



# 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?

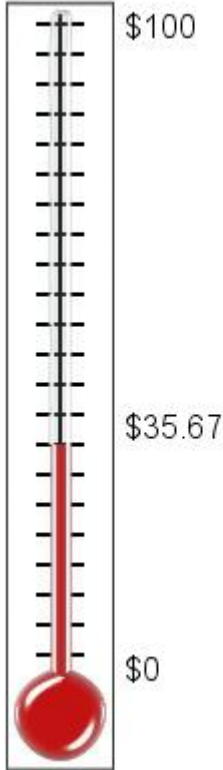
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”

John Parkins, District Governor  
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# PETS Registration Ends Soon



### Measuring our success!

This thermometer measures the annual funds giving (per capita). The district is at \$35.67 as of Dec. 31, 2004. Please see page 4 for individual club contributions to this fund.

Registration for the Peach State President Elects Training Seminar is underway, with the early registration deadline set for January 15.

A premier training event for Rotary leaders, Peach State PETS provides information, inspiration, and fellowship. Structured to meet the needs of incoming club presidents, assistant governors and governors nominee, this two-day training seminar serves all of the Rotary clubs in three Georgia Rotary Districts - more than 200 clubs. Using inspiring speakers and experienced discussion leaders, this event is designed to encourage participation.

**This is mandatory for all presidents-elect for 2005-06 and it is highly recommended that presidents-elect attend.**

Each year, we feature Rotary International leaders and other special guests as our keynote speakers. They bring us humor, challenges and inspiration. Keynote speakers will include PDGs Charles Laine (D6760) and Dr. Anne Matthews (D7770) and John Capps - Charter

President of the Rotary Club of Morehead City-Noon, N.C., DG (1985-86).

This year's event is March 11 and 12, 2005 and registration is by on-line access at

www.peachstatepets.org. You must register on-line and use a credit card to pay.

No mail in registrations will be accepted. A \$50 late fee will be added for anyone registering after Jan. 15, 2005.

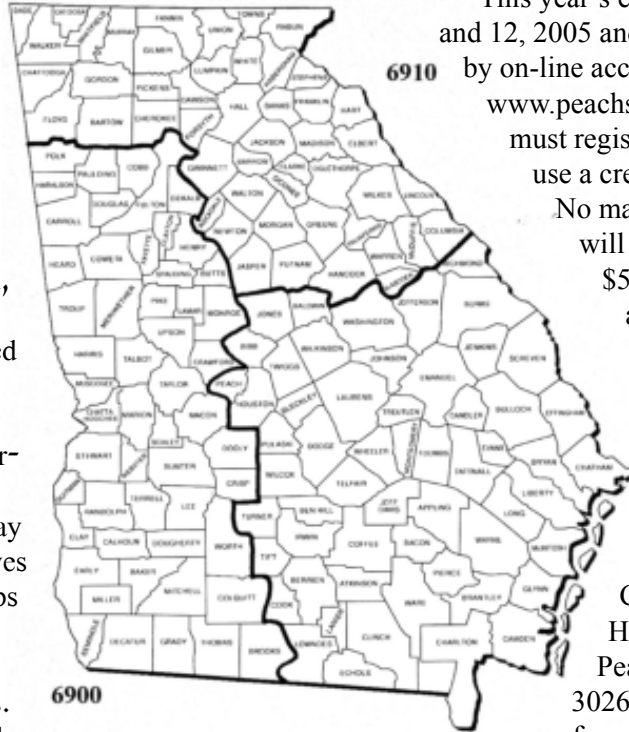
PETS will be held at the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center, 2443 Highway 54 West Peachtree City, GA

30269. Visit the conference center's Web

site at www.wyndhapeachtree.com.

All attendees need to Register even if they are part of the PETS Committee, a speaker, a presenter, a Governor, or Governor Elect. We need to have a count for meals and meeting space. Cost is \$165 before Jan. 15 and includes materials and meals. Hotel expenses and/or golf expenses are not included.

