



ROTARY DISTRICT 6920

Clyde Taylor, District Governor, 2009-2010

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Governor's Comments

In approximately one month, it will cost you \$15 more to register for the District Conference on Jekyll Island. Also, you might not get your choice of accommodations. Don't be left out of this opportunity to socialize with fellow Rotarians, hear from timely and entertaining speakers and enjoy Georgia's jewel in the beautiful Golden Isles. I took a walk on the beach recently following DGE Lloyd Horadan's Leadership Training on Jekyll and collected 10-12 perfect sand dollars and other miscellaneous sea shells. The beach was pristine and is waiting on Rotary in April. Don't miss this experience.

A status report on conference registration is included in this newsletter. Please review it carefully. Note the registration by club. If your club has few or no members registered, then we need to encourage registration. Each club president was sent a promotion package on Jekyll Island. Show the DVD at a club meeting and display the brochures so members can see the many attractions. Club presidents, why not offer to pay the registration cost for a new Rotarian if this is their first conference? Attendance at a District Conference is one of the best methods of expanding our Rotary horizons and enabling us to see the wider world of Rotary.

In previous newsletters we have profiled the key speakers. This issue highlights two more of our prominent conference speakers. Dr. Allan Levey of Emory University is a world renowned researcher in the fields of Alzheimer's and dementia. He is a member of the CART fund grant approval board and is thoroughly versed in the research and treatment of these critical diseases. This is a subject that should be of vital interest to all conference attendees. Dr. Levey restricts his speaking engagements and you don't want to miss this one.

The other Saturday speaker we want to highlight is Don Garner of Chicago, Illinois. Don is an immigration attorney and former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to France. These are not the reason why he is a special guest, however. Don was the youngest president in the history of the Rotary Club in Chicago, otherwise known as Rotary One. This is the club that Paul Harris founded and was the first Rotary Club in the world. Last year at the Zone 33-34 Membership Seminar in Evanston, Don was one of the speakers. We can all learn from the challenges he faced and the successes achieved under Don's leadership. Rotary One became a REAL Rotary club under his leadership. There are lessons here for all of us regardless of club size or prestige. Don't miss this speaker.

Our District Conference Awards Night promises to be most unusual and entertaining. Awards Chair Marsha Hyer has planned a very unique experience for you. Not only will there be Rotary talent showcased, but our own past district governors are planning to entertain with their Broadway Review. Awards will be presented to outstanding District clubs in a setting that rivals the Oscars. If you haven't submitted your awards proposal, do so immediately. The submission deadline is March 31st. Don't be left out. This year we will only present first and second place awards.

Ted and Charlotte Thompson of Sandersville are once again chairs of the Silent Auction. We request that each club bring at least five items to the silent auction. These should be desirable items that will inspire competitive bidding. We also need door prizes to be given away at each plenary session. These items can be valued less than silent auction items. Golf balls, umbrellas, t-shirts, local delicacies, etc., have always proved popular in the past. Each club should appoint a member responsible for organizing and collecting these silent auction and door prizes and bringing them to the conference.

The current Trip Raffle Ticket sales status report is part of this newsletter. As on past reports, some clubs have done an

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outstanding job of selling their allotment while others are lagging behind. The raffle is in the black in that we have covered the cost of the trips and will have funds available to match Rotarian contributions. We are a long way from achieving our potential, however. Ideally, at this point we should have sold \$100,000 instead of \$51,000. We know there are several clubs that have sold tickets and not turned their proceeds into raffle accounting. We would like to request that you NOT hold your tickets and turn everything in at the District Conference. This places a significant burden on raffle accounting. Please turn in tickets and stubs as you get a quantity sold. Tickets will be sold right up to the morning of the drawing.

As has been stated many times, the purpose of this fund raiser is to increase the District's contributions to the Annual Programs Fund, Polio Plus and the GRSP Endowment. Fifty-percent of contributions to the Annual Fund come back to the District in three years as our DDF. The DDF is where we fund our Simplified Grants, Matching Grants, Ambassadorial Scholarships, etc. If your club has EVER benefitted from any of these programs, then it is almost incomprehensible that you would not fully support a fund raiser designed to make more of these vital programs available to the District. We are looking to you to set the example because your club knows firsthand the benefits. Don't let the District down. Sell all of your ticket allotment.

