



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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District Seminar Rescheduled

The District Seminar scheduled for August 14 in Vidalia was cancelled due to inclement weather related to Hurricane Charley, which hit Florida a day before the scheduled seminar. Meteorologists predicted that areas of Georgia could sustain flooding and heavy rains related to the hurricane, so organizers decided to reschedule the seminar.

DGN Bill Blankenship, seminar chair, has rescheduled the event for Saturday, Oct. 23 at Southeast Technical College in Vidalia. The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the small auditorium.

“The rescheduled Assistant Governor training will be conducted from 1-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, in a classroom adjacent to the small auditorium at Southeast Tech,” said DGN Bill. “All of the District Foundation Committee is expected to meet with the AGs/

DDs for the training on Friday.”

There are currently no changes to the AG training agenda, according to DGN Bill. However, the agenda for Saturday’s Joint Seminar may have some changes and will be announced at a later date.

The College of Governors will meet on Friday at 10 a.m.

Some of the information that was to be presented last month is being announced via this newsletter and emails due to the timeliness of the information being presented.

All club presidents are asked to please let their members know that the seminar date has been changed to Oct. 23 and that calendars should be marked to reflect this change. Please email the names of all Rotarians from your club attending to DGN Bill at rotarybill@tds.net.

District Conference Slated for April 15-17

District Conference Chair Bill Philips is working with other District 6920 Rotarians to put together a great conference next spring.

“This will be a celebration, not only for 100 years of Rotary, but also for a successful year of our District Governor John Parkins and for all of our Club Presidents in 2004-2005,” said Bill.

The overall theme for the conference will be 100 Years of Rotary and much of the focus of this conference will be

placed on the district’s club presidents.

Organizers have already begun meeting to plan activities, speakers and entertainment for the weekend.



Wheelchair Donations

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

As of August 26, 2004:

- 26 clubs visited
- 88 Chairs Donated
- 9 Chairs Promised
- 93 Total

(see details on p. 3)

Visit www.rotarydistrict6920.net for the latest news and information

DISTRICT NEWS

A Granddaughter!



Congratulations to PDG Bruce Montgomery and his wife Frosty on the birth of their first granddaughter.

Elisabeth Cecelia Fleming McGregor was born on Sunday, Aug. 15 at 1:12 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

The Montgomerys also have two grandsons.

Longtime Supporter Dies

The Dublin Rotary Club sadly announces the passing of longtime Rotary supporter Peggy Moore. Mrs. Moore, the wife of Rotarian Steve Moore, died Aug. 18 after a battle with leukemia.

"Steve became a Rotarian in 1974 and is an asset to not only the Dublin Rotary Club, but to our district also," said PDG Preston Johnson. "Steve served approximately 15 Governors as District Public Relations Chairman, and he and Peggy were the District Conference Registration chairs at one of the Augusta district conferences. On many occasions, Steve and Peggy assisted at registration. Peggy was always at Steve's side and supported him in all his Rotary activities. Peggy may not have officially been a Rotarian, but she was one of the best Rotarians I have ever known!"

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, Laurens County Unit, P.O. Box 1949, Dublin, GA 31040. Correspondence to Mr. Moore can be made at 307 St. Francis Place, Dublin, GA 31021.

Matching Points Program Announced by DGN

DGN Bill Blankenship planned to announce the District Foundation Committee's decision on how to utilize the \$25,000 worth of District Points. The points will be used in a matching program to encourage more Paul Harris Fellow awards.

These district points cannot be reserved for later use. The \$25,000 worth of points available give us the possibility of 50 new Paul Harris Fellows and the those 50 will get to use the points on a first-come-first-serve basis.

"Your club could become the next all Paul Harris Fellow member club," said DGN Bill. "Your club members can add additional levels to their PHF account on their way to becoming major donors!"

The new money that comes in against the match will count towards the club's and district's TRF giving goal of \$100 EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR.

"Act now," said DGN Bill. "This window of opportunity to obtain a Paul Harris Fellow using \$500 new money (club or individuals) and \$500 matching district points is open and will close when the \$25,000 worth of matching points is exhausted."

More information about the matching points program can be found on the district Web site at http://ww.rotarydistrict6920.net/Rotary_Foundation/Points.htm.

The results of the program will be announced at the rescheduled District Seminar on Oct. 23.

