



ROTARY DISTRICT 6920

Clyde Taylor, District Governor, 2009-2010

August 2009

Rotary Club of Centerville Awarded Blankenship Cup

The Rotary Club of Centerville was the first recipient of the Blankenship Cup, presented in memory of the late Bill Blankenship, who served as District Governor during the 2006-07 term.

This award is presented to the club which has the highest average per capita giving over the previous three years to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Club of Centerville had \$293.67 APF giving over the past three years.

The top 10 clubs in average per capita giving over the previous three years are: (10) Rotary Club of Camden County - \$129.00; (9) Rotary Club of Sandersville - \$134.33; (8) Rotary Club of Augusta West - \$137.00; (7) Rotary Club of Savannah West - \$140.00; (6) Rotary Club of Kings Bay - \$160.33; (5) Rotary Club of Skidaway Island - \$162.00; (4) Rotary Club of Effingham Sunrise - \$186.67; (3) Rotary Club of Savannah South - \$189.00 and (2) Rotary Club of Savannah Sunrise - \$238.67.



*Bill Blankenship
District Governor 2006-07*



Members of The Rotary Club of Centerville accept the Blankenship Cup from Past District Governor Kenan Kern during the recent Foundation Seminar in Vidalia. The Blankenship Cup is awarded to the club which has the highest average per capita giving over the previous three years to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary

More than 100 Rotarians Attend Annual Seminar

District leadership enjoyed the hospitality of Vidalia Rotarians at the home of Otha and Pat Dixon prior to the recent Foundation, Membership and Literacy Seminar.

More than 110 Rotarians were present the following day for the annual seminar, held at Southeastern Georgia Technical College in Vidalia. Speakers for the weekend were Robert Hall, Zone 34 Polio Plus chair; Shauna Von Haustein, Ferst Foundation representative, and Alexander Jahn, a representative for The Dictionary Project.



District Directory Editor Kelli Simon, second from right, distributes directories at the recent Vidalia seminar.

featuring a panel of knowledgeable Rotarians and audience participation on membership issues.

The new 2009-10 district directories were given to all club presidents and secretaries in attendance at the seminar. If you were a president or secretary not in attendance, your assistant governor was given your directory for hand delivery. If you do not receive your directory from your AG within two weeks, please call them. District chairs and other district leadership should receive their copy in

the mail.

Membership Chair Bob Griggers moderated an informative discussion



Fellowship at the Dixon Home



Photo Highlights from the Foundation, Membership and Literacy Seminar



District Director Paula Goodnow, Assistant Governor and GRSP Trustee Pam Lightsey, District Directory Editor Kelli Simon and Sue Taylor



Beth Kern and District Director Ron May



Sue and Clyde Taylor and DGN Gordon Matthews



Governor Taylor recently presented three new Paul Harris awards on his visit to his home club, The Rotary Club of St. Simons.



Above, Jesup Rotary Club President Stacy Nobles presents District Governor Clyde Taylor with a \$1,000 check for Polio Plus during a recent club visit. Governor Taylor also received a \$575 check for raffle ticket sales.



At left, Past District Governor Kenan Kern presents the Home Club Banner to St. Simons Rotary Club President Brooke Pridmore.

**Club
Visits**

Rome Hosts Conclave 2009

**GEORGIA ROTARY
STUDENT PROGRAM**
Districts 6900, 6910 & 6920 Rotary International
Bringing Nations Together Since 1946



Students from around the world will come together this weekend for the annual Georgia Rotary Student Program Conclave, an annual kickoff event for GRSP, where students will meet and learn about one another as they begin an exciting year together. Roughly 66 students from 28 countries will attend Conclave 2009.

The conclave represents a great opportunity to extend friendships to our GRSP students and enjoy a weekend of fellowship with other Rotarians. This is a mandatory meeting for all GRSP students for the 2009-2010 school year. Conclave students will meet fellow members of their class, become familiar with the GRSP program and staff, become accli-

mated to life in the United States and learn what is expected of them during their stay.

Celebrating its 175th anniversary, the city of Rome will play host to this year's conclave.

For more information about Conclave 2009, contact Karl Waechtler at (706) 295-5251 or via email at kwaechtler3@comcast.net.



Armstrong Atlantic University GRSP students are welcomed to Georgia during a reception held at the home of GRSP Trustee Barbara Martens and her husband, Scott, on Talahi Island.

GRSP Welcome



Strike Out Polio



Rotarians from Districts 6910 and 6920, which includes the Rotary clubs of Augusta, Augusta South, Martinez-Evans and Columbia County, attended the Saturday, Aug. 22 Braves game during the Strike Out Polio event. At right, GRSP students going to the game were Ott Jogi of Estonia, Jamie Gordon of Scotland and David Thorsson of Sweden. The students are pictured with Assistant Governor and GRSP Trustee Pam Lightsey.



Raffle Sales

Trip raffle sales for the district fund-raiser are going strong. Several clubs have sold their initial allotment. Beginning next month, we will start posting sales by individual clubs. Don't be embarrassed with a "zero" sales figure. Points will be given for sale of the initial ticket allotment in determining Club of the Year.

