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THE GOVERNOR'S FORUM

Dear Rotarian Friends,

This is my last month to serve as district governor and I wish to express my appreciation to each Rotarian in District 6920 for allowing me to function as district governor. It has been an honor. I have enjoyed the many friendships throughout the district and the associations with Rotary leaders in Zones 33 and 34 and at Rotary Headquarters in Illinois. As time allows me to reflect, my most enjoyable moments have been learning of and participating in the many opportunities for service each of you has performed in your communities, the district, and through international service. "Rotary Shares" was a wonderful theme and I am truly grateful for "sharing" Rotary with you. There are many people to thank for their leadership and hospitality. I have and will continue to address notes to each one. I especially thank the club presidents, assistant governors, and committee chairs with whom I worked during 2007-2008. These leaders made many events happen

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District Assembly Gears Up New Leaders

The Heart of Georgia Technical College in Dublin was the site of this year's annual District Assembly last weekend, with the day-long event offering a plethora of information for new club and district leaders.

DGE Kenan Kern assumes responsibilities as District 6920 Governor on July 1, at which time the new club leaders will take their respective posts. The District Assembly included

workshops on club administration, membership development and retention, club public relations, The Rotary Foundation and numerous other topics.



DG Dick presented two Rotary Foundation recognition awards to President-Elect John Petrillo of The Rotary Club of Savannah South.

RYLA Scheduled for June 12-15

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is currently being held on the campus of South Georgia College in



Douglas through Sunday afternoon. Led by Chair Charles Johnson, this year's event will include class sessions on Rotary's Purpose, Diversity, Fundamentals of Leadership and Communication, among numerous others.

In addition to class sessions, the four-day event will include addresses by several keynote speakers.

DISTRICT 6920 NEWS

Macon's Rotary Park Gets Addition

Rotary Park was truly a cooperative initiative, showing what a concerned group of citizens can accomplish to beautify their community. As 2005 approached, all of the world's Rotary Clubs were charged to complete a project to recognize the centennial of the organization. The two Macon Rotary clubs (Macon Rotary and Downtown Rotary) came together in 2003 to begin planning for such a project. Inspired by beautiful parks in other cities, they approached NewTown Macon to find out what could be done in downtown Macon.

Rotary Park was the fruition of their thought and planning. The park, which is situated along the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail, was dedicated on April 6, 2005, with the cooperation of the Macon Rotary, the Macon Downtown Rotary and NewTown Macon.

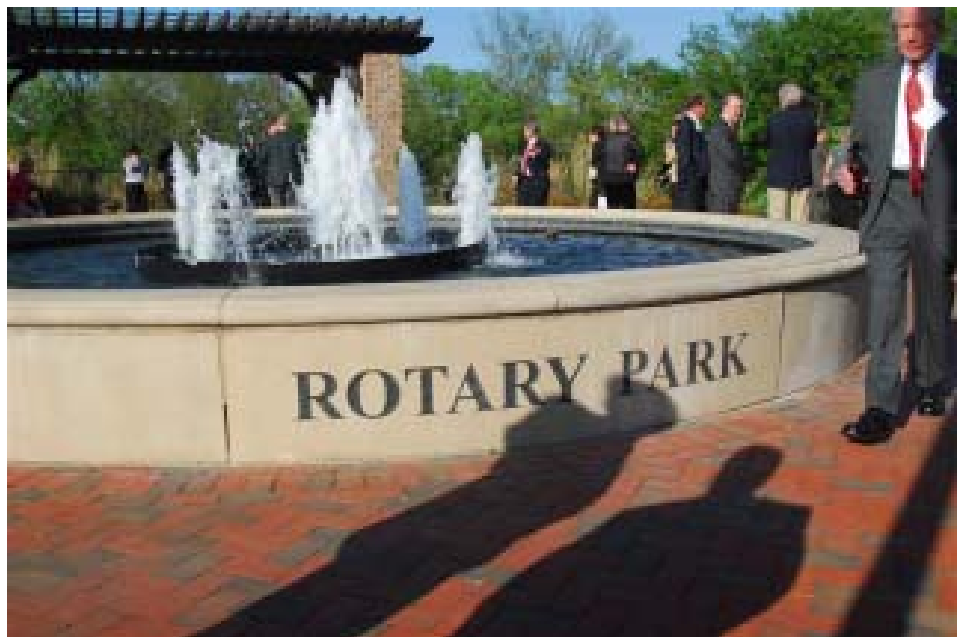
Rotary Park features a beautiful pergola, landscaping and a formal fountain. The fountain is engraved with Rotary International's four point test and stands as a monument to the centennial of the organization. Many generous donations helped build the park and they are recognized with engraved bricks around the fountain. Most recently, benches throughout the park were dedicated in honor of the Macon-area district governors. The dedication was done during the District Conference in Macon.

