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International Convention a Great Vacation Destination

Where will I go on vacation this year? Let me think, oh yeah!!!
How about New Orleans the 21st through the 25th of May
2011 for the Rotary International Convention?

I think it would be fun to join thousands
of Rotarians in New Orleans. What a heck
of a vacation that would be, and so close.
Won't even have to be strip searched
to get there. Hop in the car and there
you are.

Information and registration is
up and running at www.rotary.org.
The website will tell you what hotels
are available and at what rate.

Hope to see you there.



METS Sort Day



*Managers from branches of The Savannah Bank conducted January's METS sort.
Call Linda Herdina at (912) 856-0548 to schedule a sort day for your club,
organization or business. Sort day hours are 8 a.m.-noon.*

A Continued Time for Giving

by Gary Smith

District 6920 Benefactor and Bequest Society Chair

“Open my eyes that I may see, open my ears that I may hear.” Some of you might recognize these words as being part of a hymn written by Clara Scott that for me happens to be found in my Baptist Hymnal. Ever since I became a Rotarian, which was not the same time that I joined Rotary, my religious faith and my Rotary journey have been closely aligned and inseparable. Each seems to support and compliment the other.

Rotarians have truly opened their eyes and their ears to the needs of the world with the spectacular job that has been accomplished with the reduction of Polio in the world and the credibility that Rotary has in leading enormously successful fundraising. Likewise in the never-ending list of humanitarian projects that go on every day, both at home and abroad. Projects such as providing clean drinking water, shelter boxes, food baskets, meningitis immunizations, guinea worm eradication are just a few of the good things that Rotarians are doing around the world.

We have recently observed the two holiday periods of our year where we are reminded of our blessings and give thanks and gifts. As you enter the new year, continue that same spirit of thanksgiving and giving and consider becoming a Benefactor and Bequest Society Member to the Rotary Foundation.

It is easy and simple to become a Benefactor by simply committing to Rotary that your estate will give The Rotary Foundation \$1,000 upon your death. You do not have to re-write your will, attach codicils or even hire an attorney. Just fill out the Benefactor card and place it with your will, and send a copy to the Foundation. Or better yet, you can even become a Benefactor on-line by utilizing the following on-line link to complete your Benefactor application. (<http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/DonorRecognition/IndividualRecognition/Pages/Benefactors.aspx>)

To become a Member of the Bequest Society, you can commit \$10,000 in your estate plan to the Foundation that gives you, as well as your spouse, that honor. By becoming either a Benefactor or Bequest Society Member, you will ensure that you will continue to be a part of Rotary's legacy to the world in eradicating Polio and helping to promote peace and goodwill for ages to come. And remember YOU will never miss the money!

If you want further information on becoming a Benefactor or a Bequest Society Member, see your club's Foundation chair or send me an email at gdsmith1@mchsi.com.



THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

I hope the New Year is off to great start for everyone. I am happy to report that all is well in the district and all of our clubs seem to be moving forward on their respective plans of work and are doing a great job of “Building Communities and Bridging Continents”.

I want to take a moment to encourage our members to always remember rule number one . . . have more fun in Rotary! I have heard from many of the clubs and the work of Rotary is going well with many new initiatives and many new activities springing up throughout the district.

Planning for the District Conference is going extremely well. In keeping with my promise, we are making every effort to make this conference a family-oriented event. Among the special activities are new lower priced menu options for children, child care services with games and entertainment for the kids, new lower priced registration costs for kids (\$5) and a discounted rate to register spouses. Saturday afternoon activities will include Augusta Canal-Petersburg Boat Tour, Savannah River Boat excursions, a tour of historic Augusta, golf outing, as well as access to Augusta, Georgia, and all the adventure this lovely city on the Savannah River can offer you and your family. Saturday night, we have planned our evening activities to allow us to end the evening banquet in time to view “Thunder over Augusta”, a major fireworks display in honor of our armed forces. For registration information, go online to the district website at www.rotarydistrict6920.net/ and register now for a great district conference.

A special thank you to Les Arent, George Fox and Dallas Simon for their super human efforts to satisfy the annual report requirements of The Rotary Foundation and secure funding for this year's DDF and DSG. By the time you read this newsletter, we believe you will have your 2010 -2011 DSG funds in hand. Thank you for your patience. Again, I extend a mega thank you to Les, George and Dallas for getting this mess untangled and back on track. Great job guys!

Finally, don't forget rule #1, and that is to have more fun in Rotary. Good luck in all of your efforts to help your communities grow and to help build new relationships with partners in other areas of the world.

