



# Rotary District 6920



## THE 4-WAY TEST

“Of the things we think, say or do:  
Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

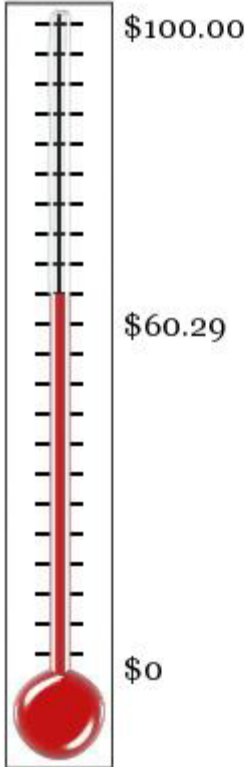
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”

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# District Conference Draws Near



### Measuring our success!

This thermometer measures the annual funds giving (per capita). Currently, the district is at **\$60.29** per member for the period. Please see page 5 for individual club contributions to this fund.

Rotary District 6920’s annual conference is drawing near, with Rotarians and guests set to celebrate Rotary’s centennial April 15-17 in Augusta.

District Conference Chairman Bill Phillips promises a conference to remember.

As of April 2, 350 Rotarians and guests had registered for the event, according to Jim Bruce, Webmaster and one of this year’s conference registration chairs. If you haven’t done so already, you can register for the conference in one of two ways: online or via mail.

To register online, log on to the District Web site at [www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net). A mail-in registration form can also be downloaded and printed from this site. Credit cards and checks are being accepted.

In a March 23 email to next year’s club presidents, DGN Dallas Simon wrote, “As of today we only have 22 president elects registered for the District Conference. This is such a great event and I hope that our registration will

increase. Its a time for fellowship and learning as well as fun. Bill Phillips has really put together a great conference. Register today.”

In an earlier email to club presidents-elect, DGN Dallas said, “It’s very important to make this a success. The only way for this to be successful is for you to be in attendance. I will be introducing you at the conference as the new leadership team for 2005-2006.

Please register and make your room registration direct with the Radisson in Augusta. This is a great time for fellowship with your fellow Rotarians. If you think PETS was good, then you need to attend the conference. Bill Phillips and his team have really put together a great conference.”

All clubs are reminded to bring their club banner AND stand, at least two valuable items for the auction, door prize items clearly marked with the donating club name, the club’s centennial display and the club’s scrapbook.

All clubs are asked to play up the importance of this year’s conference and encourage all members and their spouses to register for the conference.



District 6920’s Goals for  
2004-05

*Earn the Presidential Citation*

*Every Rotarian Every Year  
\$100 per capita - The Rotary  
Foundation*

*Grow your membership by 3%*

## Leask to Serve as President’s Representative

John M. Leask II, (Mac), a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Valuation Analyst, will represent RI President Glenn Estess at this year’s district conference in Augusta April 15-17. He and his wife, Phoebe, reside in Fairfield, Conn.

Mac is one of the principals of Leask & Leask, P.C., heading up the firm’s management advisory services area and legal services group. He provides business valuation, management advisory services

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## District Conference Highlights

The 100th birthday celebration of Rotary International will highlight this year's district conference April 15-17 in Augusta. And, to make the event a memorable one, District Conference Chair Bill Phillips and a host of committee chairs have arranged to have outstanding keynote speakers at the opening luncheon and at Friday night's dinner. Providing entertainment Friday night will be The Headliners, while The Andrew Thielen Big Band will entertain guests Saturday night.

### Ronda Rich (Speaker for Friday lunch)

Audiences love the comic charm and warmth of best-selling author and southern humorist Ronda Rich and often express it with standing ovations. While she tailors her presentations to the client's needs, offering thought-provoking motivation and enjoyable storytelling to secular audiences or moving inspiration to Christian audiences, one element remains constant – she always entertains with hilarious anecdotes and witticisms.



Ronda Rich

Give her an audience – any audience – and she'll give whatever it takes. Perfect for female and mixed audiences, the former sports-writer is also popular with all male audiences as she delves into her own experiences to talk about "We Learn From Sports."

### Alice Rabeler (Speaker for Friday Dinner)

GRSP Alumna Alice Rabeler was a student in the Georgia Rotary Student Program in 1979-80. Sponsored by the Macon Rotary Club, she attended Wesleyan College.

Alice was from Munster, Germany, where her father, Gerhard, was an architect and city planner, and her mother, Alexe, was a singer in the Civic Chorus.

