



District 6920 Governor's Newsletter

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Kenan J. Kern, District Governor

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Bill Gates announces new US\$255 million grant for ending polio

Bill Gates announces a new US\$255 million grant for ending polio at the 2009 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. The **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** has awarded US\$255 million to Rotary International in the global effort to eradicate polio, bringing the total committed by Rotary and the Gates Foundation to \$555 million.

Shortly after meeting with incoming district governors from the four countries where the wild poliovirus is endemic -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- Bill Gates announced the new grant on Wednesday morning, January 21, 2009, at the International Assembly in San Diego, CA.

"Rotarians, government leaders, and health professionals have made a phenomenal commitment to get us to a point at which polio afflicts only a small number of the world's children," Gates said. "However, complete elimination of the poliovirus is difficult and will continue to be difficult for a number of years. Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication."

"We are going to end polio now," affirmed Robert S. Scott, chair of RI's PolioPlus Committee.

In response to the new \$255 million Gates Foundation grant, Rotary will raise \$100 million in matching funds. In November 2007, RI received a \$100 million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary committed to match by raising \$100 million.

The two Gates Foundation grants now total \$355 million. Rotary International's matching effort in response is called **Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge**, which must be completed by 30 June 2012.

The \$255 million grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest received by Rotary in its 104-year history. Rotary will spend the grant in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which is spearheaded by **RI and its partners**, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. Rotary will distribute the funds through WHO and UNICEF.

The participation of Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians in Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge remains crucial to its success. Rotary has raised nearly \$73 million toward this amount: \$62 million in contributions and \$11 million in commitments. Each club is being challenged to organize a public **fundraiser** annually for the next three years. In October, The Rotary Foundation Trustees approved special Paul Harris Fellow Recognition, which begins 1 July, featuring a certificate with the End Polio Now logo.

Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985, with more than \$1.2 billion contributed to the effort. Gates praised Rotary for providing the volunteers, advocates, and donors who have helped bring about a 99 percent decline in the number of polio cases. "The world would not be where it is without Rotary, and it won't get where it needs to go without Rotary," he said.

The final hurdle still is ahead, said RI President-elect John Kenny. This grant shows that the Gates Foundation is just as committed as Rotary to ridding the world of this disease, he said. "We don't know exactly when the last child will be affected. But we *do* have the vaccines to wipe it out," he said. "Countries *do* have the will to deploy all the tools at their disposal. If we all have the fortitude to see this effort through to the end, then we *will* eradicate polio."

End Polio Now

Gordon Matthews selected as District Governor – 2011-2012



Gordon Matthews has been selected by the District's College of Governors to serve as 6920's District Governor for the Rotary year 2011-2012. Gordon is a member and past-president of the Rotary Club of Savannah – East and has served Rotary District 6920 as Group Study Exchange Chair since he led our GSE team to Bolivia in 1999. He serves on the Board of Directors of Medical Equipment Transport Services (METS) and has managed Humanitarian Matching Grants in the countries of India and South America. He is proud to have been a third generation Rotary Club President. He was recognized as the Rotarian of the Year for the Greater Savannah Area in 2000. He has also been recognized as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a Will Watt Fellow.

Locally, he has been active for many years in the Savannah community with Leadership Savannah, Historic Savannah, and several economic development authorities. Professionally, he now coaches the leaders of privately held companies and was the CFO of Chatham Steel Corporation for 22 years. Before relocating his family to Savannah, he was a management consultant in Atlanta. He served as an officer in the US Army and has an MBA from the University of Texas at Austin.

With international experience in business and in Rotary International, he is excited to have the opportunity to convey the importance of the many ways Rotary serves those in need in less developed countries.

The District Committee's selection of Gordon Matthews as governor-nominee will be confirmed 15 days from publication of this notice unless a challenge from a club in D-6920 is submitted. Notice of challenging candidates or absence of any challenging candidates will be issued to all clubs within 15 days of this publication.



Saturday, February 21, 2009

The Carter Center in Atlanta

Rotary at Work for Literacy - District 6900's inaugural Literacy Conference of 2008 has become a state-wide, three-district conference in 2009. District 6900, District 6910, and District 6920 are joining together to **Make Dreams Real** in the work of literacy in Georgia.