Remember, proceeds from the ticket sales will be in a district pot and available to all Rotarians on a matching basis. If a Rotarian makes a contribution to the Annual Funds Program (EREY), Polio Plus or the GRSP Endowment, raffle proceeds will be used to match that contribution. The individual and club will get credit for the full amount of the contribution.

There are four exciting trip destinations to be won, with winners announced at the District Conference at Jekyll Island April 23-25, 2010. Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. For more information on purchasing tickets, please talk with your club president.

Jim Drake Named Savannah Rotarian of Year

The Rotary Club of Savannah South is pleased to announce that James Drake has been named Savannah Rotarian of the Year. The award was presented on Aug. 4 by Jeff Heeder, president of the Savannah East Rotary Club.

The Savannah Rotarian of the Year is presented annually to a Savannah Rotarian who best exemplifies Rotary International's motto of Service Above Self. Cited for his work as chairman of the Georgia Rotary Student Program and for the various



Savannah Rotarian of the Year Jim Drake, left, is recognized by Jeff Heeder, president of The Rotary Club of Savannah East.

offices he has held in Rotary District 6920, Drake was selected from a pool of candidates who all

have demonstrated selfless service to others through Rotary.

Fellow Rotarian and PDG Kenan Kern, also of The Rotary Club of Savannah South, said, "I have worked with Jim for many years and can personally attest to his unwavering commitment to Rotary and to the international students who come to Georgia to study and learn about American values. It is great to see Jim recognized with this honor."

Dublin Rotary Club's Own Goat Man

Some of you may recall the Goat Man who traveled the roadways of Middle Georgia with his pampered herd of goats, often attracting crowds of children and curious adults along his journey. As the Chinese philosopher Lao-tzu said, a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. In the case of Alan Barfoot, a past president and currently the World Community Services Chair of The Rotary Club of Dublin, he knew he was going to the landlocked African nation of Malawai on a mission trip in May of this year. What he didn't know, thanks to the inspired thought of Phil Thacker and money contributed by many generous Rotarians was that he would soon be known as "The Goat Man."

Phil's wife, Nancy, and a number of ladies in her bible study group were collecting money to buy goats for use in third world countries. Phil asked Alan if he

would be willing to take money to Malawai and buy goats for the orphanages that he would soon be visiting on his mission trip. President Frank Seaton of The Rotary Club of Dublin approved the project and soon there were generous donations from Dublin Rotarians. Phil serves as assistant district governor and he mentioned the project to Rotarians in Sandersville, Wrightsville and Vidalia. Many Rotarians from these clubs soon began contributing money and by the time Alan was ready to leave for Malawai, he had \$3,885 in goat money.

Upon arriving in Malawai, Alan bought 50 goats which the orphanages use primarily for milk. As usual, there were a few issues: the first 10 goats were bought and put together at the Noah Orphanage near Lilongwe; two of the goats went to fighting and one was killed. The orphans enjoyed a tasty meal featuring goat.

After buying 50 goats, Alan had exhausted the goat market, so he used the remainder of his funds to buy a well top and pump, repair five wells, buy a sewing machine for an orphanage, help purchase an irrigation pump and contribute 60 percent of the cost of five acres for a new orphanage.

Alan, aka "The Goat Man," is now back at work in Dublin, but he keeps the people of Malawai in his heart. He has shared the news of the good works with the Rotary clubs which participated in the project and The Rotary Club of Dublin is now planning for future projects. The club's next goal is to set up three orphanages with irrigation systems so that food can be grown year round. The club also hopes to repair more wells and buy more goats and sewing machines.

If you would like to participate in the club's future projects, contact AG Thacker at (478) 272-5007.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, Aug. 26 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Claxton, noon
Thursday, Aug. 27 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Downtown Statesboro, 7:15 a.m.
Friday, Aug. 28 - GRSP Conclave, Rome, GA
Saturday, Aug. 29 - GRSP Conclave, Rome, GA
Sunday, Aug. 30 - GRSP Conclave, Rome, GA
Monday, Aug. 31 - DG Club Visit - Rotary Club of Macon, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 1 - DG Club Visit - Rotary Club of Centerville, 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 2 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Millen, noon
Thursday, Sept. 3 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Sylvania - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 8- DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Savannah South - 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 9 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Pooler - 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 9 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Savannah West, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Savannah Sunrise, 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 15 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Waynesboro, 12:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 16 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Hazlehurst, noon
Thursday, Sept. 17 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Sandersville, 1 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 21 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Savannah, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 22 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of McRae, noon
Wednesday, Sept. 23 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Vidalia - noon
Thursday, Sept. 24 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Douglas, noon
Monday, Sept. 28 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Swainsboro, noon
Tuesday, Sept. 29 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Tennille, 12:45 p.m.
April 23-25, 2010 - District Conference, Jekyll Island, GA
June 20-23, 2010 - Rotary International Convention, Montreal, Canada

District Simplified Grants

All District 6920 club presidents should be aware of the “time lines” for District Simplified Grants. Deadlines are listed on the district website directly under the district vacation raffle announcement. Click on the DSG link and you will find all the information needed to complete a DSG application.

Be sure to forward all applications to George Fox for review.

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