



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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RI President Estess Visits Dublin

By PDG Preston Johnson

The highlight of the year for the Dublin Rotary Club was a visit by Rotary International President, Glenn Estess. He was invited by Past District Governor

Preston Johnson, on behalf of the club, and he accepted the invitation to speak to the Dublin Rotary Club on Wednesday, June 1, accompanied by his wife, Mary.

Rotarians and guests from all three Georgia Rotary districts were invited to attend, which included District 6920 Governor John Parkins and Mary Ellen, District 6900 Governor Fran

Milberg, past Rotary International Director David Roper and Edna, and past Rotary International Director David Michaux,

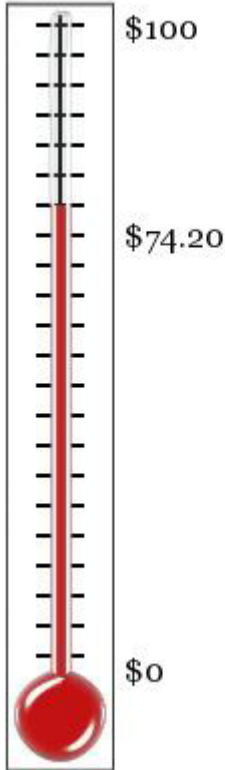


Rotary International President Glenn Estess, center, receives a green jacket from PDG Preston Johnson and Dublin Rotary Club President Tim Veal.



from South Carolina, and numerous past governors and two assistant governors. An enthusiastic crowd attended the meeting held at the Dubose Porter Center, in Dublin.

Dublin Rotary Club President-Elect Marcia Dixon presented President Glenn



Measuring our success!

This thermometer measures the annual funds giving (per capita). Currently, the district is at \$74.20 per member for the period. Please see page 6 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

Calling All Cooks for Fundraising Project

Rotary District 6920 is preparing a taste-tempting cookbook featuring favorite recipes from Rotarians throughout our District. Our cookbook will be beautifully illustrated and bound and is sure to be treasured for years.

We would like for you to submit three or four of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our memorable collection. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes.

Each cookbook will contain helpful cooking hints, recipe

category dividers, a table of contents, an index and special pages related to Rotary. The cookbook will be typeset in an easy-to-read format and professionally printed and bound.

Proceeds from our cookbook will go to the Rotary Foundation, GRSP, METS and your local club. Your help in contributing recipes will ensure that our cookbook will be a great success.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, so we want to be certain we order enough. You can reserve one or more copies for yourself and your family and friends at this time, in

order to be assured of receiving them.

Submit your recipes online at www.rotarydistrict6920.net using the form provided. Or, email your recipes to Brenda Keen at bkeen@marykay.com or Bill Phillips at bphillips@thermalceramics.com.

You can snail mail your recipes to Brenda at 135 Keen Crossing Road, Dublin, GA 31027 or to Bill at 400 Dorchester Drive, Augusta, GA 30909.

Thanks in advance for following up with your club and making this a great fundraiser for our District as well as for your club. It will be great to see all of the great recipes, local favorites and wonderful new dishes to try.



Books to Promote Rotary's Literacy Agenda

Giving the gift of literacy has been a focus of Rotary International for several years now, with a stronger emphasis placed on the need to create literacy programs in both urban and rural communities in the past year.

As DGE Dallas Simon prepares to make his round of club visits beginning next month, he has requested that in lieu of gifts for him and

Mrs. Pat Simon, each club give children's books that will be donated to the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

"With the help of all, we just might make a difference," said DGE Dallas. "Literacy eradication is one of the goals of Rotary International and President Carl [Wilhelm Stenhammar]."

Estess Visits Dublin

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with a check for \$10,000 for The Rotary Foundation.

Tim Veal, Dublin Rotary Club President, presented President Glenn with a green jacket, which he wore during his excellent speech to the attentive group.

PDG Johnson, a GRSP Emeritus Trustee, presented President Glenn with a Will Watt Award, on behalf of The Dublin Rotary club.