DGE Dallas Simon will preside over this year's opening luncheon on Friday, March 11. PDG Jeanette Caneega will present the Rotary 101 session on Thursday, March 10.



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### Wheelchair Donations

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

As of Dec. 12, 2004:  
64 Clubs Visited  
227 Chairs Donated

(see details on p. 3)

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# DISTRICT NEWS



## EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) has established the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) goal for all of us. The average dollar donation goal from all Rotarians is \$100 per year. Many Rotarians make annual donations well above the \$100 EREY average. In some countries, Rotarians do not have the resources to meet the \$100 EREY expectation. Fortunately, nearly all Rotarians in the United States can easily donate \$100 annually to TRF.

I do not know one Rotarian who has never given a donation to a charitable organization. However, we do have some Rotarians in our district who have never sent a donation to The Rotary Foundation. Every Rotarian knows about our work in Polio eradication, wells in India, cultural exchanges, education, literacy and all of the many programs designed by Rotary to work for world peace and understanding. Donations by Rotarians to TRF pay for these programs and make our world a better place to live. A few Rotarians believe the myth that their club dues goes to TRF. I am asking each Club President to discuss this anomaly at your next club and board meetings.

In our district we have some clubs with all Paul Harris Fellows which indicates that TRF has received at least \$1000 in donations for each Paul Harris Fellow. We have Rotary Clubs and Rotarians committed to the EREY goal. Some of our Rotary Clubs and their members have already sent - this Rotary year - TRF contributions that equal \$100 per member and more - a few clubs have already doubled the \$100 per Rotarian since July 1, 2004. A few Rotarians in our district have become members of the Paul Harris Society by donating \$1000 to TRF this year and committed to donating \$1000 to TRF every year.

**What have you and your club members contributed to TRF this year? What is your club's commitment to The Rotary Foundation EREY goal?**

All Annual Programs Fund donations to The Rotary Foundation are invested for three years with the investment income paying for administrative costs. After three years 100% of the original donation is used to do good works Internationally and here at home. No other charitable organization can boast of a record where 100% of donations are spent on good works.

As club president, I want you to encourage your board and club members to include on your periodic dues statements a box/line where the individual Rotarian can indicate his/her EREY donation to TRF. Will you please, as a continuing reminder, include the following statement on your clubs dues statement: Every Rotarian Every Year is The Rotary Foundation goal to reach an average of \$100 donated Every Year for Every Rotarian.

Rotary is a charitable organization in need of donations and commitment from Rotarians to continue the good works that have made us a worldwide praised community service organization.

**PLEASE GIVE A COPY OF THIS PAGE TO EACH ROTARIAN**

DGN Bill Blankenship  
District TRF Chair

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Centennial Chatter

### ... Preston Johnson, District Centennial Chairman

I trust that you and yours had a very merry and blessed CHRISTmas, and I wish all of you a Happy New Year.

Now...let's start 2005 off right by registering for the Rotary International 100th anniversary Chicago convention, which will be held this summer, June 18-22, 2005.

I have been furnishing you information for months, through various methods. By accessing the following links, you should be able to get all of your questions answered, since it includes updated information, particularly about hotels.

#### General questions

<http://www.rotary.org/centennial/conventin/faq.htm>

#### Registration

<http://www.rotary.org/centennial/convention/registrationfaq.html>

#### Convention housing

<http://www.rotary.org/centennial/convention/housingfaq.html>

#### Exhibiting at the convention

<http://www.rotary.org/centennial/convention/exhibitfaq.html>

Rotary will be 100 years old on February 23. Please remember to have a special newspaper supplement that relates what your club does and has done, in your community and internationally, who your present officers are and who your past presidents and district governors are, as well as what Rotary International is; include pictures and color, if possible. This should be inserted in the Feb. 23 issue of your local paper.

## PDG Jacob New Dies

Jacob (Jake) New, past district governor of Rotary District 6920, died in Dublin on Christmas Day at the age of 84.

