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THE GOVERNOR'S FORUM

Dear Rotarian Friends,

Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) for 2008 was completed Sunday, March 9 and almost all presidents elect and assistant governors from District 6920 were present. DGE Kenan Kern provided a great educational program. RI Director Barry Rassin was in Peachtree City to address our district as well as the other two districts in Georgia. The preparation for 2008-2009 is off to a good start after AG training in Savannah and Multi-district PETS. Best of luck to all of you who will serve as club presidents next year . . . it will be a great experience!

The District Conference is just around the corner – April 18-20 in Macon! Please register on-line at the District 6920 web site. The conference will open on Friday, April 18, at lunch with an address by Richard D. Clark, Past District Governor, from Toronto, Canada. Miss Georgia 2008 will open the conference by singing the American and Canadian National Anthems and the

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Warner Robins Club Reaches 100% Paul Harris Fellow Goal

The Warner Robins Rotary Club had the honor and pleasure of hosting District Governor Dick Hyer at their Club Assembly meeting on January 22 and saw him recognize and present five first-time Paul Harris Fellow awards, 12 second-time awards, and two third-time awards, a total of 19 Paul Harris Fellow awards in all during the assembly. DG Hyer said that was the largest number of

Paul Harris Fellow awards he has seen presented this year—and the Warner Robins club has 10 additional awards at various levels yet to be presented when the recipients' schedules will permit.

The Warner Robins Rotary Club set as one of its goals this club year to become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow

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Metter Rotary Club



The Rotary Club of Metter recently welcomed seven new Paul Harris Fellows and a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow to their club. Presenting the awards was DGE Kenan Kern, far right. Honorees included, from left, Multiple PHF Chuck Clark, Brian Tootle, Larry Bowen, Terry Manuel, Ed Boyd, Joe Simpson, Pernal Franklin and Bill Wright.

Rotary District 6920 2008 District Conference Registration

Fill out and mail with your check to the address at the bottom of the form. Please enter the following information. **The red fields are required**

<p>Registrant: Reg. Fee \$35 (\$45 after March 18)</p> <p>*Last Name: _____</p> <p>*Badge Name: _____</p> <p>*Address: _____</p> <p>*City: _____</p> <p>*State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>*Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>*Rotarian ? Yes ____ No ____</p> <p>*Club Name: _____</p>	<p>Guest: Reg Fee \$35 (\$45 after March 18)</p> <p>Last Name: _____</p> <p>Badge Name: _____</p> <p>Rotarian ____ Yes ____ No</p> <p>If YES then, Club Name: _____</p>				
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Meal Ticket Package (Save \$15) Includes all 5 meal functions listed below
Please mark your selections

<p>Registrant Meals:</p> <p>_____ (\$141) Meal Package or Choose Individual Meals Below</p>	<p>Guest Meals:</p> <p>_____ (\$141) Meal Package or Choose Individual Meals Below</p>
<p>_____ (\$25) Friday Lunch</p> <p>_____ (\$40) Friday Dinner - at Walnut Creek</p> <p>_____ (\$22) Saturday Breakfast</p> <p>_____ (\$42) Saturday Dinner</p> <p>_____ (\$27) Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>_____ (\$25) Friday Lunch</p> <p>_____ (\$40) Friday Dinner - at Walnut Creek</p> <p>_____ (\$22) Saturday Breakfast</p> <p>_____ (\$42) Saturday Dinner</p> <p>_____ (\$27) Sunday Brunch</p>

Social Activities

Enter number of tickets requested:

Friday Afternoon Activities:

_____ Participants **Hay House** (Cost \$10.00 per person - Fri 3:00 pm) -- Completed in 1859, the 18,000 square foot, 24 room Hay House was the most opulent of the mansions built in Macon before the Civil War. Bus transportation will be provided.

Saturday Afternoon Activities:

_____ Participants **Golf at Fox Run Country Club - Barington Hall** (Cost \$55 - Sat 1:00 PM) --Designed by renowned architect Tom Clark, it is rate as one of Georgia's top 10 courses. Bus transportation will be provided.

_____ Participants **Ocmulgee National Monument** (Cost \$10.00 - Sat 2:00 PM) -- This is one of three places on the North American continent where there is evidence of 12,000 years of continuous human habitation. Bus transportation will be provided.

_____ Participants **Museum of Aviation** (Cost \$10.00 - Sat 2:30 PM) -- Now the second largest museum in the United States Air Force. Displaying 93 aircraft and hundreds of exhibits on a beautiful 51 acre site. Bus transportation will be provided.

_____ Participants **Ocmulgee Heritage Trail** (No Cost) The 6-mile paved trail along the Ocmulgee River is good for walking, biking, boating, bird watching and many other activities. It is easily accessible from downtown Macon.

