



Rotary District 6920

SERVICE Above Self

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Bears and Books: District Conference

We are requesting that all district conference attendees bring a couple of teddy bears and books. The bears are slated to go in METS containers for distribution to children in Third World countries. This was a tremendous success last year and we would like to carry on the tradition of exhibiting *Service Above Self*.

District Literacy Chair Joan Puryear has requested that attendees also bring children's books. As you are aware, literacy was a big emphasis of past RI

President Jonathan Majiyagbe presidency and we want to continue our efforts here in the district to provide books to those who might not otherwise get them.

Speaking of the district conference, you will want to be sure to be there this year, as the scheduled speakers are sure to be among the best we've ever had.

Nick Pricola of Brawley, Calif., will serve as RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar's representative. He and his wife, Kay, are excited about their visit with Rotarians from our district.

Additionally, RI Director Ken Morgan and former University of Georgia head football coach Vince Dooley will be among the speakers.

If you haven't already registered for the May 5-7 events in Augusta, you'll want to do so soon. You can register online at www.rotarydistrict6920.net. In addition to the conference and plenary sessions, there are numerous extracurricular activities that attendees and their spouses and/or guests can participate in.

District Will Match Paul Harris and Will Watt Contributions

The district will offer matching funds to name Paul Harris Fellows and Will Watt Fellows at the district conference. There will be 42 Paul Harris Fellowships offered and 14 Will Watt Fellowships.

"For Rotarians who give \$500 to either fellowship, the district will match this amount," he said.

Anyone who contributes – or in whose name is contributed – a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund may become a Paul Harris Fellow. Each new Paul Harris Fellow receives a commemorative certificate, a Paul Harris Fellow pin and a medallion. Donors are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition when their cumulative giving reaches \$1,000.



The Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) was founded in 1946 after WWII and was an idea of PDG Will Watt of Thomasville. It was his dream that students from war-torn Europe, eager for peace, could come to the US and study in colleges and universities and learn about the American way of life. The first class consisted of four stu-

dents; the class of 2003 consisted of 81 and we are proud to have over 2,600 alumni from all over the world. We are a project of all the Rotary Districts in the State of Georgia. There is no other Program like ours in the entire Rotary World. Contributions to the GRSP allow for scholarships which bring students from other countries to Georgia to study for a year at one of our colleges or universities.



Diamonds, Diamonds, Diamonds, Diamonds

We will have a drawing for a 1.61 carat diamond at the district conference. Here is how it will work: we will have 100 numbered wineglasses, with each glass containing a cubic zirconium. You may buy a wineglass for \$100 each. On the final evening of the conference, Saturday night, at the end of activities, we will hold the drawing. The first seven numbers drawn may name a Paul Harris Fellow. The eighth number will win the diamond. All will receive the cubic zirconium. This will be great fun for all who participate and a chance to name a Paul Harris Fellow. You may purchase your glass in advance by requesting your number via e-mail to simonprintingco@knology.net. Your number will be reserved and you can mail your check to DG Dallas Simon at 2225 Wheelless Road, Augusta, GA 30904.



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District Grant Projects

Below is an update on the district's grant projects from District World Community Service Chair Bob Ashley.

*** Ivory Coast - 2005 - \$52,000 - waiting approval**

800 bio-sand filters, repair 57 well pumps

*** Nepal - 2004 - \$20,000 - approved**

Scholarships for poor children to finish high school

*** Guatemala - 2005- \$46,000 - approved**

Books and computers for poor schools

*** Argentina - 2004 - \$19,000 - approved**

Anesthesia machine for free hospital

*** Uganda - 2005 - \$20,000 - currently being drafted**

Water holding tanks and latrines for 10 schools, one health clinic maternity ward

*** Brazil - 2005 - \$15,000 - waiting approval**

Install kitchen equipment in institution that serves poor children

*** Kenya - 2005 - \$33,000 - approved**

Build 100 water holding tanks or shallow wells, plant 500 tree seedlings per water tank or well