This event is a one-day gathering of literacy representatives from clubs throughout all three Rotary Districts. The venue is the beautiful Cyprus Room at *The Carter Center* in Atlanta. The agenda for the day will begin at 9 am and will continue until 4 pm. Coffee, juice, and pastries will be served in the morning and a delightful boxed lunch is the fare at noon, a great timesaver for those who choose to use their lunch hour to enjoy the museum. Guest speakers will be scheduled, and dignitaries from Rotary International will be invited. The facility will be available from 7 am for the set-up of exhibits and will stay open until 6 pm for the breakdown of exhibits. Interact students will help register guests, facilitate the set-up of exhibits, and assist with other activities, as needed.

The primary purpose of **Rotary at Work for Literacy** is to highlight, cross fertilize, and inspire the work of literacy. Each district is being asked to display a variety of literacy projects. During **Rotary at Work for Literacy**, presentations will be made on an assortment of projects, and "roundtable" discussions will be offered. This event will be a literacy buffet!

District Directors:

Bill Booth

RC of Valdosta

Jim Drake

RC of Savannah South

Ron May

RC of Sandersville

Assistant Governors:

Les Arent

RC of Warner Robbins

Alfie Cofield

RC of Claxton

Paul Elliott

RC of Douglas

Charles Green

RC of Valdosta Sunrise

Paula Goodnow

RC of Kings Bay

Ben Harvill

RC of Eastman

Tommy Jefferson

RC of Milledgeville

Jeff Kublin

RC of Effingham County

Doug Lambert

RC of Downtown
Statesboro

Ron Maulden

RC of Brunswick

Bruce Peyton

RC of Savannah South

Joan Puryear

RC of August South

Pat Storino

RC of St. Simons Island

Gary Smith

RC of Fitzgerald

Phil Thacker

RC of Dublin

Tommy Walker

RC of Sandersville

Links to Web pages

District 6920
www.rotarydistrict6920.net

Rotary International
www.rotary.org

Zone 33-34
www.rizones33-34.org

Rotary History
www.rotaryhistory.org

GRSP
www.grsp.org

CART
www.cartfund.org

Rotary Leadership
Institute
www.rlitraining.org

Ferst Foundation
www.ferstfoundation.org

PolioPlus
www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus

Water and Sanitation
www.wasrag.org

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Rotarians recognized as Paul Harris Fellows

The Rotary Club of Skidaway Island recently received three new Paul Harris Fellows during Governor Kenan's official visit. (L-R) Those recognized were Kay Herring, Toni Marwitz, Governor Kenan, and Lorna Cross who enjoyed their special recognition as newly installed Paul Harris Fellows.



Jack Steele, past president of the Rotary Club of Centerville proudly welcomes young 5 year old "R.T." Griggers, who was recently honored as a new Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club of Centerville. Bob and Brenda Griggers are proud grandparents of this fine young man.