Matching Funds for New Will Watt Fellowships Announced

At the GRSP Student Conclave in Valdosta on August 27, 2004, District 6920 Governor John Parkins announced that \$8,500 is available as District matching funds for award of new Will Watt Fellowships. The first 17 Will Watt applications received in the Savannah Home Office from District 6920 Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians, each application with an attached check for \$500, will qualify for matching district funds. A total of 17 Will Watt Fellowships will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

These matching funds apply to new monies only. If you have any questions, please contact Willette Jordan at the Home Office in Savannah or GRSP District Chair Hamsa Thota at hthota@bellsouth.net.

Welcome to Georgia, Paula!



Paula Castro, a Rotary District 6920-sponsored foreign exchange student, arrived in Atlanta from Chile on Saturday, Aug. 21. Paula, who began school at Camden County High on Monday, Aug. 23, is staying with host family Leon and Debbie Cochran. District Youth Exchange Chair Bill Blankenship, left, is also pictured.

DSG Application Deadline Approaching

District 6920's Rotary Foundation Chair DGN Bill Blankenship has decided to not postpone the dissemination of information regarding this District Simplified Grants until the Oct. 23 District Seminar. Instead, DGN Bill says clubs need to begin addressing projects in their communities that qualify for the DSG funds.

"This is an opportunity for your club to use TRF funds for a Rotary good works project in your community," said DGN Bill. "The project may use up to \$1500 in DSG funds.

No matching funds are required; however, if you plan a project of more than \$1500 and plan to use your club funds for the amount in excess of \$1500, please indicate the club match/total cost of the project in the application."

Other criteria for the DSG funds include:

** Applications must be submitted to DGN Bill by September 15, 2004.

** The maximum a club can request in DSG funds is \$1500.

** Prior to the end of October

2004, checks will be sent to the individual clubs after the district grant board selects the projects to be funded.

** The funds must be utilized (spent) and proper accounting paperwork submitted prior to the end of February 2005.

Applications, which can be obtained from DGN Bill via email at rotarybill@tds.net, should be mailed to DGN Bill Blankenship, District Foundation Chair, P.O. Box 931, Kingsland, GA 31548.

WHEELCHAIR DONATIONS

As of August 26, 2004

CLUB	CHAIRS GIVEN	CHAIRS PROMISED	TOTAL
Brunswick	1	0	1
Camden County	0	1	1
Effingham County Sunrise	1	0	1
Hinesville	1	0	1
Skidaway Island	0	1	1
St. Simons Island	1	2	3
Wrightsville	2	0	2
Jones County	1	0	1
Dublin	3	8	11
Claxton	1	0	1
Reidsville	0	1	1
Augusta	1	0	1
Augusta South	1	0	1
Jefferson County	1	0	1
Augusta West	23	0	23
Blackshear	1	0	1
Waycross	*	0	*
Glennville	1	0	1
Richmond Hill	1	0	1
Valdosta - North	1	0	1
Valdosta	1	0	1
Valdosta - Sunrise	1	0	1
Centerville	10	0	10
Warner Robins	26	0	26
Hazlehurst	0	0	**
Douglas	1	0	1
TOTALS	88	5	93 (+ \$)

* Gave \$500 Check to METS in lieu of wheelchair

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District Governor Candidates Sought

If you are a past club president and have a "strong interest" in becoming District Governor for 2007-08, please contact PDG Bill Kemp. PDG Bill can be contacted by mail at 731 Summerfield Court, Augusta, GA 30907; by phone at (706) 860-9251 or by email at bill_kemp@comcast.net



Rotary Club of Richmond Hill



Rotary Club of Valdosta North

September is Youth Activities Month

Rotary clubs of the world give special emphasis to the many Rotary-sponsored programs which serve children and young people. During this month many clubs give increased attention to youth exchange activities.



Rotary Club of Glennville



Rotary Club of Valdosta



Rotary Club of Valdosta Sunrise (left)



Rotary Club of Waycross/Blackshear (right)

District Foundation Chair, DGN Bill Blankenship, has provided each club president with information on this year's District Rotary Foundation goals. Every club is encouraged to achieve the District's goals by committing to support the District's Rotary Foundation effort.

*** DISTRICT TRF GIVING GOAL IS \$400,000 ***

The District Foundation Committee members will augment our Club Presidents and Club Foundation Chairs to facilitate providing RI Foundation information, strategies, and programs to all Rotarians in the district.

By going to the RI web site www.rotary.org front page you can click on The Rotary Foundation tab from this page click on the Fund Development tab. In the Fund Development section there is RI Foundation giving programs information.

***** INDIVIDUAL TRF GIVING GOAL IS \$100 *****

This goal is described in the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" program: "Encourage Every Rotarian to contribute to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund toward the worldwide US\$100 per capita annual giving goal by 2005, Rotary's 100th Anniversary, and Every Year thereafter."

