



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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Register Now for District Conference

Registration for this year’s District Conference is now in progress. There are two methods by which to register for the April 15-17 celebration in Augusta.

Rotarians can register on-line and pay with either a credit card or mail in a check.

To mail in your registration, you can download the registration form, complete it and mail it with your payment to District 6920 Conference Registration, P.O. Box 20652, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. All checks should be made payable to “Rotary District 6920 Conference.”

This year’s conference will celebrate the district’s past, present and future club presidents and will include a presentation by famed author and southern humorist Ronda Rich.

Friday night’s guests will be The Headliners, possibly the most requested band in the Southeast. They perform over 200 nights each year. This six-piece group of guys blend great vocal harmonies with strong musical abilities to create a truly unique sound. The big, full sound is provided by six vocalists, a horn section that includes trumpet, trombone, and saxophone, bass & guitar, multi-keyboards and drums. Whether your preference is Big Band, The Classic 50’s and 60’s, Rock & Roll, Beach Music, Motown, Disco Hits or the Music of Today - get ready to dance! The songs are carefully selected for each performance to make sure that the music fits the occasion.



The Headliners

On Saturday night, the president’s banquet will be celebrated with performances by the 17-piece Andrew Thielen Big Band. This fantastic band has been the band of



Andrew Thielen Big Band

choice for Planet Hollywood, the House of Blues, Hilton Head, great Charleston weddings, other southern gala events, huge corporate conventions and a PBS special.

Past and present club presidents will be honored Saturday evening. Come join us as we celebrate 100 years of Rotary together as one big family.

Among the optional activities scheduled for Saturday afternoon are a golf

tournament at the prestigious River Golf Club, an Augusta Canal boat tour, a tour of the Phinzy Swamp and a tour of the Augusta Gardens.

Register now at www.rotarydistrict6920.net.



Measuring our success!

This thermometer measures the annual funds giving (per capita). Currently, the district is at \$43.29 per member for the period. Please see page 3 for individual club contributions to this fund.

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%

DISTRICT NEWS

River Golf Club Site of Tournament

Set along the banks of the Savannah River, The River Golf Club is rapidly establishing itself as one of the premier new course designs in the Southeast.

The River Golf Club, named one of the top 5 new affordable golf courses in America in 1999 by *Golf Digest*, course combines a fantastic layout with a spectacular setting to create a golfers paradise. Designed by internationally acclaimed golf course architect Jim Fazio, The River Golf Club offers a unique setting which includes large bent grass greens, numerous lakes, wetlands and dramatic bunkers. Designed with true golfers in mind of all levels, The River Golf Club offers five sets of tees, a challenging but fair layout and all the



amenities to ensure a memorable golf experience.

Richard (Dick) Hyer Selected DGND

Dick Hyer, a member of the Macon Rotary Club, has been selected DGND. As a member of the Macon Rotary Club, Dick served as President, Club Administrator and on the Board of Directors. He was Assistant Governor for Middle Georgia from 2000-2003. Dick has served for three years on the Executive Committee of the President's Education and Training Seminar. He has been a Rotarian since 1976 and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Dick is a graduate of Mercer University where he received undergraduate and graduate degrees. He received a Master of Arts degree in Education from Western Michigan University and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Georgia in 1978. He is married to Marsha Liles Hyer, who is a member of the Downtown Macon Rotary Club. They have three children and are members of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Macon.

Retired since 2002, Dick previously taught in the Mercer University Department of Education and served as Superintendent of the Georgia Academy for the Blind in Macon for 26 years. He has been an adjunct professor at Mercer University, the University of Georgia,

Florida State University and Wesleyan College. Dick served as president of the National Association of Residential School Administrators in 1978-80. He has been a member and chair of a number of local boards and has served as an accreditation chairperson for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the National Accreditation Council. He is currently serving as a part-time educational consultant and site visitor for several organizations in the United States and Canada.



Dick Hyer, right, is pictured with PDG Albert Reichert Sr. during the January meeting of the College of Governors. Dick was selected DGND. Both men are members of The Macon Rotary Club. (Photo provided by PDG Leon Benefield)

Teddy Bear Project Gets Underway

Each year the District Governor's wife is asked to head a project. This year Mary Ellen has asked each club to either donate \$2.00 per member or bring teddy bears to the District Conference. With the money collected, Gov. John and Mary Ellen will purchase teddy bears at wholesale price.

The teddy bears will be sent along with medical equipment and supplies (METS) to third world countries and given to children who have been hospitalized. In many cases this will be the only toy ever owned by this child. It is believed that it will create a feeling of comfort and security, which will greatly aid in the healing process.

Mary Ellen and John would like to thank each club that has sent a check to purchase the teddy bears and also thank those who have promised to bring teddy bears to the District Conference.

It is not too late for those that have not yet joined in. Please make your check out to District 6920 and send to Paula Goodnow, P.O. Box 5911, St. Marys, GA 31558 or let us know that you have chosen to bring teddy bears to the conference.

We will display all of the teddy bears purchased and donated at the district conference.

Information Needed for District Directory

District Secretary Joe Converse is collecting information for the next District Directory.

