



Rotary District 6920 *Sow the Seeds of Love*

Bruce Montgomery
District Governor

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Bruce Montgomery is District Governor for 2002-03

Bruce Montgomery, an investment advisor in the Savannah office of UBS PaineWebber, Inc., is District 6920's Governor for 2002-03. He assumed responsibilities in July.

DG Montgomery is a past president of the Rotary Club of Savannah East, Past Chairman of the Housing Authority of Savannah, Past President and Co-Founder of the Ardsley Park Neighborhood Association, member of the Oglethorpe Club, The Piedmont Driving Club and The Century Club. He has served District 6920 for two years as District Rotary Foundation Chairman and is a member of the



DG Bruce Montgomery

Rotary Foundation Bequest Society. DG Montgomery is a six-time Paul Harris Fellow, a Paul Harris Sustaining Member and a GRSP Will Watt Fellow and Benefactor.

He attended Georgia Tech and graduated from The University of Georgia with a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting.

DG Montgomery has been married to Bette F. (Frosty) Montgomery since 1965. They have two daughters and one grandson. Their oldest daughter, Anne Renner, owns a stationary and gift store in Cleveland, Tenn. Cameron McGregor,

the couple's youngest daughter, is a registered nurse specializing in labor and delivery in Springfield, Ohio. The family holds membership at Christ Episcopal Church in Savannah.

Rattakul Inducted as RI President

Bhichai Rattakul has been inducted as Rotary International's President for the 2002-03 term.

Educated in Bangkok and Hong Kong, President Rattakul received an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Political Science from the University of Ramkhamhaeng University in Bangkok and Kensington University in California.

A Member of Parliament for nine terms since 1969 and Leader of the Democrat Party, he has served his country as Foreign Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Parliament. He has also led many Thai delegations to the United Nations.



RI President
Rattakul

President Rattakul joined the Rotary Club of Dhonburi in Bangkok as a charter member in 1958 and has served Rotary International as district governor, international assembly group discussion leader, committee member and chairman, trustee of the Rotary Foundation and director and chairman of the Executive Committee of Rotary International. He is the recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and Citation for Meritorious Service for his support of its international humanitarian and educational programs.

Theme for Year is "Sow the Seeds of Love"

During the 93rd annual Rotary International Convention in Barcelona, Spain, RI President Bhichai Rattakul of the Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Bangkok, Thailand, introduced the 2002-03 RI theme, "Sow the Seeds of Love".

President Rattakul spoke on the importance of "going back to basics" and a bottom-up approach. "The source of next year's theme lies in my long-standing belief that any undertaking must have a sense of mission," he said. "One must have total faith in the cause. It is this sense of mission that infuses our actions with determination, enthusiasm, sincerity, devotion and above all — love!"

When announcing the year's theme, President Rattakul noted that, "There are thousands of activities going on at this moment in the name of Rotary. Whatever we do, one element remains

constant: The best Rotary fellowship and service always comes from the heart. When love is infused into our actions, we do not stop to question the time or money we are sacrificing. We are inspired to do more, to give more. Love is the motivating force behind all of Rotary's best work.

"We Rotarians already have so much love within ourselves, but with the ambitious goals that we have set before us, we need more people to share our beliefs and commitments. The best way we can ensure the continuity of our organization is by *Sowing the Seeds of Love* in as many hearts as possible.

"And that is what I will be urging all Rotarians to do in the year 2002-03: ***Sow the Seeds of Love*** - in your clubs, in your vocations, in your communities, and everywhere in our world."



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Majuyagbe to serve as RI President-Elect

Jonathan Majuyagbe, a senior advocate of Nigeria and the principal counsel of the law firm J.B. Majuyagbe & Company, in Kano, will serve as President-Elect for Rotary International.

A member of the Nigerian and English bars, President-Elect Majuyagbe also belongs to the Honourable Body of Benchers, the panel that evaluates the qualifications of those seeking to practice law in Nigeria and formally calls them to the bar. He is a graduate of London University and a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London.



