



Rotary District 6920 *Sow the Seeds of Love*

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District Ford Thunderbird Raffle Announced

The kick-off date for District 6920's 2002-03 raffle is Oct. 26. "The top prize this year is the sensational new 2003 Ford Thunderbird convertible automobile," said DG Bruce Montgomery. The drawing will be held at the District 6920 Conference on Jekyll Island on May 3, 2003.

According to DG Montgomery, all net proceeds from the raffle will go to the Rotary Foundation to help finance the final phase of the worldwide eradication of the Polio virus.

"We are on the verge of winning the war against Polio and fund raisers of this kind will go a long way toward helping The Rotary Foundation meet the goal of making the world Polio free by Rotary's 100th anniversary in 2005," said DG Montgomery. "The eradication of Polio by

2005 is a promise that was made in 1985 and must be kept. If we don't finish the job, the disease will be back as the childcrippler and killer that it is."

Tickets for the raffle will sell for \$50 each, with ticket purchases being tax deductible. Each Rotarian is encouraged to invest in at least two tickets, with up to 80 percent of the cost of the tickets to be applied to the Rotarian's Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellowship account.



District 6920 Rotarians can buy raffle tickets for a chance to win a 2003 Ford Thunderbird, to be given away at the District Conference in May 2003.

The winner does not have to be present at the District Conference to win the car.

Valdosta Rotary Clubs will Participate in Habitat for Humanity Building Blitz in June 2003; Give Money, Time to Effort

Three Valdosta area Rotary clubs are committing to help former President Jimmy Carter carry out a building blitz in June 2003 for Habitat for Humanity. The building spree will be done in one week and assistance, both monetary and volunteer time, will be contributed by the Valdosta Rotary Club, the Valdosta North Rotary Club and the Valdosta Sunrise Rotary Club.

According to District Director Bill Booth, who is chairing the club's participation along with Tom Gandy, the

Valdosta and Valdosta North Rotary clubs have committed to building a house, each voting to give \$40,000 to Habitat for Humanity in Valdosta. A total of 50 Habitat homes will be built in the Valdosta area next June.

"The Valdosta Sunrise Rotary Club has not, at this time, committed to sponsoring a house but they will be working on the project," said Mr. Booth.

"Rotary in Valdosta in 'Service Above Self' will be giving \$80,000 in funds and hours upon hours of labor in volunteer time," said Valdosta Rotary Club President

V.L. Daughtery Jr.

Valdosta North Rotary Club President Frank McTier and Valdosta Sunrise Rotary Club President Janeen Josey are leading their clubs in participating in this worthwhile project

Since its founding in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, Habitat for Humanity International has built and rehabilitated more than 125,000 houses with families in need, becoming a true world leader in addressing the issues of poverty housing.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!





The Governor's Corner by Bruce Montgomery

Fellow Rotarians,

By the time you read this, Frosty and I will have almost finished our official visits. Past District Governors have told me that the experience of visiting each club in the District would be one of the most fun things I would do during my term as District Governor. They were right. We have had more fun than I could have ever imagined visiting with each of you and getting to know you. One of the most interesting parts is the widely varying unique personalities of each club. It's amazing how different the clubs can be and still be true to Rotary. We thank you all for your hospitality and look forward to seeing each of you at various future District functions.

The District raffle for this year started Oct. 26. The top prize is a 2003 Ford Thunderbird convertible. As you know, the District raffle is our major fund raiser for The Rotary Foundation each year. Tickets are \$50 each and up to 80 percent of the purchase price will be credited to your Rotary Foundation account and will count toward a Paul Harris Fellowship or Paul Harris Sustaining membership. District Governor Nominee John Parkins has determined that the full purchase price of the tickets is tax deductible, so buy early and buy often. The drawing will be at the Beach Party (District Conference) on Jekyll Island on Saturday May 3, 2003. You do not have to be present to win, but we would love to have you there.

Yours in Rotary,
Bruce Montgomery
District 6920 Governor



President Shelly Zorn with Ashburn's newest Paul Harris Fellow, Jerry Parker.



Cochran President Buster Evans welcomes two new members of the Rotary Club of Cochran during DG Montgomery's official visit. New members inducted were Charlotte Pittman and Regina Smith.

Club Visit Photos

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The District Governor's CALENDAR OF VISITS

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3	4	5 Waycross	6	7 Sandersville/ Tennille*	8	9
10	11	12 St. Simons/Jekyll Island/Brunswick/ Glynn Co.*	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Douglas	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

*Joint Meetings



Blackshear Rotary Club President Royce Carter, second from left, and DG Montgomery are pictured with club secretary Harry Adams and Lt. Gov. Jim Cottingham.



David Manning congratulates new honorary Nashville-Berrien member Will Ruttencutter.

John Neely Chosen GSE Team Leader

Applications for Team Members Being Accepted

John Neely, past president of the Savannah East Rotary Club, has been selected as team leader for the 2003 Group Study Exchange to Bahai, Brazil. Mr. Neely lived in Brazil for two years and is fluent in Portuguese.