Club presidents are asked to provide the following information via email (converse@knology.net) or fax to 706 733-1205: club name, club secretary for 2005-06, mailing address, badge name, spouse's name, home phone, work phone, fax, email address, club's meeting place, day and time of meeting and brief description on how to get to club's meeting place.

DISTRICT NEWS



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

District 6920

We all know that February 23, 2005, is the 100th birthday of Rotary. I am sure that every club has some activity planned to honor this occasion.

I am asking every club to take pictures and document this event. Please send a short, but descriptive, write-up with pictures to Paula Goodnow (preferably via email). We will use these in future newsletters and at the district conference. This will also make great material for your scrapbook.

I hope that you are being successful in reaching the three goals that I personally asked you to reach. These are milestones and very important to Rotary. If you are having any difficulty, contact your assistant governor or district director for help.

Thank you for all that you do for Rotary.

Yours in Rotary Service,

John H. Parkins, Governor 2004-05

Reserve Hotel Room Now

District Conference Chair Bill Philips says it is imperative for conference attendees to make hotel reservations now, as there are three events planned for the April 15-17 weekend in Augusta.

The Radisson Riverfront Hotel has assigned a specific number of rooms for Rotarians attending the conference; otherwise, there are no additional rooms available for the weekend.

To reserve a room at the discounted rate of \$99 per night, call the Radisson at (706) 722-8900 and let them you will be in town for the Rotary District 6920 Conference.

Southland Breakfast Tickets Available

If you are interested in attending the Southland Breakfast, which is being held in conjunction with the Rotary International Conference in Chicago, tickets are now available. Tickets to the June 20 meal are \$35 and can be purchased from DGE Dallas Simon. Send payment to DGE Dallas Simon, 2225 Wheeler Road, Augusta, GA 30904.

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: \$41.86	Jefferson Co.: \$45.45	Savannah: \$49.24
Augusta West: \$81.55	Jekyll Island: \$0	Skidaway Island: \$162.66
Blackshear: \$0	Jesup: \$0	St. Simons/Marshes of Glynn: \$50.26
Brunswick: \$6.92	Jones County: \$0	St. Simons Island: \$40.33
Camden County: \$269.88	Kings Bay: \$80.00	Statesboro: \$11.96
Centerville: \$0	Macon: \$11.62	Swainsboro: \$0
Claxton: \$25.45	McIntosh Co.: \$1.47	Sylvania: \$0
Cochran: \$0	McRae: \$0	Tennille: \$5.26
Douglas: \$0	Metter: \$21.79	Tift County: \$0
Downtown Macon: \$9.32	Milledgeville: \$64.25	Tifton: \$16.94
Downtown Statesboro: \$0	Millen: \$32.26	Valdosta Sunrise: \$22.78
Dublin: \$89.51	Nashville-Berrien: \$0	Valdosta: \$51.77
Eastman: \$0	Ocilla: \$0	Valdosta North: \$114.02
Effingham Co. Sunrise: \$31.91	Perry: \$63.03	Vidalia: \$0
Effingham Co.: \$0	Pooler: \$45.87	Warner Robins: \$79.95
Fitzgerald: \$10.71	Reidsville: \$0	Waycross: \$6.88
Glennville: \$101.56	Richmond Hill: \$14.70	Waynesboro: \$0
Glynn County: \$9.57	Sandersville: \$7.81	Wrightsville: \$8.33
Greater Byron: \$64.00	Savannah East: \$23.13	
Hawkinsville: \$51.48	Savannah South: \$216.41	
		TOTAL for District: \$43.29

DISTRICT NEWS

Committee Reports

DISTRICT EXTENSION COMMITTEE

By Phil Thacker, District Extension Committee Chair

The District Extension Committee is responsible for the planning and development of new Rotary club locations within the district. This will be accomplished by working with those clubs which wish to sponsor a new club. The objective of the committee is to start two new clubs within the year and to start an ongoing review file for future clubs.

The District Extension Committee needs your help. If you have an idea for the location of a new club, please call Phil Thacker (DE Chair) 478-272-5007 or e-mail pnormant@bellsouth.net. Our committee is available to meet with your club or committee and to go to those areas where a club location is under consideration.

COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST

By Bill Quinn, CART Committee Chair

Mission: To promote Coins for Alzheimer's Research (CART) Fund throughout the district and coordinate the administration of the program.

Committee members are the various club representatives within the District. The purpose of the committee is to provide assistance to their Club to enhance the promotion and participation of CART.

One goal for this year is to have each Club in the District to join and participate in this very special endeavor. Possibly, another goal is to try for funding outside Rotary from organizations that have available grants.

Since this program was started in 1995, 1.3 million dollars have been collected. More than one million of these dollars have been provided, through grants, to five universities for research.

Keep dropping the coins and dollars in the small blue pail.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Joan Puryear, Membership Committee Chair

As you may be aware, I am serving as Membership Chair for the district for this year. I would like to ask you to help by contacting each of your club presidents to assure:

1. that each club has a person responsible for membership development for this year (The person may be the president elect or the president or any other person in the club so long as he or she is fully committed to Rotary's pressing need to develop membership.)

