



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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 Prominent and influential  
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# John Parkins Begins Year as District Governor

Born in Greenville, S.C., John attended public schools and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Clemson University. He later received a MBA from The University of North Carolina. His education continued at Columbia University, The Quality College and many other executive courses spread over his 34 year career with Milliken & Company.



District Governor John Parkins

At the time of his retirement, John held the position of division general manager and since then has continued in a consulting role. He was a member of The American Management Assoc., The Sales and Marketing Assoc., The American Textile Manufacturing Ins., The Georgia Textile Manufacturing

Assoc., The Institute of Industrial Laundries, The Linen Supply Assoc., The Kex National Assoc. (Honorary Lifetime Member) and others.

He is listed in Who's Who in Finance and Industry, Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Personalities of The South, and Who's Who Registry of Global Leaders. John is the holder of five U.S. Patents and is certified as a Professional Consultant.

A past president of The Rotary Club of St. Simons Island and member of numerous district committees, John holds Rotary dear to his heart. John and Mary Ellen are major donors to the Rotary Foundation and they are both level 6 Bequest Society Members. John is also a Will Watt

fellow and is married to Mary Ellen (Dailey) Parkins. They have two children and four grandchildren. John and Mary Ellen make their home on St. Simons Island.

## District Seminar Set for Aug. 14 in Vidalia

District 6920's annual District Seminar will be held on Aug. 14 at the Southeastern Technical College auditorium in Vidalia.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m.; the program will run from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

DGN Bill Blankenship will be the emcee and DG John will make a few introductory remarks. John Smarge, the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 34, will be the keynote speaker. John's program will be focused on the Rotary International Foundation. District Membership Chair Joan Puryear and District

Public Relations Chair Paula Goodnow also will present programs.

"This annual event is where you will receive the most current information available from RI on the most critical elements required for Rotary to be all that it can be," said DGN Bill. "This Seminar is intended to make your year successful. Having the current information will be an asset to all concerned."

Minimum expectations for attendance include club president, club foundation chair, club membership chair and club public relations chair. If any of

these individuals are not available, please assign someone to come in their place. All club members are invited - there is no maximum.

**DGN Bill will need a count of those attending from your club. Please e-mail him at [rotarybill@tds.net](mailto:rotarybill@tds.net) no later than July 14.**

Registration cost is \$20 per person, payable at the door with a club or personal check or cash. The registration fee will cover facility costs, materials, refreshments and lunch.

# Estess Serves as RI's Centennial President

Glenn E. Estess, Sr. is the Retired Chief Executive Officer of Glenn Estess Associates, Inc. Born in Pike County, Mississippi; he earned a degree in Chemistry and Physics from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Glenn is one of five brothers who were Rotarians. Four were Presidents of their respective clubs in four different cities in three states.

Glenn is past chairman of trustees of the Baptist Health Systems, an eleven-hospital system headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama with approximately 10,000 employees. He served as director of the Better Business Bureau of Central Alabama and as a trustee for the Workmen's Compensation Trust of the Business Council of Alabama. Earlier in Florida he was chairman of the YMCA, the American Chemical Society and the Arthritis Foundation. He was also a member of the Board of Regents of the National Association of

Personnel Consultants in the United States.

A Rotarian since 1960, Glenn was a member first in club #41 at Jacksonville, Florida (USA), and then



*Glenn Estess Sr.*

nator in 1987-88. During his tenure as a Trustee, Glenn served as Chairman of the Foundation's Finance Committee and Vice Chairman of its

Wayne, New Jersey (USA). Glenn was an Advisor to the 1997 RI Convention Committee, PolioPlus National Coordi-

Program Committee. He was RI's International Assembly Chairman and Moderator in 1999.

He formerly was a member for four years and Chairman for one year of RI's Audit & Operations Review Committee. This is RI's only committee having a six-year term. This Committee serves in an Advisory role to the Board of Directors. Glenn was also the Chair of the 2002-2003 Membership Development and Retention Committee.

Glenn is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor, a Paul Harris Fellow, and a Benefactor. He is the recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service, the Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award.

Glenn and Mary have three children and eight grandchildren. Sixteen members of his family are Paul Harris Fellows.

He will serve as President of Rotary International for its Centennial year of 2004-2005.

## Rotaract: Nurturing Young Leaders

Rotaract activities at the district level provide opportunities for joint projects among Rotaract clubs, training of new club officers, sharing ideas for strengthening club services, and promoting Rotaract extensions to new areas.

