



# ROTARY DISTRICT 6920

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## District Conference Registration Now Open

District Conference registration is now open via the district website at [www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net). Everything, from conference registration to hotel reservations, can now be done online.

This year's conference promises to be fun for the entire family and organizers have built in special pricing for children under 11. There is also special pricing for couples. All of the details can be found online.

Join DG Lloyd and Jan for fellowship and lots of fun-filled activities. Among the activities planned are a riverboat cruise, golfing, a canal cruise along the Augusta Canal and a sight-seeing tour of historic Augusta.

Save the dates of May 13-15 for a fun-filled weekend with other Rotarians from around the district. You won't be disappointed!

*See page 8 of this newsletter for a profile of District Conference speakers.*

## GSE Team Journaling Trip

The Group Study Exchange to New Zealand team departed for New Zealand earlier this week and is keeping District Rotarians and supporters abreast of their activities via the group's Facebook page.

If you haven't already become a fan of the group, you can do so by turning your web browser to [www.facebook.com/gse6920](http://www.facebook.com/gse6920). Simply "like" the group and you will begin receiving their updates.



# Kings Bay



The Rotary Club of Kings Bay delivered 90 4-Way test coloring books to Crooked River Elementary School. Pictured are Paul Hutzler, Mary Kustermann and Paula Goodnow. (Photo by Buddy Arpin.)

# Rotary Club of Savannah



The Rotary Club of Savannah used their Rotary Raffle proceeds for the quarter to meet the literacy requirement set by DG Lloyd. The proceeds were used to sponsor five GED recipients through the Savannah Tech Foundation. Pictured are Rotary Club of Savannah President Trey Cook and Ken Boyd, Savannah Tech Foundation representative. The club donated more than 200 books to the library at Christmas and \$1,000 to the Ferst Foundation in September 2010, recognizing their commitment to making a difference with literacy.

## THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER



As difficult as it is to believe, it's now April and that means our district conference is only a short six weeks away. It's time to begin finalizing your club's plans for a great district conference. This year we will take a lesson from PDG Clyde's book and kick our conference off with a very relaxed and fun-filled Friday evening. The theme will be western, and our dress will be western casual. Yup, you guessed it. Jeans and boots if you have them!!!! A mellow first evening with some easy and enjoyable Rotary celebrations combined with a bit of Country and Western music. Heck, we're even going to try our hand at some line dancing!!! So, find those jeans and western wear and plan on coming to Augusta for a great time. (By the way, you'll need to register for the conference and you'll need to reserve your room, so get on the stick and don't be left behind! For registration information, go online to the district website at [www.rotarydistrict6920.net/](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net/) and register now.)

Congratulations to our newest class of district and club leaders. As most of you know, March 19th and 20th marked our annual Peach State PETS training weekend and this may have been the best PETS yet. We are in great hands for next year and as good as our year has been, I know Gordon and his leadership team will make next year even better!

Speaking of this year, I want to take a moment and congratulate every club that made having more fun, focusing on family and extending their already strong community partnerships. We began the year by pledging to one another that we would raise the bar on having more fun. Many of you have done that and now it's time to gather and celebrate what has been a great year for all. Please take some time and join Jan and I as we celebrate a great year of Rotary.

You have all contributed toward making this one of our best years and I want to thank each of you. I commend you for what have done to help make your clubs and your communities stronger as we've all worked together to Build Communities and Bridge Continents!

See you in Augusta.



# Items Needed for Conference Silence Auction

by Ted Thompson, Silent Auction Chair

I am again honored to Chair the District Conference Silent Auction to be held at the Marriott Augusta Hotel & Suites, May 13-15, 2011, in beautiful downtown Augusta. I look forward to working with all of you to make this silent auction the most successful and prosperous fund-raiser to date. The proceeds of the silent auction support the Rotary Foundation and the Georgia Rotary Student Program. My wife, Charolette, has agreed to assist me. The District Conference is only two months away and I ask each of you to begin thinking of items your club might donate.

We are asking for items from each club to have a total value of \$300 or more. Don't let this figure deter you if you can do more. If your club is small and can't donate the \$300 value, we would encourage you to donate what you can. All donations are greatly appreciated no matter what! If you

can't think of a large valued item, then try several smaller valued items to make up the difference.