RI President-Elect
Majuyagbe

President-Elect Majuyagbe is chairman of the Kano State branch of the Nigerian Red Cross Society and was for many years chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Kano. He is also a member of the Kano Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Agriculture and is trustee of various international cultural organizations.

A Rotarian since 1967, President-Elect Majuyagbe has served RI as district governor, International Assembly discussion leader, committee member and chairman, Foundation trustee, aide to the president and director. He is past chairman of the African Regional PolioPlus Committee and the African Affairs Committee and is currently a member of The Rotary Club of Kano. He and his wife, Ade, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

CORRECTION

The Waynesboro Rotary Club was inadvertently omitted from an announcement in the DG's June newsletter listing clubs which have received the Presidential Citation. Club President Clint Meeks was also named a Distinguished Club President. We apologize for this omission.

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A Message from the District Governor

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

This is the beginning of an exciting year for me and I hope, for you. Frosty and I are looking forward to getting around to each club and getting to know as many of you as possible. You probably should be warned now that I am terrible about remembering names. Please don't be offended if I don't recall your name, even though we may have just met. It's a shortcoming I need to work on, nevertheless, it exists and will probably not get corrected by the time we get to your club.

Aside from the continuing emphasis on membership, one of the most important and exciting issues we will be focusing on this year is the beginning of the end for the polio virus. Rotary International estimates that some 60 percent or more of you were not in Rotary in 1985 when the Rotary Foundation decided to take on the unimaginable job of wiping out polio worldwide. The initial goal of the campaign for funds in 1985 was to raise \$120 million. Over the next two years, you and your fellow Rotarians raised more than \$247 million. To date, Rotarians have contributed more than \$373 million to the effort. The goal is to be able to declare the world polio free by Rotary's 100th anniversary in 2005.

In the first year of the PolioPlus campaign, there were approximately 350,000 new cases of the wild polio virus reported worldwide. For 2001, less than 600 were reported. For 2002, less than 50 have been reported. The new cases are primarily in northern India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and a few in Africa.

We must get to these last areas and wipe out the virus to prevent the resurgence of the disease. A total of \$400 million is needed to finish the job. Rotary has been challenged to raise \$80 million; to be pledged this year and paid over three years. If we do, various foundations will leverage our gift to the \$400 million needed. Please consider helping.

Again, Frosty and I look forward to meeting each of you and we hope that you and your club have a prosperous and successful Rotary year.

Yours in Rotary,

Bruce Montgomery
District 6920 Governor 2002-2003

Students Participate in RYLA Event

The 2002 annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event was held June 6-9 on the campus of South Georgia College in Douglas with more than 80 students representing 41 of the District's 62 club's participating.

During the annual program, participants expand their perceptions, learn about themselves, discuss leadership skills and put those skills to practice. Participants attend seminars and lectures where well-known business leaders speak on a variety of issues.

Among this year's participants, and their sponsoring club, were David Degner, Augusta West; Jessica Harris, Shawn King, Blackshear; Curtis Ballard, Michael Hardy, Kristi Mason, Brunswick; Molly Feine, Camden County; Bessy Lewis, Kelli Perkins, Claxton; Beau Bryan, Cochran; Lydia Griner, Ex Pow, Kaycee Relihan, Jared Wood, Douglas.

Dee Baggarly, Jay Couey, Merinda Mason, Markeisha Smith, Dublin; Jenna Evans, Michelle Howell, Eastman; David Hanson, Ryan Millar, Effingham County; Kimberly Cato, Paul Smith, Fitzgerald; Chase Land, Glynn County;

Julie Walters, Jessica Wommack, Greater Byron; Matt Marchant, Candice Stapleton, Hazlehurst; Ashley Benjamin, Susanna Lewis, Jefferson County; Molly Lang, Jekyll Island; Jeb Townsend, Jesup; Mary Fluornoy, Erica Little,

Tiffany Simmons, Macon; Matty Baca, Andrea Becker, Downtown Macon; Roxane Clark, Davina Desdune, Alicia Walter, McIntosh County; Leanne Benson, Daerzio Harris, Haley Rogers, Milledgeville; Grayson Kent, Sabrina Riles, Millen; LeiLani Welch, Nashville-Berrien; Anna Gray, Perry; Jessica Bean, Amanda Melton, Cheryl Pittman, Heather Wall, Richmond Hill.