*** Brazil - 2005 - \$39,00 - waiting approval**

Van for transporting special needs kids

*** Nigeria - 2001 - \$17,000 - closed**

Well and water tank for 20,000 people

*** India - 2001 - \$40,000 - closed**

80 bore wells

*** Guatemala - 2004 - \$42,000 - closed**

Van for health care promoters

*** Guatemala - 2002 - \$40,000 - closed**

Printing equipment for handicap facility

*** Brazil - 2004 - \$40,000 - closed**

Surgical instruments for an ENT clinic

*** Guatemala - 2002 - \$20,000 - closed**

Micro loans

*** Bolivia - 2002 - \$10,000 - closed**

Sports equipment for poor facility

*** Guatemala - 2002 - \$20,000 - closed**

Stoves

*** Bolivia - 2003 - \$33,000 - closed**

MAP training facility

*** India - 2002 - \$3,000 - closed**

21 septic tanks

*** India - 2001 - \$11,000 - closed**

54 wells

*** Bolivia - 2004 - \$29,000 - approved**

Orthopedic supplies

*** El Salvador - 2003 - \$71,000 - closed**

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“Filter by Club” box. If not, click on the down arrow and select your club by scrolling down to it and clicking on your club’s name.

8. There are three boxes to the right. The gold one labeled “Run/View on Screen” will generate a PDF that you can print and fill in by hand. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat, the software needed to read PDFs, go to the Adobe web site at / www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html and download Adobe Acrobat for free.

The “To Excel” button will generate a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that you can enter numbers into and print the completed form. It will do the math for you.

The “To Word” button will generate a Microsoft Word file that you will have to print and fill in.

9. With any of the printed reports, simply add up the amounts entered into the form, add a check for the appropriate amount and mail with the form to the address at the top.

10. The Rotary Foundation will then have all of the information they need to enter the amounts given ... all in a concise and accurate format

11. The only time you need to send in the two page 123 form is when you are requesting an award such as a Paul Harris Fellowship or additional stone.

12. If you have problems, e-mail PDG Bruce Montgomery at BruceMontgomery@comcast.net

Rookie of the Year

The Rookie of the Year award application needs to be submitted to DG Dallas Simon no later than April 28. This award is presented to any Rotarian who has been admitted to a club during the calendar year preceding a district conference.

Rookie of the Year applications should be mailed to DG Simon at 2225 Wheelless Road, Augusta, GA 30904.

District Data Base

Access to form to remit multiple Rotary Foundation contributions.

1. Access the web site www.dacdb.com, which stands for District And Club DataBase.

2. On left side of page, click on “District 6920”

3. Your user name is your e-mail address and your password is your Rotary International Member ID number. Your member ID can be found on your Rotarian magazine address label on the second line, left side, or ask your club secretary.

4. Once logged onto the web site, click on “Reports,” then “Select Rpts”

5. When the box labeled “Report Parameters” opens, click on the down arrow in the box labeled “Select Report”

6. Scroll down to the third line labeled “Rotary Foundation Transmittal” and click on it

7. Your club should be listed in the

Silent Auction

The following is a message from District Director Hank Smalling.

Each year at the District Conference we ask each club to donate items to the Silent Auction and for Door Prizes.

While I will be coordinating the collection of items for both, this note specifically concerns our annual "Silent Auction".

As you are aware our District Annual Conference will be held at the Marriott (formerly the Radisson) Riverfront Hotel in Augusta Georgia on May 5, 6, & 7 2006. At this conference our district will have the opportunity to support both The Rotary Foundation and the Georgia Rotary Student Program by holding a silent auction of items submitted by all the clubs from within District 6920.

Last year the District was able to contribute in excess of \$3500 to the above programs and we are hopeful we can improve upon that amount this year. In past years most clubs have graciously assisted us in this venture by providing at least one item to the silent auction. With your help this year, we know we will exceed last year's contributions.

I am asking that you or a person designate by you, coordinate the submission of an item suitable for the auction. We ask the items be of such quality that they would interest a large number of Rotarians, (keeping the bidding hot and heavy) and have the potential bid value in excess of \$300.00.