What do we need? Tools, tool kits, TV's, DVD players, radios, computers, luggage, a week or weekend at a condo or home at the beach or in the mountains, furniture, artwork, crystal, china, gift baskets, gift certificates from restaurant chains such as Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Carrabba's, Chili's, Ruby Tuesday's, Appleby's, Outback Steakhouse, Bonefish Grill, etc., gift certificates from Wal-Mart, Lowe's, Home Depot, Ace Hardware, etc., clothing stores, jewelry, watches, antiques, handmade quilts, knives, floral arrangements, vintage wine, premium spirits (alcohol) - not a six pack of Old Milwaukee please!, - fishing or hunting gear or trips, golf weekend, golf outing for 2 or 4, golf clubs and accessories, gift certificate for golf shoes, power tools

such as cordless drills, power saws, digital cameras, other sporting equipment, framed prints, sporting events, romantic B&B weekends, catered dinners or dinners with lodging and comparable items.

I encourage all Rotary clubs in our district to participate this year instead of only the clubs that have donated items in the past. It's much easier to move Rotary's boat with 65 clubs rather than 30. Let's all pitch in and work together to make this year's silent auction the best!

If I can help you, please call me at 478-232-0969 or email: tthom034@aol.com. We appreciate your participation and contributions to this worthy cause. I will be in touch. GET TO THINKIN'!!

## *Blackshear Club Presented Flag*



*Rotarian Frank Tanner presented a Rotary flag from the Rotary Club of Roatan, Honduras, to Blackshear Rotary President Cheryl Williams recently. Tanner had just returned from Roatan with several others from the area after a trip to Honduras. While there Tanner was able to help and witness the Clean Water Project which the Blackshear Club has given funds to help provide clean water to homes there. This was a Rotary International project which the Blackshear club adopted this year. The Roatan club was presented a flag from the Blackshear Club from Tanner.*

## *Augusta South Presents Check to Augusta Tech for GED Program*



*Augusta South Rotary Club members present Augusta Technical College a check for \$500 for the GED program. Pictured are: Diane Cook-Jackson, Augusta Tech President Terry Elam, Augusta South President Jo Anne Robinson, Rotary District 6920 Assistant Governor Pam Lightsey and Augusta South President Elect Wallace White.*

# Puryears Receive Major Donor Award



Zone 34 Assistant Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator Kenan Kern recently visited the Rotary Club of Augusta and the Rotary Club of Augusta South to recognize the joint Major Donor Award to Past District Governor Jim Puryear and Past Assistant Governor Joan Puryear. This Rotary couple has a long and valued history of commitment to Rotary International, and now with their example of support to The Rotary Foundation will be recognized for their exceptional support to the many programs and benefits provided through The Rotary Foundation. Each of these Rotarians has jointly served D-6920 over the previous years in demonstrating Service Above Self. Their recent commitment in reaching the Major Donor level demonstrates that they continue to set an example for all to join in supporting The Rotary Foundation. Congratulations to this couple as they are recognized by The Rotary Foundation.

## *Donations To Be Given To Earthquake, Tsunami Victims*



Becky Browning of the Wrightsville Rotary Club and Teresa Graham of Scott Healthcare and Rehabilitation present METS with blankets which will be shipped with additional items from METS by military transport to Japan. Military personnel there will distribute these items to children who are victims of the recent earthquake and tsunami

A poster for a concert. The top text reads "A concert to benefit the Rotary Foundation". Below that is a large image of a violin and bow. The Rotary logo is visible. The text "Wells Fargo Presents ROTARIANS Play It Forward" is at the bottom. The date "April 23, 2011" is at the bottom right. The location "Savannah, GA" and "Morris Center - Trustees Garden" are listed below the date. The time "4:00 pm - 8:00 pm" is listed below the location. The sponsor "Sponsored by Savannah Area Rotary Clubs" is at the bottom.

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# THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

*by Jeff Kublin, 2010-2011 District Membership Chair*

## **PRESIDENTS-ELECT: MEMBERSHIP PLANNING**

While the new Rotary year doesn't officially start until July 1, the presidents-elect should already be doing their membership planning. A review of membership goals submitted in the past shows ambitious intents by incoming presidents to increase club membership. But, simply saying that you are going to increase membership does not automatically make it happen.

Step one is to select a membership chairperson who recognizes that "Membership Chairperson" is not just a title. It is a responsibility. That person should sincerely want the job and all that it entails. The president-elect should realize that he/she is not just filling out an organization chart – they are making important assignments. It would be great if the selected chair has experience in recruitment and retention in their professional employment. The person should commit to attending the District Seminar and District Assembly where the topic of membership will be discussed in detail. They need to realize that unlike chairing an event, the responsibilities do not end until they are no longer the chair.

