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ROTARY DISTRICT 6920

Clyde Taylor, District Governor, 2009-2010

December 2009

Governor's Comments

Trip raffle ticket sales continue to be steady; however, we need to pick up the pace. Receipts thus far will cover expenses, including costs of the trips. From this point forward, all sales will go into the District pot and be available to match individual Rotarian contributions to the Foundation, Polio Plus or the GRSP endowment.

As most of you know, our dollars available for District Simplified Grants were over subscribed this year and choices had to be made among many worthwhile local community projects. Also, due to reductions in Foundation Matching Grant funds, Districts were advised to use their District Designated

Fund to replace the unavailable Foundation support. Club requests to use the DDF were also over subscribed. The only way a district can increase the dollars available to it is to increase its contributions to the Foundation. The trip raffle provides the best opportunity in many years for District 6920 to accomplish this.

The trips being offered are to interesting destinations and should appeal to a wide variety of Rotarians and friends of Rotary. We need all 65 clubs to actively support this fund raiser. There are many creative ways to sell tickets. To take the position that a club does not sell raffle tickets or does not participate in District fund raisers is to completely turn your back

on the ultimate benefits of this activity. It is particularly important that all large clubs, those with over 100 members, sell their entire allotment at the minimum. Without the contributions of the larger clubs, the fund raiser cannot achieve its goals.

There are approximately four months left before the drawing on April 25 at the District Conference. Every ticket sold is important. Club leadership is particularly critical. Club presidents should get behind this effort and lend your personal prestige and support. Remember, Club of the Year selection criteria will take into consideration whether all allotted tickets were sold.



Merry Christmas!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE SPEAKER PROFILES

Saturday Night Banquet Speaker:

Past Rotary International President and President John Kenny's Representative to Our District, Dr. Cliff Dochterman

Cliff Dochterman's professional life included 40 years in higher education administration - 20 years each at the University of California in Berkeley and at the University of Pacific in Stockton, California.



Past RI President Dr. Cliff Dochterman

Most of us know him for his volunteer work for Rotary over the past 50 years. He has served in almost every Rotary assignment in the world. From Berkeley Rotary Club president (1963-64) to District 5160 Governor (1968-69), University Hills President (1971-72) to Rotary International Director (1983-85), RI Vice President (1984-85), President of Rotary International (1992-93), Trustee and Chairman of The Rotary Foundation (1993-99) and chairman of virtually every Rotary committee. It has been said that Cliff has spoken before more Rotary Clubs than anyone in the world.

He is the author of the booklet, "The ABCs of Rotary," which has been translated into more languages than any other Rotary publication. He has had a lifetime association with the Boy Scouts of America and has received three of the organization's highest honors - the Distinguished Eagle, Silver Antelope and Silver Beaver. Cliff served as chairman of Rotary's Council on Legislation in

2001. He has received The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, the Distinguished Service Award and the Polio Plus Pioneer Award.

In 1992-93 he became the world president of Rotary International. He selected the theme "Real Happiness Is Helping Others." Cliff has been honored by the heads of state of dozens of countries for spreading goodwill and world understanding.

Cliff and his wife, Mary Elena, both belong to the Rotary Club of Moraga. Mary Elena has been president of the Moraga Rotary Club, assistant district governor and received Rotary's Service Above Self Award.

Autographed copies of Dr. Dochterman's new book "As I Was Saying," a collection of favorite speeches and articles, will be offered as door prizes and as a silent auction item in the House of Friendship.



Dr. and Mrs. Cliff Dochterman

DISTRICT 6920 GSE TEAM MEMBERS & TEAM LEADER

Our team will depart Savannah on Dec. 27 for District 3180 in SW India. They will spend four-and-a-half weeks with their Indian hosts. The Indian team will be visiting District 6920 in April 2010. Both teams will attend the district conference on Jekyll Island April 23-25.



TEAM LEADER, DR. HAMSA THOTA - St. Simons Island, GA

Hamsa is a native of Andhra Pradesh. He lives with his wife on St. Simons Island, their home for over 30 years. Hamsa is founder and president of Innovation Business Development, an international consulting firm dedicated to fine-tuning the innovation processes of businesses, non-profits and other organizations. He holds a Ph.D. in food science and dairy manufacturing from the University of Georgia. He is an alumnus of IIM, Ahmedabad and CFTRI, Mysore. While in India, Hamsa would like to gain a better understanding of Karnataka's needs for international business development. Hamsa speaks English, Telugu and Hindi. He and his wife have two grown children.

