



# Rotary District 6920 *Sow the Seeds of Love*

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## *Jekyll Island Club Hotel Site of District Conference*

The grand tradition of the Jekyll Island Club Hotel began a century ago, when it was founded as an exclusive retreat for members of America's highest society. Today, where Morgan, Pulitzer, Rockefeller and Vanderbilt once came to relax, discerning visitors may enjoy the same unique combination of natural beauty and elegant architecture, private amenities and personal service. The Jekyll Island Club Hotel has been restored to its original splendor - with the addition of complete modern convenience.

Amenities include a surfside Beach Club, 63 holes of golf, indoor and outdoor tennis, lawn games, a marina and elegant shopping boutiques.

The Jekyll Island Club Hotel maintains its proud heritage of outstanding cuisine in The Grand Dining Room, The Courtyard at Crane, in the local flavor of Cafe Solterra, its bakery and delicatessen, and in the club lounge, Vincent's. The hotel's guest rooms and suites blend turn-of-the-century appointments like Victorian fireplaces and custom-made mahogany furnishings with modern conveniences including televisions, VCRs, multiple data port telephones; many rooms have whirlpool tubs.

Rotarians registering by March 15 will be automatically entered into a drawing to have registration and meal fees paid by the District.

Don't miss this year's conference. It's sure to be a blast!



*The Jekyll Island Club Hotel (above) includes numerous amenities, including a surfside Beach Club, 63 holes of golf, indoor and outdoor tennis, lawn games, a marina and elegant shopping boutiques.*



*The Jekyll Island Club Hotel once played host to America's most notable figures.*



*Guests are invited to partake of the exquisite views (above) from the Jekyll Island Club Hotel.*



*Conference attendees can sign up to take a 1-1/2 hour lunch cooking class (right) at the hotel.*

***Register for the District Conference and the P.E.T.S.  
online at [www.rotarydistrict6920.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.org).***

**Tentative Agenda  
District Conference  
Jekyll Island, Georgia**

**May 2-4, 2003**

**Friday, May 2**

12:30 p.m. - Lunch

Keynote Speaker: Former Georgia Southern University Head Coach Erk Russell

5:45 p.m. - Cocktail Reception (cash bar)

6:30 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Welcome

8:15 p.m. - Entertainment provided by the Kingston Trio

**Saturday, May 3**

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast

9:30 a.m. - Break

9:45 a.m. - Introduction and recognition of GSE Brazil Team

10:20 a.m. - Awards presentation

Noon - Golf tourney/cooking class & demo at Jekyll Island Club Hotel

5:45 p.m. - Cocktail reception (cash bar)

6:30 p.m. - Governor's banquet

7:40 p.m. - High school speech contest finals

8 p.m. - Live auction

8:30 p.m. - Introduction of Club presidents-elect

8:50 p.m. - GRSP skit

9:30 p.m. - Thunderbird raffle drawing

**Sunday Morning - May 4**

7:30 a.m. - Continental breakfast

8:30 a.m. - Worship service

9 a.m. - Introduction Leon & Caroline Benefield

9:30 a.m. - Brunch

10:45 a.m. - Presentation of Rookie of the Year award

11 a.m. - Annual business meeting (Election of John Parkins DGN; treasurer's report)

11:20 a.m. - Awards presentation

## Friday Night Entertainment:

### *THE KINGSTON TRIO*

In 1957 The Kingston Trio emerged from San Francisco's North Beach club scene to take the country by storm, bringing the rich tradition of American folk music into the mainstream for the first time. During the late 1950s & early 1960s, the Trio enjoyed unprecedented record sales and worldwide fame, while influencing the musical tastes of a generation.

Through changing times, the Trio has played on, remaining popular for a simple reason ... great songs that sound as good today as the first time you heard them. Over 40 after Tom Dooley shot to the top of the charts, the Trio is still on the road 30 weeks out of the year, bringing back all the great memories and making new ones.



*Bob Shane*

*Bob Haworth*

*George Grove*



*The Kingston Trio is comprised of (from left) George Grove, Bob Shane and Bob Haworth.*

## *Erk Russell to Speak at Opening Luncheon*

Erk Russell, retired football coach from Georgia Southern University, will be the keynote speaker at Friday's opening District Conference banquet. Coach Russell originally hails from Birmingham, Alabama and holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Auburn University where he played football, basketball, baseball and tennis for the Tigers, earning a total of 10 varsity letters. There has been no other four-sport letterman in Auburn's history since Erk Russell.