District 6920 responded to the earthquake in Haiti with an outpouring of donations to Shelter Box. The need for shelter was critical because the population was afraid to go back into buildings. See the included photo supplied by Frank Seaton of Dublin showing the city of shelter boxes. Contributions are still being accepted by Shelter Box. Assistant Governor Jeff Kublin has been extremely successful in raising \$29,133 in contributions from Rotary clubs and the Effingham County Schools. Donations can still be made to Shelter Box at Shelter Box USA, 8374 Market Street #203, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202 or by calling (941) 907-6036.

The statewide Rotary Literacy Conference was being held this past weekend at the Carter Center. The Valdosta and Tifton clubs had table displays highlighting their Literacy projects. Tifton Rotary was a presenter with their signature project "Reading Ambassadors - Children Reading to Children."

Shelter Boxes Reaching Earthquake Victims



Frank Seaton, past president of The Rotary Club of Dublin, shares an email he received from Dr. Jim Price.

"Just got back from a medical mission to Port au Prince, Haiti," writes Dr. Price. "One of the great needs is for shelter, which will be more acute when the rainy season arrives. Now many people displaced by the earthquake are living under sheets and quilts salvaged from the destroyed buildings. They have no floors or rain protection and very little privacy. I did see some lucky people who were starting to get the Rotary's shelter in a box. While many more are needed, I just wanted to let you know that you all are making a direct difference in some of the victims' lives."

DISTRICT CONFERENCE SPEAKER PROFILES

Saturday Morning Speaker:

Donald W. Garner, "Club Leadership and Membership Initiatives"



Donald W. Garner founded the LL.M. Law Group in 2001. Mr. Garner obtained his Master of International Law degree cum laude while on a Fulbright Scholarship for the European Union in 2001. While pursuing his LL.M., he wrote an award winning international trade treatise and was elected class president of the LL.M. students. He obtained his Juris Doctor cum laude from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2000 where he served as Chief Justice of the Moot Court program.

Don is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and a respected member of the Chicago legal community. Don was the 2006-07 President of the Rotary Club of Chicago, the world's first Rotary Club established in Chicago in 1905. He is the past president and current Consular Corps Liaison of the Chicago Chapter of the Fulbright Association and has recently formed the International Volunteer Network of Chicago in partnership with the Chicago Consular Corps and Chicago International Trade Commissioners Association. Don's work, passion and training are daily devoted to bringing people together from all over the world. This is why the *Chicago Sun-Times* declared in 2006 that Don Garner is a "top immigration attorney."

He has appeared on national and international television, radio and newspapers. Don is called upon for advice and law lectures by many local and multinational businesses and governmental groups.

Don was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar (France 1992).

Saturday Morning Speaker:

Allan I. Levey, M.D., Ph.D., "Alzheimer's Disease Research"

Dr. Levey is professor and chairman of the Department of Neurology at Emory University, and he is Director of the Emory Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. Dr. Levey has secondary faculty appointments in the Departments of Pharmacology and Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

Dr. Levey received a BS from the University of Michigan and an MD and PhD (Immunology) from the University of Chicago. He then trained in neurology at Johns Hopkins, molecular biology at the National Institutes of Health, and then joined the Johns Hopkins faculty in the Departments of Neurology and Pathology. Dr. Levey has been at Emory University since 1991, where he has held a number of positions, including Director of Graduate Studies for the Neuroscience PhD Program, founding director of the Emory Center for Neurodegenerative Disease, and Director of the Emory MD/PhD Training Program.

Dr. Levey is a neurologist and neuroscientist internationally recognized for his work in neurodegenerative diseases. More than 200 of his research articles and chapters have been published. His work has contributed to understanding the brain systems and mechanisms in neurodegenerative disorders including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases and in identifying molecular targets for new therapeutic strategies. He has received several awards including the Derek Denny-Brown Neurological Scholar Award from the American Neurological Association, the Heikkila Research Scholar Award from the National Parkinson Foundation, the Health Advancement Research Award from Community Health Charities, and the Team Hope Award for Medical Leadership from the Huntington's Disease Society of America. Dr. Levey was also named an ISI Highly Cited Researcher in the field of Neuroscience and one of the Best Doctors in America.





