



# Rotary District 6920

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## THE GOVERNOR'S FORUM

Dear Rotarian Friends,

Membership Month was well received throughout the district and approximately 40 individuals are now new Rotarians. Please do not stop recruiting members and plan to attend the Membership Seminar in Dublin on October 27. Assistant Governor Lloyd Horadan is just returning from Fort Lauderdale where he attended RI President Wilf Wilkinson's Seminar on Membership. Lloyd and AG Paula Goodnow are organizing the Membership Seminar in Dublin.

Almost every club I have visited has committed to becoming an EREY club. This will strengthen the district resources as well as The Rotary Foundation. Let's not stop or slow down our efforts until all 3,800+ Rotarians in District 6920 are sustaining members.

Thanks to each of you for making Marsha and me feel so welcome on our official visits. We are making great friendships and learning more about Rotary each week. We look forward to continuing to "Share Rotary"!

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

## Always Focus on Membership

As a member of the Rotary family, you get a chance to focus on the heart of the organization and what makes it great - the more than 1.2 million members in nearly 33,000 clubs worldwide. But, why limit your focus on bringing in new members only during the month of August? Keep membership in mind all year by implementing at least one recruitment strategy each month.

Nothing, however, could be more important to prospective members than the level of energy they feel during a club visit. Prospective members need to see and feel your enthusiasm as well as your pride for your membership in Rotary. When club members are

friendly, inviting, and inclusive, a potential Rotarian receives the most important message: You are welcome here and will have the opportunity to participate in something important.

Remember, the annual RI Membership Development and Extension Award is given to clubs within a district based on their achievements from July 1 to May 15 in the following categories: overall growth – the club with the highest growth rate (percentage); recruitment – the club with the most new members inducted; retention – the club with the highest retention rate (percentage); and new clubs – clubs that sponsored new clubs.

## *Saying Good-Bye to Polio*



Pictured above are Rotarians and their family members who attended the "Whatever Happened to Polio?" event in Warm Springs. The event, on Aug. 11, was attended by Georgia Lt. Governor Casey Cagle.

# Magnolia Manor Donates Beds to Rotary METS

*This article was originally published in The Islander on Aug. 13.*

Magnolia Manor on St. Simons Island, Ga., recently donated 20 serviceable Echo hospital beds to Rotary Medical Transport Service (METS). The beds will be processed and shipped to a needy hospital facility overseas.

Myra Hocutt, Magnolia Manor administrator, made the donation possible. "It's through this kind of generosity that the METS program

can continue," said Jim Bruce, president of the St. Simons Rotary Club, who coordinated the transport.

Assisting Ms. Hocutt, a St. Simons Rotary Club member, in making the donation possible were Alan Usher, Pooler Rotary Club, and Tom Miller, Savannah South Rotary Club. These clubs all work on the District 6920 METS Project.

METS is a volunteer service organization of the Rotary World Community Service Committees of all 65 clubs in District 6920. Rotarians

involved collect, sort, identify, store and ship millions of dollars worth of still usable medical goods to worldwide locations sorely in need, Bruce said.

Helping load the truck were Magnolia Manor employees Gary Ratigan, Robert Duyn and Randy Collupy. "We appreciate the donation from Magnolia Manor, their administrator and their maintenance people in helping us complete this bed transfer," Bruce said.

For additional information, contact Jim Bruce, (912) 638-3561.

# Savannah South Welcomes GRSP Student

The Rotary Club of Savannah South welcomes GRSP student Ruth Murphy from Edinburgh, Scotland, to attend Armstrong Atlantic State University for the 2007-2008 academic year. Ruth follows a long line of international students attending AASU who have been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Savannah South.

The Rotary Club of Portobello in Edinburgh, Scotland, is the sponsoring Rotary club for five recent graduates from Portobello High School to the Georgia Rotary Student Program. Ruth is the only student from her home high school who will be attending AASU. She plans to focus her educational career in biology, preferably animal biology, marine biology or zoology. She speaks French and Spanish in addition to her native language from Scotland.

Ruth said that she was attracted to the GRSP scholarship because it promotes world peace by bringing people from all nationalities and walks



of life together, an ideal which she looks forward to participating in. She added that the GRSP experience is a productive way of taking a year out of education at home and bringing new opportunities while traveling abroad in America.

Ruth leaves behind her mom, Colleen, and her grandmother as she participates in the academic year at AASU. Her mother will join Ruth during the Christmas/New Year Holiday season. Ruth enjoys reading, Church of Scotland activities, drama, listening and playing music. She is

advancing towards grade 5 in ballet, grade 4 with the cello, singing with an international group – The Swingle Singers - and has trained with the Scottish National Polo Team. She follows the ways of Scottish poet Robert Burns with a poem of her own that has been published in a Scottish anthology.