Each club's president-elect and the membership chair should review the membership plan that was submitted this past year and compare its stated goals with the results-to-date. A determination should be made as to whether the club membership is where it was projected to be. If the goals have been met, it may make sense to continue the same plan with possible minor tweaking. If the club has fallen short of its goal, a determination should be made as to whether the plan is lacking or if the follow through was not a high priority – or both.

It's not too soon to begin membership planning for 2011-2012. Each year, presidents-elect return from PETS with a great deal of motivation. They want their year as president of their Rotary club to be the best yet. A significant measure of their success when their year comes to a close will be their impact on membership.

# COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST

*by Kathy Tuckey, District CART Chair*

MORE THAN \$45,000 has been donated by 49 District 6920 Clubs to CART for the time period May 20, 2010 to March 10, 2011! You are leading the way in the fight against Alzheimer's disease!

Ashburn - \$1,500	Eastman - \$877	Milledgeville - \$4745	Statesboro - \$690
Augusta - \$10,300	Effingham County - \$299	Millen - \$232	Swainsboro - \$200
Augusta South - \$309	Effingham Sunrise - \$536	Ocilla - \$58	Sylvania - \$410
Augusta West - \$1,403	Fitzgerald - \$1,500	Perry - \$334	Tennille - \$405
Blackshear - \$1,173	Glennville - \$80	Richmond Hill - \$917	Uptown Macon - \$157
Brunswick - \$641	Hinesville - \$354	Sandersville - \$198	Valdosta - \$350
Camden County - \$398	Jefferson County - \$498	Savannah - \$219	Valdosta North - \$309
Centerville - \$452	Jekyll Island - \$200	Savannah East - \$837	Vidalia - \$672
Cochran - \$131	Jesup - \$170	Savannah South - \$2321	Waynesboro - \$53
Douglas - \$258	Kings Bay - \$200	Savannah Sunrise - \$202	Wrightsville - \$223
Downtown Macon - \$996	Macon - \$3,925	Savannah West - \$524	
Downtown Statesboro - \$1,652	McRae - \$253	Skidaway Island - \$553	
Dublin - \$877	Metter - \$29	St. Simons Island - \$1,871	

At District Conference CART awards will be presented! Please be sure that your club contributions have been sent in by May 4, 2011! All District CART contributions should be sent to our District Treasurer, Bruce Montgomery. Your checks should be made payable to CART and mailed to CART c/o Bruce Montgomery, 102 E. 44th Street, Savannah, GA 31045.

## DGE Matthews Recognized as Major Donor

ARRFC Kenan Kern recently visited the Rotary Club of Savannah East to announce and recognize District Governor Elect Gordon Matthews for his demonstration and commitment to The Rotary Foundation by being recognized as a Major Donor.

DGE Gordon recently participated in a National Immunization Day in India, one of the four remaining active Polio countries in the world. DGE Gordon returned from this emotional experience with a



commitment to Rotary's Gates Challenge to STOP POLIO NOW. As repeated by DGE Gordon, "We are this close", as he held his fingers very close together demonstrating how close Rotary International has come in ending the existence of this disabling disease.

In addition to DGE Gordon's commitment to ending polio now, he hopes his leadership in supporting The Rotary Foundation will inspire others to follow by stepping out with similar support and commitment to The Rotary Foundation through contributions to the Annual Programs Fund as well as PolioPlus.

Congratulations to DGE Gordon Matthews as he becomes the latest member of D-6920's Major Donor group.

## Horadan Inducted as Sandersville Rotarian



First Lady Jan Horadan, an Honorary Rotarian, was inducted for regular membership in the Rotary Club of Sandersville, Thursday, March 17. After her induction by Rotarian Marlon Lastinger and DD Ron May, husband District Governor Lloyd "pins" Jan. We are excited to have Jan as a new member.

## Hazlehurst Rotary Club Hosts Tourism Chair

Hazlehurst Rotary Club welcomed Jim Sewell, invited by Rotarian Lula Mae Perry, to the March 16th club meeting. Mr. Sewell is the Chairman of the Hazlehurst/Jeff Davis County Board of Tourism and presented a very interesting program about the recent Peaches To Beaches Annual Yard Sale which starts on Hwy 341 in Barnesville, GA, goes through Hazlehurst and ends in Brunswick.