Born in Dexter, GA, Jake lived in Dublin most of his life. He was the son of the late Dr. James Ezra New and Maude Brantley New. He was a graduate of Dublin High School and the University of Georgia and received his Juris Doctor from University of Virginia Law School.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps in Japan and the Philippines. Jake served as past Exalted Ruler of the Dublin Elks, past president of the Laurens County Historical Society and past chairman of the American Cancer Society, Dublin/Laurens Unit and board member of the ACS Georgia. He also served as past president of the Dublin Rotary Club and past District Governor of Rotary International District 6920 from



Jake New

1986-1987. He was a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow and Will Watt Fellow. Jake also served on the board of the Dublin/Laurens Chamber of Commerce. In 1990, he was honored as Man of the Year for Dublin/Laurens County. He was a devoted member of Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church, where he served as an Elder and as the Men's Sunday School Class teacher for many years.

Jake is survived by his wife of 52 years, Margaret Hammett New; daughters, Jackie Gannaway Short of Dublin and Eleanor Marie McDavid of Macon; grandsons, Lawrence Craig Gannaway of Rome; Russell David Gannaway of Atlanta, Robert Jacob Gannaway and William Bair Short, both of Dublin, and William Brian McDavid, Jr. of Macon. Memorials may be made to Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church, 511 Bellevue Avenue, Dublin, GA 31021, the Dublin Rotary Club's Advocates for Alzheimer's Project at P.O. Box 107, Dublin, GA 31040, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Final Wheel Chair Donations Report Released

CLUB	CHAIRS GIVEN	CLUB	CHAIRS GIVEN
Brunswick	1	Macon	1
Camden County	0	Tennille	1
Effingham County Sunrise	1	Greater Byron	1
Hinesville	1	Dn. Macon	1
Skidaway Island	0	Ashburn	12
St. Simons Island	1	Eastman	33
Wrightsville	2	Nashville-Berrien	1
Jones County	1	Hawkinsville	1
Dublin	11	Milledgeville	7
Claxton	1	Cochran	1
Reidsville	0	Marshes of Glynn	0
Augusta	1	Metter	1
Augusta South	1	Fitzgerald	1
Jefferson County	1	Glynn County	8
Augusta West	23	Sandersville	1
Blackshear	1	Savannah East	2
Waycross	4	Tift County	1
Glennville	1	Tifton	1
Richmond Hill	1	Jesup	1
Valdosta - North	1	Perry	21
Valdosta	2	McRae	1
Valdosta - Sunrise	1	Jekyll Island	0
Centerville	10	Kings Bay	3
Warner Robins	26	Swainsboro	11
Hazlehurst	1	Waynesboro	7
Douglas	1	Millen	2
Vidalia	2	Sylvania	0
Dn. Statesboro	1	Statesboro	1
Effingham Cty.	1	McIntosh	1
Savannah	1	Savannah Sunrise	1
Savannah South	1	Ocilla	3
Pooler	1		
Savannah West	0	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>227</b>

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Annual Funds Report

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

Ashburn: \$66.67	Hazlehurst: \$25.00	Savannah Sunrise: \$108.33
Augusta South: \$28.63	Hinesville: \$0	Savannah West: \$69.76
Augusta: \$41.04	Jefferson Co.: \$0	Savannah: \$42.25
Augusta West: \$40.98	Jekyll Island: \$0	Skidaway Island: \$92.27
Blackshear: \$0	Jesup: \$0	St. Simons/Marshes of Glynn: \$50.26
Brunswick: \$6.92	Jones County: \$0	St. Simons Island: \$40.33
Camden County: \$267.15	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	McRac: \$0	Tennille: \$5.26
Douglas: \$0	Metter: \$21.79	Tift County: \$0
Downtown Macon: \$9.32	Milledgeville: \$63.25	Tifton: \$16.94
Downtown Statesboro: \$0	Millen: \$32.26	Valdosta Sunrise: \$17.22
Dublin: \$42.01	Nashville-Berrien: \$0	Valdosta: \$39.17
Eastman: \$0	Ocilla: \$0	Valdosta North: \$43.90
Effingham Co. Sunrise: \$31.91	Perry: \$63.03	Vidalia: \$0
Effingham Co.: \$0	Pooler: \$9.90	Warner Robins: \$79.95
Fitzgerald: \$10.71	Reidsville: \$0	Waycross: \$6.88
Glennville: \$101.56	Richmond Hill: \$0	Waynesboro: \$0
Glynn County: \$9.57	Sandersville: \$7.81	Wrightsville: \$7.14
Greater Byron: \$64.00	Savannah East: \$23.13	
Hawkinsville: \$0	Savannah South: \$215.40	<b>TOTAL for District: \$35.67</b>

