



Rotary District 6920

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District Seeks New Members to Paul Harris Society

The Paul Harris Society of District 6920 is now in its second year. It is a level of recognition for those donors who make a commitment to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to The Rotary Foundation. During the program's charter year, 2004-2005, our district had 16 individuals become PHS members. So far this year, we have one new member and two more who have stated that they will become members as soon as they can.



DGE Bill Blankenship

Their pledge is to make initial and future annual gifts of

\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund towards being recognized as a Major Donor of The Rotary Foundation.

This giving must go to The Rotary Foundation Annual-Programs Fund. Contributions are designated to the Annual Programs Fund and 50-percent of these funds are returned to our district in three years as District Designated Funds (DDF) to be designated by our district to support the humanitarian and educational programs of The

Rotary Foundation.

Members will receive a beautiful and distinctive PHS lapel pin and a Paul Harris Society member certificate of recognition. On-going special recognition is given to Society members, particularly at District events. In addition to PHS recognition, all PHS members receive dual recognition in The Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow awards program.

District 6920 is blessed with many Rotarians who have the capability of becoming Paul Harris Society members. If you would like to learn more about this Society, or if you would like to receive a PHS pledge form, please contact DGE Bill Blankenship, Paul Harris Society Chair for 2005-06, via email at RotaryBill@tds.net or by calling him at home at (912) 882-3192.

Clubs Offer Relief Assistance to Hurricane Victims

When Hurricane Katrina dealt a devastating blow to people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama August 29, District 6920 Rotarians jumped at the opportunity to help their fellow Americans. With monetary donations, much needed supplies and truck loads of clothes, linens and personal hygiene items, District 6920 Rotarians showed the true spirit of Rotary by putting 'Service Above Self.'

"We are saddened to hear of the recent hurricane devastation along the Gulf Coast and we are touched by the commitment of Rotarians to assist the communities affected by this disaster," wrote RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar in a Sept. 1 letter to district



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governors.

"This is a long-term effort and one that will need Rotary support for many months," wrote Ken Morgan, a member of the Rotary International Board of Directors, in an Aug. 31 e-mail. "Thanks for all you are doing to help."

Here's a sampling of what local clubs have done since the hurricane struck:

The Rotary Club of **Kings Bay** sent in money to purchase a shelter box. The club has also collected canned goods and other supplies. One club member flew to Wisconsin to drive back a truckload of supplies that needed to be divided and

separated. The supplies were then taken to Mississippi.

The Rotary Club of **Savannah** is providing relief for Katrina victims who are in the city by raising funds for the local United Way. This money will be passed along to the various agencies support by the United Way so they can provide services to the more than 400 families that have taken refuge in Savannah.

The Rotary Club of **St. Simons Marshes of Glynn Club** has given \$500.00

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Mark your calendars now for the
District 6920 Annual Conference in Augusta
May 5-7, 2006

GSE Applications Due By Nov. 11

Rotary club members of District 6920 are seeking four outstanding professionals to visit Italy in spring 2006 as part of the Group Study Exchange program of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Through the program, teams of young professionals from two different countries exchange visits. Team members experience the way of life, customs and vocational practices of another country, while sharing information about their homeland.

The 2005-06 exchange between District 6920 and District 2080 is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Americans participating in the exchange will travel to the Lazio region (Rome) and Sardegna for approximately four weeks. While in Italy, team members will stay in the homes of Rotarians and will have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts and learn how they do business in Italy. They will also give presentations to Rotary clubs about their home country and District 6920. The team will attend the annual conference of our pairing district 2080. The conference will take place in

May in Viterbo.

The purpose of the Group Study Exchange program is to promote international understanding and goodwill through personal connection. While abroad, team members have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts. They also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country.

The Rotary Foundation pays for round-trip airfare, and Rotary club members in the host country provide meals, lodging, and group travel in their district. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses.