During the meeting, five Rotarians from District 6920 were presented Commitment To Service Awards by President Glenn, assisted by DG John Parkins.

Elizabeth Ann Claxton closed the meeting with a beautiful rendition of *Climb Every Mountain*, from *The Sound of Music*, which brought the crowd to its feet at the conclusion of her song.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Dear Rotarians,

This recap will provide some current TRF club giving information and clarify recent reports for our district.

The TRF MCR report used to show monthly giving can not include new members except in October each year when the data base is updated/populated. We have seen this report in our district newsletter and that is why the Centerville club is listed with Zero members and Zero contributions - Centerville was not chartered until December 04 after the annual October MCR update/repopulation.

I want to recognize and thank President Ken Asbury and the newly chartered club at Centerville which has 21 members. This new club has contributed \$2500 to The Rotary Foundation. Centerville was one of the first clubs in our district to exceed an average giving amount of \$100 plus per member. Congratulations Ken on presiding over a new club and exceeding this significant district and TRF goal.

My most sincere and passionate congratulations go out to the following club presidents and the Rotarians in their clubs. At the end of April, each had achieved giving to The Rotary Foundation an average amount of \$100+ per member:

President Gary Willis, Camden County, \$270 average per member
President Jim Hazel, Savannah South, \$255 average per member
President Phil Turek, Skidaway Island, \$170 average per member
President Laarry Walker, Perry \$136 average per member
President Fred Van Horn, Milledgeville, \$125 average per member
President Michael Chalout, Warner-Robins, \$124 average per member
President Ken Asbury, Centerville, \$119 average per member
President Lena Bosch, Valdosta North, \$114 average per member
President Bob Ashley, Savannah Sunrise, \$108 average per member
President Leslie Mattingly, St. Simons Island, \$108 average per member
President Doug Lambert, Downtown Statesboro, \$105 average per member
President Paula Goodnow, Kings Bay, \$102 average per member
President Robert Walters, Glennville, \$102 average per member
President Laura Love, Valdosta Sunrise, \$101 average per member

The Rotary Foundation giving goal and our district's giving goal for this Rotary year is an average of \$100 per member - your early response and exceeding the goal is greatly appreciated.

At the end of April the following clubs had sent in contributions to TRF that equaled or exceeded \$75 per member. With most clubs now including an option for a TRF contribution on their club dues statement, I expect that these clubs will also meet or exceed the "Every Rotarian Every Year" goal of an average Rotarian gift of \$100 during the next few weeks - as the last quarter of the Rotary year nears its end and before we reach the end of our Rotary year on June 30:

Augusta West, Blackshear, Douglas, Dublin, Jones County, Metter, Sandersville, Savannah, Savannah East, Savannah West and Waynesboro.

Contributions that were mailed into TRF after the third week in April may not be reflected in the above information - I will send out a similar report in June to give you the end of May data. I have talked to several club presidents and club members who tell me that they have additional contributions to send to TRF and some have told me they are working on the EREY \$100 average and expect to achieve it in their clubs and have the money to TRF prior to the end of June so that it can be included in this Rotary year.

As I am composing this report, I am comfortable that total district giving to TRF is at an average between \$70-\$75 per member- achieving our goal is within reach! The contributions to The Rotary Foundation will be used to further world peace and understanding. Wear your Paul Harris lapel pin with pride! You are helping to make your community and our world a better place to live. Thank you.

Yours in Rotary, DGN Bill Blankenship
District 6920 TRF Chair



DISTRICT NEWS

CART Board Awards \$250,000 Grant to UCLA

PDG Jeanette Caneega has provided the following CART (Coins for Alzheimers Research) report

The CART Board meeting was held at the Magnolia Room at the Riverbanks Botanical Gardens in Columbia, S.C. on May 3, 2005. District 6920 was well represented with Governor John Parkins and Mary Ellen, Governor-elect Dallas Simon and Pat, Jim Puryear, Bill Phillips, Bill Quinn and Jeanette Caneega.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the \$250,000 grant to Gary Small, M.D., professor of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at the University of California (UCLA).