All formal giving programs sponsored by TRF will be promoted to help support TRF and attain our district's giving goals. Additionally, our district will promote membership in the "Paul Harris Society" which gives each Rotarian the opportunity to give US\$1000 a year to the annual fund, becomes a multiple Paul Harris Fellow recipient, and/or name an individual to become a Paul Harris Fellow each year.

***** STRATEGIES FOR ATTAINING TRF GIVING GOALS *****

1. "Every Rotarian, Every Year" is our first priority in attaining district TRF goals. Every Rotarian in the district should be aware of and knowledgeable about this program by the end of August. Every Rotarian in the district who is able to give \$100 a year to TRF should be encouraged to volunteer to make a written commitment to his or her club to become a member of the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" giving program by the end of January.
2. Each Rotary club is encouraged to formulate a plan to have every member become a Paul Harris Fellow. Rotary District 6920 would be very proud to be the first district in the world to have all district Rotarian's become Paul Harris Fellows.
3. Rotary Club Presidents and their respective Foundation Chair's are encouraged to dedicate some part of their weekly meeting, once a month, to disseminate information and promote district TRF goals.
4. The District Foundation Committee will provide assistance to Club Presidents and Club Foundation chairs.
5. The District Foundation/Membership/Public Relations Seminar at Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia on August 14th will provide TRF information and material to Club Presidents, Club Foundation Chairs, all Club leadership members, and future Club leadership members.
6. The District Foundation Committee Chair will provide an overview of our progress in a report to all Clubs in September, December, February, April and June.

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE REPORT

CLUB	Recruitment					Attendance			
	July 1, 2004	July 30, 2004	Gains	Losses	Net Month	Net Year	Percentage	Ranking	Meetings
ASHBURN	15	15	0	0	0	0	83.0	18	5
AUGUSTA	188	183	0	5	-5	-5	83.8	1	3
AUGUSTA SOUTH	24	23	0	1	-1	-1	69.8	40	4
AUGUSTA WEST	60	60	0	0	0	0	66.0	49	5
BLACKSHEAR	33	33	0	0	0	0	62.1	53	4
BRUNSWICK	109	109	0	0	0	0	51.1	61	5
CAMDEN COUNTY	55	59	4	0	4	4	75.0	32	5
CENTERVILLE					0	0			
CLAXTON	54	54	0	0	0	0	88.0	8	4
COCHRAN	47	45	0	2	-2	-2	62.1	53	4
DOUGLAS	72	74	2	0	2	2	77.0	28	5
DOWNTOWN MACON	118	117	1	2	-1	-1	68.0	45	4
DOWNTOWN STATESBORO	68	67	0	1	-1	-1	86.5	12	4
DUBLIN	160	159	0	1	-1	-1	92.0	4	4
EASTMAN	56	55	0	1	-1	-1	82.0	20	4
EFFINGHAM COUNTY	41	41	0	0	0	0	87.8	10	5
EFFINGHAM COUNTY SUNRISE	45	44	1	2	-1	-1	77.0	28	4
FITZGERALD	58	58	0	0	0	0	65.0	51	4
GLENNVILLE	29	29	0	0	0	0	90.0	7	4
GLYNN COUNTY	47	48	1	0	1	1	70.6	38	4
GREATER BYRON	25	25	1	1	0	0	79.8	25	4
HAWKINSVILLE	53	53	0	0	0	0	72.0	34	4
HAZLEHURST	21	21	0	0	0	0	77.0	28	4
HINESVILLE	34	34	0	0	0	0	52.3	59	4
JEFFERSON COUNTY	22	22	0	0	0	0	78.0	27	4
JEKYLL ISLAND	27	27	0	0	0	0	88.0	8	4
JESUP	42	42	0	0	0	0	69.5	41	5
JONES COUNTY	32	31	0	1	-1	-1	66.0	49	5
KINGS BAY	10	10	0	0	0	0	86.0	13	4
MACON	218	215	1	4	-3	-3	68.0	45	3
MARSHES OF GLYNN-ST. SIMONS	19	18	0	1	-1	-1	94.0	2	5
McINTOSH COUNTY	24	24	0	0	0	0	81.0	21	4
McRAE	31	32	1	0	1	1	83.0	18	4
METTER	39	39	0	0	0	0	75.8	31	4
MILLEDGEVILLE	100	100	0	0	0	0	80.2	24	5
MILLEN	31	31	0	0	0	0	93.0	3	4
NASHVILLE-BERRIEN	33	33	0	0	0	0	51.5	60	3
OCILLA	27	27	0	0	0	0	79.0	26	3
PERRY	63	64	1	0	1	1	87.4	11	3
POOLER	31	30	0	1	-1	-1	70.0	39	3
REIDSVILLE					0	0			
RICHMOND HILL	56	56	0	0	0	0	69.0	42	5
SANDERSVILLE	64	64	1	1	0	0	85.0	14	5
SAVANNAH	230	230	0	0	0	0	54.3	57	3
SAVANNAH EAST	69	68	0	1	-1	-1	67.2	48	3
SAVANNAH SOUTH	102	102	0	0	0	0	68.7	43	4
SAVANNAH SUNRISE	36	39	3	0	3	3	84.2	16	5
SAVANNAH WEST	39	39	1	1	0	0	71.0	37	4
SKIDAWAY ISLAND	64	65	1	0	1	1	84.8	15	4
ST SIMONS ISLAND	124	123	0	1	-1	-1	68.7	43	4
STATESBORO	161	161	0	0	0	0	90.2	6	3
SWAINSBORO	46	43	0	3	-3	-3	91.0	5	3
SYLVANIA	41	41	0	0	0	0	75.0	32	5
TENNILLE	19	20	1	0	1	1	65.0	51	4
TIFT COUNTY	24	21	0	3	-3	-3	53.0	58	4
TIFTON	126	125	2	3	-1	-1	20.0	62	4
VALDOSTA	129	130	2	1	1	1	72.0	34	4
VALDOSTA NORTH	82	81	0	1	-1	-1	56.3	56	4
VALDOSTA SUNRISE	26	25	0	1	-1	-1	60.0	55	5
VIDALIA	60	59	0	1	-1	-1	98.0	1	3
WARNER ROBINS	124	124	0	0	0	0	81.0	21	4
WAYCROSS	40	40	0	0	0	0	68.0	45	4
WAYNESBORO	40	39	0	1	-1	-1	72.0	34	4
WRIGHTSVILLE	24	24	0	0	0	0	81.0	21	4
District Totals	3887	3870	24	41	-17	-17			