Erika Adolphus, David Hill, Sandersville; Clint Dorman, Donald Williams Jr., Savannah; Laura Keena, Savannah East; Gerald Brown, Whitney Gusby, Savannah Sunrise; Sam Coker, Skidaway Island; Alex Fricks, Maryann Huynh, St. Simons Island; Joseph Cushner, Matthew Kassees, Jessica McCullough, Statesboro; Meg Gay, Darby Rushing, Jonathan Smith, Downtown Statesboro; Jay Sconyers, Swainsboro; Lee Evans, Sylvania; Tiffany Norris, Cody Rhodes, Tennille; Matthew Cagle, Aaron Gibbs, Tifton; Katie Allen, Austin Glennon, Hunter New, Valdosta; Lindsay Calhoun, Vidalia; Tiffany Mitchell, Waycross; Laurie Dickey, Todd Dickey, Hank Hopkins, Sarah Moncrief, Waynesboro.



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Photos Highlight Visit to Barcelona, Spain

Barcelona, Spain, was the destination for a group of District 6920 Rotarians recently as they attended Rotary International's Annual Convention in the city known as the country's most cosmopolitan and economically active city.

Bustling with more than 1.5 million citizens, Barcelona played host to this year's annual convention. District 6920 Rotarians in attendance attested to the beauty of the city, bringing back photos to share with their

fellow Rotarians. Below are peaks into the annual convention, along with some of the lighter sides of the trip, including tourista bus rides, breathtaking hotel views and magnificent architecture.

If you don't want to miss out on the fun, plan to attend next year's RI Annual Convention in Brisbane, Queensland. RI will celebrate Australia's legacy of service and

hospitality and the fruition of the many Rotary projects and endeavors throughout the 2002-03 Rotary year.

RI conventions offer Rotarians the opportunity to experience the full measure of Rotary International's fellowship, and Brisbane promises to be one of the best convention venues ever. Queensland's capital is a vibrant city with friendly people, good "tucker" (food), and lots of activities for every interest.



Photos Courtesy of DG Bruce Montgomery, except where noted



In recognition of Gorbachev's humanitarian and peace efforts, RI President King presented him with the RI Humanitarian Service Award and a \$100,000 contribution to his foundation. Andrei Lev Danilenko, past president of the Rotary Club of Moscow-Rossica, Russia, joined Gorbachev for the presentation. (Photo courtesy of RI).



Among District 6920 Rotarians attending the Southland Breakfast were (left to right) John Duren, 2002-03 President of Savannah South; Bill Blankenship, Lieutenant Governor, Camden County; Leon Benefield, DG, 2003-04; Bruce Montgomery, DG; Jim Puryear, PDG, 2001-02; Joan Puryear, 2002-03 President of Augusta South, and Susan Rice, 2002-03 President of Augusta.



The National Museum was the venue for the majority of the convention's events.



Past, present and future DG's gather for a photo. From left to right, DGE Leon Benefield, DG Bruce Montgomery and PDG Jim Puryear attend the Southland Breakfast.



DG Bruce Montgomery with RI President-Elect Majiyagbe.



Talk about a room with a view! This was the picturesque view from Bruce and Frosty Montgomery's hotel room.



Convention participants gather for the spectacular opening plenary session, held at the Palau Sant Jordi. (Photo courtesy of RI).



Frosty Montgomery, wife of DG Bruce Montgomery, enjoys a ride on a tourista bus.