A serious student, yet full of fun and adventure, Alice returned to Germany and received a Ph.D at Munster University in English Literature. She was a research assistant in a project on the reception of English and American literature in German publishing history. Presently, a librarian at Bonn University Library, she is a consultant for library architecture (her father's heritage/architect genes coming out). She now lives in Cologne with her husband, Frank Westphal, and two children, Felix, age 13, and Darius, age 8.



Alice Rabeler



The Andrew Thielen Big Band will provide entertainment Saturday night.

Get ready to enjoy the sounds of The Headliners Friday night.



## Explore Augusta

A number of optional social events will allow Rotarians and their guests to tour the city of Augusta. Among events planned are:

Golf Tournament held at the prestigious River Golf Club (open to first 48 registrants) - \$65 per participant

Augusta Canal Boat Tour & Interpretive Center (open to first 40 registrants) - \$30 per participant

Phinzy Swamp Tour (Limited to first 55 registrants) - \$22 per participant

Augusta Tour - Includes various stops in the city of Augusta - (Limited to first 50 registrants) - \$35 per participant

Sign up for these events on the conference registration form.

## Leask to Serve as Representative

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and guidance on profitability issues to clients and is licensed to practice accounting in both Connecticut and New York State.

Mac has previously served as president of the Fairfield Rotary Club in Connecticut, District 7980 Rotary International Governor and has been



Mac Leask II

awarded the Paul Harris Community Service Award by his club. He also has the Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award from the Foundation of Rotary International. Mac is recipient of the Norm Parsells Award from the Rotary clubs of six area towns.

# DISTRICT NEWS

## President Glenn to Speak to Dublin Club

*All Rotarians & guests are invited to attend*

RI President Glenn Estess will speak to The Dublin Rotary Club on June 1 at 12:30 p.m. The luncheon meeting will be held at the Dubose Porter Center on the campus of The Heart of Georgia Technical College in Dublin. Registration check-in will start at 10:45 a.m. and the serving line will open at 11:30 a.m.. The meeting will be called to order at 12:30 p.m.. The cost will be \$35.

If you plan to attend you must make advance reservations (no walk-ins) Only 800 reservations will be accepted. Please mail your check, as soon as possible (cutoff date is May 25) to the Dublin Rotary Club, P.O. Box 1074, Dublin, GA 31040. Please include your name, club, and district. The last day to register is May 25. For driving directions to the college, go to [http://heart9.hgtc.org/college\\_profile/drive\\_dir.htm](http://heart9.hgtc.org/college_profile/drive_dir.htm).

For any Rotarian who would like to fly in, the Dublin Rotary Club will have transportation to the Center leaving the Dublin Airport at 11 a.m. In order to have proper transportation, please call Danny Jones at 478-277-5060 or 478-279-3533 or e-mail [dtjones@nlamerica.com](mailto:dtjones@nlamerica.com) if you plan to fly. For information on the Dublin Airport, visit [www.airna.com/airport/DBN](http://www.airna.com/airport/DBN).

We look forward to seeing you on June 1!  
PDG Preston Johnson



*RI President Glenn Estess*

## *DGE Dallas Simon Makes Announcements*

To All,

Many thanks for those that attended PETS. I have heard nothing but positive response. This is due to the efforts of the PETS committee.

For those that have already registered for the conference please disregard.

There are two important dates coming up and after that I will leave you alone for a while. The District Conference is April 15th - 17th and it's very important to make this a success. The only way for this to be successful is for you to be in attendance. I will be introducing you at the conference as the new leadership team for 2005-2006. Please register and make your room registration direct with the Radisson in Augusta. This is a great time for fellowship with your fellow Rotarians. If you think PETS was good, then you need to attend the conference. Bill Phillips and his team have really put together a great conference. Go to the web site and register today.

The District Assembly will be in Dublin May 21st. I will give more details later. As you all know I love to send out agendas. I will keep you informed as this develops.

Dallas Simon, 2005-06 DG

## All Clubs Receive The Presidential Citation

DG John has announced that all District 6920 clubs have applied for and been granted the RI Presidential Citation.

The Presidential Citation is aimed at increasing Rotary Club involvement in service activities, while at the same time encouraging

Rotarians' personal involvement in serving others and promoting a high standard of Rotary service in the community. The award is revised on an annual basis by the RI president and traditionally highlights the president's theme.

Rotary clubs in good standing are

eligible to receive the award. Eligibility requirements are revised on an annual basis, but are generally based on service activities within the Four Avenues of Service. District governors must endorse and submit nomination forms to RI World Headquarters.



