



# ROTARY DISTRICT 6920

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## *Karen Brooks Holds Winning Raffle Ticket*

During the past year, a raffle for Rotary District 6920 was conducted by The Rotary Club of Camden County. The raffle prize was the new Mercury Mariner Hybrid procured through John Lilliston's dealership.

The raffle drawing was held Saturday evening May 5, 2007, at the Rotary District Conference at the Marriott in Savannah, Georgia. In front of a crowd of near 400 Rotarians, The Rotary Foundation Trustee Rolf Horndler drew the winning ticket number 01392 and made that ticket holder, Karen Brooks, very happy.

Net proceeds nearing \$11,100 each were sent to the Rotary charitable programs The Georgia Rotary Student Program and The Rotary Foundation.



*Karen Brooks, center, was the winner of the Mercury Mariner Hybrid raffle which was held during the District Conference in Savannah in May. Congratulating Karen are The Rotary Foundation Trustee Rolf Horndler and DG Bill Blankenship.*

### *Macon Rotary Club Receives Grant*

In our April Governor's newsletter, we applauded the Rotary clubs of Kings Bay and Camden County for receiving a Rotary International Public Relations Grant in the amount of \$3,000.

In that same announcement, we erroneously said that this joint project was the only one in the district which was approved for the grant. The Macon Rotary Club also

received a \$3,000 RI grant for public relations and has established three billboards and newspaper and magazine articles with PEACE in many languages with the Rotary symbol.

We apologize for the omission and congratulate all of those involved with these projects for securing a RI grant.

### **Fellowship Month**

Celebrate June with Rotary Fellowships! Rotary fellowships offer Rotarians the opportunity to make friends with others in Rotary who share a common vocation, hobby or recreational interest.

Do you have a newsworthy connection to other Rotarians? Share this news with your local media this month to highlight the broadening reach of Rotary.

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Valdosta Sunrise Receives Certificate of Appreciation

The Rotary Club of Valdosta Sunrise received a Certificate of Appreciation for their outstanding volunteerism as community partners with the J.L. Lomax Elementary School on May 18.

President Charles Green said, "The important element here is not the awards, but the positive effect on these wonderful, but financially disadvantaged, children. Many of these kids have poor or zero parental guidance and all they need is a little encouragement from a volunteer. They need someone to say, "You can do it; you can learn to read."

## *Centerville Club Holds David Pierce Memorial Luncheon*

The Rotary Club of Centerville President Jack Steed reports that on May 22, his club held the first David Pierce Memorial Crime Stopper Luncheon.

Approximately 200 people were in attendance and a check for \$20,150 was presented to the Crime Stopper Organization. The organization's goal is to get criminals off the streets.

David Pierce served as Chief Judge of the Magistrate Court of Houston County and died of pancreatic cancer July 13, 2006 at the age of 61. A Rotarian with 30 years of perfect attendance, David held numerous leadership roles, including serving as President, District Director, Assistant Governor, Paul Harris Fellow and Will Watt Fellow.

## Camden County Club Raises \$10,550 for Children's Charity

The Rotary Club of Camden County had their annual duck race fundraiser at the end of April. President Steve Boudreaux and President-Elect Tom Cyphers presented a check to Teresa Sawyer of Palmetto Oaks Stables on May 18 in the amount of \$10,550.50. Palmetto Oaks Stables offers hippotherapy and therapeutic riding to any child who needs

these programs at no cost.

Teresa learned about the benefits of hippotherapy first-hand. She had to borrow a horse and work a schedule out for her youngest son to get the benefits of hippotherapy. With him in mind, she decided to open the ranch as a non-profit hippotherapy and therapeutic riding center for children.

## Club Awards Presented at District Conference

Clubs receiving the Presidential Citation were Ashburn, Augusta, Augusta West, Centerville, Camden, Douglas, Downtown Macon, Downtown Statesboro, Dublin, Eastman, Glennville, Jones County, Pooler, Macon, Metter, Milledgeville, Savannah Sunrise, Savannah West, Skidaway, Statesboro, Sylvania, Warner Robbins, Waycross and Wrightsville.

