



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 Seminar Set for Aug. 14

Dear Club Presidents,

Thank you for attending and supporting our annual District Seminar. Some of you gave me numbers planning to attend when submitting information on your club members who will be attending the District Seminar. I plan to have name tags printed prior to the District Seminar - please send me the names of your club members who will be attending.

For those of you who have not responded to the above, please do so at your earliest convenience. We need to have as many club members as possible attend.

There will be Public Relations and Membership programs that are essential in growing the number of Rotarians and informing our communities about Rotary and the good works of Rotary.

The dynamic keynote speaker PDG John Smarge will be presenting current information that has not been presented before. This information will provide great help to Club Presidents and Club Foundation Chairs in their efforts and plans to achieve this year's RI Foundation goals.

THE DISTRICT SEMINAR IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DISTRICT MEETING OF THE YEAR TO GET YOU UP TO SPEED ON THE ROTARY FOUNDATION, MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLIC RELATIONS - THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT FACETS OF ROTARY.

DG John Parkins and I are looking forward to seeing you in Vidalia on August 14!

Yours in Rotary,

DGN Bill Blankenship

District 6920 Annual Seminar Chair

DG Requests Wheel Chair Donations in Lieu of Gifts

Governor John has asked that each club give a wheelchair to him for METS in lieu of the traditional DG gift.

As of July 23, 2004, DG John had visited nine clubs. A total of 18 wheelchairs have been donated, with four more promised.

See page 2 for a complete listing of clubs that have donated and/or promised a donation.



Members of the Rotary Club of Effingham Sunrise, left, present DG John with a wheelchair.



The Rotary Club of Hinesville, right, presents a wheelchair to DG John.



Tips for Utilizing the District Web Site

by Jim Bruce
Webmaster

It's hard to believe that it has been nine months since John Parkins and Leon Benefield asked me to be Webmaster for our District Web Site. Since I retired, it seems that time is moving by faster and I'm busier than when I was working. My desire to stay busy after retirement has not been a problem. I'm an engineer with an aerospace design background, so computers and deadlines are nothing new.

We got off last November to a bumpy start not being able to use the existing web site or the domain name .org. Basically, we started all over from scratch. In those first months I was meeting district Rotarians over the phone weekly. It was impressive how cooperative and appreciative everyone was. After a few weeks, we had a web site up and running in its initial form and I knew a lot more about how District 6920 functions. The months since then have allowed me to better understand the needs and try to address some of them. An example of our implemented improvements was the on-line registration for the District Conference using credit cards. We had over 100 registrations on-line for the 2003-04 District Conference, which was a convenience to the attendees and the Conference Committee.

We have really only started to use the web site's potential. I need your help to make the site a real success. We need data from your committees and we need you to visit the site to review the status of District projects and activities. The volume of material is not an issue. We are at about 10% of our available space. My time so far is not a problem and I'll get help if that becomes an issue. Some thoughts are:

- Each Committee can have a web page of their own. Any data that you want for reference we will organize to be easily located.
- Send emails to members with references to the data that you have placed on the web site.
- Let new members know that the web site contains good orientation material.
- Review the monthly District Newsletter on-line and save the cost of copies.
- Register for this year's Conferences on-line and simplify the process.
- Help me find other good material at other Rotary web sites and I'll add a link to make access easy.

Please contact me to discuss ideas that you have on improving our District communications. In future articles, we will talk details on your most desired web site subject. Let me hear your questions or suggested

GRSP Update

The GRSP class of 2004-2005 will be composed of 76 students (53 girls and 23 boys) from 32 countries who will attend 30 colleges and universities in the communities near their host clubs. This year's class will have their first opportunity to meet each other

in Valdosta on August 27-29. The



2004 GRSP Conclave will be hosted by the Rotary

Club of Valdosta at that time and all Rotarians are invited to attend. GRSP host families are especially encouraged to attend. Preregistration information can be found at www.grspconclave.com.

Other news from the GRSP trustees:

* The GRSP Endowment continues to grow, with a total of \$5.5 million in the fund at the end of fiscal year 2004. Joe Jones, chair of the endowment committee, reports that \$455,414 has been contributed by the three Georgia districts in the past year.

Wheelchair Donations

A complete listing of clubs visited and their donations include: Brunswick, gave 1 chair; Camden County, promised 1 chair; Effingham County Sunrise, gave 1 chair; Hinesville, gave 1 chair; Skidaway Island, promised 1 chair; St. Simons Island, gave 1 chair and promised 2 more; Wrightsville, gave 2 chairs; Jones County, gave 1 chair, and Dublin, gave 11 chairs.