Gates Matching Grant Challenge

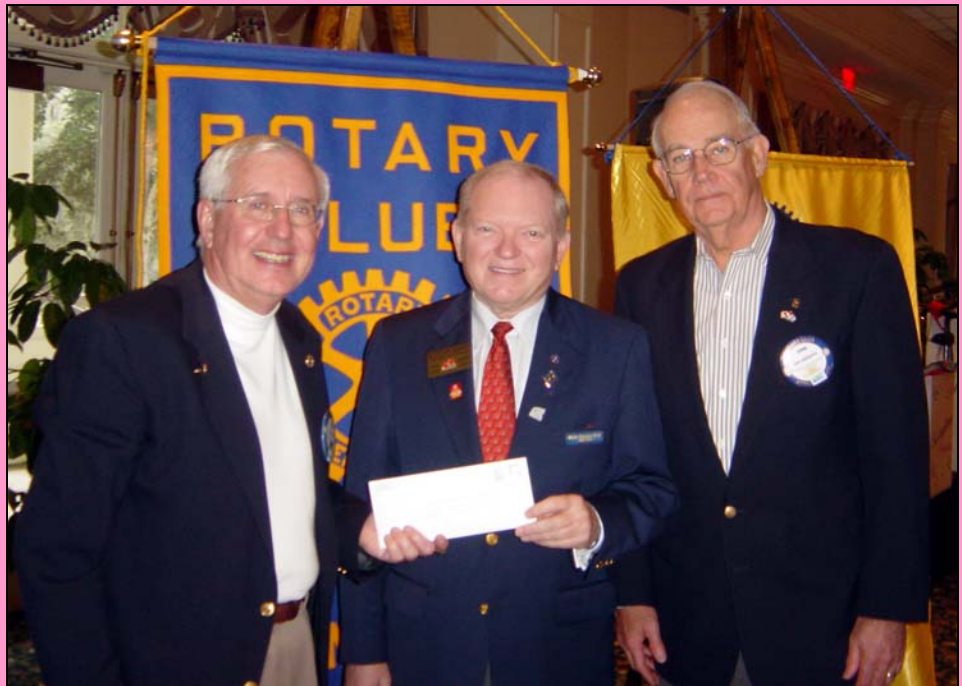


Bob Lemon, president of the Rotary Club of Augusta West proudly presents a check of \$1,000 to Assistant Governor, Joan Puryear, for the Bill and Melinda Gates Matching Grant challenge.

Gates Matching Grant Support Continues!

DG Kenan Kern's club visits

Governor Kenan and Beth are available for club celebrations, presentations, attitude adjustments, and general fun events for the remaining months of the Rotary year.



Skidaway Island makes significant contribution!

Phil Turek, Foundation Chair for the Rotary Club of Skidaway Island, presents Governor Kenan Kern with a check for \$2,400 to help meet District 6920's goal of matching the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Matching Grant. Skidaway Island club president, John Billingsley, proudly looks on with this great support.

Every Rotarian Every Year



On to Birmingham, England for the 100th Rotary International Convention

Southland Breakfast tickets are available from DGE Clyde Taylor.

Join Zones 33 & 34 for this great opportunity of fellowship during your Birmingham visit.



The Rotary Club of Skidaway Island was recognized as the Third highest giving club to the Annual Programs Fund for the 2007- 2008 Rotary year. Governor Kenan recognized 2007-2008 Foundation Chair Phil Turek and President Paul Meyer for their outstanding support to the Annual Programs Fund for The Rotary Foundation.

RLI Dublin, GA!

Future registration for RLI sessions can be made by going to the Sunshine Division's RLI website, www.rlitraining.org. If you are interested in attending any of these opportunities to become a more effective Rotarian, please register for a session NO LATER THAN 10 days prior to the scheduled session.

2009 Training Schedule

March 14th, Jesup, GA – Altamaha Tech. College

Parts 1,2,3

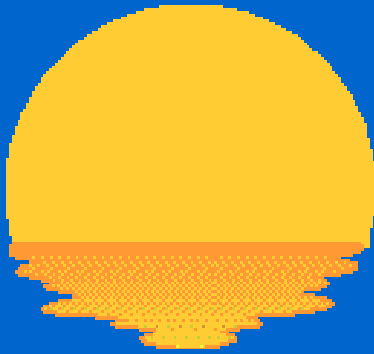
April 18th, Fitzgerald, GA – East Central Tech. College

Parts 1,2,3



RLI Director John Parkins was recently recognized by Governor Kenan Kern for his development and establishment of the Rotary Leadership Institute in D-6920. Director John has been recognized as the lead that gained much interests in the Rotary Leadership Institute throughout all three districts in Georgia. PDG Leon Benefield stepped forward to fill D-6920's Director's position at the Rotary Leadership Institute sessions in Dublin, GA

Rotary Leadership Institute



Sunshine Division



Nineteen D-6920 Rotarians participated in Session I of RLI in Dublin, GA.



RLI Director, Tim Shuler congratulates new Discussion Leaders for future RLI sessions in 6900, 6910 & 6920.



District 6920 Rotarians complete Rotary Leadership Institute Session 2 in Dublin, GA.