TEAM MEMBERS

MELANIE GIOVINO - Augusta, GA



Melanie is a native of Augusta, where she lives with her husband. She is an environmental specialist with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Her focus areas include environmental compliance and enforcement, as well as complaint investigations and drinking water monitoring. Melanie is interested in expanding her knowledge on alternative water sources and treatment techniques. She

would also like to learn about urban water management and environmental issues. While in India, Melanie would like to visit water treatment and distribution facilities and wildlife preserves. Melanie speaks English and has been in her present position for two years.

MARC NELSON - Savannah, GA



Marc is a native of Lindenhurst, New York. He lives in Savannah with his wife, where he works as a liaison for the City of Savannah's Development Services Department. Marc has a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Carolina. He would like to learn about the role of public/private partnerships in addressing India's development needs. He would also like to learn about the role of local government in the permitting and inspection of

residential and commercial construction. Marc speaks English. He also has a rudimentary knowledge of German.

SUMMER TEAL SIMPSON - Savannah, GA



Summer is a native of Highlands, North Carolina. She lives in Savannah with her longtime boyfriend where she serves as outreach coordinator for the Georgia Conservancy, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting Georgia's natural resources. Summer is interested in the interface between the environment and development communities around the world, including in modern India. She hopes to visit the

offices of environmental non-profits and/or government organizations, as well as learn more about sustainable business practices in Karnataka. Summer speaks English and has a working knowledge of Spanish and French.

KIRSTEN SPARENBORG - Savannah, GA



Kirsten is a native of Maryland, near Washington D.C. She holds a degree in architecture from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech). Kirsten lives in Savannah where she works for Sottile & Sottile Urban Analysis & Design, one of the city's leading architecture and urban design firms. Kirsten is

interested in learning about India's architecture and settlements and their relationship to Indian culture. While in Karnataka, she would like to visit places and buildings of historical significance. She enjoys drawing, graphic design and historical research.

-Please see page 4 for more on the Outgoing GSE team

Outgoing GSE Team Heads to India



Alternate, JAMIE KUTNER - Savannah, GA

Jamie is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. She is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design with a degree in printmaking. Jamie lives in Savannah where she creates art and teaches classes in Hatha yoga. Jamie is interested in learning about the roles of art and yoga in contemporary Indian life. While in Karnataka, she would like to visit the state's numerous historical sites, natural treasures, temples and art galleries/workshops. Although English is her primary language, Jamie also speaks three others - Spanish, Italian and Catalan. Jamie is a vegetarian.

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

Reported Sales Reflect Numbers Submitted Through Dec. 2, 2009

| <u>Club</u> | <u>Ticket Stubs Received/ Payment Received</u> | <u>Club</u> | <u>Ticket Stubs Received/ Payment Received</u> |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Ashburn | 7 - \$150 | Metter | 0 - \$100 |
| Augusta | 2 - \$50 | Milledgeville | 1 - \$125 |
| Augusta South | 12 - \$175 | Millen | 0 - \$100 |
| Augusta West | 7 - \$150 | Nashville/Berrien County | 0 |
| Blackshear | 25- \$525 | Ocilla | 0 |
| Brunswick | 1 - \$25 | Perry | 5 - \$100 |
| Byron | 0 | Pooler | 43 - \$1,000 |
| Camden County | 5 - \$100 | Reidsville | 0 |
| Centerville | 10 - \$200 | Richmond Hill | 5 - \$100 |
| Claxton | 45 - \$925 | Sandersville | 45 - \$1,050 |
| Cochran | 5 - \$100 | Savannah | 0 |
| Douglas | 0 | Savannah East | 41 - \$950 |
| Downtown Macon | 5 - \$100 | Savannah South | 12 - \$350 |
| Downtown Statesboro | 10 - \$200 | Savannah Sunrise | 5 - \$100 |
| Dublin | 12 - \$50 | Savannah West | 0 - \$100 |
| Eastman | 1 - \$2,000 | Skidaway Island | 1 - \$25 |
| Effingham County | 1 - \$25 | St. Simons Island | 104 - \$2,025 |
| Effingham Sunrise | 0 | Statesboro | 0 |
| Fitzgerald | 1 - \$125 | Swainsboro | 0 - \$875 |
| Glennville | 43 - \$950 | Sylvania | 15 - \$325 |
| Glynn County | 1 - \$25 | Tennille | 1 - \$25 |
| Hawkinsville | 0 | Tift County | 0 - \$100 |
| Hazlehurst | 5 - \$225 | Tifton | 0 |
| Hinesville | 1 - \$25 | Uptown Macon | 0 |
| Jefferson County | 20 - \$500 | Valdosta | 6 - \$125 |
| Jekyll Island | 0 - \$100 | Valdosta North | 1 - \$25 |
| Jesup | 27 - \$575 | Valdosta Sunrise | 0 - \$200 |
| Jones County | 11 - \$325 | Vidalia | 2 - \$825 |
| Kings Bay | 14 - \$325 | Warner Robins | 37 - \$975 |
| Marshes of Glynn | 10 - \$200 | Waycross | 0 |
| Macon | 5 - \$100 | Waynesboro | 32 - \$675 |
| McIntosh County | 0 - \$100 | Wrightsville | 46 - \$1,100 |
| McRae | 0 - \$100 | TOTAL | 553/\$16,400 |