Rotary Club of Centerville

The Rotary Club of Centerville on Feb. 20 participated with approximately 20 members with Trinity Outreach Ministries Food Pantry by sacking about 80 bags of food, contributing \$1,900 for food and delivering the bags to needy families. The club provides books to two elementary schools and a middle school. It also collects unneeded medical equipment and supplies for distribution to meet the medical needs of undeveloped countries.

2010 District Conference

On-Line Registration Summary

Registration Title Summary

(Primary- Guests not included)

Registrations	110
Guests	44
Total Attendees	154

On-line Application	105
Mail-in Application	5
Total Applications	110

Payments Summary

Pay by PayPal	58
Pay by check	8
Paid or billed by District	26
Unpaid balance	18

Meal Summary

Friday lunch	105
Friday dinner	126
Saturday breakfast	104
Saturday dinner	138
Sunday brunch	107
Box lunch	8

Social Activities Summary

Golf	2
Dolphin tour (adult)	13
Dolphin tour (child)	0

0 = RI Director
0 = RI President's Representative
0 = District Governor(s)
8 = Past District Governors
1 = District Governor Elect (1)
1 = District Governor Designee (1)
3 = District Director (3)
3 = District Chair
9 = Assistant Governors (16)
22 = Club Presidents (65)
9 = Past Club Presidents
9 = Club Presidents Elect (65)
0 = Club Presidents Nominee (65)
0 = Honorary Rotary Member
0 = Guest Speakers
18 = Rotary Club Members
16 = GRSP Students
0 = GRSP Staff
0 = GRSP Administrator
0 = METS Administrator
9 = Group Study Exchange
0 = Speech Contest Contestant
0 = Speech Contest Parent
0 = Speech Contest Grandparent
0 = Conference Guest
1 = Others

110 = Registrations Total

\$27,297.00 = Registration Sales
 \$14,797.00 = Gross PayPal Payments
 \$2,594.00 = Check Payments
 \$5,340.00 = District Paid
\$4,566.00 = Unpaid Balance

See Page 5 for Registration Breakdown by Area/Club

District Conference Registrations by Area & Club

(Guests not included)

Assistant Governor	Ref	Area	Club	MembersArea Registered	MembersArea Total
Steve Acuff	1	1	Richmond Hill	0	
	2	1	Savannah	2	
	3	1	Savannah East	6	
	4	1	Savannah South	6	
	5	1	Skidaway Island	2	16
Jeff Kublin	6	2	Effingham County	1	
	7	2	Effingham Sunrise	0	
	8	2	Pooler	0	
	9	2	Savannah Sunrise	2	
	10	2	Savannah West	2	5
Pat Storino	11	3	Jekyll Island	0	
	12	3	Marshes of Glynn-St. Simons	0	
	13	3	McIntosh County	0	
	14	3	St. Simons Island	4	4
Ron Maulden	15	4	Brunswick	3	
	16	4	Camden County	1	
	17	4	Glynn County	0	
	18	4	Kings Bay	4	8
Alfie Cofield	19	5	Claxton	4	
	20	5	Glennville	0	
	21	5	Hinesville	0	
	22	5	Reidsville	0	4
Bob Harrison	23	6	Nashville/Berrien County	0	
	24	6	Valdosta	3	
	25	6	Valdosta North	2	
	26	6	Valdosta Sunrise	0	5
Gary Smith	27	7	Ashburn	0	
	28	7	Douglas	0	
	29	7	Fitzgerald	3	
	30	7	Ocilla	0	
	31	7	Tift County	1	
	32	7	Tifton	1	5
Bill Pitts	33	8	Byron	0	
	34	8	Centerville	2	
	35	8	Hawkinsville	0	
	36	8	Perry	1	
	37	8	Warner Robins	3	6
TBA	38	9	Downtown Macon	2	
	39	9	Jones County	0	
	40	9	Macon	1	
	41	9	Milledgeville	0	
	42	9	Uptown Macon	0	3
Phil D. Thacker	43	10	Dublin	7	
	44	10	Swainsboro	0	
	45	10	Vidalia	1	
	46	10	Wrightsville	2	10
Doug Lamber	47	11	Downtown Statesboro	1	
	48	11	Metter	0	
	49	11	Millen	0	
	50	11	Statesboro	3	
	51	11	Sylvania	0	4
Ben Harvill	52	12	Cochran	0	
	53	12	Eastman	1	
	54	12	Hazlehurst	0	
	55	12	McRae	0	1
Collie Williams	56	13	Blackshear	0	
	57	13	Jesup	0	
	58	13	Waycross	0	0
Eddie Moye	59	14	Jefferson County	0	
	60	14	Sandersville	4	
	61	14	Tennille	0	0
Pam Lightsey	62	15	Augusta	0	
	63	15	Augusta South	2	
	64	15	Augusta West	7	
	65	15	Waynesboro	0	9

