



# Rotary District 6920

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## THE GOVERNOR'S FORUM

Happy New Year to each of you! Congratulations to Lloyd Horadan who will serve as District Governor in three short years. Please note the articles on the District Simplified Grants and the Speech Contest announcement. Thanks to Jean Iaderosa for her work on evaluating the grants and to Kelli Simon who will coordinate the District 6920 Speech Contest.

Goals Attainment Chair Bill Booth will be following up with presidents on membership, Foundation giving, the placement of special education students, and a variety of goals of which each club is aware.

This newsletter is coming out a bit later than usual due to the holidays. Please remember that the District Conference is coming up in April in Macon. The February and March editions of the newsletter for Rotary District 6920 will focus on the conference. Bebe and Past District Governor Albert Reichert are the chairs for this important event. Please register early and assist the chairs to make the district conference the very best ever.

Assistant Governors, please note that the annual training will be held on February 8-9 in Savannah at The Planter's Inn. We are very fortunate in that RI Director Barry Rassin will be available to address the important regional

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## Horadan Selected to Serve as District Governor in 2010

The College of Governors met Jan. 5 and selected Lloyd Horadan as governor of District 6920 for the 2010-11 term.

Lloyd is a member of The Rotary Club of Sandersville and is currently serving the district as an Assistant Governor for the Dublin, Wrightsville, Swainsboro and Vidalia clubs. He also co-chairs the district's Rotary Foundation committee with District Governor Elect Kenan Kern.



Lloyd Horadan

Lloyd is president of the Technical College of Sandersville. He will become a member of the President Elects Training Seminar (PETS) Planning Committee for 2008-09. Lloyd has participated in several of the past multi-district PETS and is a supporter of Peach State PETS.

"I know all of you will welcome him to the group and he will certainly be an asset in the planning and implementation of future PETS," said PDG and District PETS Representative Jeanette Caneega.

## Goals Attainment 2007-2008

The attainment of goals does not end with the District Governor's visit. Our Rotary District 6920 operates on annual goals and objectives. Bill Booth is serving as Chair of the Goals Attainment Committee. Bill is a Past District Director and AG and has been active for years in district leadership. He is an architect with IPG in the Valdosta area.

Bill will contact AGs and club presidents to follow up on the goals agreed upon by the DG in conjunction with club presidents in concert with the direction of RI's board of directors.

There are also individual goals set by the district leadership team which are important to the success of District 6920. The results of goals will be announced at the District Conference in April in Macon and individuals and clubs will be recognized with awards.

Goals will be addressed for the full 12 month period of July 2007 through June 2008. Membership, recruitment and retention, The Rotary Foundation giving, and general community service such as job placement of special education students and support of GRSP and METS will be recognized at individual club meetings, in the Governor's Newsletter, Weekly Communications, and by presentations at the Spring and Summer seminars for the district.

Please cooperate with Bill Booth by responding on a timely basis and assisting Bill with goals attainment for District 6920. Club Presidents are the focus of Rotary and serve as initiators of club activities. Without effective leaders at the local level, Rotary would not survive as the world's largest and best service organization.

# DISTRICT 6920 NEWS

## District Simplified Grants Awarded to Nine Clubs

A total of nine grants amounting to \$25,000 have been awarded to clubs in District 6920 through the District

### **Mark Calendars:**

### ***Activities Important***

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assistant governors. He will spend time with Dr. John Ricks, GSE leader, and the team members. We are indeed fortunate that Barry will be a part of the district educational programs. PETS will be held on March 8-9 in Peachtree City and there will be 65 representatives from District 6920 who will serve as presidents during 2008-2009. PETS is an exciting opportunity to rub elbows with over 400 leaders of Rotary throughout Georgia. Please put June 5-8 on your calendar and plan to send students to RYLA at South Georgia College. District Governor Elect Kenan Kern will kick off the Rotary year with District Assembly on June 7. All of these activities are important and every effort should be made for you to attend the appropriate events.

I continue to be excited about the many service activities which are taking place throughout the district. We have a great deal to be proud of and perhaps we can share this fellowship in April in Macon.

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

### ***PDG Bill Blankenship***

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of PDG Bill Blankenship (2006-07) of Kingsland. PDG Bill, a member of The Rotary Club of Camden County, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 13.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations to be made to GRSP, P.O. Box 61327, Savannah, GA 31420. Individuals wishing to send cards can send them to Bill's son and his wife, David and Christine Blankenship, at P.O. Box 1626, Kingsland, GA 31548.

Simplified Grants program. District Simplified Grants are a tool for Rotary districts to support short-term humanitarian projects that benefit the community. Districts can request up to 20 percent of their District Designated Fund (DDF) for a grant to support multiple projects locally or internationally.

Clubs receiving the grants, their project and the total grant amount awarded are:

The Rotary Club of Eastman -The \$5,000 District Simplified Grant awarded to The Rotary Club of Eastman will be used to purchase interactive white boards with overhead video projectors. This will allow information from the Internet and data to be shared with the entire class at the same time. According to the club's application, the grant also will enable the purchase of electronic assessment tools to instantly check student understanding on a topic and have a class summary displayed immediately so the teacher knows when the class needs remediation or has achieved mastery.