Rotaractors involved in these activities inevitably get to know Rotaract better. Rotary districts with only one Rotaract club should focus activities on developing a mechanism for Rotaract club extension to new communities in the district. The more you promote Rotaract in neighboring communities, the more Rotaract grows in your own community.

As the Rotaract chair or representative, you have the exciting opportunity to become involved with nurturing young leaders in your community. Rotaract also provides Rotarians the opportunity to develop their own leadership and communication skills, as well as organize Rotaract district events, which involve the coordination of many people.

Consider communicating with the previous year's district Rotaract leaders to learn more about Rotaract practices in your area including what worked and what did not. How could the program be improved? What new steps can be taken to ensure success? District chairs and representatives play an essential role in developing and supporting the Rotaract program in your area.

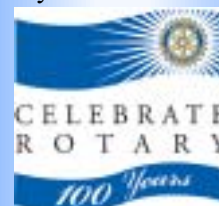
You may be wondering: what are my responsibilities as a district Rotaract leader? When should certain tasks be accomplished? How can I best support the growth and development of Rotaract? For more information on the duties of district Rotaract chairs and representatives, download the Rotaract Handbook, Guide for District Rotaract Leaders and District Committee Manual at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).



## Spread Rotary's Centennial Cheer

Rotarians can spread the excitement of Rotary's Centennial Celebration by sending electronic greeting cards (e-cards) to friends, family, and fellow members.

These greetings feature centennial themes, and they are easy to send via Rotary's Centennial Web site. The newest e-card features a Flash presentation of the Rotary Centennial Bell that you can click on to hear the bell ring. Visit the Send an E-Card page on the Rotary Centennial site to send your e-card today.





# Students Develop Lasting Friendships at RYLA



Clubs throughout the district sponsored students to attend this year's RYLA in Douglas. Students attending the June 10-23 event and their sponsoring club were: J'Nai Cooper, Eric Hauff, Melinda Kexer, Zebedee Martin, Vic Shah and Sheel Shah, Augusta; Whitney Spivey, Augusta West; James Benson, Meagan Dunne, Joel Purser, Brunswick; Ivy Brewer, Camden County; Pat Pow, Pete Pow and Ryan Solomon, Douglas; Sarah Parker, Downtown Macon; Eliza Noles, Downtown Statesboro; Kelli Adams, Christopher Brown, Sarah Lord and Merinda Mason; Dublin; Anson Dasher, Brooke Edwards, Adam Herrin, Effingham County; Kayla Boston, Jamiye Friess, Danielle Friess, Amanda Moody and Alaina Wood, Effingham Sunrise; Sarah Bright, Amanda Cohen, Stephanie Cribbs, Katherine Durham, Rebekah Lescallet, Justin McCloud, Jenna Ray and Marsha Sapp, Glennville; Johnathon Harris, Glynn County; Courtney Sherrell, Greater Byron; Brittney Benjamin and Londerial Eady, Jefferson County; Bianca Germano, Jekyll Island; James Newberry, Jones County; Stephanie Firth and Elizabeth Gough, Macon; Hena Modi, Monica Skipper and Lindsey Wilson, McIntosh County; Lehman Routh, McRae; Kyle Haden, Katie Lanier and Emily Scott, Metter; David Groseciose and Khadija Hill, Milledgeville; Rob Tillman, Petty; Sarah Morton and Maulik Patel, Savannah-Downtown; Maggie Hinchey and Hilary Simmons, Savannah East; Rachel Brand and Ashleigh Daring, Savannah Sunrise; Demarcus Dobbs, Skidaway Island; Kendra Johns and Alexa Votsis, St. Simons Island; Channing Gray, Swainsboro; Aaron Calheiros, Tifton; Alison Keener and Courtney Ritter, Valdosta North; Roneika Albert and Michelle Higa, Warner Robins; Samantha Cooper, Waycross; Codi Helms, Allison Poindexter, Heather Raby and Ariana Youmans, Waynesboro, and Meredith Edge, Wrightsville.



# Celebrating a Century of Service

The following list reflects the diversity of intellectual, cultural, military, sports, and governmental leaders around the world who have been active or honorary members of Rotary clubs. The list is a selective sampling and by no means complete.

