



# District 6920 Governor's Newsletter

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## August – Membership Month

August focuses on Membership and Extension, a special time each year when the entire Rotary family gets a chance to concentrate on the heart of the organization and what makes it great—our more than 1.2 million members in nearly 33,000 Rotary clubs worldwide.

But why limit our focus to just 31 days of the calendar? Keep membership top of mind all year by implementing one of the following ideas each month.

- Place a promotional ad or insert in your local chamber of commerce directory.
- Create business cards printed with your name, the Rotary logo, and the phrase, "Be My Guests," along with the day, time, and location of your club's meeting at the club's expense.
- Invite program alumni as guests to your meetings, and propose any qualified alumni for membership.
- Scan local business journals and newspapers for the names of influential business people and community leaders.
- Invite a prospective member or members to participate in a club activity or project that demonstrates the meaningful work of your Rotary club.
- Obtain space in a prominent shop window to display information about the club's activities in the community.
- Ask members to wear pins or T-shirts with the slogan "Ask Me About Rotary to generate conversation about membership in Rotary.
- Wear the Rotary logo on your clothes during service projects.
- Make it a point of honor to propose a new member. Recognize the proposer in the club bulletin or at the weekly meeting.



*Kenan and Beth Kern greet RI President D. K. and Young Lee at the International Assembly in San Diego, California*

## District Directors:

Bill Booth

RC of Valdosta

Jim Drake

RC of Savannah South

Ron May

RC of Sandersville

## Assistant Governors:

Les Arent

RC of Warner Robbins

Alfie Cofield

RC of Claxton

Paul Elliott

RC of Douglas

Charles Green

RC of Valdosta Sunrise

Paula Goodnow

RC of Kings Bay

Ben Harvill

RC of Eastman

Tommy Jefferson

RC of Milledgeville

Jeff Kublin

RC of Effingham County

Doug Lambert

RC of Downtown  
Statesboro

Ron Maulden

RC of Brunswick

Bruce Peyton

RC of Savannah South

Joan Puryear

RC of August South

Pat Storino

RC of St. Simons Island

Gary Smith

RC of Fitzgerald

Phil Thacker

RC of Dublin

Tommy Walker

RC of Sandersville

## Foundation & Membership Seminar

Saturday, August 16, 2008, offered Rotary leaders throughout District 6920 a great opportunity to participate and learn from each other, successful ideas to be more effective in the development of club membership as well as strengthening their support to The Rotary Foundation. Zone 34's Rotary International Regional Membership Coordinator, PDG Jim Henry, lead a session that enabled all participants to take away great ideas for meeting the District and Club's member objective of raising net member levels by 10 per cent for the 2008-2009 year. Sam Eskew, District 6920's Membership Chair challenged those in attendance with forming action committees in their clubs to help reach the District membership goals.



Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator, PDG Rich Panyik, presented great strategies to help develop club support to the Annual Programs Fund, one of the very important features of The Rotary Foundation. RRFC Rich also brought special emphasis to the need for more support to the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Later a video, One Blue Sky, was presented to the audience to help bring more individual and club awareness to the Benefactor and Bequest Society programs of the Permanent Fund.

The highlight of the day will long be remembered when Alan NeSmith, Foundation Chair of the Rotary club of Camden County, introduced special guest, Mary Evelyn Warren of Abbeville, GA, to the audience. This young 86 year old lady brought a message to our participants that stirred every emotion. She is a polio survivor since infancy and has overcome major obstacles in her life. She had our audience laughing with her special way of sharing her life to include the "Sweet 1" Georgia tag that was mounted on the back of her motorized wheelchair. Many of our audience members could be seen with looks of amazement as Miss Mary Evelyn spoke of the great things that Rotary International has provided for those people who have suffered from Polio as well as the great strides by Rotarians in removing Polio from our world.

The Rotary Club of Camden County took this opportunity to recognize Miss Mary Evelyn Warren and presented her with a Paul Harris Fellow award. This small gesture by the Camden County club brought rousing applause from the entire assembly and touched many who witnessed this welcomed recognition by Miss Mary Evelyn Warren.

*Back Row, (L-R)  
Jan Hammond,  
Heather NeSmith,  
Sharon Beverly,  
Governor Kenan  
Kern, Bert Guy,  
Alan NeSmith.  
Front Row, (L-R)  
Caroline Hammond  
and Mary Evelyn  
Warren.*



## Georgia Rotary Student Program

### Links to Web pages

*District 6920*  
[www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net)

*Rotary International*  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

*Zone 33-34*  
[www.rizones33-34.org](http://www.rizones33-34.org)

*GRSP*  
[www.grsp.org](http://www.grsp.org)

*CART*  
[www.cartfund.org](http://www.cartfund.org)

*Rotary Leadership  
Institute*  
[www.riltraining.org](http://www.riltraining.org)

*Ferst Foundation*  
[www.ferstfoundation.org](http://www.ferstfoundation.org)

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The 2008-2009 GRSP Conclave was recently held in Americus, GA where students from throughout the three Georgia Rotary Districts met for the first time. This annual gathering offers the class of students a chance to meet and begin developing lasting relationships for the academic year and years to come. GRSP Chair, Jim Drake, welcomed the students as they learned about the State of Georgia and the many facets available during their year in our state. Each district was represented by GRSP Trustees and Directors who work closely with the students and the Rotary clubs that sponsor students. District Governors from 6900, 6910, and 6920 were also in attendance and met the students that attend the colleges and universities located in their respective Rotary districts.