SERVICE Above Self

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM

**Rotarian John Neely, past president of the Rotary Club of Savannah East,
Team Leader for 2008-2009 District GSE Team.**

The Group Study Exchange team held their first training session January 10, and their excitement is building. In late April four District young professionals along with team leader John Neely will travel to the Amazon region of Brazil, to spend a month with area Rotarians exploring towns, rivers, the jungle and culture of a rapidly developing region of the world. They will visit the larger cities of Belem, at the mouth of the Amazon, Manaus, in the heart of the Amazon (complete with ornate 1910 opera house), and even Porto Velho, on the border with Bolivia. Travel will be by boat, small planes, and cars/buses on newly built dirt roads. Eco-tourism in the Amazon is on the rise, so the team should come to understand the wealth of and threats to what some have called "the world's lungs."

Training sessions include Portuguese language taught by Brazilians, culture and customs of Brazil and working together to plan details of the trip. Team members will stay in the homes of local Rotarians, giving a rare inside look at the host county Brazil. They are planning a computer blog to allow Rotarians and family/friends to follow their adventures.

Those undergoing training are: Joe Caruso, Macon, emergency room physician and certified police officer; Everett Verner, Macon, Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority; Alison Behr, Savannah, professional photographer; Jessica Dunn, Savannah, Savannah College of Art and Design, international student department; Jennifer Payne, Savannah, City of Savannah administrative services; Alton Wilson, Effingham County, systems administrator, library system; and John Neely (team leader), Savannah, commercial real estate.

Four team members will be selected from the six team members. Two team members will be selected as alternates in case someone drops out before the trip.

The photo below shows the GSE team enjoying a bit of cachasa, or Brazilian fire water (sugar cane rum).

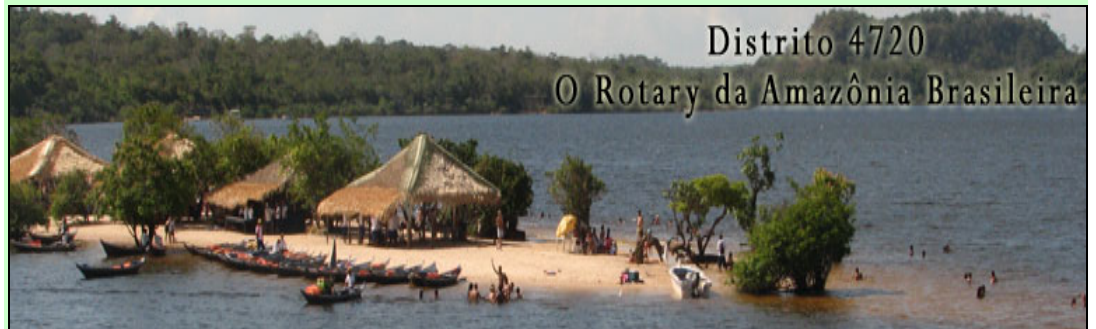


Justin Godchaux of Savannah is the in-coming GSE chair. Justin will be contacting area Rotary clubs to plan for the May visit of five District 4720 Brazilians to District 6920, to reciprocate the hospitality given by our Rotarian friends in Brazil. For further information, contact justingodchaux@aol.com or john.neely@colliers.com.



Group Study Exchange
Team Members

(Top to bottom)
Joe Caruso
Jennifer Payne
Everett Verner
Jessica Dunn
Alton Wilson
Alison Behr
John Neely, Team Leader



Ferst Foundation Receives Significant Grant!



Shauna von Hanstein, Executive Director of the Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy, receives a \$54,000 check from Bert Guy, President of the Rotary Club of Camden County. This significant contribution comes from the combined efforts of the Rotary Club of Camden County and the Rotary Club of Kings Bay. This contribution will enable many youth in Camden County to benefit from the opportunity to have books delivered to their homes for the future. What a great job by these two Rotary clubs
(See the proud club members below.)



Rotary Club of Kings Bay



Rotary Club of Camden County

Ferst Foundation Contribution



John Petrillo, President of the Rotary Club of Savannah South, presents Governor Kenan with a check of \$1,500 in support to the Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy as it benefits the youth of Chatham County. Governor Kenan is very proud of his home club that honored him with this contribution to the Ferst Foundation.