## District Awards Committee Report

by *Bertha Daniel, chair*

The District Awards Committee members for 2004-2005 are as follows:

Bertha B. Daniel, Chair (Tifton)  
Dallas Simon (Augusta West)  
Lyn Hadwin (Savannah South)  
Donna Hatcher (Tift County)

The Committee is excited about having the opportunity to serve the district and we are looking forward to the projects which will be submitted this centennial year. We hope that all of our clubs are already thinking about how they will exhibit the work that has been done in the service to your club, vocation, community and the world.

Our goals this year are to **1)** continue to have a workable process in place for submission of projects, **2)** encourage all clubs to participate in the process, **3)** encourage clubs to submit projects prior to deadline date, **4)** evaluate projects in a fair and timely manner and **5)** present awards at the District Conference.

Please remember that District Governor John Parkins expects all clubs to submit a Presidential Citation form this year. There is absolutely no reason that we can't achieve **100%** participation which is symbolic of the **100** years of Rotary. **WE CAN DO IT!**

The displays this year will again be placed in the House of Friendship. However, all displays must highlight the history of each club and its activities focusing on the centennial theme, Celebrate Rotary! We have had some great displays in the past and we can raise the bar during this special year.

**Let me remind you that in order to be considered for an award, all project entries must be received by the District Awards Chair no later than March 1, 2005. This is an earlier date for submission but we must adhere to it.** If you have on-going projects which will not culminate until after that date, please go ahead and submit the project, making sure that you advise us of the status of the project and what results are expected.

Thanks again to all of you. **CELEBRATE ROTARY!**

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Milledgeville Rotary Club Cares

When looking for a way to provide holiday cheer for children in the pediatric unit at Oconee Regional Medical Center, Milledgeville's Rotarians had to get creative because there are limitations on the services you can provide to the sick, according to Karen Brooks.



The club decided on a project that would help make the children's hospital stay a little easier. Rotarians provided soft, cuddly bears with T-shirts that say "Rotary Cares" for the nursing staff to give out when a child was admitted. They also decided to decorate the end of the hallway on the pediatric floor.

To get the community children involved, two-second grade classes helped make ornaments to go on a beautiful tree for the children to enjoy. Rotarians and their children also signed ornaments with lots of get-well wishes. The tree was colorfully decorated with Rotary bears and the handmade ornaments from Rotarians and children. This provided a festive place to go at the end of the hall if the hospitalized children felt like getting out of their rooms.



The club's goals were to reach out to these children and their families and let them know Rotarians care and are praying for them. Both local newspapers covered the project.



**The Rotary Club of Jekyll Island**



**The Rotary Club of Kings Bay**



**The Rotary Club of Millen**

## WELCOME

PDG Bruce Montgomery asks that we join him in welcoming PDG Harold McClung to District 6920. PDG McClung is PDG of District 7550 in West Virginia and will be joining The Rotary Club of Savannah Sunrise.

To welcome PDG McClung, send an email to [hamcclung@peoplepc.com](mailto:hamcclung@peoplepc.com).

# Celebrating a Century of Service

## How Rotary Set Its Wheels In Motion

The Rotary gearwheel, seen on lapels and city-limit signs around the world, easily identifies Rotary clubs and their members. But how did this familiar symbol become Rotary's official emblem? This is Part One of a two-part series by RI Web writer Joseph Derr on the history of the Rotary wheel.