Dr. Small has spent more than two decades studying Alzheimer's disease and caring for patients and families with the condition. Dr. Small's research group was the first to use positron emission tomography scans to show Alzheimer-like brain changes decades before the disease becomes apparent to doctors. His group also invented a novel PET-scan chemical marker that has demonstrated, for the first time, the physical evidence of Alzheimer's disease in the living patient, a breakthrough that promised to rapidly accelerate anti-Alzheimer's drug discovery.

In 2002, *Scientific American* magazine named Dr. Small one of the world's top 50 innovators in science and technology. His studies have been featured in many lay publications, such

as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The London Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Time Magazine* and *Newsweek*. He has appeared on numerous television programs including NBC's "Today Show," CNN, PBS and ABC's "20/20." He has authored two best-selling books, "The Memory Bible" and "The Memory Prescription," on improving memory and preventing Alzheimer's disease.

Since adopting CART in 1999, our district has donated over \$167,643 for Alzheimer's research.

Clubs are encouraged to have the blue CART buckets out during weekly meetings. Placing our change in the blue



Rotarians from District 6920, including DG John Parkins and Mrs. Mary Ellen Parkins, far left; PDG Jeanette Caneega, second from left; PDG Jim Puryear, second from right, and DGE Dallas Simon and Mrs. Pat Simon, far right, joint CART Grants Chairman Jack Bass (fifth from right) in presenting Dr. Small with UCLA's check.

buckets can make a difference. If 82% of our members in District 6920 would drop a quarter in the CART bucket 48 times during the year, we would have over \$38,000 each year to give for Alzheimer's research. Just think what would happen if all members placed pocket change in the bucket each week. All clubs are encouraged to have a CART chairperson and to have a program at one of its meetings. Several Rotarians throughout the district are available to provide such a program.

District Database Now On-Line for All to Access

The district has switched to using an on-line database for maintaining club and member data. To access the database, log on to the district Web site at www.rotarydistrict6920.net.

The District and Club Database now has something for everyone: members, clubs and district officers! Members are encouraged to sign-on and update their own data (name, address, phone, e-mail,

business, their photo and spouse information). And, members can view (or print) their club's membership directory in just a couple of clicks.

Club secretaries are able to submit their attendance data, update their club's location and meeting times, maintain their membership roster (new members, changes, and terminations) and print name badges or club directories (with member

photos) or e-mail ALL members in your club, in just a couple of clicks.

In addition, clubs can publish their meetings, events and fund raisers in the on-line calendar, with district-wide distribution.

In addition, clubs can now get their own web site and www.domain-name.org for easier communications with their members and others.

DISTRICT NEWS

Celebrating Rotary's 100 Years

Rotary District 6920 clubs have been asked to present a report on what their club is doing to celebrate Rotary's 100th birthday. This month, the Macon area Rotary clubs are highlighted. The following article, written by staff writer Chuck Thompson, was originally published in *The Macon Telegraph* in February 2005.

"Thanks to Macon's Rotarians, Middle Georgia residents will soon have a new park to enjoy.

But community service is nothing new for Rotarians. They've been at it for a century.

Rotary International celebrates its 100th anniversary Wednesday. Started as a local service club by four Chicago businessmen, the organization now has 1.2 million members in 32,000 clubs in 166 nations. To date, the clubs have raised more than \$1.4 billion for service projects worldwide.

Macon actually has two Rotary clubs - the Rotary Club of Macon, founded 91 years ago, and the Downtown Macon Rotary Club, which began about 15 years ago.

In honor of its centennial, Rotary International encouraged its clubs to undertake special service projects in their communities. In Macon, the two clubs have joined forces with NewTown Macon to plan and fund the new Rotary Park, which is being built on Riverside Drive adjacent to the Second Street bridge and across the street from the Crowne Plaza hotel.

The property, formerly a used car lot, was purchased by NewTown with the idea of making it into a park that would be part of the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail.

