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THE GOVERNOR'S FORUM

Dear Rotarian Friends,
November is Foundation Month! The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is the very heartbeat of service activities throughout the Rotary World. First, concern yourself with being a Sustaining Member by giving \$100 or more per year. Second, encourage your president to seek Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) status for your club. Steps one and two will make members, clubs, and District 6920 significantly effective in reaching service goals.

Your district governor has completed official visits to 50 of 65 clubs. It is a grand experience to learn about world and community service throughout Georgia. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in a Rotary leadership capacity.

Please remember the Group Study Exchange, nominations for District Governor 2010-2011, and The Rotary Foundation in your November Rotary activities.

Let me point out two special topics: The recruitment process for candidates for the Group Study Exchange (GSE) and for candidates

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Rotaract is Alive in Dublin

The first Rotaract Club in District 6920 was chartered on the campus of Middle Georgia College in Cochran. It

was a very active club and THE club to belong to on campus. However, with the retirement or deaths of college leaders who were

Rotarians, the club no longer exists in Cochran.

But a Middle Georgia College Rotaract Club does exist today, on the Dublin Center Campus of Middle Georgia College. The active club is now in its sixth year and is sponsored by the Dublin Rotary Club.

Last year Middle Georgia College voted Dublin Rotaract Club as the third best club in the entire



college and the president was also recognized for outstanding service.

This year's Rotaract Club is off to a fast start with an excellent slate of officers who were installed at a Dublin Rotary Club luncheon meeting. The club has several projects of its own

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DG Nominations Sought

Nominations should be sent before November 15, 2007. A candidate must have served as club president. Past District Governor Bill Kemp will contact the nominees for an application. A curriculum vitae/resume may be submitted in lieu of an application. A candidate will be chosen by the College of Governors on January 5, 2008.

It is important that the names of candidates be submitted as soon as possible so that the proper paperwork/applications can be processed timely. This is an important decision for the College of Governors and your special attention is requested!

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Clubs Fulfill Promise to Increase Membership

As District 6920 Rotarians know, the push to increase each club's membership has been an ongoing theme during DG Dick's club visits and in his weekly communications. The following clubs are meeting those challenges and have reported the following membership increases.

The Rotary Club of Savannah has brought in 15 new members since July 1 and plans to induct six more new members in the coming month.

The Rotary Club of Kings Bay reports an increase of four new members through October 17, with intentions to add four new members in the next month.

The Rotary Club of Metter has reported the addition of six new members, with the announcement that six other club members have become Paul Harris Fellows. This is a great achievement for President Brian Tootle.

The Eastman Rotary Club reported a new member with the induction of Dr. Lynn Rogers, the Dodge County School Superintendent, into their club on Nov. 2.

Future Leadership of District Important

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for District Governor Nominee for 2010-2011. The GSE will be led by Dr. John Ricks of the Cochran Rotary Club. John is recruiting non-Rotarians ages 25-40 to spend approximately one month in the South of France as Rotary Ambassadors. If you have a candidate for GSE, please contact John as soon as possible. This will be a unique, all expenses paid opportunity to experience a European visit to France. Nominations for District Governor for 2010-2011 should be sent to me. Candidates must have served as club president and be willing to serve in the three year rotation as District Governor Nominee, District Governor Elect, and then District Governor. The choice will be made by the College of Governors at the January meeting. After nominations, Past District Governor Bill Kemp will coordinate the applications with nominees. The future leadership of Rotary District 6920 is certainly important and current leaders are anxious to recruit and train individuals for "Service above Self".

Yours for Better Rotary Service,
Richard E. Hyer, Jr.
District Governor

Dublin Rotaract Club Active

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and works closely with the Dublin Rotary Club. For example, they work with Dublin Rotary during the month-long St. Patrick's Festival by manning a break location for the multitude of bikers who participate in this event. They serve at the annual Joint Civic Club Luncheon attended by hundreds of people. They are also involved in a literacy project by collecting books, coats, and jackets for needy people. They assisted in serving meals and cleaning up at a Shamrocks and Stars event which raised money for a well in Africa. The list goes on and on. Their enthusiasm is contagious!

The Rotaract Club meets twice a month on the campus of the Dublin Center-Middle Georgia College at lunch time.

Members of the Rotaract Club are invited periodically to attend a Dublin Rotary Club luncheon meeting, along with the college advisor of the club.

A key to the success of the Rotaract Club is a strong and active Dublin Rotary committee as well as a very interested and enthusiastic college advisor. For the past five

years, a Dublin Center Economics Professor, Rebecca Cline, served tirelessly as the college advisor. Beginning this year, Dr. Stephen Svonavec, History Professor, has assumed this position and is very active.

Since Middle Georgia College is a two-year program there is an annual turnover in Rotaract Club membership, so members of the Dublin Rotary Club Partners In Service committee, and the College Advisor, man a table at the annual Club Rush on the Dublin Center Campus. This has proven to be vital to the ongoing existence of the Rotaract Club.