The event is sponsored by the Golden Isles Parkway Association and Hazlehurst is the largest official site along Highway 341. He said that there were 84 vendors locally that purchased 150 booth spaces. He stated that this annual event is very good for our local economy because our hotels and restaurants, along with other businesses, were filled with tourists over the three-day weekend.

## ASU Rotaract Members Participate in METS Sort Day



Augusta State University Rotaract members helped during a recent METS Sort Day. PDG Dallas Simon, center, joined the group.

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## Sandersville



The Rotary Club of Sandersville and spouses enjoyed an evening of fellowship by "Honoring Past Club Presidents". Pictured are Rotarian men preparing a supper of good ole' fried fish. Several past presidents shared fond memories of their year serving as club president.



## Family of Rotary

## Dublin



Dublin Rotarians enjoyed a Family of Rotary cookout at the Farmer's Market last September. The club has held several other events for the family, including a Christmas celebration.

## Valdosta



Rotarians and their guests from the Rotary Club of Valdosta gathered at Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta last month for their spring Family of Rotary Fellowship gathering. Bob Montgomery, fellow Rotarian and General Manager at Wild Adventures, arranged for a very special day. The group participated in a behind-the-scenes walking tour of the animal park and was introduced to the parks most recent arrivals – two Indian rhinos. The tour also included a number of other animal ranges. The group then headed to one of the parks many restaurants for a BBQ dinner. About 70 Rotarians and their guests enjoyed this very special day together. The club is greatly appreciative of Wild Adventures and Bob for everything that made our day fantastic! More photos of the safari tour can be seen at [http://www.flickr.com/photos/rotary\\_club\\_of\\_valdosta/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/rotary_club_of_valdosta/).

## Effingham Sunrise



Ronald McDonald joins members of the Effingham Sunrise Rotary Club during a Family of Rotary tailgate party before the Effingham/South Effingham football game. One of the club's members was diagnosed with ALS last past summer and cheerleaders went throughout the stands to collect money for ALS at this football game. The club said this service project was for "one of our own."

# *District Conference Speakers*

## *Glen Ward, Professional Humorist and Inspirational Speaker*



*Glen Ward*

Professional Humorist and Inspirational Speaker Glen Ward will be our Saturday night speaker.

Glen's engagements take him all across America addressing corporations, national, regional, and state associations, government agencies, chambers of commerce, schools, civic organizations and churches.

His wholesome humor involves hilariously accurate impersonations of well-known political and musical celebrities. He also entertains his audiences with stories and life lessons learned from his experiences growing up in a minister's home. His story of "Momma Powers" is a classic.

## *Carol King, RI President's Representative*

Carol L. King, PDG of Rotary District 7670, will serve as RI President Klinginsmith's representative to our conference.

An entrepreneur by nature, Carol has spent her career owning and operating several different businesses in addition to her CPA and Financial Advising Firm in Western North Carolina.

As a member of the Rotary Club of Asheville, Carol served as President in 2001-02 and was awarded RI's Distinguished Club President Citation. In addition to serving as District Governor in 2009-10, she has served the District as Assistant Governor, Membership Chair, program Chair for the District Conference, and Trainer. She also served as a Training Leader for the RI's 2011 International Assembly.

In 2008, Carol traveled as a Rotary Volunteer to India where she had the honor of participating in a Polio National Immunization Day. A year later, she traveled to Nicaragua as part of a team delivering wheelchairs through Rotary partnership with Wheelchair Foundation. She is a Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society, a Major Donor, a Benefactor and a member of the Bequest Society.



*Carol King*

## *Debra Lowe, Regional Major Gifts Officer Zone 34*



*Debra Lowe*

Debra Lowe will also be speaking during our conference. Debra has 10 years of fund-raising experience with Rotary International. Prior to that she had a career that included working with the Walt Disney Company, The Osceola Center for the Arts and The Orlando Ballet.

An active Rotarian for more than 8 years with The Rotary Club of Kissimmee bay, Debra has served as president of the club and district subcommittee grants chair. She currently serves as the club's Matching Grants Chair.

Debra's position is unique to The Rotary Foundation as she is the first Major Gifts Officer who lives within their assigned zone. She is a 30-year resident of Kissimmee, part of Zone 34 which encompasses the Georgia, Florida and Caribbean Rotary Districts. She is privileged to work with Rotarians in 14 of the world's Rotary districts and considers it an honor to work in support of the greatest volunteer service organization in the world.