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ROTARY DISTRICT 6920

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Register for District Conference

Dear Rotarians:

Please make the following announcement at your next club meeting:

It is my pleasure to announce that registration is now available for our District's 2007 Conference which is being held in Savannah May 4-6th 2007.

The Conference will kickoff on Friday the 4th, with a luncheon, our scheduled speaker is Governor Sonny Perdue. We expect a weekend of information, fellowship and fun. The City of Savannah and the Riverfront Marriott Hotel will only enhance your experience at this year's Conference.

Information on the conference, speakers, agenda and activities is available on our district website www.rotarydistrict6920.net.

You may register online using

PayPal, or print off the registration form and register by mail. If you need a hotel room, a special block of rooms are being held for Rotarians at the Marriott. Their phone number is also online.

Please be aware that the Marriott will hold these rooms at the special rate for Rotarians until April 3; after that

date, they will be available to others.

May is a busy month in Savannah, if you wait to book your rooms until after the April 3, they may all be booked.

My suggestion is, if you think you might attend the Conference and need room(s), book them now. If plans change you can always cancel.

We look forward to your attendance at this years Conference. It promises to be one of the best ever.

Please use the enclosed form to register by mail or go to the district web site to register



Governor Sonny Perdue

online.

Hank Smalling
Conference Chair

High School Speech Competition to Highlight Conference

The month of March will likely see many high schoolers in our district talking up Rotary. The district's annual high school speech contests will begin with a round of zone competitions next month.

Club presidents have been asked to contact each high school within their service area and have them select a speaker to represent their high school with a speech.

This year's topic is "Rotary Serving the World." Specific topics are water, literacy and medical projects.

The two top students from each club will go on to compete at the zone level. 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 in

Savannah. Three scholarships will be awarded for the three winners in the amount of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 at the District Conference.

The zone competitions will be held on March 3 - North Area; March 10 - East Zone and March 24 - Central/West Zone.

Kelli Simon is serving as this year's speech contest chair.

ROTARY HYBRID RAFFLE

The drawing for the new Mercury Mariner Hybrid at the District Conference is only three months away.

Each Rotarian in our district buying or selling the one hybrid raffle is the goal to optimize the success of the raffle.

Please encourage your fellow Rotarians to participate in supporting GRSP and The Rotary Foundation by purchasing hybrid raffle tickets.

My thanks and appreciation goes out to the five clubs that have already achieved an average of one hybrid raffle ticket sale per club member.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for your work and contributions that help make our world a better place to live.

Yours in Rotary,
DG Bill Blankenship

Horndler to Represent RI President Boyd at District Conference

Rudolf Horndler will serve as Rotary International President William Boyd's representative to this year's District 6920 conference in May.

Rudolf Horndler has retired as senior partner for Notare Horndler/Dr. Ulbrich, a notary partnership. Mr. Horndler was born in Schwabach, Germany. Following secondary school, he attended Beloit College in the United States as a Fulbright Scholar, and also attended both the University of Munich and the Free University of Berlin, in Germany. He graduated from law school at the University of Erlangen, Germany.

Rolf was a director of Neumarkter Konzertfreunde, a nonprofit organization that arranges concerts of internationally recognized artists, particularly in chamber music. He previously was co-founder of a local non-partisan voters group from which he was elected to his county assembly. He also served as a director of his local Schul-Elternbeirat, a parent-run school board.



Rudolf Horndler

A Rotarian since 1974, he is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Nurnberg-Furth. He has served Rotary International as director, district governor, Group Study Exchange team leader, International Assembly discussion group leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, committee member and sergeant at arms for the 1987 Rotary International Convention in Munich, Germany. As a past chairman of the European Regional PolioPlus Committee, Rolf is dedicated to the global effort to eradicate polio.

Rookie of the Year to be Announced at District Conference in May

Does your club have a new member who has hit the ground running and accomplished good works or a specific project? We are looking for Rookie of the Year applicants who deserve special recognition for their contributions to your community and for their contributions to Rotary.

Each club is different and each club has many different ways to perform community service. Your club's Rookie of the Year could be selected as our District Rookie of the Year at the District Conference by a selection board composed of the College of Governors.

The proposed Rookie of the year should have less than 24 months as a Rotarian on May 1, 2007. There are no forms. The recommendation should be a narrative of 2-3 type written pages endorsed by the club's board and over the signature of the Club President.

Internal club service work, as well as community service work, should be included. Areas of Membership Growth, Club Extension(including Interact, Rotaract), Hybrid Raffle Ticket sales, Community Service, Public Relations, Literacy, International Service, all are areas where a new Rotarian could distinguish themselves.

Please encourage your club's Rookie of the year to attend the District Conference. The District Rookie of the Year will be selected and announced during the District Conference.

