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## *Rep. Kingston to be Speaker at Opening Luncheon*

U.S. Representative Jack Kingston has served Georgia's 1st District for the past 14 years and is now in his eighth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. And, he will serve as the keynote speaker for this year's District Conference opening luncheon in Savannah on Friday, May 4.

Throughout his career in public service at the state and national levels, Rep. Kingston has fought to lower taxes, balance the budget, and reduce government interference in our lives. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for deciding how the federal budget is spent, Congressman Kingston serves on the Defense Subcommittee which oversees all military-based funding. With the 1st District home to Moody AFB, Ft. Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay,

Congressman Kingston has a special interest in America's defense abilities. Recently appointed Ranking Member on the Appropriations Committee's Agriculture Subcommittee, he maintains a close relationship with

Georgia's farmers and has been one of their strongest allies in Washington.

His down to earth style and common sense approach to issues have made him one of the strongest communicators in Congress and he is often a guest on network television shows such as

Fox News, MSNBC, the Daily Show, the Colbert Report and Real Time with Bill Maher. Known as an effective communicator and a conservative

voice, Kingston has served as the Chairman of the *Theme Team* since 1997.

His conservative track record has won him recognition and awards from many non-partisan citizens' groups and media outlets. In fact, in 2005 Congressman Kingston was rated as the "most conservative member of the House" by *National Journal* for his voting record the previous year. Further, he has been named each term as a "Taxpayer's Hero," and "A Guardian of Small Business." Congressman Kingston was also awarded the "Watchdog of the Treasury Award," and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's "Spirit of Enterprise" Award.

Congressman Kingston's district encompasses 25 counties in South Georgia stretching from Savannah to St. Marys, north to Wheeler County and includes four major military installations, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, and the ports of Savannah and Brunswick.

Congressman Kingston lives in Savannah. He is married and has four children and two dogs.



*Rep. Jack Kingston*

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**Register for the District Conference online at  
[www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net)**

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Kings Bay, Camden County Clubs Receive \$3,000 Grant

Last fall, Rotary International offered a Public Relations Grant to all Rotary clubs worldwide. The Rotary clubs of Kings Bay and Camden County, in a united effort, applied for and received a \$3,000 grant.

Rotary International received more than 4,000 applications from 100 countries, with the Kings Bay and Camden County club being the only one approved for District 6920.



## *Clubs Reminded of District, RI Dues*

PDG Bruce Montgomery has received some inquiries regarding district and Rotary International dues as clubs set their budgets for next year.

RI dues are (July 1) \$23.50; \$6 - magazine; \$1 - Council on Legislation and \$3.40 - insurance. RI monies due Jan. 1 include \$23.50 in dues and \$6 - magazine.

District monies due July 1 and Jan. 1 are \$15.50 for dues and \$7.50 for METS.

Dues are the primary source of revenue for RI and are used to support many services provided to members, as well as RI programs and the budgets for district governors.

## District Well Represented at Last Month's PETS

*DGE Dick Hyer has provided the following report from last month's PETS.*

The 2007 edition of the President's Education and Training Seminar (PETS) was held at the Wyndham Hotel in Peachtree City on March 10-11.

Preceding the PETS gathering, Rotary International President-Elect Wilf Wilkinson was honored with a special President's Dinner where 250 Rotarians and guests were in attendance. President Wilf addressed the group and emphasized the international goals which are literacy, health and hunger, clean water, membership, youth programs and membership. He also addressed the image of Rotary throughout the world. He encouraged those new presidents to be the "very best you can be. Rotary needs you to encourage membership and join the 'Every Rotarian Every

Year' - EREY - efforts to support the Rotary Foundation."

President Wilf was honored with a special Georgia gift of sculpture made by an outstanding Georgia artist.

District Governors-Elect Bill Woulfin, Nathan Carmack, and Dick Hyer presided throughout the ceremony. PETS Chair and PDG Jeanette Caneega led the evening festivities and set the stage for the two days of training for President's Elect.

There were over 400 newly elected club presidents and leaders from Georgia who participated in sessions designed to prepare them for the year ahead. Topics for instruction included Membership, The Rotary Foundation, Club Administration and plenary sessions which addressed the leadership role for club presidents.

Rotary International Director Barry Rasson provided a motivational speech which

was designed to put the "wow factor" into club leadership. District 6920 was well represented by club presidents, Assistant Governors and committee chairs. District Governor Bill Blakenship opened the Saturday morning session with a welcome and information about the District Conference in Savannah. DGE Dick Hyer served as the district leader for the remainder of the conference. District Governor Nominee Kenan Kern addressed the group on behalf of The Rotary Foundation.

The next district training activity is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, at Sandersville Technical College. Information on the 2007 District Assembly will be sent to President's Elect in late April. Assistant Governor Lloyd Horadan will be the contact person for what promises to be an informative day "Sharing Rotary," the new theme.