Rotary Club of Savannah Inducts 42 New Will Watt Fellows

The Rotary Club of Savannah inducted 42 Will Watt Fellows at its weekly meeting at the DeSoto Hilton Hotel in Savannah on Monday, Nov. 23, 2009.

In 1946, Rotarian Will Watt from Thomasville, Ga., conceived of the Georgia Rotary Student Program as a means to foster world peace after World War II.

The program provides a one-year scholarship for international students to attend a college or university in Georgia. The goal of the scholarship helps students and host organizations learn about each other's nations and cultures.

There are 66 international students attending colleges and universities in Georgia this year through the GRSP program, which is funded by an endowment established to honor founder Will Watt and other GRSP chairmen that followed Mr. Watt.

Rotarians who donate at least \$1,000 to the GRSP endowment are recognized as Will Watt Fellows for their support to this program.

James "Jim" Drake Jr., the 2009 Rotarian of the Year and Chairman of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, spoke Monday at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Savannah. He thanked the Rotary Club for their efforts toward sustaining the GRSP Endowment and congratulated the new Will Watt Fellows with a plaque and pin in recognition of their achievement. The size of this one-time presentation is unprecedented in the history of GRSP.

Will Watt Fellows inducted were Johnathon Barrett, Junior Achievement; Ellen Bolch, THA Group; Daniel Bradley, Bradley Plywood; Stephen Braswell, Braswell-Nees Group, LLC; Randy Bugos, YMCA of Coastal Georgia; John Coleman, Bonitz of Georgia; Tom Coleman, Bonitz of Georgia; Trey Cook, Savannah Tire; Barry Crawford, retired; Dale Critz Jr., Critz, Inc.; Helen Downing, Ridgeway, LLC; Neal Estes, Doyle Chemical; George Fawcett, retired; Jackie Ford, Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia; Will Garrett, Neurology Specialists of Savannah; Nina Gompels, NTG Enterprises - McDonald's Corp.; Melvin Haysman, Savannah Allergy Associates PC; Marcie Hill, City Market Partners Limited Partnership; James Holland, James W. Holland Jr., DMD; Sandy Hollander, 45 Bistro; Bucky Johnson, YMCA of Coastal Georgia; Donald Laidlaw, retired; Aaron Levy, retired, Levy Jewelers; B.H. Levy, Bouhan Williams and Levy LLP; Phyllis Livingood, Livingood's Appliance; Lorton Livingston, retired; Patricia Lyons, Senior Citizens Inc.; Rod McLeod, ESPY Lumber Company Inc.; James C. Metts, James C. Metts Jr., M.D.; Henry Minis, Red Heads LLC; Rick Monroe, Monroe Marketing; Sidney Nutting, retired; Tom Roberts, J.T. Roberts Associates; Patricia Saseen, retired, Coastal Georgia Center; Mark V. Smith, South Atlantic Utilities; Cathy Solomons, Steve Stephens, Stage Front Presentation Systems; John Stevens, retired; Roland Summers, R.S. Summers, M.D. LLC; Joe Usher, Hancock Askew & Co. CPA LLP; Bill Verner, Cooperative Installations; and Don L. Waters, Brasseler USA.