This will be a great year for Ruth and our Rotary club members as Ruth becomes part of our club's activities with the Georgia Rotary Student Program. Kenan and Beth Kern will serve as Ruth's host family.



# DISTRICT 6920 NEWS

## ***Eastman Rotary Club Presents Check to Local Organization***

The Eastman Rotary Club was pleased to present the Christian Life Goodwill a check for \$1,000.50. The funds were raised by the club from fines, such as not wearing a name badge or not wearing a red shirt during football season. Past Club President Freddie Dwozan met his goal of \$1,000 to be donated.



*Pictured are Freddie Dwozan, past president of the Eastman Rotary Club; Chris Dotson, moderator of the Dodge County Baptist Association; Fred Parker, vice moderator of the Dodge County Baptist Association; and Jay Eckles, president-elect of the Eastman Rotary Club.*

## ***Another Paul Harris Fellow for Eastman Rotary Club***



*Allen Long, past president of the Eastman Rotary Club, and Freddie Dwozan, immediate past president of the Eastman Rotary Club, recognize Dr. Michelle Cravey as the club's newest Paul Harris Fellow.*

## ***Vidalia Rotary Club Holds Blood Drive***

The Rotary Club of Vidalia held a blood drive in late July, with a record number - 131 - of productive units of blood collected.

Nancy Martin, a senior account manager for the American Red Cross Blood Services, emailed Club President Mac Jordan to express her thanks.

"Many lives were saved and you were the reason why patient needs were met," she wrote.

## ***GRSP Student Visit***

Eastman Rotary Club hosted Andrzej Skiba, Georgia Rotary Student Program student for the Middle Georgia area of District 6920, during a visit to the club on Aug. 17.

Andrzej comes to the GRSP program from Poland and will be attending Middle Georgia College for the fall and spring semesters. He represents the clubs of Cochran, Eastman and Hawkinsville.



*GRSP host Mitchell Coffee and Eastman Rotary Club President Jim Kimmons welcome GRSP student Andrzej Skiba to their community.*

## ***Kings Bay Recognizes Paul Harris Fellow***

The Rotary Club of Kings Bay is proud to announce another Paul Harris Fellow.



*PDG Bill Blankenship presents Lou Eyerly his Paul Harris pin.*

Louis "Lou" Eyerly received his Paul Harris +5 pin during a recent meeting.

Lou has been an inspiration to all of the Rotary Club of Kings Bay in regards to the giving to the Rotary Foundation.

## ***Sen. Saxby Chambliss Speaks to Rotarians***



*U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss of Georgia spoke to a joint meeting of the Rotary clubs of Valdosta North, Valdosta Sunrise and Valdosta. More than 130 Rotarians attended the Aug. 9th meeting. Pictured are Valdosta North President Bob Harrison, Sen. Chambliss, Valdosta Sunrise President Steve Barnes and Valdosta President James Dominey.*

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**Jim Bruce, Webmaster and President, St. Simons Island Club**

## Important Dates

October 27: Membership Seminar, Dublin

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January 4-5, 2008: College of Governors, McRae

March 8-9, 2008: Presidents Elect Training Seminar, Peachtree City

April 16-18, 2008: District Conference, Macon

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

## Governor's

### Club Visit Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 6: Reidsville, noon

Friday, Sept. 7: Dublin, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 11: Blackshear, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 12: Claxton, noon

Thursday, Sept. 13: Sylvania, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 18: Fitzgerald, noon

Wednesday, Sept. 19: Hawkinsville, noon

Thursday, Sept. 20: Milledgeville, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 24: Statesboro, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 25: Tennille, 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 26: Wrightsville, noon

Thursday, Sept. 27: Jesup, 12:15 p.m.

#### REVISED OCTOBER

Thursday, Oct. 18: Richmond Hill, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 23: St. Simon's Island, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 24: Glynn County, 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 25: Marshes of Glynn, 7:30 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 29: Macon, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 30: Cochran, noon

Wednesday, Oct. 31: Greater Byron, 8 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
- \*Support the Caribbean initiative from ten clubs
- \*Sponsor Youth Exchange activities
- \*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

## September is

## New Generations Month

Part of celebrating Rotary's Centennial is to promote Rotary's youth programs and share the story of Rotary with children. When a young person is introduced to Rotary it plants a seed of volunteerism and cultural awareness. Below are ways Rotary invests in the world's youth:

- Youth Exchange- Rotary's most successful program. Every year some 8,000 students travel abroad to experience another country and learn about other cultures.

- Interact- is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people ages 14-18. The program gives young people an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends.

- RYLA- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotary's training program for young leaders, the program emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth.

There are many ways to promote these projects in your community. Start off by ordering a kit for making presentations on volunteerism and Rotary to children ages 8-11. Order a copy of the kit via the Rotary International web site - [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).