



# ROTARY DISTRICT 6920

Clyde Taylor, District Governor, 2009-2010

*District Conference 2010 Highlights*

## Governor's Comments

By all accounts, the District Conference was a rousing success. Total attendance was 453, which is a modern record for District 6920. The speakers were entertaining, inspiring and informative. Cliff Dochterman, Past RI President and John Kenny's representative to our conference, challenged us with his topic of "When Did We Become a Rotarian" and kept the audience laughing with his Rotary humor. It was quite an honor to have a Past RI President assigned to our annual conference. Dr. Levey of Emory University gave us hope that progress is being made in the battle against Alzheimer's Disease. And, who could forget Coach Bill Curry's kickoff address relating to how lessons learned on the football field were applicable to life's situations?

Marsha Hyer's Awards Program set a new standard for conference events. From the grand entrance on the red carpet to the PDG chorus line, we were regaled with glitz and glamour. "Rotary Has Talent" showcased the performing skills of several District Rotarians. The comment was made afterward that the next time the PDG chorus took the stage, they should write the letters "L" and "R" on the tops of their shoes!

All key District awards are listed on subsequent pages of this newsletter. Congratulations to all clubs which were recognized for their accomplishments.

Once again, we experienced last minute on-site registrations. In spite of extending the on-line registration to less than a week before the conference, there were a number of walk ups, particularly on Saturday. You never want to turn anyone away, however, last minute ticket purchases make it impossible to adequately plan for the proper number of meals.

The District Trip Raffle Fund Raiser grossed approximately \$92,000. Final results are being tabulated and should be available in a few days. The trips were enthusiastically accepted by the four winners drawn at the Conference. Those winners were Hawaii - Amy Hightower; Bermuda - Jeff Jones; San Francisco - Joe McGovern and Santa Fe - Brooke Pridmore.

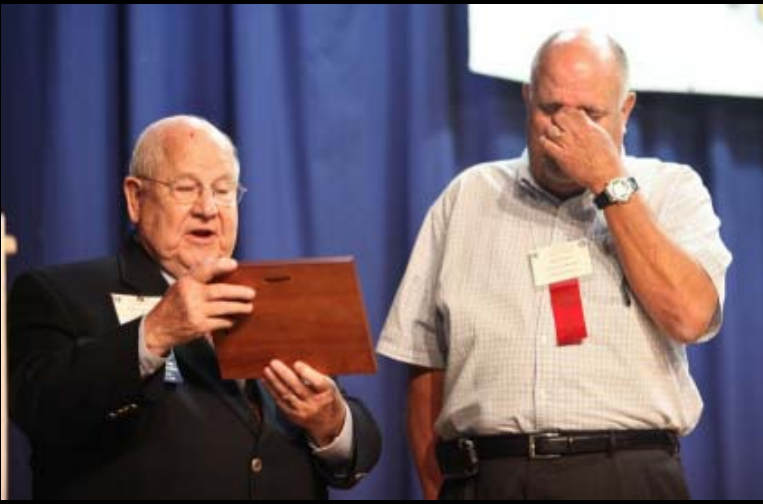
The net proceeds from the raffle will be available to individuals or clubs who agree to a matching contribution to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus or the GRSP Endowment. All contributions must be made during the current Rotary year, which ends June 30. Should there be fewer requests than dollars available, the district will contribute the balance and will hold the contribution in district points for later distribution to clubs/individuals.

Clubs receiving awards at the conference are listed in the following tabulation. As usual, there was plenty of heated competition. Every club that received an award is to be congratulated. The Governor's Award of Excellence for outstanding achievement in the areas of Membership, Rotary Foundation Support, Literacy and Conference Attendance was presented to eleven district clubs. These were Brunswick, Downtown Statesboro, Dublin, St. Simons Island, Sandersville, Savannah South, Savannah Sunrise, Savannah West, Skidaway Island, Waynesboro and Valdosta.

Of particular significance was the Service Above Self Award presented to Skidaway Island Rotarian Wells Hood. The Rotary Board created this award to specifically recognize those Rotarians who truly embody Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." This is Rotary International's highest honor to bestow on a Rotarian. Each year only 150 Rotarians can be selected. In Rotary year 2009-10 there were 387 nominees. Congratulations Wells!