# DISTRICT NEWS

## Celebrating Rotary's 100 Years

Rotary District 6920 clubs have been asked to present a report on what their club is doing to celebrate Rotary's 100th birthday. This month, the Milledgeville and Statesboro Rotary clubs share their projects.

### *Milledgeville Club Celebrates Peace Day*

Milledgeville Rotarians and other community members gathered on February 23rd to celebrate the 100th year of Rotary International and 'World Understanding and Peace Day'.

Baldwin County became the first Rotary Peace Community in the United States on September 5, 1995. The Peace Monument to symbolize this commitment was dedicated July 18, 1996.

Music for the celebration was provided by Baldwin High School's Band, the Baldwin High Marching Pride, and the colors were presented by the Baldwin High School NJROTC.

Milledgeville Mayor Floyd Griffin, Jr. and Baldwin County Commissioner Collins P. Lee presented a joint proclamation making February 23, 2005 Rotary International Day in Milledgeville and Baldwin County.

Rotarian Brad Oliver spoke on the history of World Understanding and Peace Day.

Dr. Jim Higgins, a pastor and military chaplain, spoke on the cost of freedom and the sacrifices made to attain peace. "Peace is costly and freedom isn't free" was reiterated many times during his speech.

Col. Fred Van Horn, president of the Rotary Club of Milledgeville gave the closing remarks.



*Baldwin High School Band*

### *Statesboro Clubs Celebrate with Paul Harris*

*Submitted by Mike Kennedy, Chair of History/10th Anniversary Committees  
Rotary Club of Statesboro*

In a joint evening meeting, the Rotary Club of Statesboro and the Downtown Rotary Club celebrated Rotary International's 100th anniversary on February 23rd 2005, at the Forest Heights Country Club. The gala affair was attended by 240 Rotary members, spouses and guests.

Planning for the event began in July 2004, with the Statesboro Club taking the lead. A committee of three was appointed from the club's History Committee. This committee secured the site, selected the menu and planned the program and entertainment. The Downtown Club was in charge of the invitations, a commemorative program and decorations. The committees from the two clubs met once with their respective presidents to designate responsibilities for the event.

The highlight of the celebration was a surprise visit from none other than Rotary's founder Paul Harris. His presentation included Rotary history, personal history and early life, and recollections of a visit to Statesboro on his way to Savannah.



*Statesboro Rotary Club President Kenny Stone and Doug Lambert, President of The Downtown Rotary Club*



*Paul Harris*

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Annual Funds Report

The following is a report of the Annual Giving **per capita** for the July 1, 2004 to January 31, 2005 period.

Ashburn: \$66.67	Hazlehurst: \$25.00	Savannah Sunrise: \$108.33
Augusta South: \$28.63	Hinesville: \$0	Savannah West: \$69.76
Augusta: \$42.13	Jefferson Co.: \$45.45	Savannah: \$88.59
Augusta West: \$81.55	Jekyll Island: \$0	Skidaway Island: \$170.08
Blackshear: \$80.59	Jesup: \$0	St. Simons/Marshes of Glynn: \$50.26
Brunswick: \$6.92	Jones County: \$0	St. Simons Island: \$98.18
Camden County: \$269.88	Kings Bay: \$102.22	Statesboro: \$24.10
Centerville: \$0	Macon: \$25.64	Swainsboro: \$0
Claxton: \$25.45	McIntosh Co.: \$1.47	Sylvania: \$0
Cochran: \$30.85	McRae: \$0	Tennille: \$5.26
Douglas: \$0	Metter: \$75.64	Tift County: \$29.00
Downtown Macon: \$67.20	Milledgeville: \$115.49	Tifton: \$16.94
Downtown Statesboro: \$104.78	Millen: \$48.39	Valdosta Sunrise: \$22.78
Dublin: \$89.97	Nashville-Berrien: \$0	Valdosta: \$51.77
Eastman: \$0	Ocilla: \$0	Valdosta North: \$114.02
Effingham Co. Sunrise: \$31.91	Perry: \$136.44	Vidalia: \$0
Effingham Co.: \$0	Pooler: \$45.87	Warner Robins: \$123.50
Fitzgerald: \$10.71	Reidsville: \$0	Waycross: \$6.88
Glennville: \$101.56	Richmond Hill: \$14.70	Waynesboro: \$76.92
Glynn County: \$9.57	Sandersville: \$7.81	Wrightsville: \$7.14
Greater Byron: \$64.00	Savannah East: \$81.34	
Hawkinsville: \$51.48	Savannah South: \$216.41	<b>TOTAL for District: \$60.29</b>

### Joint PETS Will Continue

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This year's joint PETS was the best yet. The venue was excellent, we had some world class speakers and many, many unsolicited positive comments from attendees.