These are a few examples of items that have been submitted in the past: Bose Radio, Marriott Weekend in Savannah, Bottle of Dom Perignon with Waterford Crystal Glasses Lladro Porcelain, Figure w/Rotary Emblem, Brinkman Gas Smoke- N- Grill, Great Big Bertha Hawkeye #3, 20 inch Color, Waterford Crystal Vase, 2 nights at Historic Bed and Breakfast in Amelia Island, Golf Outing at Osprey Cove w/accommodations.

These are items previously submitted and are not all inclusive. There are a variety of other potential gifts that would entice Rotarians to bid.

In order for the Conference committee to prepare for the silent auction we are going to need to know prior to the conference the item your club will be submitting. I would ask that you email me at hsmalling@stricklandtechnical.com informing me of the item your club will be submitting, and the estimated value.

We plan to begin setting up the silent auction in the House of Friendship between 2-4pm on Friday. We ask that your auction items are there during that period so we may start the auction promptly at 4 p.m.

If you have questions regarding the plans for the District Conference silent

auction, please do not hesitate to contact me at (912) 660-7423.

I appreciate your help in this endeavor and look forward to working with you on this worthwhile project.

Milledgeville Club

The Milledgeville Rotary Club has announced that it is sending in \$2,000 for a matching grant water well project in India.

Congratulations to Club President Robbie Hattaway and his club on this outstanding community service project.

THE ROTARIAN and the Rotary World Press

The month of April is annually designated as Rotary's Magazine Month, an occasion to recognize and promote the reading and use of the official RI magazine, THE ROTARIAN, and the regional magazines, which make up the Rotary World Press.

THE ROTARIAN has been around since 1911 as the medium to communicate with Rotarians and to advance the program and Object of Rotary. A primary goal of the magazine is to support and promote key programs of Rotary. The magazine also disseminates information about the annual theme and the philosophy of the RI president, major meetings, and the emphasis of the official "months" on the Rotary calendar.

THE ROTARIAN provides a forum in which both Rotary-related and general interest topics may be explored. The magazine serves as an excellent source of information and ideas for programs at Rotary club meetings and district conferences. Many articles promote international fellowship, goodwill, and understanding. Regular readers usually have superior knowledge of the activities of Rotary and understand how each Rotarian may be more fully involved in the four Avenues of Service around the world.

In addition to THE ROTARIAN, the Rotary World Press includes 29 regional magazines printed in 21 languages with a combined circulation of almost half a million. Although each regional publication has its own unique style and content, they all provide Rotarians with up-to-date information and good reading in April — and all through the year.

PR Tips of the Month Working with the Media: Media Outreach

A common criticism of the news media is that they ignore positive stories in favor of the horrific or the sensational. Stories that are published or aired on television and radio have several factors in common. They are of interest to the community, and relevant to

readers' or viewers' needs. The good news of Rotary can make a great story if it fits the needs of the community. When considering newsworthy activities, make sure that the story you bring to the media are relevant to the community, not just club members.



Rotary District 6920 Newsletter

Polio Vaccine Creators Get Postage Stamps

The United States Postal Service issued two stamps in honor of Dr. Jonas Salk and Dr. Albert Sabin, creators of the first safe and effective polio vaccines, on 8 March.

Salk is featured on a 63-cent stamp and Sabin on an 87-cent stamp. According to the U.S. Postal Service, both stamps, released nationally, are part of the Distinguished Americans stamp series. The self-adhesive stamps are available in panes of 20.

During their lifetimes and posthumously, Sabin (1906-93)

and Salk (1914-95) received many awards in recognition of their work.



Developed from a “killed” form of the poliovirus, Salk’s injectable polio vaccine was



licensed in the United States in 1955, where it is used during routine immunizations of children. Sabin’s oral vaccine, developed from a “live,” or attenuated form of the poliovirus, was licensed in the United States in 1962 and is currently used

worldwide by most countries in routine immunizations and during National (or Subnational) Immunization Days supported by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**District Conference
May 5-7
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**Register on-line
now at**

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