is VanAernam's son Zach DesJardin, and in the background is Rotarian Tonya Howell.

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CROSS CITY – Rotary Club District 6940 Assistant District

Governor (Area 10) Jana Carlisle, visited the Dixie County Rotary Club on Wednesday afternoon in Cross City.



Dixie County Rotary Club President Anne G. Hodges, CPA, and Rotarian Holly Houghton go through sets of lists of things that must be done to assure a fun Daddy-Daughter Dance. The extensive set of materials and logistics have evolved to make the 8th Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance set to be Jan. 26 at Camp Anderson show promise of being the best ever.

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**Rotarian Rebecca Fusco (left) holds up the backdrop for the Daddy-Daughter Dance with its theme this year of Fantasy Castle. Looking at the backdrop is Rotary Club President Anne Hodges.**

Carlisle saw this set of Rotarians were serving others as well as being inspirational while they prepared for the 8th Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance set to be Jan. 26 at the Pavilion of Camp Anderson in Dixie County.

Rotarians are found in all sorts of business interests and literally around the globe.

For instance, Assistant Governor Carlisle has been helping people at Drummond Community Bank in various capacities for 15 years.

Rotary Club District 6940 includes several Florida counties. In District 10, those clubs are Chiefland, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Suwannee Valley and Williston. Carlisle's home club is the Rotary Club of Williston.

John A Medina Sr. is the current 6940 district governor, and the district governor-elect is Innes C. Richards.

Anne G. Hodges, CPA, is not only the president of the Dixie County Rotary Club, but she is the president-elect for that club.

President Hodges, was joined by UF/IFAS Dixie County Extension Director Holly Houghton in leading the organization for the upcoming dance, which is one of the fundraisers for this club.

Other members who were active at the Cypress Inn Restaurant during this particular meeting were Hayward Anderson, a retired owner of Cross City's Badcock & More; Rebecca Fusco, an administrative consultant with the Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition; Dixie County School District Assistant Superintendent (finance) Tonya Howell; Dixie County Clerk of Court Dana Johnson; Project Manager Jered Lizotte of Locklear and Associates; Managing Business Partner Lucas Rollison of Cross City Reeds Metals; and Executive Director Katrina Gross VanAernam of the Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition.

Fusco was accompanied by her children Danielle Fusco, 10, and Anthony Fusco, 7. VanAernam was accompanied by her son Zach DesJardin who owns Family Ties Lawn & Landscape. He is a 2009 graduate of Dixie County High School.

Other members of the Dixie County Rotary Club include Jeanine Hurst, office manager of Cross

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City Dental; Andrew Rains, insurance agent with Nature Coast Insurance; Heather Smith, bank manager of Drummond Community Bank; Debby Sweem, administrative coordinator with Overcomers; Crystal Toler, an education coach at Florida Gateway College; and Kimbo VanAernam, a business owner in the timber industry.

Assistant District Governor Carlisle presented each member who was present with the governor's pin for this Rotary year. She left pins for the Rotarians who were unable to attend that day.

The main goal of the meeting Wednesday afternoon was continued preparation for the big dance. For the Rotarians who may not have read what she submitted to *HardisonInk.com* and was first published on the [LIFE PAGE](#) on Dec. 27, President Hodges read it.

The meeting started promptly and ended on time as well. Members and most of the guests enjoyed meals, although Fusco's two children prepared their own lunches of macaroni and cheese, and hotdogs, before their Mom swooped them over to enjoy a Rotary Club meeting.

The Rotarians sang *God Bless America*, recited *The Pledge of Allegiance* (to the flag of the United States of America), recited *The Four Way Test* of Rotary, reminded each other to put service above self, and recited the theme initiated this year by 2018-19 Rotary Club International President Barry Rassin, who has his home club at the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas.

The theme for the 2018-19 Rotary Year is to "Be The Inspiration."

Mark Daniel Maloney, of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Ala., is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2019-20. If selected, Maloney will choose the theme for the next Rotary Year, which begins July 1. Maloney is a partner in a law firm.

As far as Rotary Club International, it is noted on that website that "Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

"Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects," the notation continues. "From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end."