



# ROTARY DISTRICT 6920

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## District Seminar to Provide Wealth of Information

The District Seminar in Vidalia is just a few weeks away and club presidents have until Monday, Aug. 9 to RSVP their members for the annual event.

The seminar will be held in the auditorium at Southeast Technical College on Saturday, Aug. 14. The cost is \$15 per person and is payable at the door.

Registration, coffee, drinks, pastries and greeters will be in place and ready to go at 8:30 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., DG Lloyd Horadan will make opening remarks, followed by PDG Robert Hall who will give an update on PolioPlus. PDG Kenan Kern is slated to talk about how your contribution today can benefit your community tomorrow. There will also be discussions regarding the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta.

Breakout sessions will begin around 10:40 a.m. and lunch will be served from 12:45-1:30 p.m. A closing plenary session will end the day's events.

The District Seminar is open to all members, but club presidents, presidents-elect and Foundation, public relations and membership chairs should make a concerted effort to be there.

A head count is needed no later than Monday, Aug. 9. Please e-mail Paula Goodnow at paulagoodnow@hotmail.com with the name of your club and how many will be attending.

## Valdosta North Rotary Club



*DG Lloyd paid his first official club visit to The Valdosta North Rotary Club on July 6.*

# GRSP Conclave Set for Aug. 27-29

The 2010 Georgia Rotary Student Program Conclave will be held at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel Aug. 27-29. All events for the 2010 Conclave will take place at the hotel, located at the east end of River Street.

Registration for this year's Conclave will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 27. Friday afternoon will afford the students their first opportunity to meet each other, receive an overview of the weekend's activities and learn something about Rotary.



Following dinner Friday evening, the students will introduce themselves to the Rotarians gathered, hear from a former GRSP student and receive additional information regarding Saturday's activities.

While the students are busy with orientation Saturday morning, trustee training and host family training sessions will also take place.

Saturday afternoon will be free time for Rotarians to enjoy Savannah, while the students are busy writing, producing and rehearsing the always popular "Cabaret," sure to be the highlight of Saturday evening's program. Following the evening's entertainment, students will enjoy dancing until midnight to music provided by a local DJ.

Students will return to the Marriott on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. for departure to their respective schools.

A detailed schedule of events is available on the district website at [www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net). Everyone is encouraged to be a part of this special occasion as we welcome the GRSP Class of 2010-11.

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## *St. Simons Island Rotary Club Presents Paul Harris Awards*



*District Governor Lloyd Horadan was on hand to present Paul Harris Awards to St. Simons Island Rotary Club members during the July 27th meeting of the club. Pictured are Brooke Pridmore, Bill Warren, Lee Scheinman, Linda Butler, Susan Imhoff, John Matthews, Leslie Lamkin, Marie Dodd, club president; Wally Forsythe and DG Lloyd.*



### THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Greetings District 6920 from the highways and byways of our district! During the past month Jan and I have had the privilege of meeting with more than 20 clubs from around the district and what an honor it has been! WOW! I'm impressed with the terrific job the Rotarians of this district are doing. The service projects and activities of these clubs are fantastic. We have seen programs to help children read, fund GED scholarships, feed the hungry, sponsor Boy Scout group and fund shelters for the homeless, abused and troubled youth. All this in addition to the continuing programs of Rotary.

Each of the clubs visited managed to bring a smile to my heart as I learned of their work on behalf of their friends and neighbors, with all efforts focused on improving the lives of others!

Please mark your calendar now and make plans to join me in Vidalia at Southeastern Technical College on August 14 for the District Seminar. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the program kicking off at 9:30 a.m. Coffee, juice and water will be on hand. And in case you want to balance your diet, we'll have plenty of morning pastries! At lunch we'll have a hot lunch buffet - no repeat of the boxed lunches from year's past. Registration is \$15 and we promise to have you on the road by 2:30 p.m.

A special thank you to all the clubs who have hosted Jan and me for a visit. You are all doing a great job!

Don't forget to include programs and projects that will bring fun, family and fellowship to your clubs.

Take care driving to Vidalia and we'll see you on the 14th!

# Jack Steed Community Service Award

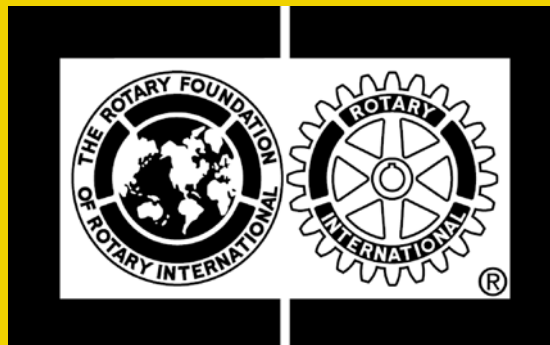


*Dr. Dan Callahan, who has served his community unselfishly and tirelessly for many years, was recently awarded the Jack Steed Community Service Award by The Rotary Club of Centerville. This award was in tribute to his virtues such as compassion, perseverance and unselfish service to his community. His community service has touched the lives of countless individuals. Among many of his volunteer services, he has served for the past five years as a volunteer physician for the Volunteer Medical Clinic of Houston County. His service to others has contributed greatly to the betterment of the communities of Houston County.*

## Group Study Exchange Deadlines Approaching

District 6920 is currently seeking potential candidates for a Group Study Exchange trip to New Zealand next April. The trip is tentatively slated for April 1 through May 10, 2011.