Yours in Rotary
Lloyd Horadan, DG

COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST

by Kathy Tuckey, District CART Chair

OVER \$37,000 has been donated by 42 District 6920 Clubs to CART for the time period June 14, 2010 to January 24, 2011! You are leading the way in the fight against Alzheimer's disease!

Club donations to date are:

Ashburn - \$1,000	Augusta - \$10,300	Augusta South - \$309	Augusta West - \$1,403
Blackshear - \$966	Brunswick - \$641	Camden County - \$398	Centerville - \$327
Cochran - \$131	Douglas - \$258	Downtown Macon - \$996	Downtown Statesboro - \$552
Dublin - \$249	Eastman - \$877	Effingham County - \$51	Effingham Sunrise - \$536
Fitzgerald - \$1,500	Glennville - \$80	Hinesville - \$203	Jefferson County - \$498
Jesup - \$170	Kings Bay - \$200	Macon - \$3,925	McRae - \$124
Metter - \$29	Milledgeville - \$3,329	Millen - \$25	Ocilla - \$29
Perry - \$173	Richmond Hill - \$917	Sandersville - \$198	Savannah - \$200
Savannah East - \$626	Savannah South - \$1,769	Savannah Sunrise - \$202	Skidaway Island - \$553
St. Simons Island - \$1,871	Statesboro - \$323	Tennille - \$405	Valdosta - \$350
Valdosta North - \$309	Vidalia - \$217		

All District Club Contributions should be sent to our 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.

Wrightsville Club Hosts Veteran's Day Program

Service Above Self is the foundation for what being a true Rotarian is all about. And what better way is there to serve someone than to honor those who have served the country? Mary Jo Buxton, president of the Rotary Club of Wrightsville, decided in mid-September that she wanted to see her fellow club members honor these people with a Veteran's Memorial Service in November. After learning exactly why the date and time (November 11 at 11 a.m.) had such a profound meaning to the founding of Veteran's Day, club members decided this would be the perfect time to host the event.

To make the program even more meaningful, the club included their 'Family of Rotary' initiative by having Rotarian members' children take part in the program. Having the children participate not only taught them what it really means to be a Veteran, but it provided the Veterans themselves with the hope that our future generations really understand what price they have paid for our freedom.



The Rotary Club of Wrightsville held their first ever Veteran's Memorial Service November 11 at 11 a.m. at the Courthouse. President Buxton welcomed everyone and Vietnam Veteran and Pastor of Kite Church of God, Rev. Allen Meeks, led the meeting in prayer. Rotarian Patricia Glover led the Pledge, and Caroline Sweat, daughter of Rotarian Donnie Sweat, sang the National Anthem. Ivey Glover, daughter of Patricia, presented an outstanding essay she had written as a tribute to our veterans. Coming straight from her heart, Ivey's speech had many grown men and women fighting back tears as their hearts swelled with pride. American Legion Post 44 Commander

Jimmy Bailey recognized the veterans in attendance and thanked them for their service. Warden of Johnson State Prison and Retired Army Veteran Jose Morales served as the keynote speaker. A moment of silence was led by Rotarian Guy Singletary and closing remarks and benediction by President-Elect Becky Browning.

To end the memorial service, President Buxton assured those in attendance that this was not going to be a one-time event.

Rotary Club of Savannah Paul Harris Fellows Recognized

Zone Rotary Foundation Coordinator Kenan Kern recently had the honor to recognize a number of new Paul Harris Fellows plus several multiple Paul Harris Fellows at the Rotary Club of Savannah. New Paul Harris Fellows named were Frank Scarbrough, Ken Carter, Phyllis Livingood, David Meredith, Holden Hayes, Alan Beals and Steven Price. Larry Miller, Celia Dunn, Don L. Waters, Trey Cook, John Coleman, Rick Culbreth and Robert Jepson received recognition for their multiple Paul Harris Fellow awards. John Lientz and Mark Smith received their multiple plus two Paul Harris Fellow awards.



On this same occasion the Georgia Rotary Student Program recognized three new Will Watt Fellows in the Rotary Club of Savannah. Tim Cooper, Will Garrett and Frank Scarbrough were all recognized for their contributions as new Will Watt Fellows with their great support to the Georgia Rotary Student Program Endowment.

Valdosta Club Partners with Elementary Schools to Promote Literacy

The Rotary Club of Valdosta is no stranger to helping promote literacy. As a Community Partner in Education (CPIE), the club partners with J. L. Lomax and Pine Grove elementary schools. Funds are produced by the money donated by Rotarians in the club's literacy cups. In September, checks in the amount of \$1,000 were presented to each of the club's partner schools.