*By Joseph Derr*

The emblem - known as the Rotary wheel or gearwheel - has been around nearly as long as Rotary itself, yet it did most of its evolving during Rotary's first 15 years.

The initial design emerged from the desk of engraver and Rotary Club of Chicago member Montague "Monty" Bear in 1905, shortly after the formation of the first Rotary club. Inspired to create an insignia that symbolized his club, Bear sketched a wagon wheel with 13 spokes, which was met with approval by Paul P. Harris and the rest of the founding members.

Because wheels rotate, the wagon wheel insignia seemed a natural choice for a group calling itself the Rotary Club. And with the automobile still in its infancy in 1905, the buggy wheel was a sign of the times.

Soon, fellow club members began to complain that the design was static and lifeless, so Bear went to work again. This time, he found inspiration in the heavens. He added a graphic that appeared to make the wheel ride on a bed of clouds. But some club members didn't see the addition in the same way. To them, the clouds looked like dust. Furthermore, if that were the case, the club's emblem did not appear to abide by the basic laws of physics: there were dust clouds on *both* sides of the wheel. "Not even Rotary could raise dust before and aft of a wheel," Rotarian "Long" Tom Phillips said of the ill-fated design. "Which way are we going anyhow?"

So, Rotary's first graphic artist went back to his drawing board and inked over the dust clouds and superimposed a banner ribbon with the words "Rotary Club." Slightly altered later to clean up dark ink where the clouds had been, this design, drafted around 1910, would remain more or less the same for several years, even as automobiles were gradually replacing wagon buggies on the streets of Chicago.

By 1910, Rotary was no longer just in Chicago; there were sixteen clubs in the United States that made up the National Association of Clubs. And with the charter of each new club came a new design, based loosely on Bear's wagon wheel motif.

The creativity of the first Rotary clubs yielded great divergence in early emblem designs. Clubs would often incorporate local history or landmarks into their emblems. The Rotary Club of Lincoln, Nebraska, superimposed the wheel over a portrait of Abraham Lincoln in its emblem, while the Rotary Club of Oakland, California, used an oak tree for its design.

Before long, the Rotary wheel started to mutate. Several clubs transformed wheels into other spherical or circular shapes: ship helms, steering wheels, stars, globes, and other round objects.

### **Gearing up for a new emblem**

The soon-to-be International Association of Clubs realized that it needed a standardized, official emblem that would be used by all clubs. In 1911, *The National Rotarian* magazine's editor and the association's general secretary, Chesley R. Perry, invited clubs to submit designs for consideration to the emblem committee at the Duluth, Minnesota, convention of 1912.

Looking at early emblems of two Pennsylvania clubs, it is easy to trace the new Rotary wheel taking shape. The Rotary Club of Pittsburgh appears to be the first club to use the mechanical gear iconography in late 1910, highlighting its city's growing industry. But the direct forerunner of the official RI emblem came from the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, which was developing its first emblem, letterhead, and lapel pin designs around 1911. (The club also foresaw the future in its design when it shortened the name of the International Association of Rotary Clubs to "Rotary International" a year before RI even starting using that phrase.)

Now that the emblem committee had found its design, an official description of the wheel emerged from Duluth. "The emblem consists of ... a wheel with gears cut on the outer edge and the spokes separated sufficiently to allow ... space to show the enamel [and define] the spokes." In the original design, the spokes "indicate strength" while the gears or cogs "relieve the plainness of design" and "symbolize power".

Despite the official description of the association's emblem, in the years that followed, individual Rotary clubs continued to design their own versions, diverging from the standard established in Duluth, to the dismay of headquarters.

To address the problem, in December 1918, the Board of Directors resolved to adopt the gearwheel as the official corporate seal. Yet confusion still reigned, and the Rotary wheel still was taking more than one guise. Some sources count as many as 57 versions of Rotary wheels by 1920. Even *The Rotarian* couldn't seem to get it right: in three consecutive months in the spring of 1919, the magazine added to the confusion by publishing three different images of the wheel, each with an increasing number of gear cogs.



1906



1905



1910