Located in the southern hemisphere, New Zealanders take their summer vacation from December to January and want to have the local team identified prior to their vacation so that they can adequately plan the team's arrival. In response to their requests, DG Lloyd has asked that team leader applications be due no later than Sept. 1, with a team leader selected no later than Sept. 15. Team member applications are due Sept. 15, with the final selection



of six members set for Oct. 15.

Team members must be between the ages of 25 and 40 and be employed full-time in a recognized profession. Members cannot be Rotarians, honorary Rotarians or ex-Rotarians or the lineal descendant of a Rotarian, ex-Rotarian or a spouse of a Rotarian. Ideal candidates must be willing to learn some very basic conversational Korean and be open-

minded, tolerant and flexible.

The GSE program began in 1955 as the idea of a New Zealand district. Originally known as the Rotary Overseas Travel Award (ROTA), it was adopted by the trustees as an official educational program in 1965. The program aims to promote international understanding and goodwill through person-to-person contact.

Applicants must first have their candidacy endorsed by a Rotary club in the district in which he or she works or lives. From there, endorsed applications are sent on for consideration at the district level.

Interested individuals are asked to contact GSE Chairman Justin Godchaux at [justingodchaux@aol.com](mailto:justingodchaux@aol.com) for additional information.

# Water Well Project Comes to Fruition

More than two years ago, David Steele of The Augusta Rotary Club asked Jim Puryear, District Water Chair, about the possibility of getting a water well drilled and water system installed for The Voice of the Children Orphanage in the Amoli Village in the Enugu State in Nigeria.

The children in the orphanage were having to haul water over two miles one way. The goal of obtaining an RI Matching Grant was set. Through Father Chidi Osondu - who was a native of the targeted community in Nigeria but was at the time serving a church in Savannah - connections were established with The Rotary Club of New Haven, State of Enugu, Nigeria.

The primary coordinator for



as sponsors. The Augusta Rotary Club and The New Haven Nigeria Club agreed to serve. An extensive

the New Haven Club in Nigeria was Dr. Dan Ajawara, a physician.

In order to qualify for Rotary Foundation District Designated money and RI Matching Funds, a District 6920 club and a club in Nigeria had to serve

and after the extensive application was submitted, The Rotary Foundation matched this amount, for a total project of \$38,000. The grant application and project construction extended over a period of time from 2007 to 2010, which involved PDGs Hyer, Kern and Taylor.

The children at The Voice of the Children Orphanage and the citizens of the local village are now able to have safe drinking water at a reasonable location.

application had to be completed, which required a detailed professional invoice from the well drilling company which was to do the work. The New Haven Club, with Dr. Ajawara's leadership, completed this application, signed the form and then The Augusta Rotary

Club signed the form. The District 6920 governor and The Augusta Rotary Club president approved the project.

District Matching Funds in the amount of \$19,000 was provided by District 6920

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for the latest news and information**



# COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST

by Kathy Tuckey  
District CART Chair



Did you know that CART is a non-profit organization and that all donations are tax-deductible? CART is a 501(c)(3) organization. Tax ID# 31-1466051.

### **What is Alzheimer's disease?**

It is a brain disorder named after German physician Dr. Alois Alzheimer who first described it in 1906. Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible, progressive, fatal brain disease that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills, and eventually even the ability to carry out the simplest tasks. It is the most common form of dementia.

According to the Alzheimer's Association:

\*There are more than 5.3 million

Americans living with Alzheimer's disease

\*Every 70 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's Disease

\*10 million American baby boomers will develop Alzheimer's

Rotarians in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia are the sponsors of The CART Fund (Coin for Alzheimer's Research Trust), dedicated to raising funds to provide the "seed" money for cutting-edge, high-impact research in hopes of finding a cure/prevention for Alzheimer's disease.

Is there a blue CART buckets on every table each week? More impor-

tantly, is someone asking club members to drop coins or silent money in the bucket each week? Does your club have a CART goal for this year? If not, make one! There is no better feeling than to see your club surpass its goal!

Send your CART contributions to the 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. Next month's CART update will recognize those clubs who have begun sending in their contributions!

Thank you for supporting CART! Our district will have a part in finding the cure for Alzheimer's!