District Governors join GRSP Chair at the annual GRSP Conclave in Americus, Georgia.

*(L-R) D-6900 Governor Ted Propes, GRSP Chair, Jim Drake, D-6920 Governor Kenan Kern, and D-6910 Governor Gary Moore.*



Saturday night found the 67 GRSP students showing off their talents and skills for the large audience of Rotarians and guests.



Students from Edinburgh, Scotland dance to Scottish music during the Saturday evening talent performance.

Seven students sponsored by the Rotary Club of Portobello in Edinburgh, Scotland helped make up the dancing troop.



## DG Kenan Kern's club visits

September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Valdosta North

September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Valdosta

September 4<sup>th</sup>  
Valdosta Sunrise

September 8<sup>th</sup>  
Perry

September 9<sup>th</sup>  
Centerville

September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Downtown Macon

September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Jones County

September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Eastman

September 16<sup>th</sup>  
Waycross

September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Hazlehurst

September 18<sup>th</sup>  
Douglas

September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Dublin

September 22  
Macon

September 23  
Warner Robbins

September 24<sup>th</sup>  
Byron

September 25<sup>th</sup>  
Milledgeville

September 29<sup>th</sup>  
Augusta

September 30<sup>th</sup>  
Augusta South

## **PASS THE GAVEL – PLEASE**

The Family of Rotary offers Rotary clubs and Rotarians throughout District 6920 a chance to pursue the first Object of Rotary that is “to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity of service.” Friendship is the foundation, the rock on which Rotary service is built. Through this foundation, the Family of Rotary was developed to encourage clubs to care for Rotarians and members of Rotary’s extended family (spouses, children, and parents) and also remember spouses of deceased Rotarians.



District 6920 would like to spread Rotary friendships throughout our 65 clubs by passing the Gavel from Rotary club to Rotary club during the 2008-2009 Rotary year. We would like for the Gavel to be delivered to the District Conference in Augusta, GA next May 2009. The names of all Rotary clubs that participate in this Family of Rotary Friendship Exchange will be entered into a chance to receive a contribution to The Rotary Foundation, resulting in a new Paul Harris Fellow added to their club’s membership. Follow the passing of the Gavel on the 6920 website: [www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net).

## **WANTED**

### **A GSE TEAM LEADER FOR AN EXCHANGE VISIT To District 4720 - Brazil**

District 6920 is looking for nominations for the Rotarian Team Leader for the 2008-2009 Group Study Exchange. The candidate must be a Rotarian of good standing and with a good knowledge of Rotary, locally in D-6920 as well as nationally and internationally. The successful candidate will be visiting Brazil between April 20th and May 17, 2009.

#### **But what does a GSE Team Leader do?**

- Help build a team of individuals who will represent Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and District 6920 with distinction and will gain personally and professionally from the GSE experience.
- They need to become familiar with the GSE Program Guide for Rotarians (165-EN) and become familiar with all policies and procedures related to GSE, including submission of all necessary forms and insurances for both before and after the exchange.
- Assist with the travel arrangements for the GSE team.
- Organize and attend a minimum of 12 hours of pre-departure orientation.
- Debrief GSE team members before leaving the host district.
- Promote speaking engagements in their home district to share experiences, and involve the team in these presentations.