Last year, the district had another increase in membership – that's two years in a row. We are on a roll. Let's keep up the good work.

LITERACY COMMITTEE

By PDG Jim Puryear, Literacy Committee Chair

This is an update from PDG Jim Puryear. In December 2004, a list of literacy projects in the district was run in the District Governor's newsletter. The following project were omitted from the list:

Richmond Hill Rotary Club - provide a \$1,000 scholarship and a scholarship to Savannah Technical School. The club continues to fund these scholarships for four years as long as the student is in "good standing."

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for the latest news and information

CLUB VISIT PHOTOS



Rotary Club of McIntosh County



Rotary Club of Ocilla



Rotary Club of Perry



Rotary Club of Waynesboro



Rotary Club of St. Simons Island,
Marshes of Glynn



Rotary Club of Savannah Sunrise



CLUB VISIT PHOTOS



Rotary Club of Sylvania



Rotary Club of Hazelhurst



Rotary Club of Tift County



Rotary Club of Statesboro



Rotary Club of Tifton



Rotary Club of Swainsboro

Celebrating a Century of Service

How Rotary Set Its Wheels In Motion

Part I on the Rotary wheel story appeared in the January 2005 issue of the DG's newsletter. We complete the story in this issue.

By Joseph Derr

Reality checks

For Charles Mackintosh and Oscar Bjorge of the Rotary clubs of Chicago and Duluth, the Rotary wheel was not running well. In a co-authored January 1920 article for *The Rotarian* titled "Redesigning the Rotary Wheel," they complained about the divergence of Rotary wheels with ever-changing numbers of spokes and gear cogs and pleaded for clubs to recognize the standard design. But there was also a problem with that design: it was not mechanically sound.

Mackintosh and Bjorge concluded that proportions of the wheel, including its small teeth with large spaces in between each tooth, would make it doubtful that the gear "would get very far before every tooth in the entire outfit would be stripped [sic]." The emblem seemed to them to be "the most impossible sprocket-wheel that only the brain of an artist could conceive."

The re-engineered emblem they drafted featured six spokes or arms and 24 teeth or cogs, not to mention a more sturdy appearance. (The numbers of teeth and spokes have no symbolic connection or significance to the history of Rotary; rather, they were meant to give the impression of a real, hardworking gear.)

Rotary had found its official emblem. After the publication of the article, headquarters began to take steps to adopt the redesigned wheel at the next convention.

But there would be one last criticism. As soon as the January 1920 issue of *The Rotarian* was published, another Rotarian, Will R. Forker of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, California, pointed out an additional overlooked defect of the redesigned emblem. "The hub design of the new wheel is that of an idler wheel or gear, [as] there is no provision for the reception of power to or from the shaft. My idea of Rotary is not that it is...an idler organization...but that it is a real living force."

Forker suggested inserting a "key way" into the design's hub to make the new wheel a "real worker." The official specifications of the re-engineered, mechanically correct Rotary wheel were approved by the RI Board at their January 1924 meeting, and the new emblem, whose official colors were royal blue and gold, has remained unchanged - and working - ever since.

"Rotary is a vast machine"

To Rotarians past and present, the Rotary wheel has evoked the image of a well-oiled, efficient machine, working for the service of mankind. "The gearwheel is truly emblematic of Rotary," wrote William E. Fulton, of the Rotary Club of Waterbury, Connecticut, in the March 1920 issue of *The Rotarian*. "The wheel must be symmetrical - well proportioned throughout and so well balanced that it shall run smooth and true. It is precisely that way with the Rotarian. We do not think of a gearwheel as standing by itself. It has a companion gear...and stands for comradeship."

The Rev. E.K. Means of the Rotary Club of Monroe, Louisiana, used the same imagery in an editorial published later that year. "Rotary is a vast machine and every club a wheel. I firmly believe that all the great machinery of Rotary represents a providential movement," Means wrote. "Our Rotary wheel means that our best gifts of service are rolling always in the right direction."

The emblem's omnipresence in Rotary from the earliest days of the first clubs also has left an indelible mark on Rotarian culture. For example, the name of the official magazine of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland for many years was *The Rotary Wheel* before it was renamed simply *Rotary*. The comics and jokes section of *The Rotarian* is still called "Stripped Gears."

Use of the Rotary wheel

Today, Rotary's emblem not only distinguishes Rotary in the community, but also helps Rotarians identify each other and find clubs when traveling.

The Rotary emblem, like Rotary's name, is a registered trademark, protected throughout the world by Rotary International. These trademarks, among numerous others owned by RI, are commonly referred to as the "Rotary Marks." RI encourages Rotary clubs, Rotary districts, and other Rotary entities to use the Rotary emblem in conjunction with the name of their clubs and districts when they host or organize local projects or events.

"The Rotary emblem is recognizable as the symbol of Rotary around the world," said Jomarie Fredericks, intellectual property manager for legal services at RI. "Following the RI Board's guidelines for use of the Rotary Marks will ensure that Rotarians will be able to use them for generations to come."



1912



1910



1924-present