



Group Student Exchange Team to Brazil Selected

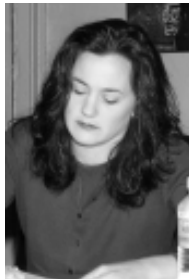
The Group Student Exchange Team to Brazil has been selected, according to DG Bruce Montgomery and GSE Team Leader John Neely. The team will travel to Bahia, Brazil in April, departing April 22 and returning May 13. During that time, the GSE team from Brazil will be visiting Georgia.

Requests are now being accepted from individuals who wish to be host to the team. For additional details on being a host, please contact GSE Inbound Chair Bill Blankenship via e-mail at rotarybill@eagnet.com.

Outbound GSE team members selected to go to Brazil include:

*Beth Concepcion of Savannah. Ms. Concepcion is editor of *The Campus Chronicle*, a weekly newspaper of the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD). She also serves as meteorologist and reporter for WJCL and WTGS television stations in Savannah. She holds a MFA degree from SCAD, and has previously traveled to Brazil and Japan. Beth is married and lives in Savannah.

*Erik Murry of Savannah is Co-Founder/Director of Low Country Artists, Inc., which serves to educate at-risk youth through training in the Afro-Brazilian art/dance of Capoeira Angola. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Oberlin College, having studied Chinese language and literature and African American studies. He is currently in Leadership



Beth Concepcion



Donna Buie



Donna Floyd-Bearden



Van Johnson



Erik Murray



Jodi Harrelson

Savannah, was designated a WTOC-TV Hometown Hero and has traveled to Bahia, Brazil and Russia. Erik, his wife and two children live in Savannah.

*Van Johnson of Savannah is Employee Services and Training Manager for Chatham County. He holds a masters degree in public administration from Georgia Southern University and was named one of "20 under 40" by the Savannah Morning News in 1999. Mr. Johnson hosts a weekly radio show on WSOK called "Open Line Outreach" and serves on numerous civic boards and organizations. He has traveled to Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. Van is single and lives in Savannah.

*Jodi Harrelson of Dublin is Access Program Mentor for Middle Georgia College, a program which recruits non-traditional students to the college. She holds a master of science degree in cardiac rehabilitation and exercise science from East Stroudsburg University. Ms. Harrelson has extensive health related training, awards and certifications. She has traveled to Ireland, England and France. Jodi is single, works in Alamo, and lives in Dublin.

*Donna Buie of Savannah is an eighth-grade reading and language arts teacher at Bartlett Middle School. She holds a master of arts degree in teaching from the University of South Carolina and was named the 2002 "Teacher of Excellence" by the Rotary Club of Savannah South. Ms. Buie's other

interests include wildlife, animal training and environmental conservation. Donna and her two dogs live in Savannah.

*Donna Floyd-Bearden of Waynesboro is a registered nurse and health professional with Burke Medical Center. She holds a nursing diploma from Georgia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing and currently attends Georgia Southern University. Ms. Floyd-Bearden has participated in medical missions to the Dominican Republic for three years and has hosted Brazilian high school students in her home. Donna is married, has two children and lives in Waynesboro.

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The Governor's Corner by Bruce Montgomery

Rotarians of District 6920

Well the year is now half over, the raffle is under way, the Beach Party plans are almost complete, the first joint PETS will soon be upon us and I have finished my official visits with each club in the district. The visits have been more fun than I ever would have believed. Frosty and I got to meet and get to know a lot of you and we thank you for your warm and kind hospitality.

The district is running smoothly and we are pushing hard toward making the goals we set for ourselves last spring. With your help, we can make them. One of our goals is to raise \$250,000 for the annual fund of the Rotary Foundation. This can be done easily if every Rotarian will find two friends and ask them to help us wipe out Polio by buying a ticket for the Thunderbird raffle. Of course, the goal is for each Rotarian sell two tickets in 2002 and three tickets in 2003. If we do that, we can send the Rotary Foundation almost \$1 million. Wouldn't that be great!

