



# ROTARY DISTRICT 6920

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## November is Foundation Month

Every year in November we focus on **OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION**. Contributions to the Annual Fund earn Rotarians recognition items that reflect their level of giving. The giving goal of \$100 per Rotarian each year is reflected in **OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION** "Every Rotarian Every Year" goal.

Thousands of humanitarian grants have helped Polio Plus nearly complete worldwide eradication of this crippling and killing disease. Hundreds of thousands of people in the world, for the first time, have clean water, have access to medical care, have reading and writing ability, have shelter, have clothing, and have hope. That hope is a result of Rotarians working to make our world a better place to live through our collective synergy and the good works of **OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION**.

When you donate your tax-deductible \$100 EREY contribution to the Annual Fund, that

money is invested for three years. After three years, the whole \$100 comes out of investment and is used to fund good works and grants that help promote world peace and cultural understanding. The investment proceeds pay for

the administrative operating costs. No fee is subtracted from your contributions. Your contributions to **OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION** are handled with extraordinary efficiency and effectiveness.

- DG Bill Blankenship

## HYBRID RAFFLE HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN

Giving gifts of tax-deductible Hybrid Raffle tickets this Holiday Season is off to a great start!

Some Rotarians have taken responsibility for several Hybrid Raffle tickets and announced to their fellow Rotarians that Hybrid Raffle tickets are the only Holiday Gifts that they will give this Holiday season!

The net proceeds from the Hybrid Raffle will be divided between **OUR GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM** and **OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION**.

Congratulations to the Rotary clubs of **Camden County, Dublin** and **Valdosta Sunrise**. These three clubs have turned in Hybrid Raffle completed ticket stubs and payment for at least one Hybrid Raffle ticket for each **Rotarian** in their respective clubs.

- DG Bill Blankenship

# RI District 6920 METS Elects New Leaders

*The following article was written by Patti Victor.*

Rotary Medical Equipment Transport Service (METS), a humanitarian project of Rotary District 6920, officially opened in April 2004 with a ribbon cutting ceremony by then RI President-Elect Glen Estess Sr. METS has progressed through the “formative” stages to an organization that is meeting its goal of “saving lives and reducing pain and suffering by collecting donated medical equipment and supplies ... and packing and shipping containers worldwide.” Fourteen 40-foot containers have been shipped to date, with plans to ship two more before the end of the year. METS is financed through the Rotary clubs and members in this district and is staffed by Rotary volunteers.

Founder and director, Dr. Robert Ashley, a member of The Rotary Club of Savannah Sunrise, has steered METS from its inception to an organization that will ship over \$1.5 million in surplus medical supplies and equipment to developing nations in the year 2006. Now, “Dr. Bob,” recipient of The Rotary Club of Savannah East’s 2004 Rotarian of the Year Award, is moving on to other pastures where he will continue to serve the poor and disenfranchised people of the world. To that effect, the METS Board of Directors on Oct. 19 elected Patti T. Victor to serve as director of METS. Al Wieners will serve as assistant director and Bob Ashley will continue to serve as chairman of the board and as a lifetime board member. The METS Board of Directors passed a resolution expressing its “deep appreciation for Bob’s initiative and leadership” with METS.

Patti Victor is semiretired as an IT analyst. Patti is active at St. John’s Church in Savannah and has, through the years, volunteered with numerous nonprofit organizations, most recently Hospice Savannah. Patti has been married to Neil H. Victor for 26 years.

Al Wieners is retired from IBM where he last served as director of quality product assurance. Al lives at the Landings and is pursuing the Life Master award in tournament bridge. He was married to the late Betty Wieners for almost 50 years.

Rotary District 6920 welcomes Al and Patti and looks forward to continuing and expanding the work of METS under their leadership.

Additionally, the METS board in the October 19 meeting voted unanimously to acquire an additional two-year lease on the current warehouse and seek a contribution of a warehouse in the Savannah area of ~ 10-12,000 SQ/FT and/or seek contributions of funds required to purchase an adequate warehouse.