Young adults between the ages of 25 and 40 who are interested in applying should be employed full-time in a business or profession. Applicants must live or be employed in District 6920 in southeast Georgia. District 6920 consists of 64 clubs with a membership of over 3900 Rotarians.

For an application and more information, please contact Jean Iaderosa at rotary6920@comcast.net. Applications are due by November 11, 2005.

Have Fun While Raising Funds for The Rotary Foundation

Our district is off to a nice start with our donations to The Rotary Foundation for this Rotary year, but I know we can do better. For the first two months of the year we have given \$38,646.97. That is an average of approximately \$10 per Rotarian. Now is the time for club presidents to actively engage their membership in this vital part of Rotary.

Our district has a goal of \$400,000 this year and we can make this happen if

we all get involved. At the district seminar we discussed ways to have fun while raising money for TRF. If you need help in running a project, need a speaker to come to your club or simply want someone to talk with please call Jim Hazel at (912) 598-7596 or e-mail him at golfingjim@comcast.net. You can also contact Lloyd Horadan at (478) 274-7875 or e-mail him at lloydh@hgtc.org. Jim and Lloyd are serving co-chairs of the district's Rotary Foundation committee.



Rotary Club Officers Report Forms to Arrive Next Month

Be on the lookout for the Rotary Club Officers Report Form to arrive next month. This form should go to either the club president or secretary and it is necessary that it be completed and returned to RI with a copy to the district secretary.

Current District Secretary Joe Converse says the form gives incoming club presidents and secretaries access to the club's record at Rotary International.

"It is important that this form be submitted," he said. "Elizabeth Hardin is the incoming district secretary and needs this information to complete the District Directory. When you submit the information, please mail or fax her a copy."

Elizabeth's address is P.O. Box 1, Macon, GA 31202. Her fax number is (478) 741-1129.

Osburn is Choice for RI President

Donald E. Osburn of the Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2007-08. He will become the president-nominee on Dec. 1 if there are no challenging candidates. Osburn is regional director emeritus of the University of Maryland and recipient of the Epsilon Sigma Phi Northeast Regional Extension Distinguished Service Award. He was a U.S. Department of Agriculture fellow, member of the Maryland Higher Education Commission and director of the Maryland 4-H Foundation. He and his wife, Barbara, served as aides to 2004-05 RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr. and his wife, Mary.

A native of West Virginia, Osburn has been a Rotarian since 1977 and is currently a member of the RI Finance Committee and the Chairman's Advisory Committee of The Rotary Foundation. He has also served as district governor, representative to the Council on Legislation, International Assembly discussion leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator and task force member. Osburn has received the RI Service Above Self Award and the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award, and he and his wife are Foundation Major Donors.

Cookbooks are Coming!!

Clubs Open Hearts to Hurricane Victims

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to MAP International to be used for hurricane relief.

The Rotary Club of **Nashville-Berrien** has loaded two semi-trucks with supplies to be shipped to the Gulf Coast.

The Rotary Club of **Valdosta** unanimously passed a motion to assess each member \$25 for disaster relief, with proceeds to be split between the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. In anticipation of the receipt of those funds, Club President Suzannah Patterson presented checks for \$1,000 each to representatives of those organizations. Any additional monies will be divided and checks sent after dues are paid in October. The 130-member club has the potential to raise a total of \$3,000 for disaster relief.

The Rotary Club of **Milledgeville** has sent \$1,000 to the Rock Eagle 4-H Center for refugees, another \$1,000 to Biloxi, Miss., \$1,000 to Baton Rouge to help school-aged children and have allocated an additional \$2,000 to be sent to areas where needed. Club member Jim Mills also worked with the Red Cross for two weeks in Louisiana.

The Rotary Club of **Sandersville** donated \$500 to the American Red Cross.