Joanne Bertsche is Annual Giving Officer assigned to our zone.

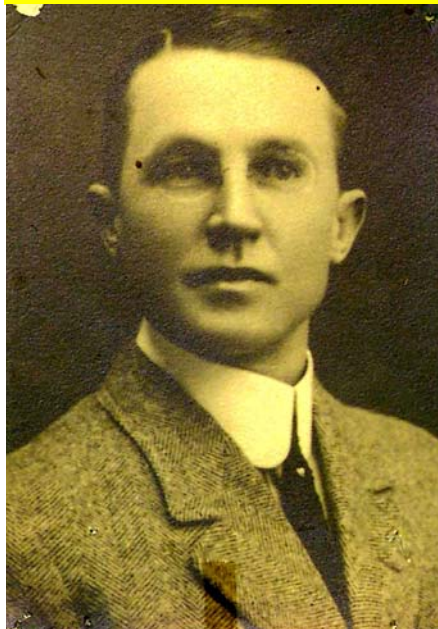
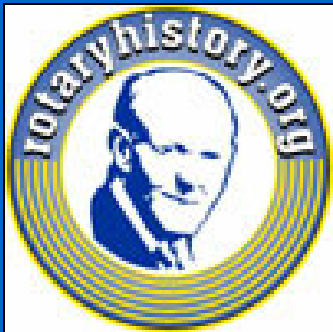
Joanne Bertsche is a newcomer to Rotary International, filling the position of Annual Giving Officer under the supervision of Senior Giving Officer Heather Leet.

After graduating from Boston College, Joanne served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, working on affordable housing in Portland, Oregon. From there, her career included positions with Cooperative Extension, the Evanston/North Shore YWCA and the Chicago Metropolitan Association for the Education of Young Children. Responsibilities at these organizations focused on program development, conference planning, fundraising and communications.

Joanne also operated her own communications business, producing non-profit and corporate promotional materials.

Actively involved in the Evanston community, she is devoted to fundraising and event planning for a local school and church and to leading girl scouts. Her limited travel experiences include a study abroad program in Ireland and excursions to France and Sweden. However, she longs to travel to Italy, her ancestral home, and to do service work in India someday.

In her spare time, Joanne enjoys reading, biking and cheering on her favorite sports teams. Joanne was first introduced to Rotary's remarkable humanitarian campaigns through Rotaract and is thrilled to join the fund development team. Joanne will support District 6920 in The Foundation's Annual Giving Fund programs.



Rotary Club of Savannah Celebrates 95th Anniversary

The Beginning of Rotary International in Southern Georgia.

John S. Banks - Founder

The Rotary Clubs of Southern Georgia began with the organization of the Rotary Club of Savannah (International Club No. 95) in January 1914. The club was organized by Savannahian John S. Banks, a piano shop owner. Mr. Banks did business with piano distributors in Atlanta, Georgia (Ben L. Crew, VP of the Rotary Club of Atlanta) and Birmingham, Alabama (John E. Shelby, VP of Rotary International). These men assisted Mr. Banks in his efforts in establishing the Rotary Club of Savannah.

The Rotary Club of Savannah then organized the Rotary Club of Augusta in late 1914 and the Rotary Club of Brunswick in 1921. These two clubs and the Savannah club went on to organize several other area clubs (Statesboro, Claxton, Thomasville, etc.) in Southern Georgia, thus expanding Rotary throughout the area.

- Charles E. Powell, Historian, Rotary Club of Savannah

RI President D.K. Lee to visit Hilton Head Island



RIP D. K. Lee and Young Ja Chung will attend a Presidential Gala at the Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa on Wednesday, March 25, 2009. Don't miss this rare opportunity to meet our RI President. Rotarians from South Carolina District 7770 and Georgia District 6920 will join together to welcome President and Mrs. Lee to the low country and coastal Georgia area.

Cocktails: 6:15 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Dress: Business Attire

Costs: \$60/person

Major Donors will be extended an invitation to meet prior to the Presidential Gala to be honored by RIP Lee from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm.