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# Coloring Books Reach Young Hands

*Distribution of the 4-Way Test Coloring Book to elementary school children is an action which produces multiple positive outcomes. During the time when young minds are most receptive and fertile, the 4-Way Test Coloring Book introduces them to the word Rotary. They learn values and ethics. They learn positive peer interaction. They learn to read. School board members, school superintendents, curriculum advisors, teachers, school principals and inquisitive parents all learn about Rotary and become Rotarians. WOW! This one is a super fine community service projects for all Rotary clubs! - Governor Bill*

**Millen Rotary Club member Deborah Bennett prepared the following article.**

*Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

Since 1992 the Rotary 4-Way Test has become a tool for teaching school children ethical and moral issues, thanks to an innovative project of the Millen Rotary Club.

The Four-Way Test Coloring Book project was created by Millen Rotarians Ivey McMillan, Steve Golden, Joey McBride, Chad Holton and Billy Bragg with input from the local school system and illustrations by artist Travis Wiggins. The targeted group was kindergarten through second grade students.

The 24-page book begins with a brief history of Rotary, while the body of the book contains four sections, each representing a different situation in which a child is confronted with a moral or ethical dilemma. Text explains the series of illustrations and asks the reader what he or she would do in a similar situation. Discussion questions and puzzles are included throughout the book.

Millen Rotarians spent more than 1,500 hours writing, design-

ing and publishing the coloring book, as well as developing the storylines which were based upon



*Millen Rotarians, from left, Joey McBride, Ivey McMillan, Kishore Solanki and Club President Wanda Burke prepare to read a story from the Millen Rotary Club's Four-Way Test Coloring Book to a group of young children at the Jenkins County Memorial Library.*

personal experiences of the Rotarians. Their efforts were recognized when the book was presented at the 1991-1992 District Conference and received the Vocation Project of the Year Award and Porter W. Carswell Significant Achievement Award for 1991-1992, the first ever for District 6920, from then-President Rajendra K. Saboo. Also, the May 1994 issue of the *Rotarian* magazine featured the coloring book in an article in the "Pick a Project" section of the publication.

Rotary recognition, however,

is not the only accolades the book has received. In 1992, the Georgia Department of Education referenced the book as an excellent example of "what works regarding values education" and in September 1994, the book received recognition from the office of then-U.S. Senator Sam Nunn. Sen. Nunn paralleled the contents of the book with the core elements of character used in formulating legislation in the U.S. Senate.

The coloring book has also been featured on Augusta, Ga., television station WJBF in a "People Who Care" segment, as well as on Savannah, Ga., television WSAV in an educational segment.

Over 100,000 children have received and enjoyed the Millen Rotary Club Coloring Book and several scholarships have been awarded from proceeds of the sale, with other funds used for various Rotary projects.

"We believe this project is one worthy of pursuit, not only from a standpoint of educating young minds, but also as promotion of the Rotarian way of life and the 4-Way Test," commented Ivey McMillan.



## Rotary District 6920 Newsletter

### High School Speech Contest Gearing Up

Dear Rotarians:

We already have a wonderful Rotary year in progress and important part of this year's continued focus will be on the High School Speech Contest, which was certainly a focus point at last year's District Conference, and this year should be even more exciting. With each year, the competition gets greater and the speeches get better!

As in past years, I am requesting that each club president or your appointee contact each local high school within your service area and ask them to select a speaker to represent their high school with a speech using this year's Rotary theme as the basis for their speech, **"Rotary Serving the World"** Specific topics: **Water projects, Literacy Projects and Medical Projects**. The top two students from each club will go on to compete at the zone level, which will increase the level of competition substantially. The school representatives will deliver the speech before the local club assembly at which time a first and second place winner will be selected to represent your club at the designated zone speech contest. The winners of the zone contests will receive small gifts and will be expected to compete at the District Conference, which will be held on May 5, 2007, in Savannah, Ga. Three scholarships will be awarded for the three winners in the amount of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 at the District Conference.

Please use the following dates for scheduling purposes:

Final Selection by Club Representative: By Feb. 28, 2007

**Zone Competition Dates**

North Area - March 3, 2007

East Zone - March 10, 2007

Central/West Zone - March 24, 2007

**District Competition:** May 5, 2007

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