"When Rotary International called for local clubs to do the service projects, I suggested that we become involved in the park," said Bill Elliott, a member of the Downtown Macon Rotary Club and a volunteer with NewTown Macon. "We pitched it to the other club as well, so we've all partnered to get this done."

The two Rotary clubs are raising \$100,000 to pay for a fountain 20 feet in diameter that will be the centerpiece of the park by selling engraved brick pavers for \$100 each that will be used to make the walkway around it. NewTown is contributing the property and remaining \$500,000 for the landscaping, an arbor, curbing, concrete walks and a parking area.

"Work is going well, and plans are for it to be finished in time to dedicate the park sometime during the Cherry Blossom Festival next month," said Elliott, the project manager.

Don Cornett, representing the Rotary Club of Macon in the effort, said the fountain will feature a multistage nozzle that will squirt jets of water at different heights up to 12 feet into the air.

"The Rotary four-way test will also be engraved on it - 'Is It the Truth?'

'Is It Fair to All Concerned?' 'Will It Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?' and 'Will It Be Beneficial to All Concerned?'" Cornett said.

The fountain will also be lighted so that it will be visible at night.

"It should be quite an impressive sight when driving into town over the Second Street bridge," he said.

Such projects to help the community and promote understanding have long been the Rotary Club's purpose, longtime members say. During the club's centennial celebration Feb. 14, three men who have been members of the Rotary Club of Macon for more than 50 years - past presidents Arnold Blum, Albert Reichert Sr. and Bony Baskin - talked of how Rotary helped shape their lives.

"Rotary has enhanced my life," Reichert said. "I don't use that word often.

I first attended Rotary meetings when I was a student at Lanier High School. I remember seeing a cross-section of the top leaders in the community there and being impressed by that. And later, when I was invited to join, the chance to fellowship and work with these leaders on various projects enhanced my life."

Baskin said another project that the local clubs have long supported is the Georgia Rotary Student Program.

"It was formed in 1946. The Georgia Rotary clubs bring foreign students to Georgia and give them a scholarship to study in one of our colleges for a year. They come as ambassadors from their countries to us and go back home as ambassadors from us to their countries," Baskin said.

The program began with four students the first year, and now it has 83 each year with an annual budget of \$1.3 million. The two clubs in Macon sponsor a student each year, alternating between Mercer University and Wesleyan College.

The clubs have weekly lunch meetings - the Rotary Club of Macon on Mondays at First Presbyterian Church, and the Downtown Macon Rotary Club on Wednesdays at the Macon Coliseum Monument Room."

DISTRICT NEWS

Annual Funds Report

The following is a report of the Annual Giving **per capita** for the July 1, 2004 to May 31, 2005 period.

Ashburn: \$66.67	Hazlehurst: \$25.00	Savannah Sunrise: \$108.33
Augusta South: \$28.63	Hinesville: \$0	Savannah West: \$69.76
Augusta: \$44.04	Jefferson Co.: \$45.45	Savannah: \$97.88
Augusta West: \$81.55	Jekyll Island: \$17.86	Skidaway Island: \$177.89
Blackshear: \$80.59	Jesup: \$0	St. Simons/Marshes of Glynn: \$50.26
Brunswick: \$68.85	Jones County: \$96.88	St. Simons Island: \$107.78
Camden County: \$269.88	Kings Bay: \$102.22	Statesboro: \$27.70
Centerville: \$0	Macon: \$43.24	Swainsboro: \$0
Claxton: \$43.64	McIntosh Co.: \$1.47	Sylvania: \$0
Cochran: \$30.85	McRae: \$0	Tennille: \$5.26
Douglas: \$92.60	Metter: \$78.21	Tift County: \$29.00
Downtown Macon: \$67.20	Milledgeville: \$125.49	Tifton: \$25.00
Downtown Statesboro: \$104.78	Millen: \$49.19	Valdosta Sunrise: \$104.26
Dublin: \$90.04	Nashville-Berrien: \$0	Valdosta: \$65.75
Eastman: \$0	Ocilla: \$0	Valdosta North: \$114.02
Effingham Co. Sunrise: \$34.04	Perry: \$136.44	Vidalia: \$0
Effingham Co.: \$55.49	Pooler: \$93.18	Warner Robins: \$123.50
Fitzgerald: \$50.48	Reidsville: \$0	Waycross: \$6.88
Glennville: \$186.72	Richmond Hill: \$14.70	Waynesboro: \$76.92
Glynn County: \$38.83	Sandersville: \$121.72	Wrightsville: \$20.24
Greater Byron: \$44.00	Savannah East: \$81.34	
Hawkinsville: \$51.48	Savannah South: \$254.55	TOTAL for District: \$74.20