1. Neil Armstrong, astronaut and first man to walk on the moon, USA (RC Wapakoneta, Ohio)
  2. Þorgeir Þorgeirson, president, Iceland (RC Reykjavík)
  3. Eusebio Ayala, president, Paraguay (RC Asuncion)
  4. King Baudouin I of Belgium (RC Brussels)
  5. Fernando Belaunde Terry, president, Peru (RC Lima)
  6. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands (RC Amsterdam)
  7. Clarence Birdseye, developer of a process for quick freezing food, USA (RC Gloucester, Mass.)
  8. Harry A. Blackmun, Supreme Court justice, USA (RC Rochester, Minn.)
  9. Frank Borman, astronaut, USA (RC Space Center, Houston, Texas)
  10. Sir Norman Brearley, aviation pioneer, Australia (RC Perth, W.A.)
  11. John Briggs, concert pianist, England (RC Bingley)
  12. Jose Luis Bustamante y Rivero, president, Peru (RC Arequipa)
  13. Richard E. Byrd, admiral and Arctic explorer, USA (RC Winchester, Va.)
  14. Josep Ma. Vayreda Canadell, painter, Spain (RC Girona)
  15. Alcino Cardoso, secretary of state, Portugal (RC Porto-Douro)
  16. Roger Chapelain-Midy, painter, France (RC Paris)
  17. Sir Winston Churchill, prime minister, England (RC London and RC Wanstead & Woodford)
  18. Max Cointreau, owner of Cointreau liquor enterprises, France (RC Paris)
  19. Arthur Holly Compton, Nobel Prize laureate in physics, USA (RC St. Louis, Mo.)
  20. Sir William Deane, governor general, Australia (RC Sydney, N.S.W.)
  21. Michel Debré, prime minister, France (RC Amboise)
  22. Maurice Denuzière, writer, France (RC Vitry-Sud-Est de Paris)
  23. Walt Disney, animation filmmaker, USA (RC Palm Springs, Calif.)
  24. Jorge Fidel Duron, minister of foreign affairs, Honduras (RC Tegucigalpa; past RI director)
  25. Thomas A. Edison, inventor, USA (RC Orange, N.J.)
  26. Marcelo B. Fernan, chief justice of the Supreme Court, Philippines (RC Cebu West)
  27. Prince Frederik of Denmark (RC Copenhagen)
  28. J. William Fulbright, senator, USA (RC Fayetteville, Ark.)
  29. Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-Fan, director of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., Hong Kong (RC Hong Kong; past RI district governor)
  30. Sir W. Hudson Fysh, founder of Qantas Airlines, Australia (RC Sydney)
  31. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, foreign minister, Germany (RC Bonn Süd-Bad Godesberg)
  32. Edgar A. Guest, poet and journalist, USA (RC Detroit, Mich.)
  33. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden (RC Stockholm)
  34. Lorenzo Guerrero Gutierrez, president, Nicaragua (RC Granada)
  35. Warren G. Harding, president, USA (RC Washington, D.C.)
  36. Joel Chandler Harris, author, USA (RC Atlanta, Ga.)
  37. Reijiro "Rei" Hattori, chairman of Seiko, Japan (RC Tokyo Ginza; past RI director)
  38. Steingrímur Hermannsson, prime minister, Iceland (RC Reykjavík)
  39. Thor Heyerdahl, explorer and oceanographer, Norway (RC Larvik)
  40. Sir Edmund Hillary, explorer and mountaineer, New Zealand (RC Auckland)
  41. Ko Hirasawa, anatomist and president of Kyoto University, Japan (RC Kyoto East)
  42. John F. Kennedy, president, USA (RC Hyannis, Mass.)
  43. Abdulla Khalil, prime minister, Sudan (RC Khartoum)
  44. Chung Yul Kim, prime minister, Korea (RC Hanyang)
- Note: other prime ministers from this club include Duck Woo Nam, Choong Hoon Park, and Chang Soon Yoo
45. Karl Kobelt, president, Swiss Confederation (RC St. Gallen)
  46. Chucrí Kouatly, president, Syria (RC Damascus)
  47. Hans Klüng, theologian, Germany (RC Reutlingen-Tübingen)
  48. Sir Harry Lauder, entertainer, Scotland (RC Glasgow)
  49. Jean Leclant, Egyptologist, France (RC Paris)
  50. Franz Lehár, composer, Austria (RC Vienna)



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100 Years