Rotarians who have been recognized as Major Donors and/or Bequest Society members during the 2008-2009 Rotary year will be individually recognized by RIP D. K. Lee.

Reservation forms are available at the District Website, www.rotarydistrict6920.net

District 6920 Attendance and Rotary Foundation Support

<i>Club</i>	<i>Members 7/1/08</i>	<i>Members 12/31/08</i>	<i>Current Attendance</i>	<i>No. PHFs</i>	<i>Benefactors</i>
<i>Ashburn</i>	19	18	72.2	10	0
<i>Augusta</i>	175	176	62.6	69	4
<i>Augusta South</i>	25	28	48.0	10	0
<i>Augusta West</i>	51	57	91.5	49	4
<i>Blackshear</i>	24	25	88.0	17	0
<i>Brunswick</i>	98	91	39.7	24	0
<i>Byron</i>	27	29	81.0	10	0
<i>Camden County</i>	63	60	90.0	58	4
<i>Centerville</i>	26	26	77.3	24	2
<i>Claxton</i>	55	55	91.3	17	0
<i>Cochran</i>	39	47	61.0	20	0
<i>Douglas</i>	69	69	60.0	52	0
<i>Dtown Macon</i>	120	114	66.8	27	1
<i>Dtown Statesboro</i>	82	85	82.1	23	1
<i>Dublin</i>	138	141	74.6	107	8
<i>Eastman</i>	53	53	89.4	33	0
<i>Effingham Co.</i>	35	37	76.4	12	0
<i>Effingham Srise</i>	39	37	71.8	12	0
<i>Fitzgerald</i>	59	49	63.0	14	0
<i>Glennville</i>	36	32	66.0	16	0
<i>Glynn County</i>	32	32	59.0	11	0
<i>Hawkinsville</i>	52	53	74.1	21	0
<i>Hazlehurst</i>	17	16	61.8	6	0
<i>Hinesville</i>	41	37	55.0	12	0
<i>Jefferson Co.</i>	17	18	66.7	8	0
<i>Jekyll Island</i>	33	33	80.0	9	1
<i>Jesup</i>	50	54	51.0	19	0
<i>Jones County</i>	30	31	62.3	4	0
<i>Kings Bay</i>	17	19	88.6	9	5
<i>Macon</i>	198	195	63.5	97	8
<i>McIntosh Co.</i>	18	20	78.4	2	0
<i>McRae</i>	29	30	78.3	4	0
<i>Metter</i>	46	39	78.1	22	0
<i>Milledgeville</i>	93	82	76.8	34	0
<i>Millen</i>	17	17	77.9	5	0
<i>Nashville/Berrien</i>	35	37	64.3	5	0
<i>Ocilla</i>	36	36	74.2	0	0
<i>Perry</i>	55	54	100	22	1
<i>Pooler</i>	28	28	61.0	11	0
<i>Reidsville</i>	13	22	75.0	0	0
<i>Richmond Hill</i>	56	49	73.1	12	0
<i>Sandersville</i>	57	56	77.3	27	2
<i>Savannah</i>	233	228	58.5	63	1
<i>Savannah East</i>	52	61	62.2	18	1
<i>Savannah South</i>	83	87	66.2	64	9
<i>Savannah Srise</i>	34	30	66.7	10	0
<i>Savannah West</i>	52	47	76.0	24	1
<i>Skidaway Island</i>	72	71	82.3	37	1
<i>Marshes of Glynn</i>	16	16	97.9	8	0
<i>St. Simons Island</i>	126	127	63.4	58	5
<i>Statesboro</i>	163	161	83.3	63	0
<i>Swainsboro</i>	50	48	72.2	15	1
<i>Sylvania</i>	42	44	79.0	10	0
<i>Tennille</i>	18	17	66.7	2	0
<i>Tift County</i>	16	16	68.0	0	0
<i>Tifton</i>	113	113	71.1	48	1
<i>Uptown Macon</i>	36	31	37.0	1	0
<i>Valdosta</i>	104	105	58.5	47	2
<i>Valdosta North</i>	68	61	55.2	32	0
<i>Valdosta Srise</i>	23	23	55.0	4	1
<i>Vidalia</i>		51	81.0	39	2
<i>Warner Robins</i>	99	104	70.9	75	7
<i>Waycross</i>		36	57.6	12	0
<i>Waynesboro</i>	42	41	61.6	12	0
<i>Wrightsville</i>	23	23	81.2	8	0