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Conclave '07 Registration Available Online

The Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) allows students and Rotarians the opportunity to meet and learn about one another as they begin an exciting year. Some 74 students from 30 countries will attend Conclave 2007 on the weekend of August 24-26.

The Conclave presents a great opportunity to extend friendship to our GRSP students and enjoy a weekend of fellowship with other Rotarians. A mandatory meeting for all GRSP students for the 2007-2008 school year, Conclave allows students to meet fellow members of their class, be indoctrinated to GRSP, life in the United States, and understand what is expected of them during their stay.

### Conclave Events

Conclave events are planned primarily at the Augusta Marriott Hotel and Suites and Augusta State University. The Marriott Hotel is located along the

Augusta River Walk overlooking the Savannah River. The hotel offers luxury accommodations with convenient access to the River Walk and downtown antique shops.

The conclave begins with a trustees meeting on Friday. Students will be asked to register around noon in the lobby of the hotel. Students will have an opportunity to meet the Rotary district governors in the afternoon prior to meeting their host families for the weekend. Host families and fellow Rotarians are encouraged to join the students on Friday evening for a formal welcome and dinner at the Augusta State University Student Activities Center.

Saturday meetings will be held at the Marriott Hotel conference halls. Student meetings will cover a variety of topics such as local laws, customs and courtesies. Sessions will be available for host families as well as to answer questions and review the role and expectations of host families. A

lunch will be provided for the students. Students will spend the afternoon preparing and rehearsing their entertainment for the evening. Students, host families and Rotarians will gather Friday evening at the Marriott Hotel for a buffet banquet. After dinner, the show begins. The highlight of the evening is uplifting entertainment performed by the students in their traditional native dress.

Students assemble at the Marriott Hotel on Sunday morning at 9 to catch their rides back home and begin their exciting year ahead.

Registration for this year's Conclave has been made available online at [www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net).

Ron Lewis, a member of the Augusta West Rotary Club, is chairman on the GRSP 2007 Conclave committee, with Augusta West Rotary Club serving as the host for this year's conclave.

## *District Assembly Set for June 2 at Sandersville Technical College*

In view of the annual turnover of Rotary leadership each year, special effort is required to provide the club leaders with appropriate instruction for the tasks they will assume. The annual District Assembly is the major leadership training event in each Rotary district of the world.

The District Assembly offers motivation, inspiration, Rotary information and new ideas for club officers, directors and key committee chairpersons of each club. Some of the most experienced district leaders conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects. The assembly gives all participants valuable new ideas to make their

club more effective and interesting. Usually eight to 10 delegates from each club are invited to attend the training session.

The success of each Rotary club is frequently determined by the club's full representation and participation in the annual district assembly.

This year, the District Assembly will be held in Sandersville at the Technical College on June 2. Registration forms and the agenda will be sent to you in the next two weeks. Lunch will be included in the \$15 per person fee.

**Please encourage your board members, officers, directors and chairmen to attend.**

## April is Rotary's Magazine Month

The month of April is annual designated as Rotary's Magazine Month, an occasion to recognize and promote the reading and use of the official RI magazine, *The Rotarian*, and the regional magazines, which make up the Rotary World Press.

In addition to *The Rotarian*, the Rotary World Press includes 29 regional magazines printed in 21 languages with a combined circulation of almost half a million. Although each regional publication has its own unique style and content, they all provide Rotarians with up-to-date information and good reading in April - and all through the year.



## Rotary District 6920 Newsletter

### *Georgia Rotarians Participate in Polio Eradication Trip*

A total of 20 Rotarians and spouses participated in a Rotary International National Immunization Day in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India, in November. Uttar Pradesh is ground zero in the Indian Polio Eradication effort.

The group traveling to India was led by District 6900 PDG Robert Hall of The Dunwoody Rotary Club and his wife, Charlene. Participating members from District 6920 were PDG Jim Puryear of The Augusta Rotary Club and Immediate Past President Bob Griggers of The Rotary Club of Centerville. Bob's wife, Brenda, also accompanied the group. Members of the group agreed upon the importance of supporting the polio eradication effort financially. However, all wanted to participate "hands on" in administering

the vaccine to those precious children.

The group convened in Delhi. From Delhi, they split into five teams of four to visit cities in the State of Uttar Pradesh for three days. They were hosted by Rotarian families in



these cities, meeting with the district's magistrate and health officer and were interviewed by the local press. On the second day of their visit, the group participated in administering the polio

vaccine and attended debriefing sessions with World Health Organization, UNICEF and the Indian government officials to report, critique and plan house-to-house visits by UNICEF and local government officials to remote villages.

The third and final day of the trip, the group participated in the house-to-house canvass, beginning their 20-hour return flight home later that night.

"By the time we arrived at our home, we had been up 41 hours," said Bob. "We came back more convinced than ever that the Rotarians, the Indian government, UNICEF and WHO had done their homework."

That week alone, more than 38 million Uttar Pradesh children were given the vaccine, with more than 136 million Indians vaccinated against the Polio virus in one week.