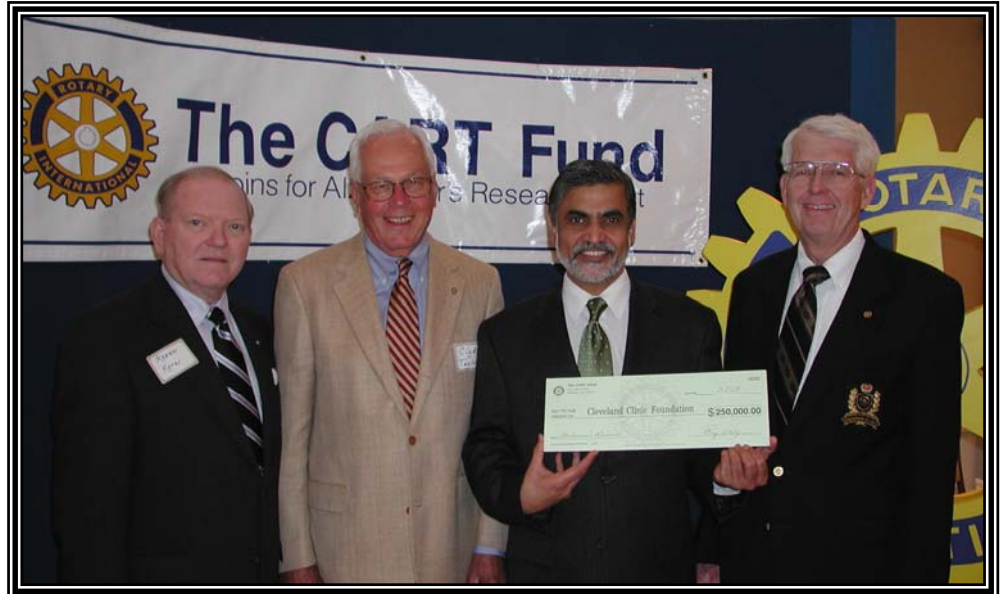
It is hoped that interviews will be taking place in early October 2008. The closing date for nominations is Friday, September 30, 2008. At this time we also hope to appoint a Reserve Team Leader.

If you wish to be considered for this exciting opportunity, please complete the GSE Team Leader application form that can be found on District 6920’s website: [www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net)

Complete the form and return to Gordon Matthews, Chair, Group Study Exchange, and P.O. Box 187, Tybee Island, GA 31328.

## **CART Grant Awarded**

CART recently awarded the eighth grant of \$250,000 to the Lemer Research Institute of The Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, OH. This grant is the result of 51 laboratories bidding for the \$250,000 that came from pocket change contributions from Rotarians throughout eleven Rotary Districts. Dr. Sanjay Pimplikar stated that the CART funding is supporting novel and cutting edge research in finding a cure for Alzheimer's Disease.

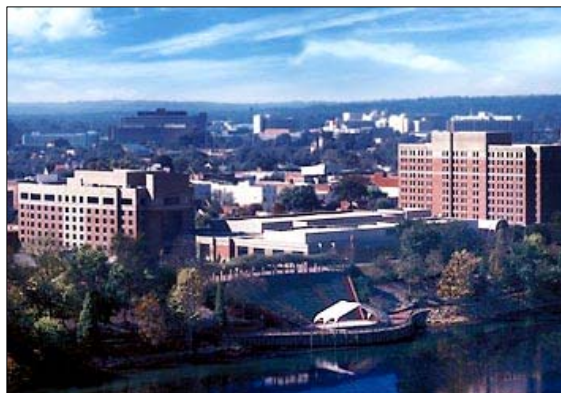


*District 6920 shares Cart Fund presentation in Columbia, SC with 2008 grant to The Cleveland Clinic*

*(L-R) DG Kenan Kern, DGE Clyde Taylor, Dr. Sanjay Pimplikar, The Cleveland Clinic, and CART Grants Chair, PDG, Jim Puryear*


**All CART contributions should be submitted to Bruce Montgomery, District Treasurer. Mail CART contribution checks, payable to CART, c/o Bruce Montgomery, 102 E. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Savannah, GA 31405.**

**Mark your calendars for District 6920's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual District Conference on May 15, 16, & 17, 2009, in Augusta, GA**



**The Marriott Augusta Hotel and Suites will be the conference site for the 52<sup>nd</sup> District Conference.**

**Visit D-6920 website for details and registration information.**



## RLI - Sunshine Division

The Rotary Leadership Institute's Sunshine Division aspires to become one of RLI's and Rotary's best educational and teaching organizations. District 6920 has joined RLI's Sunshine Division's Academic Plan as the initial roadmap for Rotarians to journey to academic excellence. With few exceptions, we expect graduates of the RLI training programs to become leaders in their Rotary club and vocations.

The training program is divided into three required courses. An additional upper level course is available on an invitational basis.

All courses offered require one full day of participation. (Approximately 7 hours)

**Course 1: Leadership** - To begin thinking about the characteristics of leadership, how leadership is exerted, what motivates people in a voluntary organization and how the participants might develop their own personal leadership style.

**Course 2: Goals and Objectives** - To explore the importance of goal setting in leadership and the mechanisms for achieving goals.

**Course 3: Creative Service** - To explore the concept of service in Rotary and the type of service activities that will strengthen and energize Rotary.

**Discussion Leader:** Learning to introduce and present a session's purpose and to stimulate the exchange of knowledge and experiences with everyone having an opportunity to think and participate.

Rotary Leadership Institute course schedules and training site locations can be found at the RLI Sunshine Division's website: [www.rlitraining.org](http://www.rlitraining.org)

Rotarians throughout District 6920 are invited to participate in the first RLI training sessions to be held in Savannah, Georgia, on Saturday and Sunday, November 22 & 23, 2008. Sessions 1, 2, 3, and Discussion Leader will be offered on each day.