Centennial Chatter

... Preston Johnson, District Centennial Chairman

When I served as Rotary International Governor, in 1979-80, it was Rotary's 75th anniversary. As a District project, I requested each Rotary club to have a special Rotary supplement printed by their local newspaper to celebrate the occasion, and let the community know what their local Rotary club has been doing to benefit the community, as well as informing readers what Rotary is all about worldwide. The majority of the clubs participated, and there were some GREAT supplements, some even six to eight pages, and with color pictures!

Governor John and I urge your Rotary club to have a newspaper supplement on February 23, 2005, Rotary's actual birthday. The supplement can include local projects, past presidents and governors, with years served; a picture of the club charter night; activities through Rotary International, such as PolioPlus, and info on GRSP. Use your imagination. Every club probably has a member that works for the local newspaper ... get him or her involved.

Other Centennial ideas for projects might be a huge Rotary birthday cake and invite underprivileged children for a Rotary birthday party.

Another idea is a billboard announcing Rotary's anniversary. Have a TV interview "telling the Rotary story". Get your Interact and Rotaract clubs involved. There is much good info on the Rotary International web site.

Don't forget the Rotary International convention, in Chicago, June 18-22, 2005. You can register NOW! Please keep me up to date on your Rotary club's registrants, as

there is an incentive program in which districts can receive funds for district projects based on registrations. I have previously mailed each president-elect (now president) information and a convention CD. (Bev and I already have our hotel reservations, in downtown Chicago).

I, again, have the privilege to serve as a member of the Advisory Board of Directors for the Rotary International Rose Bowl Parade float. This activity is solely supported by Rotarians, and each club should be supportive each year, but this year

there will be a very special float with the theme *A Century of Service*. To see a picture, view a video and obtain more information, go to <http://www.rotaryfloat.org>. Each club is requested to contribute a minimum of only \$3 per member, which can be donated either by the club, members or a combination.

I'm proud to be a Rotarian! Are you? Let people know ... get involved! This is a SPECIAL CENTENNIAL YEAR!

Savannah East Names

Ashley Rotarian of the Year

Since 1987, the Rotary Club of Savannah East has presented the Rotarian of the Year Award to a Savannah area Rotarian who has distinguished himself by performing outstanding service to our community. Selected for this honor this year is Savannah Sunrise Rotary President Robert Ashley.

Bob's resume details a lengthy list of contributions not just within Rotary but well beyond. Bob is the founder of Rotary District 6920's Medical Equipment Transport Service program. The METS mission is to save lives and reduce pain and suffering by collecting donated medical equipment and supplies; performing the logistics of sorting, repairing, weighing and storage of

materials in a central warehouse; matching inventory to international needs; and packing and shipping containers worldwide.

Outside of Rotary, Robert Ashley is president of Children's Outreach, a nonprofit corporation to reduce pain and suffering and save lives. He has participated in numerous medical and dental assistance trips to Honduras and Guatemala. He established two dental clinics in Guatemala and one in Honduras; he helped

plan a free clinic at Union Mission and works with various third world dental clinics arranging for supplies and financial support. Having joined Rotary in April 1999, Bob exemplifies the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self!"





Rotary Club of Brunswick



Rotary Club of Skidaway Island



Rotary Club of St. Simons Island



Rotary Club of Camden County



Rotary Club of Dublin



Rotary Club of Hinesville



Rotary Club of Jones County



Rotary Club of Wrightsville



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Celebrating a Century of Service

The following list reflects the diversity of intellectual, cultural, military, sports, and governmental leaders around the world who have been active or honorary members of Rotary clubs. The list is a selective sampling and by no means complete. *The first half of this list of 100 appeared in the July newsletter.*