According to DG Bruce Montgomery, applications for team members are still being accepted.

"This trip is an all-expense paid trip for four lucky people," said DG Montgomery. "For our District's outbound team, we are looking for strong candidates, generally over 25 and under 40, who are not Rotarians, are not related to Rotarians and can get away for three weeks in late April 2003. No Portuguese language experience is necessary, though some French or Spanish would probably be helpful."

Club presidents are asked to contact school teachers and college educators, nonprofit directors, professionals, business people and any others

who might have an interest in participating in this life-changing opportunity. The tentative departure date is April 15, 2003. Interviews will be conducted in early December, with chosen team members participating in training January through March.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Rotary GSE Web site at www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/index.html.

Hard copies can be obtained from Mr. Neely by calling him at (912) 234-2469 (home) or (912) 232-7111 (office). Completed applications must be received by Mr. Neely no later than Nov. 26.

Applications should be mailed to 106 West Jones Street, Savannah, GA 31401.

The GSE team will be going to the State of Bahia, in northeastern Brazil. The state is culturally diverse, with African, indigenous Indian and European influences. Having been colonized in the 1500s, Bahia is rich in history and culture, though there is substantial poverty in certain areas.



John L. Neely

Make Up Missed Meetings On-Line

Making up a missed Rotary meeting is now only a click away, thanks to the new on-line makeup.

Members must review one or more of the site's current or archived programs and answer questions related to that program.

Makeup forms are available via the District Web site at www.rotarydistrict6920.org.

The on-line makeup is made available through the Rotary eClub One District 5450, in Boulder, Co. The Rotary eClub One was chartered in January and formed for the purpose of extending "Rotary to business, professional and community leaders in any

Rotary District who are unable to meet traditional attendance requirements because of physical immobility, or extensive travel, or conflicting occupational demands, or residence beyond reasonable distance from an existing" Rotary club.

DG Montgomery reminds District Rotarians that the on-line makeup is not to be substituted for attending actual meetings.

"So much is gained from attending your club or another club's meeting and the social interaction of members is a vital part of what Rotary is about,"

said DG Montgomery. "We want members to come to our meetings and discover all that Rotary has to offer."



DG 2005 Nominations Now Being Accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for District Governor for the 2005 term. Clubs should submit nominations to DG

Bruce Montgomery at 102 East 44th Street, Savannah, GA 31405. Deadline for submission is Dec. 1.

RI NEWS

Committee Taps Estess as 2004-05 President

The Rotary International Nominating Committee has selected Glenn E. Estess Sr. of the Rotary Club of Shades Valley, Ala., as president of Rotary International in 2004-05. Estess will lead the RI Convention in 2005, when Rotary celebrates its centennial. He will become the official nominee on Dec. 1.



Glenn Estess Sr.

Estess is the chairman of the Membership Development and Retention Committee. He served as RI vice president in 1991-92, RI director, Rotary Foundation trustee, governor of District 6860 and chairman of the Audit and Operations Review Committee. He has been a Rotarian since 1960.

Clubs Urged to Plan for Centennial Celebrations

As Rotary's 100th anniversary on Feb. 23, 2005 approaches, it's not too early for your club to begin planning for the grand celebration.

During 2002-03, clubs and districts are encouraged to form their own centennial planning committees to plan and launch special observances and projects. Committees are encouraged to focus on three key goals: eradicate polio, increase membership to 1.5 million members and support The Rotary Foundation of RI's goal of \$100 per member in donations to the Annual Programs Fund.

In the next few months, Rotary clubs are urged to plan a new community service project that will commemorate Rotary's Centennial. To participate in this effort, clubs must register their project with RI by Jan. 1, 2003. Registration forms are available on the RI Web site at www.rotary.org. All projects must be completed by February 2005.

CLUB VISIT PHOTOS



Claxton President Mickey Peace with Lt. Gov. Linda Griffin and DG Montgomery during the DG's official visit.



Members of the Effingham County Rotary Club listen attentively to DG Montgomery.



Tifton Club board members following the board's meeting with DG Montgomery.



Newly inducted Kings Bay members have their picture taken with club president Paula Goodnow. New members and their sponsors are Jolene Haney, sponsor of new member Allen Haney and Liz Maxwell, sponsor of new member Alex Blount.



Eastman Club President Ed Sanders (far right) is pictured with two charter members, Wayne Cartwright and Rebekah Maddox, of a new Interact Club in Eastman and their faculty advisor, Dawn Evans.

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Members of the Valdosta Sunrise Rotary Club gather for a group photo.



Tifton President Bertha Daniels and Tift County President Earl Bennett present checks to DG Montgomery for the HELPS Cooking Stove Project.



Members of the Eastman Rotary Club enjoy a little fellowship during DG Montgomery's visit.



The Valdosta Rotary Club's board of directors meets with DG Montgomery.