Continuing the 2006 Books for Bedtime program, Scholastic Publishers donated over 18,200 books to Toys for Tots. At Toys for Tots they have learned that books distributed during Christmas tend to get lost among all the toys. This left them wondering how

to get these books into the hands of the children after the holidays.

Rotarians had the perfect solution and joined Toys for Tots to partner with their CPIE schools. On Friday January 14, Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Valdosta met at the Toys for Tots warehouse for the task of sorting the books. CPIE Coordinator Erica Hudson, Media Specialist Linda Sermons and Principal Sandra Allen were there representing J. L. Lomax. Representing Pine Grove were Academic Coach Angie Dasher and Principal Mickie Fisher.

Several hundred books were also donated to Hudson Dockett in Valdosta.



Coastal Georgia Rotary Clubs Announce 2011 Play It Forward Concert

The Rotary Clubs of Coastal Georgia are pleased to announce the Second Annual Rotarians Play It Forward Concert on Saturday, April 23, 2011, 4:30-7:30 p.m., at the Morris Center at Trustees Garden, Savannah, Georgia.

The 2011 PIF Concert will feature an array of performances by prominent local musicians and talented Rotarians. The evening will also include a "Dancing with the Rotary Stars" presentation, food, beverages and large screen video games. Plans also include a silent auction featuring artwork by Rotary Club members.

"Nothing brings people together better than music," says Dave Legasse, chair of the 2011 PIF concert and a member of the Rotary Club of Savannah West. "The first annual event featured talent from four local Rotary Clubs. The second annual event will feature talent from 10 area Rotary Clubs! This is the first time that all 10 area clubs in Savannah, Georgia will collaborate on a single fundraising effort."

Hundreds of people are expected to attend the fundraising event, which seeks to raise at least \$40,000 to support The Rotary Foundation and its many philanthropic programs, among them the worldwide eradication of polio.



THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

by Jeff Kublin, 2010-2011 District Membership Chair

When You're Having Fun, You Don't Want to Leave

We've all been in those situations where we are at a party or a football game or out with friends or some other activity and we are having fun. We don't want it to be over, and we don't want to leave.

The same is true for Rotary membership. Members who are having fun don't leave us unless there are other compelling circumstances.

One of DG Lloyd's goals for this year is for our clubs to put the fun back into Rotary. Yes, the work that Rotary does is oftentimes serious. Much of it enhances the quality of lives or, in many cases, actually saves lives. But that doesn't mean that we can't have a lot of fun along the way.

Most of us enjoy our weekly meetings. They are an opportunity to get together with friends for an hour of food and fellowship. Oftentimes, they are accompanied by programs that are informative or entertaining. I have had the opportunity over the years to visit a lot of clubs, and one of the things that I have observed is that our members genuinely like each other. There is a lot of good-natured ribbing going on during those weekly sessions. We laugh a lot. The camaraderie provides a nice break from our work responsibilities. Many of us find the meetings therapeutic – a respite from the demands of the workday.

But, fun comes in many forms. While we often think of it as having that good laugh, there are other things that bring us enjoyment. For example, we all like to be called upon to help with a project. It makes us feel important. We like to be appreciated and recognized for our contributions and achievements. We like to get together outside of our weekly meetings.

The point is simply this... if a person feels welcome in your club, feels that they are a valuable part of the organization, feels that they are making a contribution to the community, feels that they are appreciated, and enjoys the Rotary activities, retaining them will not be a problem.

Have some fun! You won't want to leave. And, we don't want you to go.

Bequest Society Adds New Family to District 6920

will you?

Include The Rotary Foundation in your estate plans to forever be a part of Rotary's legacy of doing good in the world.

Receive a special invitation to join the Bequest Society by contacting 847-866-3100 or plannedgiving@rotary.org.

Thank you.



Fellow Bequest Society member Ron May of the Rotary Club of Sandersville joined Kenan Kern, ARRFC for Zone 34 who had the honor of recognizing Rotarian Ted Thompson and his wife Charolette recently as they joined the Estate Planning program for the Bequest Society of The Rotary Foundation. Ted currently serves as president of the Rotary Club of Sandersville. In addition, Ted serves as the curriculum director for the Rotary Leadership Institute in District 6920. Ted will join the Discussion Leaders Team for the annual Peach State PETS event next month when more than 200 presidents-elect attend



this special training. Individuals or couples who commit to the Permanent Fund program of The Rotary Foundation receive a special lapel pin and necklace with an engraved crystal recognizing their support to the Bequest Society of The Rotary Foundation. Congratulations to Ted and Charolette Thompson for this significant commitment.