51. Douglas MacArthur, army general, USA (RC Milwaukee, Wisc.; RC Melbourne, Australia; RC Tokyo, Japan; and RC Manila, Philippines)
52. Thomas Mann, novelist and Nobel Prize laureate in literature, Germany (RC Munich)
53. Robert Manuel, theater director, France (RC Paris)
54. Guglielmo Marconi, inventor and Nobel Prize laureate in physics, Italy (RC Bologna)
55. George C. Marshall, army general and Nobel Prize laureate in peace, USA (RC Columbus, Ga.; RC Savannah, Ga.; RC Charleston, S.C.; and RC Uniontown, Pa.)
56. Jan Masaryk, foreign minister, Czechoslovakia (RC Prague)
57. Konosuke Matsushita, president of Matsushita Electric Co., Japan (RC Osaka)
58. Dr. Charles H. Mayo, co-founder, Mayo Clinic, USA (RC Rochester, Minn.)
59. Cornelius "Connie Mack" McGillicuddie, baseball manager and team owner, USA (RC Pennsylvania, Pa.; RC Fort Meyers, Fla.)
60. Dr. Karl Menninger, psychiatrist and co-founder, Menninger Clinic, USA (RC Topeka, Kan.)
61. Cesare Merzagora, president of the senate, Italy (RC Rome)
62. Toyohiko Mikimoto, Mikimoto Pearl Co., Japan (RC Tokyo)
63. Lennart Nilsson, photographer, Sweden (RC Stockholm)
64. Georges Octors, orchestra conductor, Belgium (RC Bruxelles, Brabant)
65. Raul Sapena Pastor, prime minister, Paraguay (RC Asuncion; past RI district governor)
66. Norman Vincent Peale, clergyman and author, USA (RC New York, N.Y.)
67. Lester Pearson, prime minister, president of UN General Assembly and Nobel Prize laureate in peace, Canada (RC Ottawa, Ontario)
68. James Cash Penney, founder of JC Penney Co., USA (RC New York, N.Y.)
69. John J. "Blackjack" Pershing, army general, USA (RC St. Louis, Mo.; RC Lincoln, Neb.; and RC San Antonio, Texas)
70. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (RC Edinburgh, Scotland; RC King's Lynn and RC Windsor & Eton, England)
71. Antoine Pinay, prime minister, France (RC Saint-Etienne)
72. Leopoldo Pirelli, president, Pirelli Tire Co., Italy (RC Milano)
73. Joan Abello Prat, painter, Spain (RC Barcelona Condal)
74. Emilio Pucci, couturier-designer, Italy (RC Florence)
75. Prince Rainier III of Monaco (RC Monaco)
76. James Whitcomb Riley, poet, USA (RC Indianapolis, Ind.)
77. Sigmund Romberg, composer, USA (RC New York, N.Y.)
78. Carlos Romulo, president of UN General Assembly, Philippines (RC Manila; past RI vice president)
79. Franklin D. Roosevelt, president, USA (RC Albany, N.Y.)
80. Wolfgang Schallenberg, secretary general of the ministry of foreign affairs, Austria (RC Paris Ouest, Hts-de-Seine, France; RC Madrid, Spain; and RC Wien, Austria)
81. Walter Scheel, president, Germany (RC Bonn)
82. Albert Schweitzer, physician, philosopher, and Nobel Prize laureate in peace, Gabon (RC Colmar, France and RC Passau, Germany)
83. Kiyoshi Seike, architect, Japan (RC Tokyo-Meguro)
84. Donna Shalala, secretary, Health and Human Services, USA (RC Madison, Wisc. and RC Coral Gables, Fla.)
85. Kenjiro Shoda, president, Osaka University, Japan (RC Osaka)
86. Jean Sibelius, composer, Finland (RC Helsinki-Helsingfors)
87. Tris Speaker, baseball player, USA (RC Cleveland, Ohio)
88. Sir Sigmund Sternberg, businessman and philanthropist, England (RC London)
89. Adlai E. Stevenson, ambassador to the United Nations and governor of Illinois, USA (RC Springfield, Ill.)
90. Prince Tsuneyoshi Takeda of Japan (RC Tokyo-North)
91. Margaret Thatcher, prime minister, England (RC Westminster East, Greater London)
92. Claude Vuitton, owner, Vuitton luggage enterprise, France (RC Paris Nord)
93. Charles R. Walgreen Jr., chairman of the Walgreen Drug Co., USA (RC Chicago, Ill.)
94. Earl Warren, chief justice, Supreme Court, USA (RC Sacramento, Calif.)
95. Jack Williamson, science fiction writer, USA (RC Portales, N.M.)
96. Woodrow Wilson, president and Nobel Prize laureate in peace, USA (RC Birmingham, Ala.)
97. Orville Wright, aviation pioneer, USA (RC Dayton, Ohio)
98. Philip Wylie, author and social commentator, USA (RC Middletown, Conn.)
99. Chia-kan "C. K." Yen, president, Republic of China-Taiwan (RC Taipei)
100. Willy Zumblick, painter and sculptor, Brazil (RC Tubarao)