Club Visit Photos

This is the last of our club visit photos. If photos of DG John visiting your club have not appeared in a previous newsletter, please let us know and we'll make every effort to include your pictures in our year-end review issue next month.

DG John and Mary Ellen wish to thank all of the wonderful Rotarians throughout the district for making them feel so welcome at your meetings. We truly have enjoyed meeting each and every one of you and hope to continue a long history of Rotary friendship.



Effingham Sunrise Rotary Club

RI Developes On-line Learning Center

Rotary International has developed an online learning center on its Web site at www.rotary.org/training/elearning/index.html#website/ The online learning, dubbed as the e-learning center, has been developed for independent study of RI information. Rotary International is the association of Rotary clubs; therefore, all training aims to educate Rotarians who are members of effective clubs.

Effective clubs are able to:

- Sustain and increase membership.
- Implement successful service projects.

· Support The Rotary Foundation.

· Develop leaders beyond the club level.

A number of learning modules can be viewed in either pdf or Powerpoint format. The modules are available in the following areas:

- * New Member Information
- * RI Structured Programs Information
- * Club Officer Information



The most popular downloads so far have been the club leadership plan, leadership development training cycle and supporting effective clubs.

For new club presidents, there is

invaluable information on the roles and responsibilities of the club president and other club officers, membership retention, preparing for PETS and a host of other important information. New members will find the area dedicated to them useful, as well, with the various Rotary International programs highlighted. Additionally, information regarding service opportunities, attendance and Rotary's guiding principals are also showcased.

RI United Nations Day Set for Nov. 5

The RI representatives to the United Nations in New York have announced Nov. 5, 2005 as the date for the next Rotary-UN Day.

The annual event at UN headquarters helps educate Rotarians, their friends and their families about the complementary roles the UN and Rotary play in supporting humanitarian initiatives and promoting international understanding and peace.

Last year, much of the day was devoted to panel discussions on health concerns, literacy, polio eradication, the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution and water resources. Although the 2005 program is still being planned, the RI representatives encourage Rotarians to mark the event on their calendar.

Any questions may be directed to Brad Jenkins, RI alternate representative to the UN in New York (telephone: 908-766-4790).

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for more RI news*

RI Director Wagner Dies

RI Director Rodger W. Wagner, of Cave Creek, Arizona, USA, died on May 29. He was named to the RI Board of Directors in 2004 and was close to completing the first of a two-year term at the time of his sudden death.

A Rotarian since 1975, Wagner was a member of the Rotary Club of Scottsdale. He also served RI as the charter governor of RI District 5510, president's representative, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, Council on Legislation representative, national adviser to The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund, and strategic adviser to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund.

The RI director was a recipient of the RI Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Peg, gave generously to the Foundation, and both were named Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, and Major Donors.

Wagner received his degree from Cornell University where he also completed his graduate work. He retired in 2001 as president of Wagner Realty, the real estate firm he founded. He was a member of national, local, and regional realtors associations.

Memorial services will be held Sunday, June 12, 2005 at 2 p.m. at the Valley Presbyterian Church, 6947 E. McDonald Drive, Paradise Valley, Arizona.

Condolences may be sent to Peg Wagner at 32825 N. 40th Place, Cave Creek, AZ 85331-5082.