Attendance Report Compiled by District Secretary Joe Converse

Celebrating a Century of Service

Celebrate Rotary's Centennial by Honoring Paul Harris

Rotary founder Paul Harris is among more than 70 outstanding U.S. volunteers who will be honored through a new national memorial in Washington, D.C., located on a one-mile path adjacent to the White House and U.S. Treasury Department.

When completed, "The Extra Mile" Volunteer Pathway will feature bronze medallions with a likeness of each honoree, a description of his or her achievements, and/or a quotation. Each of the medallions will measure 42 inches (more than 1 meter) in diameter. Dedication is planned for mid-2005.

The RI Board of Directors has

approved this project to facilitate the construction of the Paul Harris medallion, which will be placed in a block of granite set into the sidewalk. An effort is under way to raise \$50,000 toward the cost of the monument. Contributors of \$250 or more will receive a 3-inch bronze replica medallion keepsake.

"More than 1.7 million visitors are expected to see the Pathway each year and the medallion will remain there in perpetuity, creating a wonderful public relations opportunity for Rotary International," according to RI Vice President Frank C. Collins Jr. '03-'04 and Past District Governor Jack B. Blane, co-chairs of the project, in a

letter addressed to all U.S. District Governors, RI General Officers and The Rotary Foundation Trustees.

The Points of Light Foundation, initiator of the program, believes that the memorial will help promote the spirit of volunteerism among visitors who walk along the pathway.

More details are available from the official memorial Web site (www.extramile.us) Club, District and personal contributions toward the special tribute to Paul Harris are encouraged and may be made by check only to **Points of Light Foundation, c/o PDG Jack B. Blane, 2750 Ridge Road, Highland Park, IL 60035, USA.**

Centennial Chatter

... Preston Johnson, District Centennial Chairman


In order to celebrate Rotary's close relationship with the United Nations, our two organizations will come together for a full day session at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on Saturday November 6th, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The best of all is that participation is open to all Rotarians on a first-come, first-serve basis. We will discuss at that meeting how to work together on health, education, water and sanitation programs.

Rotary International President Glenn Estess, RI President Elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar and RI Past President Frank Devlyn are

expected to be there together with a majority of Rotary International's Board of Directors. It is a great opportunity to see them.

Last year's UN Day was sold out with more than 800 Rotarians in attendance. The registration fee is \$35.00. If you would like to attend, you better send your registration as soon as possible to:

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Rotary's membership exceeded 1 million by 1985. Today, there are some 1.2 million members worldwide.