Total Registrations = 110

METS in Action

Below is a note from Linda Herdina regarding a recent METS shipment

Dear Friends,

This is what it is all about. This is the Nigeria container which was shipped on Nov. 18. It was unloaded in Ojoto Obofe, Nigeria on Jan. 16. Winnie Ugokwe says that as each item was unloaded from the container, the crowd would shout and cheer.



Savannah East Raises Money for Literacy



The Rotary Club of Savannah East recently held a "lipstick" fund raiser and came away with \$8,000 for literacy.

This is a very entertaining concept.

Contact Club President Jeff Heeder for details.

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

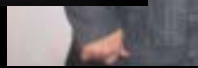
Reported Sales Reflect Numbers Submitted Through Feb. 19, 2010

<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	29 - \$675	Milledgeville	37 - \$1,025
Augusta South	18 - \$325	Millen	0 - \$100
Augusta West	124 - \$2,750	Nashville/Berrien County	27 - \$750
Blackshear	25- \$525	Ocilla	0
Brunswick	100 - \$25	Perry	32 - \$650
Byron	0	Pooler	43 - \$1,000
Camden County	20 - \$425	Reidsville	29 - \$725
Centerville	18 - \$400	Richmond Hill	5 - \$100
Claxton	45 - \$925	Sandersville	56 - \$1,275
Cochran	5 - \$100	Savannah	19 - \$425
Douglas	40 - \$950	Savannah East	57 - \$1,275
Downtown Macon	5 - \$100	Savannah South	23 - \$600
Downtown Statesboro	16 - \$325	Savannah Sunrise	5 - \$100
Dublin	260 - \$6,475	Savannah West	0 - \$100
Eastman	1 - \$2,000	Skidaway Island	5 - \$125
Effingham County	30 - \$725	St. Simons Island	127 - \$2,500
Effingham Sunrise	0	Statesboro	56 - \$1,400
Fitzgerald	64 - \$1,600	Swainsboro	0 - \$875
Glennville	43 - \$950	Sylvania	15 - \$325
Glynn County	1 - \$25	Tennille	22 - \$475
Hawkinsville	20 - \$500	Tift County	0 - \$100
Hazlehurst	7 - \$275	Tifton	101 - \$2,250
Hinesville	1 - \$25	Uptown Macon	0
Jefferson County	20 - \$500	Valdosta	6 - \$125
Jekyll Island	0 - \$100	Valdosta North	60 - \$1,625
Jesup	27 - \$575	Valdosta Sunrise	0 - \$200
Jones County	11 - \$325	Vidalia	47 - \$1,475
Kings Bay	15 - \$350	Warner Robins	48 - \$1,225
Macon	161 - \$3,900	Waycross	0
Marshes of Glynn	12 - \$250	Waynesboro	32 - \$675
McIntosh County	5 - \$100	Wrightsville	46 - \$1,100
McRae	37 - \$1,025	TOTAL	2,117/\$51,000



Saint Simons Elementary Receives DSG Check

District Governor Clyde Taylor recently presented a DSG check to Saint Simons Elementary for purchase of equipment for the marine science lab. Also pictured are Brooke Pridmore, president of The Rotary Club of Saint Simons Island and Cathy Petkash, mentor program chair.



Assistant Governor Training



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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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