Zone Institute



District 6920 leaders recently attended the Rotary Institute for Zones 33 & 34, held at the historic Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia. Those attending were, from left, PDG Jim Puryear, DGN Gordon Matthews, Joan Puryear, PDG Kenan Kern, Beth Kern, DGE Lloyd Horadan, Jan Horadan, Bebe Reichert, PDG Albert Reichert, Sue Taylor and DG Clyde Taylor.



Four inches of snow greeted Rotary Zone Institute attendees one morning during their stay at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Va.

ROTARY AT WORK FOR LITERACY

Statewide Rotary Literacy Conference

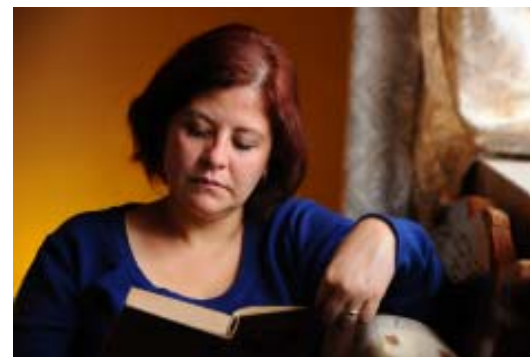


The second annual statewide Rotary Literacy Conference will be held Saturday, Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Carter Center in Atlanta. The speakers are all highly qualified and come from a cross section of state, academic, non-profit and for-profit organizations. All have one goal, which is to improve the literacy skills of our citizens from early childhood to adult.

I urge all club presidents to attend with their community service director, literacy chair and others with an interest in literacy.

Register now by sending a \$50 check to District 6900 c/o Cheryl Greenway, 935 Forest Street, Suite C, Roswell, GA 30075. For questions, please call Brenda Erickson at (770) 335-2743.

Let's have a large attendance from District 6920. REMEMBER, all clubs must sponsor at least one local literacy project to qualify for a presidential citation or the Governor's Award of Excellence.



Downtown Macon Inducts Paul Harris Fellows



The Downtown Macon Rotary Club inducted 27 Paul Harris Fellows in November. Past District Governor of District 6920 and Current Foundation Chair Dallas Simon presented the awards. Paul Harris Fellowship inductees included Joe Adams, Leonard Bevill, Tricia Burtram, Angela Bushway, John Carter, Sue Chipman, Brown Dennis, Roy Fickling, Jeff Fried, Debbie Hart, Terry Henderson, Melvin Kruger, Steve Kruger, Allen London, Rick Maier, Amy Maley, Albert McKay Jr., Walt Miller, Don Moore, Tim Parker, Charles Richardson, Steve Schwartz, Warren Selby, Georgia Slagle, Graham Thorpe, Andy Watson, Jr., P.M. Watson and Al Williams. Not all inductees are pictured.

Rotarians Value Service Above Self



Members of The Valdosta North, Warner Robins and Savannah South Rotary clubs recently served as bell ringers for the Salvation Army's annual kettle collection drives. Those who participated showed that Rotarians "value service above self." At left, Savannah South Rotarians Lisa Birch and John Hoffman serve as bell ringers at the Oglethorpe Mall. Lisa's son, Daniel and his friend, Charlie, also helped.



Skidaway Rotarians Dig Up Treasures

Skidaway Island Rotarians have come up with a clever annual fund-raiser. "The Treasures of Skidaway Island" will be held on Feb. 23, 2010, and will feature a pirate-theme atmosphere. There will be gaming, live music, dancing, a treasure cave with a silent auction, a buffet and prizes for best costumes.

Cost is \$75 per person or \$150 per couple. If you are interested in learning more about "The Treasures of Skidaway Island," contact Club President Bill West.

Over the past three years, the club has raised more than \$100,000 with various themed fund-raisers.



Valdosta Rotary Club Rotarian Jack Hearn recently celebrated 35 years in Rotary. During the club's Nov. 11 meeting, Jack announced that during his 35 years of service in Rotary, he had enjoyed 35 years of perfect attendance! Congratulations, Jack!



Looking Ahead

March 13-14, 2010 - PeachState PETS, Atlanta

April 23-25, 2010 - District Conference, Jekyll Island, GA

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

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