My fellow Georgia DGNs, Steve Stanfield and J.V. Vlass, attended and evaluated the three-district joint PETS and we are all in agreement to continue with the joint Georgia PETS.

At a meeting immediately following this year's Peach State PETS, the following was agreed to: PDG Lona Pope, PDG Tom Kent and PDG Jeanette Caneega and the three District Trainers will be members of the executive committee and Lona will be the chair. Jeanette has agreed to attend the PETS Alliance at RI in July. PDG Bill MacDonald and DGN Dick Hyer have agreed to help the executive committee.

Yours in Rotary,  
DGN Bill Blankenship  
Rotary District 6920

### Group Study Exchange



*The Group Study Exchange Team from Japan speaks at the Savannah South Rotary Club. Members of the team, from left to right, are Shizuko Ichijo, a nurse; Hiroko Omaru, an English teacher; Keiichi Yoshida, a chemical engineer, and Kenji Naito, owner of a construction materials company and leader of the team. The group arrived in Savannah on March 28 and will depart from Savannah on April 19, following the District Conference in Augusta.*

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for the latest news and information

# CLUB VISIT PHOTOS



Tennille  
Rotary  
Club



Vidalia  
Rotary  
Club



Warner Robins  
Rotary Club



# Celebrating a Century of Service

## Centennial Service Above Self Volunteer Month

Start planning now for your club's contribution to Rotary's momentous birthday gift of service to communities worldwide

To highlight the volunteer spirit at the core of Rotary service, April 2005 has been designated Centennial Service Above Self Volunteer Month. Join this massive worldwide effort by encouraging each club member to volunteer at least 10 hours of personal time in service to others in April.

Clubs should identify meaningful volunteer opportunities in the community in which members can participate during April 2005, with a focus on meeting community needs, lending vocational expertise, or assisting a community abroad.

At the end of the month, clubs are asked to report the number of volunteer hours contributed by their members via the Member Access section of the Rotary International Web site (the reporting tool will be available in April 2005). The total number of volunteer hours reported by all clubs will be announced at the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago, 18-22 June.

For more information or to share your club's volunteer success story, please contact the Rotary International Programs Division, Rotary International, One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, 60201-3698, USA; phone: 847-866-3361, fax: 847-866-6116.

## Ways to Celebrate Rotary's Centennial

1. Create a giant birthday cake in the shape of a Rotary wheel or featuring the centennial logo and invite the community and media to share it.
2. Coordinate with the chamber of commerce to declare a Rotary Day in the city. Publicize a proclamation in schools, newspapers, TV, businesses, and Web sites.
3. Enhance the visit of the Rotary Centennial Bell by asking a non-Rotarian celebrity (e.g., television personality, mayor, school children, project representative, political representative) to ring the bell and make a notation in the bell journal for a photo opportunity. Offer fun facts about Rotary for a caption or sidebar.
4. Publish a newspaper supplement highlighting local and international Rotary stories. Profile exchange students, local projects, and those who have benefited from Rotary service. List club members and their occupations in the community.
5. Conduct a local billboard campaign highlighting Rotary's anniversary and the good Rotary has accomplished.
6. Organize a Rotary 100th birthday party and invite at-risk children and youth as the key guests.
7. Order placemats and napkins with the centennial logo on them. Use them for club meetings or special events throughout the year.
8. Create a giant JELL-O® mold of the Rotary wheel or centennial logo for a media photo opportunity.
9. Conduct a local poster or essay contest promoting volunteerism in conjunction with the centennial.
10. Collect pennies or the equivalent in other countries over the course of the year with the proceeds going to a local community project.
11. Encourage Rotary Ambassadorial or World Peace Scholars to research and speak on Rotary history at the university he or she is attending.
12. Create a Rotary History speakers bureau where Rotary members in the community speak at the library, chamber of commerce, and schools on the value of volunteerism and use project examples from Rotary's century of civic service.
13. Coordinate a 100-mile bike rally, 10-K run/walk-athon, or similar with a centennial theme. Registration proceeds can go to a centennial service project.
14. Invite a Paul Harris impersonator to visit local schools to tell children the story of Rotary and its 100 years of service. Also share the story of the founding and project contributions of local Rotary clubs.
15. Interview on videotape older Rotary members about their understanding of Rotary and Rotary's contribution to volunteerism at home and around the world. Show the tape at Rotary meetings, the local library, schools and, if available, local cable stations.