We also tip our hats to the House of Friendship and Silent Auction teams. Meredith Deal and her Brunswick Rotary assistants utilized the large space of Caldwell Hall to provide all clubs with plenty of room for their displays. Ted and Charolette Thompson of Sandersville Rotary once again demonstrated their skills in obtaining sought-after auction items. Final accounting for the silent auction is still underway. However, we expect the net to the conference to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000. The House of Friendship was certainly the social center of convention activities.

# Service Above Self



*Wells Hood is presented the Service Above Self Award by RI President's Representative Cliff Dochterman. Wells is a member of The Rotary Club of Skidaway Island.*



# Guest Speakers

*Our guest speakers inspired and encouraged attendees*



*Alzheimer's Disease Researcher Dr. Allan Levey*



*Past RI President and RI President John Kenny's Representative Cliff Dochterman and his wife, Mary Elena.*



*Georgia State  
University  
Coach Bill Curry*

*Former Rotary  
Ambassadorial  
Scholar Donald  
Garner spoke on  
club leadership  
and membership  
initiatives.*





# Walking the Red Carpet



Service  
to  
GRSP



*Rotary Club of St. Simons Island member Hamsa Thota was recognized for his years of service to the Georgia Rotary Student Program.*



# Past District Governors





# Speech Contest



*Zone Speech Contest winners (from left) Narke Norton, Carley Saxon and Amanda Starling were among Saturday night's entertainment. Narke was sponsored by the Tifton Rotary Club, Carley was sponsored by The Rotary Club of Waynesboro and Amanda was sponsored by the Effingham Noon Rotary Club.*

# Talented Rotarians





# MEMORIES





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# *District 6920 Award Winners*

## *2009-2010*

*District Awards Chair Marsha Hyer presents a Club Service Award.*

<b>NAME OF AWARD</b>	<b>WINNER</b>	<b>RUNNER-UP</b>
<b><u>Club Service Award</u></b>		
Small Clubs	Wrightsville	Savannah Sunrise
Medium Clubs	Valdosta North	Claxton
Large Clubs	Dublin	Savannah
Interact Clubs	Valwood (Valdosta)	Edmund Burke Academy
<b><u>Community Service Award</u></b>		
Small Clubs	Kings Bay	Centerville
Medium Clubs	Perry	Camden County
Large Clubs	Dublin	Valdosta
Interact Clubs	Edmund Burke Academy	Westside High School
<b><u>International Service Award</u></b>		
Small Clubs	Wrightsville	Centerville
Medium Clubs	Skidaway Island	Augusta West
Large Clubs	Dublin	Valdosta
Interact Clubs	South Effingham High	Burke County High (Waynesboro)
<b><u>Vocational Service Award</u></b>		
Small Clubs	Wrightsville	Centerville
Medium Clubs	Perry	Camden County
Large Clubs	Dublin	Tifton
<b><u>Best Club Website</u></b>	Augusta West	Tie: Kings Bay & Valdosta North
<b><u>Best Club Bulletin</u></b>	Augusta West	Kings Bay
<b><u>Best Club Scrapbook</u></b>	Valdosta	Dublin
<b><u>Best Club Display</u></b>	Valdosta	Augusta West
<b><u>Rookie of the Year</u></b>	Tim Lake (Dublin)	
<b><u>Club Attendance Award</u></b>		
Small Clubs	Marshes of Glynn -SSI	
Medium Clubs	Eastman	
Large Clubs	Downtown Statesboro	
<b><u>District Conference Attendance Award</u></b>		
Small Clubs	Kings Bay	
Medium Clubs	Augusta West	
Large Clubs	St. Simons Island	
<b><u>Assistant Governor's Membership Award</u></b>	Eddie Moye	
<b><u>Club of the Year</u></b>		
Small Clubs	Wrightsville	Kings Bay
Medium Clubs	Augusta West	Claxton
Large Clubs	Dublin	Valdosta



# *Award Presentations*



*Congratulations  
to ALL of our  
award winners!*

## *Looking Ahead*

June 20-23, 2010 - Rotary International Convention, Montreal, Canada

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