District Simplified Grants

The District Simplified Grants Committee reviewed club proposals and awarded a total of \$25,000 to the following club projects:

- ***RC of St. Simons Island - Provide development to science initiative programs encompassing coastal and marine topics for grades K-5.***
- ***RC of Eastman - Provide books year round for new library and computers for technology center at Boys and Girls Club.***
- ***RC of McRae - Provide books for birth–5 year old youth with the Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy. Provide training materials for Youth Leadership Academy for high school students.***
- ***RC of Hazlehurst - Provide support for students who participate in community Special Olympics. During holiday season provide food and gifts for Special Olympic student.***
- ***RC of August South - Provide funds for distribution of dictionaries and Rotary coloring books to “at risk” students.***
- ***RC of Savannah West - Provide literacy program support for 100 homeless and low income children. Books will be provided for classrooms and for children to take home.***
- ***RC of Valdosta - Provide books for elementary school focusing on literacy improvements for underprivileged population.***
- ***RC of Hawkinsville - Provide funds for CPR/AED training and to purchase defibrillators for use in the high school and Recreation Department.***
- ***RC of Camden & Kings Bay - Provide school rulers to kindergarten age youth with “4 Way Test” printed one side and “Golden Rule” printed on opposite side.***
- ***RC of Macon - Provide funding to distribute dictionaries to every 5th grade student in Bibb County. The 4 Way Test will be attached inside the dictionary.***
- ***RC of Savannah Sunrise - Funding for nutritious foods to neighborhood centers during weekends and non-school periods. Arts and crafts materials provided during after-school periods.***
- ***RC of Reidsville - Provide early reading opportunities for 100 underprivileged children by use of Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy.***
- ***RC of Warner Robins - Distribute dictionaries to 3rd grade students in 27 public school and one private school. Over 2,000 dictionaries will be distributed by Rotarians.***
- ***RC of Sandersville - Provide materials to construct 4 wheelchair ramps at community center and residences. Team with Ferst Foundation to continue development of community literacy program.***
- ***RC of Skidaway Island - Provide computer equipment for an “off campus” Technology Center in low income housing area.***
- ***RC of Centerville - Provide nutritious food in local food subsidized program for low income families.***
- ***RC of Pooler - Provide funds to support literacy initiative (Reading Makes Cents) program. Books will be provided to elementary school media centers to promote student enthusiasm for reading.***

Twenty Rotary clubs requested DSG funding in excess of \$52,300. Unfortunately, the District is allocated only \$25,000 for the year. Thanks to everyone for your interests, time and dedication to helping our home communities with special needs.



Rotary District 6920 Medical Equipment Transport Service, Inc. – METS

The first METS shipment occurred in October, 2003. On December 8, 2008, we at METS loaded our twenty-third 40-foot container. Our latest container should arrive at its destination at the Magsaysay Hospital in Tacloban, Philippines around January 12, 2009. The shipment consists of 16,388 lbs. of some of the finest equipment we have ever shipped, much of it new and unused. The supplies and equipment will be used in the only government hospital serving a population of nearly 2,000,000. The shipment was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Perry, GA.

To date METS has shipped over 311,000 lbs. of medical equipment and supplies, valued at approximately \$9 million to clinics and hospitals in eight developing nations, making healthcare available to an untold number of poor and needy people. All of this has been accomplished through the financial support of RI District 6920 Clubs and through hundreds of volunteer hours served by District 6920 Rotarians.