A new Rotaract club was chartered recently at the Sandersville Technical College, sponsored by the Sandersville Rotary Club. The Dublin Rotary Club would be interested in district projects between the two Rotaract Clubs and others. Perhaps as more Rotaract clubs are chartered, a Rotaract District Conference could become a reality. Dublin Rotary encourages other Rotary clubs to organize Rotaract clubs. These young adults are possible future Rotarians!

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Vidalia Rotarians Answer Call to Give

The Rotary Club of Vidalia sponsored their first Red Cross blood drive in July with a goal of 80 pints. The results were better than expected.

The Red Cross ran out of bags before the drive was complete. On their second drive in August, the Red Cross had to bring in many more workers to handle the Rotary volunteers.

Nancy Martin, from the Red Cross said "I can't thank you enough for all your hard work and efforts to make this happen before the holiday.

Mac Jordan is the President of The Rotary Club of Vidalia.

Turkey Dinner Fund-raiser



The Cochran Rotary Club held its annual turkey dinner fund-raiser in early October at Bleckley County Middle School. Nearly 600 plates were served. Servers included Rotarians John Giddens, John Phillips, Don Turknett and President Ross Faircloth. Photo courtesy of Brandy Perry, a Cochran Rotarian and editor of The Cochran Journal.

Jesup Hosts Cookoff



The Rotary Club of Jesup hosted its fifth annual barbecue cookoff on Oct. 27 and 28. The cookoff is a non-sanctioned event, but follows the Florida Barbecue Society rules. The Archfest, a two-day event held in downtown Jesup, includes hundreds of crafts and food booths and offers a multitude of activities for children to enjoy. There were 13 teams competing in the cookoff this year. Trophies were awarded to the winner in each category, with the grand champion team winning \$250 and a large trophy. Bill Harvey is president of The Rotary Club of Jesup.

Eastman Hosts GRSP Student



The Eastman Rotary Club hosted GRSP student Andrzej Skiba from Gdansk, Poland, during its Oct. 19 meeting. Andrzej presented the geography, history, food and culture of Poland to the club. Currently, Andrzej is a student at Middle Georgia College and is pursuing a degree in computer science. Mitchell and Susan Coffee, pictured with Andrzej and Eastman Rotary Club President Jim Kimmons, are serving as Andrzej's host family.

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Important Dates 2008

January 4-5: College of Governors
McRae

March 8-9: Presidents Elect Training Seminar
Peachtree City

April 18-20: District Conference
Macon

June 5-8: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference
Douglas

June 7: District Assembly
Dublin

June 15-18, 2008: Rotary International Conference
Los Angeles, CA

Governor's Club Visit Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 1: Sandersville, 1 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 5: Swainsboro, noon
Tuesday, Nov. 6: McIntosh County, noon
Wednesday, Nov. 7: Jekyll Island, 8 a.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 13: Nashville-Berrien, noon
Wednesday, Nov. 14: Millen, noon
Thursday, Nov. 15: Uptown Macon, noon
Tuesday, Nov. 27: Effingham Sunrise, 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 27: Waynesboro, noon
Wednesday, Nov. 28: Skidaway Island, 7:30 a.m.
Thursday, Nov. 29: Effingham County, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 4: McRae, noon
Wednesday, Dec. 5: Vidalia, noon

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Tuesday, Jan. 8: Hinesville, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 9: Glennville, noon
Thursday, Jan. 10: Downtown Statesboro, 7:15 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 15: Savannah South, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 16: Pooler, 7:30 a.m.

DISTRICT 6920 GOALS 2007-08

I. PROJECTS

- *Place 120 disabled students in competitive employment district-wide
- *Strengthen and continue Medical Equipment Transport Service (METS) Project
- *Sponsor an International Water Project
- *Promote eradication of hunger in the district
- *Promote literacy projects in the district

II. FOUNDATION

- *Reach a goal of \$400,000 - Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)
- *Obtain 20 Benefactors; 5 Bequest Society Members

III. MEMBERSHIP

- *Continue the Rotary Rookie of the Year Award
- *Grow the District Membership by 1%
- *Organize 1 new Rotary club
- *Organize 1 new Rotaract club
- *Organize 1 new Interact club
- *Create a District-wide Membership Seminar for 100 club leaders

IV. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- *Obtain attendance of 200 at Annual District Seminar
- *Obtain attendance of 150 at District Assembly
- *Obtain attendance of 400 at District Conference
- *Participation by 20 clubs in Group Study Exchange (GSE)
- *Provide a seminar for club secretaries and treasurers

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The Rotary Club of Milledgeville hosted Secretary of State Karen Handel and Sen. Johnny Grant during a recent meeting. Karen Brooks, far left, is club president.

The Rotary Club of Waynesboro recognized Rotarian Clifford Lewis for his continued service as chair and coordinator of the club's annual golf tournament. Presenting a plaque to Clifford is Billy Joe Johnson, Jr., club president.