The Rotary Club of **Downtown Macon** donated clothing, household items, bed linens and other items to Goodwill. The club is also hosting a fall festival in Macon on Oct. 23 for several hundred evacuees. The club hopes to give the evacuees a sense of "normalcy and fun while they are away from home."

The Rotary Club of **Jefferson County** has made a \$1,000 donation.

The Rotary Club of **Vidalia** made a donation to the local Red Cross and United

Way. There are several families from New Orleans living in the area and the club felt that donating to their local agencies was "the best means to assist." The club has also helped stock an 18-wheeler with supplies to be shipped to the Gulf Coast.

The Rotary Club of **Augusta South** has donated two shelter boxes.

The Rotary Club of **Augusta** has funded two shelter boxes and is supporting a local fund drive for the victims of Katrina.

The Rotary Club of **Perry** has partnered with a local community organization, Perry Volunteer Outreach, to gather needed supplies for Hurricane Katrina relief, with individual club member donations of both goods and dollars. The first semi-truck load of PVO supplies was delivered in mid-September to a relief organization in Louisiana. The club also has purchased a shelter box.

The Rotary Club of **Savannah West** has made a cash donation to the District 6900 Foundation.

The Rotary Club of **Savannah Sunrise** has committed to two shelter boxes.

The Rotary Club of **Wrightsville** has been working in conjunction with their local Chamber of Commerce. Approximately four truckloads of goods have been collected and sent to the Dublin Red Cross office to be shipped with other collections.

The Rotary Club of **Claxton** had a special fundraiser on Sept. 7 to benefit Katrina refugees placed in it's county. The club raised \$700 during it's weekly lunch meeting, which assisted the local refugees and helped purchased supplies that were shipped to Mississippi.

The Rotary clubs of **Skidaway Island, Jones County** and **Warner Robins** have each committed to one shelter box.

PR Tips of the Month

"In the promotion of understanding, it is important to reach large numbers.

Non-Rotarians as well as Rotarians, and you cannot reach large numbers privately."

—Paul Harris, founder of Rotary

Direct your Rotary message to:

- the media
- local government officials
- the business community
- civic leaders and organizations
- people directly affected by Rotary
- service projects

Once stories are developed, identify the target media. These might include:

- your regional or suburban newspaper
- the local radio station(s)
- specialized media that cover one specific topic, such as education or health
- metropolitan radio stations
- local television station(s)

After targeting the media, put together a contact list for each story that includes the names of journalists, editors or news directors or reporters specializing in certain topics such as business, features, medical news, health or education. Someone may be interested in a club's career day for students, while an education writer may wish to interview an exchange student.