During its first five years of existence, METS has been an all-volunteer organization working to meet the ever-growing medical needs of the world's poor. In November, 2008, the METS Board of Directors voted unanimously to take METS to the next level of service by hiring a paid, full-time director sometime in 2009. Increased revenues will be required in order to accomplish this. To that end and led by our Chairman of the Board, Past DG Dick Hyer, we will begin to work to recruit support from clubs in surrounding RI Districts. METS will also host what we hope will become an annual fundraiser to supplement revenues, the details of which are in process.

The year 2009 promises to be an exciting year at METS. At a time when everyone is feeling the tensions of global economic uncertainty, the world's poor suffer the most. Through METS, District 6920 Rotarians are working for those who had nothing even before they lost it! The time is ripe for Rotarians to promote the cause of METS to your local healthcare providers (which also reduces land-fill product), to volunteer your time at the warehouse preparing for shipments and to join our fund-raiser team so that METS can expand our service to "reduce the pain and suffering of the world's poor".

Patti Victor
Director

EREY Summary July – December 2008

At the end of the 2007-2008 Rotary Year, District 6920 Rotary clubs brought our Annual Programs Fund total to an all-time high with over \$406,000 in contributions. Last year this date we had reached \$86,816 in contributions. Now at the end of December 2008 we have contributions of \$96,133 or 10.7% over what we collected at the end of December 2007. Many clubs are working toward our objective of having 100% participation in EREY for the 2008-2009 year. Some clubs have already achieved this level and will surpass the \$100 per member goal for their club. This year will be the greatest Annual Programs Fund achievement. Be part of it!

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR



All CART Contributions should be mailed directly to:
 District Treasurer,
 Bruce Montgomery
 102 E. 44th Street,
 Savannah, GA 31405

CART Update July – December 2008

In the first six months of our Rotary year, District 6920 has donated \$10,513.21 to the CART fund. This is an increase of over \$2,000 compared to last year at this time. With the limits and cuts that have been made in the area of research and the increase in the number of persons being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease the CART fund and the research it supports becomes more important than ever!

The following Clubs have sent checks to District Treasurer Bruce Montgomery as of December 31st and should be celebrating their commitment to finding treatments and a cure for Alzheimer's disease.

Ashburn, Augusta, Augusta South, Augusta West, Brunswick, Camden County, Centerville, Claxton, Cochran, Downtown Statesboro, Effingham County, Hawkinsville, Hazlehurst, Hinesville, Jefferson County, Kings Bay, McIntosh County, McRae, Metter, Perry, Pooler, Savannah East, Savannah South, Skidaway Island, St. Simon's Island, Tennille, Uptown Macon, Valdosta Sunrise, Valdosta North, Warner Robins and Wrightsville.

We are near 50% Club Participation in CART. We can still have 100% CART participation this Rotary year! Help our District become a 100% participant in supporting the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust.

District 6920 Speech Competition – Confirmed Clubs

Coastal site	Claxton	<i>The District Speech Contest is nearing scheduled competition sessions in each of the three area competition sites. Clubs that have confirmed participation will have the opportunity to offer the winner of each site a grand prize of \$1,000. The three site winners will be invited to present their speech at the annual District Conference in Augusta on Saturday night, May 16, 2009.</i>
Coastal site	Effingham County	
Coastal site	Effingham Sunrise	
Coastal site	Glennville	
Coastal site	Hinesville	
Coastal site	McIntosh County	
Coastal site	Savannah South	
Coastal site	Savannah Sunrise	
Coastal site	Savannah West	
Coastal site	Skidaway Island	
Coastal site	St. Simons Island	
Coastal site	Statesboro	
Northern site	Augusta	
Northern site	Augusta West	
Northern site	Centerville	
Northern site	Downtown Macon	
Northern site	Jones County	
Northern site	Macon	
Northern site	Sandersville	
Northern site	Tennille	
Northern site	Uptown Macon	
Northern site	Warner Robins	
Western site	Dublin	<i>Speech topic for the 2008-2009 speech contest is: Make Dreams Real</i>
Western site	Fitzgerald	
Western site	Hawkinsville	
Western site	Nashville/Berrien Co.	
Western site	Swainsboro	
Western site	Valdosta	
Western site	Valdosta North	
Western site	Valdosta Sunrise	
Western site	Vidalia	