## METS UPDATE

by Linda Herdina, METS Director



Children with AIDS in Papoli, Uganda wave their thanks to District 6920 Rotarians who have made four shipments to their clinic possible by their support of Medical Equipment Transport Service. METS has worked in partnership with Baylor University and the American Foundation for Children with AIDS to send much needed equipment and supplies to these children. THANKS 6920 ROTARIANS!



# THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

by Jeff Kublin, 2010-2011 District Membership Chair

## *“I Don’t Want to Have a Good Time Anymore”*

When was the last time you heard someone say anything like the above statement? Probably never.

One of our top priorities in our District this Rotary year is to reverse the trend of declining membership that has been going on for many years. If you attended PETS in Atlanta in March or the District Assembly in Sandersville in May, you learned that our retention problem is more significant than our recruitment problem. So, let’s take a look at retention in more detail.

There are probably only two unavoidable reasons for members to leave our clubs - relocation and death. Yet, the available stats indicate that even if these reasons are combined, they do not make up the major cause of departures from membership.

You probably have a good grasp of the reasons why members quit your club if you conduct exit interviews, as many businesses do. If you don’t already do so, that is a practice that you should consider starting.

Logic tells you that voluntary resignation from membership is usually prompted by dissatisfaction. Unlike businesses, Rotarians don’t leave for a better position with higher pay.

You also know that people who are having a good time, who feel appreciated and who feel good about their contribution to society are going to want to stay. So, if your membership is declining, where is your club “falling down?”

District Governor Lloyd has made it a priority to put the fun back into Rotary. Following that directive will go a long way towards retaining members. As was implied at the beginning of this article, people don’t want to leave when they are having a good time. What do we need to do to assure a good time?

1. Have interesting programs - Think of the types of program that you have had in the past that have generated a lot of interest and enthusiasm. These might include topics such as law enforcement or the “inside scoop” on what is happening in your community. This could also include entertainment programs.

2. Have good meals - If your members don’t enjoy the food, do something about it. Talk to the restaurant management or to your caterer. It may seem drastic, but you may have to relocate if you are in a restaurant that will not improve the food, or you may need to find a caterer if that is the source of your meals. You wouldn’t take your family to dinner at a restaurant that you don’t like, so don’t make club members eat there either.

3. Involve your members in

meaningful projects - It doesn’t matter whether a member is brand new or a long-term veteran, everyone should be given the opportunity to feel good about their Rotary accomplishments.

4. Have social events - Whether it is a sporting event, a picnic, a visit to an entertainment venue, a holiday party or any other activity, emphasis should be placed on family-oriented activities. Win over the family, and you have won over the member.

5. Provide Rotary training - The more your members know about the great work that Rotary does, the more proud they will be to be a member. Encourage enrollment in Rotary Leadership Institute sessions. Have Rotary-oriented programs.

6. Recognize achievers - We all like a pat on the back for a job well done.

## Augusta Rotary Clubs Volunteer for ‘Stop Hunger Now’ Project

Augusta area Rotarians have signed up to help with the “Stop Hunger Now” project in September at Augusta State University.

The project involves raising money for dehydrated meal packets to be shipped to the children of Haiti. The meals, which are high in protein and highly nutritious, are being used in feeding schools and orphanages. On September 11, the Augusta area Rotary Clubs will join together in helping to package 40,000 meals.

Sponsorships are still being sought to help fund more meals. Sponsorship levels range from \$250 for 1,000 meals to \$1,000 for \$4,000 meals. Volunteers are also being recruited for the September 11 packaging day. If you are interested, please contact Assistant Governor Pam Lightsey at [plightsey@aug.edu](mailto:plightsey@aug.edu) or via phone at (706) 840-2087.



# RI Makes Resources Available to Clubs

Rotary International offers many resources to help club officers understand their roles and responsibilities and help their club achieve its goals. Effective clubs are able to:

- \*Sustain or increase their membership base
- \*Implement successful service projects that address the needs of their community and communities in other countries
- \*Support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation
- \*Develop leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level

## **Club President**

\**Club President's Manual* - A key resource for incoming presidents that details roles and responsibilities and includes discussion questions and worksheets for the district assembly and the presidents-elect training seminar

\**Club Leadership Plan* - A brief publication that describes the recommended administrative structure for Rotary clubs. It's based on the best practices of effective Rotary clubs.