Since being built, the park has hosted a variety of events including an event to welcome two

bronze statues on their way to the Millennium Arch in Atlanta, GA and even a wedding.



Macon Rotary Club district governors (above) Dick Hyer, Albert Reichert Sr. and Albert Reichert Jr., are joined by other PDGs attending the District Conference in Macon at the Rotary Park along the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail. Benches in honor of the areas District Governors were recently dedicated at the park.



DISTRICT 6920 NEWS

Waynesboro Rookie Rotarian Applauded

*The following was provided by
METS Coordinator Patti Victor*

Being hospitalized can be particularly frightening for children. Already sick and in pain, a child finds himself surrounded by unfamiliar sights and smells, away from home and family. In developing nations, transportation is frequently such a luxury that family members are not able to visit inpatient children every day, making a hospital stay even more difficult. Enter Patricia Keefer.

It doesn't take much to inspire this Rotarian. Last Fall, I sent an email to Dis-

trict METS Reps asking for specific items for a shipment to Chile. Among the requests was stuffed toys to include in this upcoming shipment to a village facility. Patricia Keefer, of the Waynesboro



Club, conceived and carried out a one-woman campaign to ensure that every METS ship-

ment includes stuffed toys.

A "Rookie Rotarian", Patricia set up collection centers in schools, offices, churches, even the Burke County Courthouse. In less than two weeks Patricia had collected thousands of new and slightly-loved stuffed toys. Patricia and Waynesboro Club President Billy Joe Johnson delivered these treasures to the METS warehouse in March 2008.

METS has already included these "Hugs" in our last two shipments and plan to send more in our next three. What a comfort these simple toys will bring to children - and what a message of love and concern to the parents throughout the world that "Rotary Shares"!

Thanks, Patricia and Billy Joe!



Rotary Club of Camden County

Members of The Rotary Club of Camden County participate in the club's annual Duck Race, held at the Camden County Crawfish Festival on April 26.

Important Dates 2008

June 12-15: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference
Douglas/South Georgia College

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

June 15: Special Note to Club Treasurers: Deadline for TRF
Contributions

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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Governor Recalls Memorable Moments

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and were particularly valuable in implementing goals. Let me just mention a few highlights:

- The placement of disabled individuals in employment opportunities
- Your support of the METS project
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- The several international projects which benefited children and helped to promote literacy
- It is my hope that this year the district will reach \$400,000 in contributions to The Rotary Foundation and I believe it will happen. EREY has been impressive, and those joining the ranks of Paul Harris Fellows are unprecedented.
- There has been a gain in membership and perhaps Rotary will continue to grow.
- We are almost able to connect to every Rotarian in the district electronically to spread the word.
- There were successful workshops for club treasurers, secretaries, and for membership.
- At present, the Group Study Exchange Team is in Southern France and the French team had a most successful trip to Georgia.
- We operated on a fiscally responsible budget and district finances are currently much brighter.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for allowing me to serve as a Rotary leader.

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