DG Bill Blankenship

Register online for the
District Conference at
www.rotarydistrict6920.net

DISTRICT 6920 NEWS & EVENTS

CART Donations Appreciated

Donations for Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust continue to come in through District 6920 clubs. Recently, some club presidents have inquired as to where to mail their contributions. Until further notice, checks, made payable to The CART Fund, should be mailed to P.O. Box 1916, Sumter, SC 29151.

Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile project, which has awarded \$1.6 million in grants for Alzheimer's research since its founding in 1995. For information on how your Rotary Club or you as an individual can join the fight against Alzheimer's Disease, contact the CART Board by email at info@cartfund.org.

Sean Rose Named Centerville's Newest Paul Harris Fellow

In an email to Annual Funds Chair Kenan Kern, Jack Steed, president of The Centerville Rotary Club, wrote that the Super Bowl Pool to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation was a great success.

"I want you to know that Sean Rose, our newest member, without being asked, took on the Rotary Foundation Opportunity, and sold all the blocks on the chart," wrote Steed. "Bob Griggers, a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, won the pool, then immediately contributed the money to the Rotary Foundation and named Sean Rose as our newest Paul Harris Fellow. Again, thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to take advantage of this opportunity. We benefited from the fun and the Rotary Foundation will benefit from the money."

In the Super Bowl Pool, clubs were encouraged to have members purchase multiple squares in order to sell out the full 100 squares on their cards. Each square sold for a minimum contribution of \$10, with the winner being named a Paul Harris Fellow. If the winner was already a Paul Harris Fellow, he or she would then be recognized as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and have the opportunity to name another Paul Harris Fellow.

"Take advantage of this fun and exciting way to bring a large contribution to District 6920's support to the future of world needs," Kenan wrote when he sent out the Super Bowl Pool to clubs in January. Thanks to all of the clubs who participated in this worthwhile effort and helped raise funds for The Rotary Foundation. Your participation and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Valdosta Sunrise Hosting Golf Scramble in March

The Valdosta Sunrise Rotary Club is hosting its 8th Annual Charity Golf Scramble on Friday, March 2, at the Kinderlou Forest Golf Club on Highway 84 West in Valdosta.

Individuals interested in participating are invited to do so by contacting Gail P. Green, golf committee chairperson, at (229) 251-7862 or via email at cgreen@ipgarchitects.com.

The club is seeking team sponsorship - \$400 for a four-person team. Sponsorship includes golf fees, golf carts and a delicious prime rib lunch prepared by Austin's and The Ravine. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start.

Langdale Ford will sponsor a new vehicle for a hole-in-one on a selected

hole, as well as other prizes on designated holes.

The Valdosta Sunrise Rotary Club selects worthwhile, local charities to receive proceeds from its annual golf scramble, in addition to supporting the Rotary International Foundation. This year's tournament is sponsored to benefit ARTS, Inc., the Lowndes-Valdosta Habitat for Humanity and the Rotary International Foundation.

ARTS, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating children through the arts since 1960 under the inspiration of Katherine Mixson. Ms. Mixson believes that "exposing children to excellence will make them desire excellence." Through charitable donations, ARTS, Inc. offers training in

dance, drama, violin and boys' choir with future plans to include instruction in art, writing, piano/organ and vocal and visual arts.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization committed to eliminating sub-standard housing by making home ownership a reality for working, low-income families. Charitable donations providing building materials and operational funds for the local affiliate.

The Valdosta Sunrise Rotary Club wishes to express its sincere thanks to the event's corporate sponsors: Austin's Cattle Company & The Ravine, First State Bank and Trust Company, Langdale Ford and The Loop Pizza Grill.



Rotary District 6920 Newsletter

The Rotarian Photo Contest

How do you picture Service Above Self? *The Rotarian* wants to see Rotary's motto through your lens.

Winning entries will be published in the June 2007 issue. Submit your best shot from the 2006-07 calendar year that illustrates your definition of Service Above Self. A favorite Youth Exchange student? A child whose life was changed forever by a club project? A fellow Rotarian in action in a far-off place? Use your creativity and your talent to photograph your entry.

The deadline is March 1, 2007. Submit high-resolution digital photos online or send 8 x 10 prints to: Photo Contest, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201 USA. All entries become property of *The Rotarian* and will not be returned.

Enter today and your photo could be featured in *The Rotarian* in June!

To enter, go to <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/rotarian/photocontest/photohandler.php>.

“The volunteerism exemplified by Rotary International is an engine for renewal and change in every society— and it is that same volunteer spirit, rooted in compassion and a profound sense of responsibility to our fellow human beings, that offers so much hope for the future, beginning with children.”

— Carol Bellamy, Executive Director, UNICEF