The Rotary Club of Hinesville will use it's \$5,000 award to support diagnostic lab work and referral appointments for indigent patients at a community health center in Liberty County. The health center accepts patients from surrounding counties based on income and serves people living in poverty and without transportation.

The Rotary Club of Savannah Sunrise is involved in a project that focuses on an inner-city Savannah neighborhood where the average income is below poverty level. The neighborhood community center is a safe haven for seniors and youth, with youth receiving weekday dinners at the center and school meals. However, there is no access to nutritious food on weekends or during vacations from school. The \$3,000 District Simplified Grant will

provide weekend backpacks for kids and four white polo shirts for school uniform requirements. The program will also assist seniors and others with the purchase of groceries.

The Rotary Club of Tift County received a \$2,750 grant to help offset expenses of its summer literacy program, held in conjunction with the Housing Authority and the Tift County Foundation for Excellence. There will be an on-site teacher, meals and learning incentives. The funding will assist with the purchase of computers for an Accelerated Reader program and will involve school children and other Housing Authority residents.

The Rotary Club of Warner Robins received a \$1,500 grant to help with the distribution of 2,000 dictionaries to every third grade student in the county. Each dictionary includes math, science, world maps and geography assistance. Rotarians will personally distributed the dictionaries to each third grader in the county.

A \$2,750 grant for The Rotary Club of Wrightsville will enable the club to offer a program that will reach out to Alzheimer's patients, second grade students and Boy Scouts. Dolls will be provided by Rotarians for Alzheimer's patients to be adopted by club members. Additionally 4-Way Test coloring books and a read-along CD will be provided to all second graders and books will be given to youngsters in Pre-K 5 classes. The Rotarians also will participate in classroom reading activities and provide tents for Boy Scouts.

The Rotary Club of Macon will receive \$2,000 to support reading activities in the Bibb County Schools.

The Rotary Club of Skidaway Island also will receive \$2,000 to fund a computer technology center for indigent students in Savannah.

A \$1,000 grant was awarded to The Rotary Club of Sylvania.



# DISTRICT 6920 NEWS



## Kings Bay

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International would like to recognize (from left to right) Marcie Parker, Paula Goodnow, Paul Hutzler and Michelle Goodnow as Rotary Foundation Benefactors.

## Waynesboro



Waynesboro Rotarians Scott Gay, Cynthia McManus and Billy Joe Johnson Jr., president, are pictured with dorm room refrigerators donated to M.E.T.S. to go to maternity wards in Africa.

The Rotary Club of Waynesboro inducted seven new members in November. Pictured are Patricia Keefer, Scott Gay, membership coordinator; Billy Joe Johnson Jr., president; Cynthia McManus, Marian Kearson, Stacey Herrmann, David Luckey and Paul Gay. New member Mike Vandenbulcke is not pictured.



Waynesboro Rotary Club President Billy Joe Johnson Jr., presents a plaque to member Robert "Scott" Gay for 45 years of service with the club. Not only has Scott been a Rotarian for 45 years, but he has also maintained perfect attendance for all of that time.

## Eastman



Eastman Rotary Club was pleased to have Steven Meeks, Director of Agriculture for Saxby Chambliss, present the program at its meeting held December 21, 2007 (above). Steven discussed several agricultural issues in the state as well as explained why Senator Chambliss voted against some packaged "deals." Pictured are Mike Harrell, Director of Agriculture Steven Meeks and President of The Eastman Rotary Club Jim Kimmons.

Below, The Eastman Rotary Club hosted Dean Smith, CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Dodge County, at its Jan. 4, 2008 meeting. Dean discussed the progress of the Dodge County Habitat for Humanity through the years, its current needs and plans, and plans for the future including a joint effort with the local YDC in hopes of building up the inside of homes. Pictured are Chuck Pittman, Larry Haley, President of Habitat for Humanity of Dodge County; Dean Smith, CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Dodge County, and Jim Kimmons, president of The Eastman Rotary Club.



## Important Dates 2008

February 8-9: Assistant Governor Training  
Savannah  
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

2008

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 NEWS

# Speech Contest Dates Announced

An important part of this year's continued focus will be on the Rotary High School Speech Contest, which was certainly a focal point at last year's district conference.

"This year should be even more exciting," said Kelli Simon, District 6920 speech contest chair. "With each year, the competition gets greater and the speeches get better!"

As in past years, each club president or his/her appointee, is asked to contact each local high school within the club's service area and ask them to select a speaker to represent their high school with a speech using this year's Rotary theme as the basis. The theme this year is "Rotary Shares" and the top two students from each club will go on to compete at the zone level which will increase the level of competition substantially.

The school representatives will deliver the speech at the local Rotary club assembly, at which time a first and second place winner will be selected to represent the club at the designated zone speech contest. The winners of the zone contests are expected to speak at the District Conference on Saturday, April 19, in Macon.

Each zone winner will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship contingent upon the students presenting their speech at the District Conference.

Final selection of your club's representative should be done no later than Feb. 28, with zone competitions being held in March. The East Zone competition will be held in Statesboro on March 1; the North Zone competition will be held in Dublin on March 15 and the Central/West Zone will be held in Douglas on March 29.

For additional information, contact Kelli at [kasimon@knology.net](mailto:kasimon@knology.net) or via phone at (706) 733-5529.

## 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