District 6920 Adds to Major Donors



Zone 34 Assistant Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator Kenan Kern announced the new Major Donor Dennis Leadbetter at his club's weekly meeting.

On Wednesday, January 5, 2011, Rotarian Dennis Leadbetter, a member of the Rotary Club of Savannah West, was recognized as the 17th Major Donor among those in District 6920. Major Donor Dennis Leadbetter is a long-time supporter of The Rotary Foundation and has served his club as The Foundation Chair for some time. Dennis indicated that the final push toward reaching the Gates Polio Challenge gave him the desire to support The Rotary Foundation with his recent gift. The Rotary Foundation recognizes those who make significant contributions reaching \$10,000 with a special Major Donor lapel pin and an engraved crystal. Congratulations to Dennis Leadbetter as he becomes the latest Major Donor in District 6920 to be recognized by The Rotary Foundation.

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for the latest news and information*

Warner Robins Rotary Club Supports Seniors Health Fair

The Warner Robins Rotary Club continues to support the annual Seniors Health Fair sponsored by the Warner Robins Recreation Department Senior Citizens Services Division. This



Rotarian Dr. Bill Freeman provided skin cancer screenings

event, with participation from local physicians and health care providers, offers free health screenings, advice and medical tests to senior citizens in the community. This year, the Warner Robins Rotary Club provided a \$1,000 donation to help with the free blood tests. Rotary club members, Randy Pratt who is a member of the planning committee for the event, Dr. Bill



Pharmacist and Rotarian Barry Bilbro provides drug interaction information

Freeman who provided skin cancer screening, and pharmacist Barry Bilbro who provided drug interaction screening participated in the event. Joyce Hutcherson, Senior Citizen Services Director, stated that the Senior Fair was a "...tremendous success". Approximately 120 seniors are now better informed about their health because of the important information and advice on ways to improve their

quality of life provided to them at the health fair.

Henry County Rotarians Host Republican Forum



All five candidates in the State House District 178 race attended Thursday's forum in Jesup. The candidates are, from left, Van Herrin, George Moxley, Jeana Brown, Gerald DeWitt and Chad Nimmer.

The Republican candidates for State House District 178 see more local control as a solution to state budget shortfalls, and all of the candidates favor some kind of tax reform.

That was the picture that emerged from a candidate forum emceed by Kaylyn Padgett and presented by the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce at the Jesup Rotary Club meeting Thursday at Sybil's.

All five candidates—Democrat Jeana Brown of Wayne County and Republicans Gerald DeWitt and George Moxley of Wayne County, Van Herrin of Brantley County, and Chad Nimmer of Pierce County—were present. The audience occupied the bulk of three dining rooms.

2010-2011 Speech Contest

by Ted Thompson, District Speech Contest Chair

Rotary clubs participating in the High School Speech Contest this year should be well underway in preparation for local speech contests that will take place this month. Each club can send two finalists to the Zone Contests, instead of only one. The Club Zone Assignments are listed below, including locations and dates.

Club Zone Assignments

Coastal

Claxton
Effingham County
Effingham Sunrise
Hinesville
Millen
Pooler
Skidaway Island
St. Simons Island
Swainsboro
Vidalia

Northern

Augusta West
Downtown Macon
Fitzgerald
Macon
Milledgeville
Sandersville
Statesboro
Tennille
Uptown Macon
Waynesboro

Western

Dublin
Nashville-Berrien
Tifton
Tift County
Valdosta
Valdosta North
Valdosta Sunrise
Wrightsville

Zone Contest Locations & Dates

Coastal Zone

Zone Coordinator: Bob Olliff - bolliff@unitedwaysega.org
Location: Statesboro – Bulloch County Board of Education Central Office
Date: Saturday, March 26, 2011
Time: 9:30 am

Northern Zone

Zone Coordinator: Ted Thompson - TThom034@aol.com
Location: Sandersville - Oconee Fall Line Technical College (formerly Sandersville Technical College)
Date: Saturday, April 2, 2011
Time: 9:30 am

Western Zone

Zone Coordinator: Josh Larkey - josh_larkey@mchsi.com
Location: Fitzgerald – Wiregrass Technical College (formerly East Central Technical College) at the Ben Hill-Irwin Campus
Date: Saturday, April 16, 2011
Time: 9:30 am