Three clubs were awarded the Governor's Award of Excellence for achieving a five-percent or five member net increase, as well as

100% EREY giving. They were Glennville, Milledgeville and Skidaway. Other awards presented were:

**Literacy Awards:** Augusta, Augusta West, Centerville, Claxton, Cochran, Downtown Macon, Dublin, Eastman, Fitzgerald, Greater Byron, Jones County, Macon, Metter, Milledgeville, Millen, Savannah, Savannah Sunrise, Savannah West, St. Simons Island, Skidaway Island, Tifton, Valdosta Sunrise, Warner Robins.

**RI Presidential Citation for**

**Literacy Projects:** Dublin, Greater Byron, Macon, Millen, Savannah Sunrise, Skidaway Island.

**Outstanding Service for Literacy:** Dublin, Greater Byron, Centerville, Macon, Savannah Sunrise, Skidaway Island, Valdosta Sunrise.

**Club Service:** Valdosta Sunrise (small, winner); Wrightsville (small, runner-up); Augusta West and Metter (medium, winners); Skidaway Island (medium, runner-up); Dublin (large,

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# What A Year it Has Been!!

*DG Bill Blankenship wishes to express his thanks to every Rotarian in District 6920 for making his year as District Governor one that he will not soon forget. The club visits, forged friendships and invaluable insight into what makes District 6920 Rotarians tick have all been memories that DG Bill will cherish forever.*

*Along the same token, DG Bill wants to thank everyone who visited, emailed, called and offered prayers for him during his most recent hospitalization. Your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated.*



*The Rotary Club of Kings Bay President Ed Clary presents DG Bill with his club's check for the hybrid raffle. Clubs were asked to purchase one or two raffle tickets in lieu of a personal gift for DG Bill.*



*Recognizing DGN Kenan Kern and his wife Beth as Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation are John Osterlund, general manager of The Rotary Foundation, and Rudolph Horndler, RI President Bill Boyd's representative to our district conference and a Rotary Foundation trustee. "As Major Donors, you are among a committed group of people dedicated to helping others," said Mr. Horndler during the District Conference. "Contributions like yours enable Rotary to carry out an array of programs throughout the world."*



*On September 7, 2006, President Charles Green, Rotary Club of Valdosta Sunrise presented Governor Bill with two framed Hybrid Raffle tickets and simultaneously announced that the Valdosta Sunrise club had achieved the Holiday Hybrid Raffle goal of one ticket per member.*



*Nancy White of the Macon Rotary Club is this year's Rookie of the Year. "It's been a great experience and I look forward to many more years," said Nancy after receiving the honor.*



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## Awards Presented at District Conference

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winner); Warner Robins (large, runner-up).

### **Porter Carswell Community**

**Service:** Wrightsville (small, winner); Augusta South and Centerville (small, runners-up); Perry (medium, winner); Sandersville (medium, runner-up); Dublin (large, winner); Warner Robins, Milledgeville and Macon (large, runners-up).

**Vocational Service:** Wrightsville (small, winner); Augusta South (small,

runner-up); Skidaway Island (medium, winner); Richmond Hill (medium, runner-up); Dublin (large, winner); Warner Robins (large, runner-up).

**International Service:** Augusta South and Kings Bay (small, winners); Wrightsville (small, runner-up); Metter (medium, winner); Richmond Hill and Skidaway Island (medium, runners-up); Dublin (large, winner); Brunswick (large, runner-up).

**Rookie of the Year:** Nancy White, Macon Rotary Club.

**Interact Awards:** Waynesboro,

Edmund Burke Academy.

**Club of the Year:** Augusta South (small, winner); Kings Bay (small, runner-up); Augusta West (medium, winner); Skidaway Island (medium, runner-up); Dublin (large, winner); Warner Robins (large, runner-up).

Additional awards were presented for Best Club Bulletin, Best On-Line Bulletin, Best Web Site, Best Scrapbook, Best Club Display, Largest Percentage Attending District Conference, Citation for Conference Attendance and the Dekle Attendance Award.



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