The Group Study Exchange team committee met in Savannah in mid-December to select four team members and two alternates. The six chosen are featured elsewhere in this issue. Picking six from the 10 that applied was very difficult. All 10 were, and are, excellent candidates. Congratulations to all of them. We wish them the best of luck as they move through their training and on to Brazil.

Yours in Rotary,
Bruce Montgomery
District Governor

Welcome

to John Harrison Frost Renner, son of Rob and Anne Renner of Cleveland, Tenn. The grandson of DG Bruce and Frosty, Jack was born Dec. 2 and weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 inches long. He will be called Jack Frost after his maternal great-grandfather.



Rotary Club of McIntosh County



Six members of the Rotary Club of McIntosh County took advantage of a recent GRSP program that provided a matching grant for 50 percent of the contribution for a Will Watts Fellow Award. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Bill J. Quinn, club president; Robert E. Reese, chairman of the club committee; Jerry Loyd, chairman of the club's vocational committee; Patricia Skipper, treasurer; Hamsa Thota, GRSP Endowment vice chair for the district; (front row, left to right) Diane Martin, past president, and Latrelle Peterson, president-elect.

Milledgeville Rotary Club Wins International Award

The Rotary Club of Milledgeville received the 2001-2002 Rotary International Public Relations Award in Barcelona, Spain. The winning project was entitled, "Peace Awareness through Milledgeville's Rotary Peace Monument." The project was the winner in the District competition in August 2001 and was entered in the international competition.

Former Milledgeville Rotary Club President Bill Neely learned in May 2001 that the Milledgeville club had been selected for the worldwide award. This is the first time in the history of the Milledgeville Rotary Club that an international award has been achieved.

"It's a great honor for each and every member of Rotary," said Mr. Neely.

District Governor Bruce Montgomery attended the Oct. 24 Milledgeville Rotary Club meeting and presented the club's award to Karen Brooks, director of public relations, and

Mr. Neely.

Milledgeville became the first Rotary Peace Community in the United States on Sept. 5, 1995. The Peace Monument symbolizing this commitment was dedicated July 18, 1996. Rotary's goal has been to reach out in the community with open hearts and to bridge the differences between people and communities. With much thought and consideration, the Milledgeville Rotary Club chose a campaign that would get the community's attention and further educate them on what the Peace Monument represents.

The current president of Milledgeville's Rotary Club, Brad Serff, said he was proud of the club for its hard work and commitment to the community.

"It's a privilege to have the first Rotary Peace Monument in the United States," he said.



Bill Neely, 2001-02 Milledgeville Rotary Club President, Karen Brooks, public relations chair and Brad Serff, current Milledgeville Rotary Club President, display the Rotary Peace Monument award presented to them during DG Montgomery's official club visit.



Brunswick Rotary Club student of the month Alan Tucker from Glynn Academy



Brunswick Rotary Club student of the month Andres Gil from Frederica Academy.

Students of the Month



Brunswick Rotary Club student of the month Angela Carmine from Brunswick High.



Jesup Rotary Club students of the month, Casey Bowen and John Steed, show off their Rotary t-shirts. The students are pictured with Jesup Rotary Club President Chip Nance.

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CLUB VISIT PHOTOS



DG Montgomery visits with the Glynn County Rotary Club Board of Directors during his official visit with the club.



DG Montgomery with St. Simons Marshes of Glynn President Dee Brantley, St. Simons President Marie Dodd, Glynn County President Carla Yarborough and Jekyll Island President Brad Stewart



Douglas Rotary Club President Bennie Overstreet with RYLA Chair Valerie Palmer and Lt. Gov. Jim Cottingham.



DG Montgomery visits with the St. Simons Board of Directors during his official visit with the club.



Members of the Jesup Rotary Club enjoy each other's company during a recent meeting.



Douglas Rotary Club members enjoy food and fellowship.



Members of the McRae Rotary Club talk during a recent lunch meeting.



DGE Leon Benefield speaks to the Savannah East Rotary Club regarding The Rotary Foundation.