Among Coach Russell's career highlights are:

- In 17 years as the UGA defensive coordinator, he molded some of the nation's finest defensive teams, and his Junkyard Dogs of 1975 are synonymous with Bulldog football. His 1986 squad led the nation in scoring, total offense and rushing offense.

- Erk built the football program from the ground up at Georgia Southern when the school brought football back following a long absence that began with World War II. He started entirely with walk-on players who achieved a record of 13-8-1 while playing as a "club" team. Erk put together an extraordinary offense for the Eagles. Highlights of his career include numerous national championship game appearances and back-to-back national championships.

- In 1989, Coach Russell was America's "winningest" coach with two National Championships and 55 wins during a five year period.



*Erk Russell*

## School Supplies Being Collected

DG Bruce and Frosty are asking for your help in a project for Glynn County School's underprivileged children. This year's District Conference project will be to provide school supplies to the Glynn County school system in clear plastic baggies so that the teachers can tell what is included and direct the supplies to the children in an appropriate manner.

For elementary school children:

Crayons (16 pack for grades 2-5/8 pack for grades K-1); glue & glue sticks; #2 pencils; wide rule notebook paper (loose leaf); scissors (right and left-handed); facial tissues; bacterial hand soap and toothbrushes and toothpaste.

For middle school:

Regular rule loose leaf notebook paper; rulers; #2 pencils; ballpoint pens; toothbrushes and toothpaste; mouthwash and deodorant

These bags will be presented to the Glynn County School system during the conference.



OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6920

46th Annual Conference
Jekyll Island, GA
May 2-4, 2003



Please type or print (All fields are required)

Rotarian's Full Name, Other Rotarian/Spouse/Guest Name, Classification, Mailing Address, City/State/Zip, Rotary Club of, Daytime Phone, Evening Phone, Registration Fee (Rotarian: \$25; Guest: \$20)

Indicate which of the following applies for Rotarian: President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, etc.
Indicate which of the following applies for Spouse/Guest: President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, etc.

Additional Saturday Afternoon Activities: Annual District Golf Tournament, Child Care for ages 3-12, Saturday Lunch Cooking Class. Includes pricing and participant counts.

\*\*MEAL TICKET PACKAGE\*\* Save \$30. Includes all 5 meal functions listed below. Rotarian Meals and Spouse/Guest Meals options with pricing.

Mail to: Doug Baird, Conference Registration Chair, 1401 Center Drive, Vidalia, GA 30474 or fax to (912) 537-4795. Make Checks Payable to Rotary District 6920. OFFICE USE ONLY DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE. CREDIT CARD INFORMATION IF PAYING BY THIS METHOD.

CANCELLATIONS: Full refund if notice of cancellation received by April 12. NO REFUND AFTER APRIL 12, 2003.

# *P.E.T.S. Slated March 21-22 at Macon Centreplex*

Rotarians from the three Georgia districts will share their visions, organize, meet new friends and greet old ones and work toward a unified success for the 2003-04 Rotary year at the upcoming P.E.T.S. and District Assembly.

The event will be held at the Macon Centreplex March 21 and 22.

According to Leon Benefield, DGE for District 6920, the joint District Assembly will feature RI Director David Roper as a guest speaker.

David, who resides in Martinez,

is the senior partner in a law firm specializing in commercial and probate law. He is a charter member of the Martinez-Evans Rotary Club,



*District Governor's Elect Leon Benefield, District 6920; Lona Pope, District 6910; and Bill MacDonald, District 6900, worked together to create a joint District Assembly and Presidents-Elects Training Council. The event will be held March 22 at the Macon Centreplex.*

having joined in 1975. David has participated in National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria, is recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award of The Rotary Foundation and has participated in two meetings of the Council on Legislation.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Ray Klinginsmith and Rotary General Secretary Ed Futa will also speak.

Ray, of Kirksville, Missouri, is serving

as a Rotary Foundation Trustee, having been appointed to that position last year. He will serve until 2006. Ray has retired as general counsel and professor of business administration at Truman State University and operates a law office. In the early 1960s, Ray studied sociology and anthropology as a Rotary Foundation Scholar at the University of Cape Town in Rondebosch, South Africa. He is the recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

Ed was unanimously elected to be the General Secretary of Rotary International and began serving in that position in July 2000. He has outstanding ideas on club growth and membership retention.

"The long range implication of this combined training effort are improved consistency from year to year and the ability to attract the best speakers that Rotary has to offer," said Leon of the joint assembly.

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