Add up your purchases:

Sum Registrations fees, Meals & Social Activities

_____ Total Cost for Conference

Please make registration checks payable to "**Rotary District 6920 Conference**" and send to:

District Conference Registration, P.O. Box 20652, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

To make hotel reservations please contact

Macon Ramada Plaza (\$89.00 plus taxes) 108 First Street Macon, GA 31201

Toll-Free: 800-272-6232 Phone: (478) 746-1461 Fax: (478) 738-2460

Hotel rooms are being held for our conference until 28 March.

Home Stay

Rotarians from the Downtown Macon Rotary Club are providing complimentary lodging in their homes for up to 10 Rotarians (and their spouses) who have been in Rotary less than two years and have not been to a District Conference. If you are eligible and would like to participate,

check here _____. Will spouse accompany you? _____

Any allergies or other special requirements? _____

DISTRICT 6920 NEWS

Warner Robins Club Reaches PHF Goal

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club. It began the club year with 116 members, 83 of whom were already Paul Harris Fellows. To reach their 100% goal, the club's Rotary Foundation chairman and his committee resolved to use every avenue available to bring its members to that level of Foundation giving recognition. The club has long been an Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) club, but has resolved to reach that 100% Paul Harris Fellow goal as soon as possible.

In August of 2007, under Governor Hyer's leadership, District 6920 announced a District Recognition Bonus program, and the Warner Robins club took full advantage of that program, acquiring 2,000 points and bringing eight more members to the Paul Harris level of giving by allocating that credit to them and orchestrating credit donated to them from other members. A month later, the club's matching grant application to purchase new equipment for a cataract surgery mission in China founded and operated by Dr. Bill Conrad, a Warner Robins Rotarian and retired ophthalmologist in Warner Robins, was approved by The Rotary Foundation, triggering the club's \$14,840 contribution to the Foundation as its share of the \$52,000 matching grant and generating additional Paul Harris Fellow credit.

That matching grant credit resulted in six more club members reaching the designation of Paul Harris Fellows and 22 more who already had partial credit toward their next Paul Harris giving levels reaching those new levels. (Another Rotarian who is a member of a Rotary Club in Shanghai, the sister club in China with whom the matching grant was developed, also became a Paul Harris

Fellow because of matching grant credit.) All told, so far this year a total of 14 Warner Robins Rotarians have become Paul Harris Fellows and 22 more have reached new levels of recognition. In addition to these achievements, one particularly generous club member has reached his third, fourth, and fifth Paul Harris Fellow levels this club year unassisted.

With their 14 new Paul Harris Fellows added to their 83 at the beginning of the club year, the Warner Robins Rotary Club has made great progress among members in the club at the beginning of this club year in its pursuit of becoming a

100% Paul Harris Fellow club. But in about the same time period, they have also added 16 new members—so they have a continuing challenge to make Paul Harris Fellow awards keep pace with club growth. That's a challenge they are more than willing to take on, however, and with the resourcefulness of its Rotary Foundation committee and the generosity of its members, the club is confident that it will continue to approach its goal of 100% Paul Harris Fellows for current members until it reaches that goal—at least until the next new member joins the club and the pursuit of 100% resumes.

Eastman Rotary Club



Eastman Rotary Club was honored to have DG Dick Hyer present to give a check for \$5,000 to the Dodge County Board of Education. The \$5,000 was awarded to the club from Rotary International as a competitive grant and is being combined with matching funds from The Eastman Rotary Foundation to provide two SMART rooms at both North and Dodge elementary schools. The club recognized Dodge County School Superintendent and Rotarian Dr. Lynn Rogers for writing "the best written grant proposal Rotary International had ever seen." DG Dick, a former school superintendent, stated that it was great to see the funds going to such a good cause. Pictured are, from right, Eastman Rotary Club President Jim Kimmons, Dr. Rogers, Marsha Hyer, and DG Dick.

Important Dates 2008

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

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Mercer University Children's Choir will provide entertainment. The cost of registration increases after March 18 so sign up now! We expect 400 people to attend.

Happy Spring Holidays to all!
Yours for Better Rotary Service,
Richard E. Hyer, Jr.
District Governor

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

SPECIAL NOTE TO PRESIDENTS

The conference committee hopes you will encourage your current board, officers, and members to attend the District Conference in Macon April 18-20.

Conference Coordinator Past District Governor Albert Reichert is sending a request for information for the program so please respond as soon as possible. We wish to include information on every club in the district so that "Rotary Shares" can be the theme!

If you have not done so, please send pictures of your club's projects and activities to Marsha Hyer as soon as possible. Include the name of your club and send them to mhyer@cox.net or by mail to:

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Macon, Georgia 31210

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