\**Club President's Monthly Checklist* - A monthly reminder of activities and deadlines that apply to all Rotary clubs; revised annually and sent by your RI Club and District Support Representative

\**RI Theme and Presidential Citation Brochure* - This outlines the Presidential Citation program

\**Strategic Planning Guide* - It helps clubs develop a long-range vision and serves as a framework for establishing goals

## **Club Secretary**

\**Club Secretary's Manual* - It includes RI policies and describes the responsibilities of club secretaries

## **Club Treasurer**

\**The Club Treasurer's Manual* - It includes RI policies and describes the responsibilities of club treasurers

## **For all club leaders**

\**TRF Global Contribution Form* - This document should accompany contributions and donor appreciation requests to The Rotary Foundation

\**Leadership Development: Your Guide to Starting a Program* - This provides guidelines and resources for developing a leadership development program

\**RI Catalog* - A list of RI publications, audiovisual programs, forms and supplies, updated annually. Available in print and online at [shop.rotary.org](http://shop.rotary.org)

\**RI Visual Identity Guide* - A reference for the design of publications at all levels of Rotary. Includes

information on the proper use of the Rotary emblem, the Rotary colors, elements of good publications, grids and page layouts, typography, graphics and photographs.

\**Member Access* - The members-only area of the RI web site that allows Rotarians to contribute to The Rotary Foundation, manage their e-mail subscriptions from RI, register for meetings, download administrative software and access member benefits. Club presidents, treasurers and secretaries have access to additional club reports and records.

\**Membership Development Resource Guide* - Materials to assist the club officer responsible for developing the club's prospective and new member information program. Contents include "New Member Orientation: A How-to-Guide for Clubs," "Membership Development Resource Guide" and the RI Catalog.

All of the above-mentioned publications are available from Rotary International by visiting [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

## ***E-mail Scam Targeting Rotarians***

Rotary International continues to receive notice of e-mail phishing scams targeting Rotarians.

One such scam claims that the recipient has been selected in a raffle for a prize and the recipient's contact information is needed. Another scam still circulating claims that a deceased Rotarian has left money to the e-mail recipient to be donated to philanthropic efforts. The sender, who claims to be the executor of the will, then asks for the recipient's personal information, including a copy of the individual's passport and driver's license, in order to claim the inheritance.

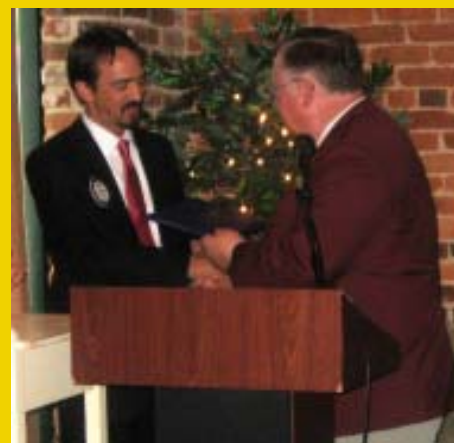


*Please note that RI does not solicit funds through e-mail, nor does it ask that personal information be updated by e-mail or other electronic means. RI encourages Rotarians to avoid becoming victims of these scams by deleting any e-mail that appears suspicious.*



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

# Augusta Rotary Club



*DG Lloyd presents the Paul Harris Award to Augusta Rotarian Barry White, above, during his official club visit on Aug. 2nd. At left, DG Lloyd poses for a photo with a group of Augusta Rotarians.*

## Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION/CLUB</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Tuesday, August 10	DG's Club Visit	Waycross	Noon
Wednesday, August 11	DG's Club Visit	Jekyll Island	7:30 a.m.
Wednesday, August 11	DG's Club Visit	Kings Bay	Noon
Thursday, August 12	DG's Club Visit	Jesup	Noon
Friday, August 13	District Leadership Meeting	Vidalia	
Saturday, August 14	District Seminar	Vidalia	
Tuesday, August 17	DG's Club Visit	Centerville	7:30 a.m.
Tuesday, August 17	DG's Club Visit	Warner Robins	Noon
Wednesday, August 18	DG's Club Visit	Hawkinsville	Noon
Friday, August 20	DG's Club Visit	Eastman	Noon
Tuesday, August 24	DG's Club Visit	Metter	Noon
Wednesday, August 25	DG's Club Visit	Glynn County	7:30 a.m.
Wednesday, August 25	DG's Club Visit	Claxton	Noon
Thursday, August 26	DG's Club Visit	Downtown Statesboro	7:15 a.m.
Thursday, August 26	DG's Club Visit	Reidsville	Noon
Friday, Aug. 27- Sunday, Aug. 29	GRSP Conclave	Savannah	
Tuesday, August 31	DG's Club Visit	Nashville-Berrien	Noon
Wednesday, September 1	DG's Club Visit	Millen	Noon
Tuesday, September 7	DG's Club Visit	Effingham Sunrise	7:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 7	DG's Club Visit	Savannah South	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 8	DG's Club Visit	Savannah West	12:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 9	DG's Club Visit	Savannah Sunrise	7:30 a.m.
Thursday, September 9	DG's Club Visit	Effingham County	12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 14	DG's Club Visit	Waynesboro	12:15 p.m.
Wednesday, September 15	DG's Club Visit	Hazlehurst	Noon