*Don't forget the
C.A.R.T. Fund*



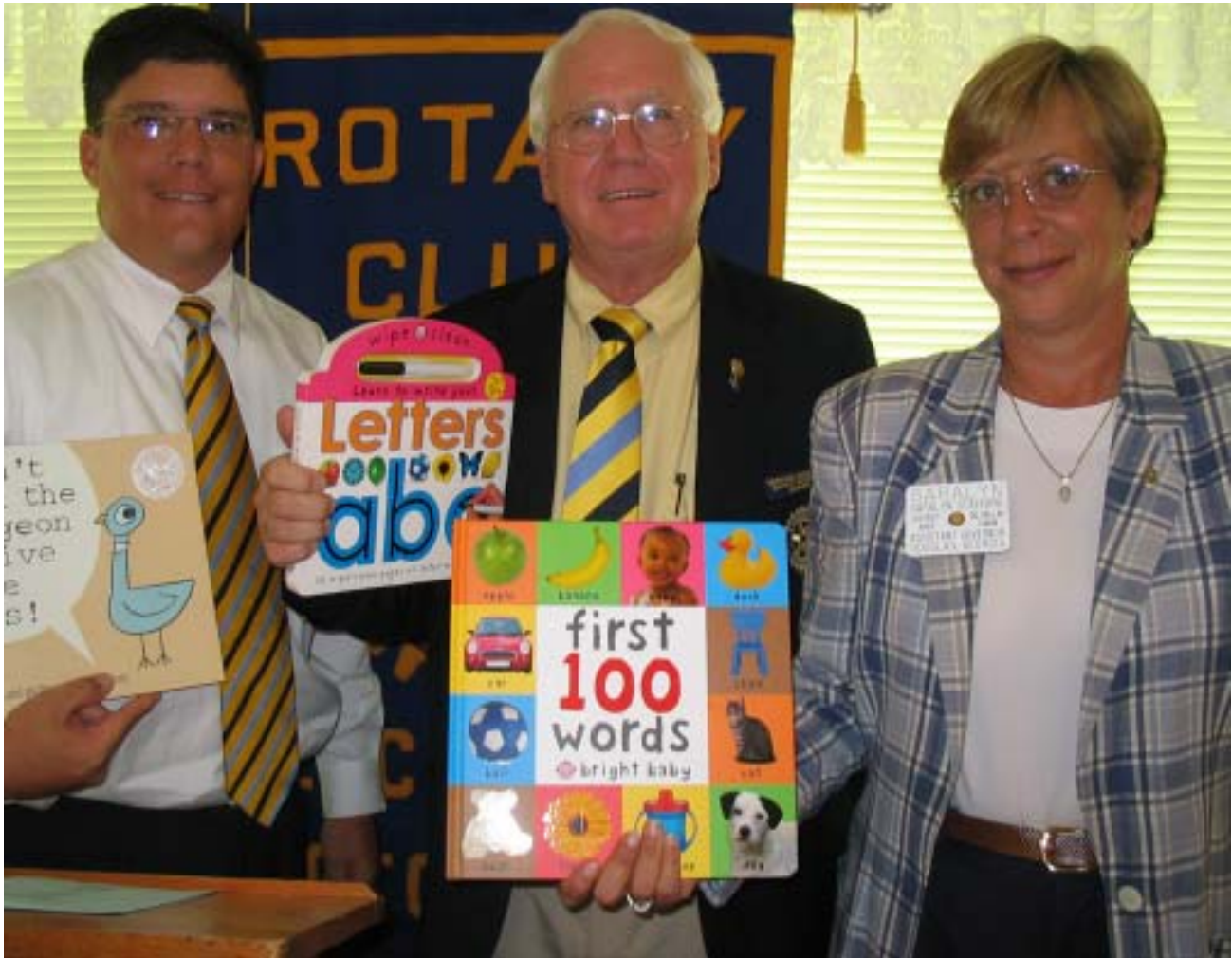
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The Rotary Club of Dublin



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The Rotary Club of Blackshear



Rotary District 6920 Newsletter

LaGrange Plays Host to GRSP Conclave

On August 26-28, LaGrange, Ga., and The LaGrange Rotary Club hosted the annual Conclave for the 2005-06 GRSP student class. In this event GRSP students statewide come together for a weekend of orientation and interaction with each other and their Rotary hosts.

Subjects covered included: What is GRSP?, host family obligations and student and Rotary legal responsibilities.

The highlight of the annual conclave is always the Saturday night student entertain-

ment. In this activity the students wear native dress and perform skits, dances, vocal numbers, etc. typical of their home country.

The 2005-06 GRSP class consists of 72 students from 24 countries. They are attending 27 different

Georgia colleges and universities. The top schools attended are The University of Georgia with seven students and Valdosta State University with six; Oglethorpe University and Georgia State have five each. The top countries represented are Colombia with 15 students and Sweden with 12 students.

Statewide, 143 Rotary Clubs are participating in student sponsor-



ship. This is 72-percent of all Georgia Rotary clubs. A total of 33 clubs from District 6920 are represented with a sponsorship of 18 students.

Since the program's inception in 1946, 2,918 students from 103 countries have been a part of this great cultural experience. They are helping fulfill the GRSP motto of "World Peace Through Understanding."