Celebrating a Century of Service

Centennial Community Projects

In more than **31,000** communities worldwide, Rotary clubs are organizing Centennial Community Projects that *Celebrate Rotary* while fulfilling an important need in their area. Other clubs are reaching beyond their back yards to participate in the Rotary Centennial Twin Club Program, a centennial-year effort that pairs clubs from different countries. Featured below is a sample of these projects that showcase the remarkable scope and power of Rotary service.

Cord-Blood Facility

Clubs: Districts **9450, 9460, and 9470** (Western Australia, Australia)

Description: Establishing a cord-blood facility to benefit future generations of Western Australians

Cost: US\$5 million

Summary: Clubs from districts **9450, 9460, and 9470** in Western Australia are teaming up to raise funds for a US\$5 million cord-blood facility. The blood bank will provide another treatment option for patients with leukemia, cancer, and other malignant diseases for whom bone marrow transplants and other treatments aren't readily available. By allowing for the safe and secure storage of blood from the umbilical cords of newborns, the facility will provide potentially lifesaving treatment, as well as push Western Australia to the forefront of medical science.

The clubs wanted a high-profile Centennial Community Project that would compare to a project undertaken for RI's **50th** anniversary, when **12** Western Australia Rotary clubs established the first medical school in the state. The project management committee is planning fundraising initiatives to target the state's leading companies and businesspeople, many of whom have already expressed a willingness to help.

Quote: "It will be a high-profile project, something that will say to the people of Western Australia for generations to come, 'This is Rotary at work,'" says John Feary, secretary of the Rotary Club of Booragoon and chair of the District **9460** Public Relations Committee.

Housing for Low-Income Family

Club: Rotary Club of Bainbridge, Georgia, USA

Description: Building an affordable home for a low-income family

Date: 24 July 2004

Summary: In just six weeks, with dedicated involvement of the club's **130** members, the Rotary Club of Bainbridge raised **\$48,000** to build an affordable home for a low-income family. Club members also enlisted businesses, religious groups, and others to provide financial and other support. The team partnered with the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity to select the family, which included four children and two foster children, and render a design to fit their needs.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the four-bedroom, two-bathroom house was held in November **2003**, and Habitat for Humanity supervised its construction. The club also enlisted help from like-minded community members and groups, including the local high school's Air Force ROTC, the city's Department of Public Safety personnel, and local Scouts, to build the house. The emphasis on family and community permeated the project, whose committee included third-generation Rotarians and family members committed to Rotary.

The house was completed in June and dedicated **24 July 2004**.

Quote: "The end result of the active and personal participation of Rotarians in the centennial project was not only a response for simple, decent, affordable housing for a low-income family but a testimony to the importance of family, as well as Rotary involvement in the community," says Bainbridge club member Marjean Boyd.

International Friendship Garden

Club: Rotary Club of Evanston, Illinois, USA

Description: Rejuvenation of a local garden and construction of a new seating area.

Date: 18 June 2005

Cost: \$35,000

Summary: In the early **1960s**, members of the Rotary Club of Evanston planned and financed the construction of the International Friendship Garden in the city's Ladd Arboretum. The centerpiece of the **2-acre** garden is a flower bed planted with blue and gold perennials in the shape of the Rotary wheel. With the centennial celebration in mind - and the many visitors coming to Chicago for the RI Convention - the club decided to spruce up the garden.

In addition to planting new flowers and removing weeds, Evanston club members are coordinating the construction of a "friendship circle," a seating area for up to **40** people. The area will provide a tranquil and scenic spot for staging meetings, performances, and classroom lectures. To help finance the cost of this project, the club is selling commemorative bricks that will form the seating area's base. Each brick will be engraved with an individual's name, Rotary club name, or message.

A rededication ceremony is planned for the evening of **18 June** as part of Host Hospitality Night, sponsored by the convention's Host Organization Committee. Around **180** international visitors are expected to attend the ceremony, which will include tours of the garden and a short presentation on its history. Afterward, guests will enjoy an evening of hospitality with members of the Rotary clubs of Evanston and Evanston Lighthouse.

Quote: "[This project] has been a wonderful fulfillment of the friendship aspect of Rotary," says Evanston club president Linda Lutz.