



# District 6920

## Governor's Newsletter

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### Make Dreams Real

Thank you to my good friend, Past District Governor Dick Hyer, and the 2007-2008 District Leadership team and club presidents for **Sharing Rotary** with us during the past twelve months. Under their leadership, District 6920 has enjoyed another rewarding and fun year. Thank you to the 2008-2009 District Directors, Assistant Governors, District Committee Chairs and club presidents for your valued support and Rotary friendships as we prepare for the new Rotary year. Thanks also to the Past District Governors for your advice and guidance as we prepare for the 2008-2009 Rotary year.

I also want to thank my wife, Beth, along with my home Rotary club, the Rotary Club of Savannah South for their support as I have prepared to serve as the 2008-2009 District Governor for District 6920.

Most importantly, I want to thank each Rotarian in District 6920 for your dedication to Rotary and for providing **Service Above Self**. The heart of Rotary is found in the individual clubs and its members. It is the Rotary club that unites members who are dedicated to providing service to their local communities and communities abroad.

The 2008-2009 theme is **Make Dreams Real**. President D.K. Lee has asked us to focus on the most precious resource of every community: our children. In talking about the theme, President D.K. Lee said, "When choosing our service projects, we do our best to work in ways that will have the most positive and most lasting impact. But to ensure a better world for many generations, we must begin by taking care of our youngest generation. Every day 30,000 children under the age of five die from preventable causes. We can save the lives of our children by taking advantage of our own resources, and those available to us through other clubs and our Rotary Foundation."



It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your Governor in 2008-2009. We have a great District and great theme. I look forward to working with each of you as we **Make Dreams Real**.

*Kenan*  
District Governor

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# Georgia Rotary Student Program Prepares to Welcome Class of 2008-2009

As August nears, the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) is busy preparing to welcome the 68 students who will comprise the class of 2008-2009.

The students (47 females and 21 males), are from 24 countries and will attend 26 colleges and universities throughout the State of Georgia.

GRSP, now in its Sixty-Third year, is a one (academic) year non-degree seeking scholarship program, which brings to Georgia exceptional students from around the world as a means of promoting world peace through better understanding.

Since its founding in 1946 by PDG Will Watt of Thomasville, GRSP has hosted 3060 students from 105 countries. GRSP actively recruits qualified applicants from every corner of the world. In 2007-2008, GRSP hosted its first student from Uzbekistan.

GRSP is the only program jointly administered by Districts 6900, 6910 and 6920.

Be on the look out for the GRSP Minute, a short weekly message about the program, made possible through the efforts of Gary Moore DG 6910 and GRSP. GRSP Minutes are available on the program website ([www.grsp.org](http://www.grsp.org)). Ask your club president to make the GRSP Minute a part of each week's meeting.

Jim Drake  
Chairman, GRSP



## DISTRICT 6920 GRSP STUDENTS - 2008-2009

Club	Club	Club	Club	Last Name	First Name
SKIDAWAY ISLAND	SAVANNAH SUNRISE	RICHMOND HILL	HINESVILLE	Sertic	Andrea
SAVANNAH SOUTH				Mancia	Claudia
ST SIMONS	KINGS BAY	CAMDEN COUNTY		Gudmundson	Asgeir
SAVANNAH EAST	SAVANNAH WEST			Mancini	Sophie
GLYNN COUNTY	BRUNSWICK			Persson	Johanna
AUGUSTA				Pauli	Victoria
AUGUSTA WEST	AUGUSTA SOUTH			Kozulina	Mara
DUBLIN				Rodriguez	Angela
DOWNTOWN STATESBORO	STATESBORO			Glover	Victoria

## Links to Web pages

*District 6920*  
[www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net)

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

*Zone 33-34*  
[www.rizones33-34.org](http://www.rizones33-34.org)

*GRSP*  
[www.grsp.org](http://www.grsp.org)

*CART*  
[www.cartfund.org](http://www.cartfund.org)

*Rotary Leadership Institute*  
[www.riltraining.org](http://www.riltraining.org)

*Ferst Foundation*  
[www.ferstfoundation.org](http://www.ferstfoundation.org)

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WARNER ROBINS	PERRY			Heden Lind	Karolina
COCHRAN	HAWKINSVILLE	EASTMAN		Dunn	Craig
DOUGLAS	HAZLEHURST	VIDALIA	FITZGERALD	Salazar	Joel
VALDOSTA	VALDOSTA NORTH			Botero	Aura
MACON	DOWNTOWN MACON	UPTOWN MACON		Spence	Sarah



## District 6920 CART Goals

At the Peach State President's Training earlier this year for club president-elects, the announcement for District 6920's 2008-2009 goals for club participation with CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) was announced.

An overall goal for 100% participation from our 65 Rotary clubs was introduced to the PE attendees. CART has been a very active support program seeking research opportunities from the leading research institutions in the United States. Eleven Rotary Districts throughout North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia have actively supported this great program that provides financial grants to leading research institutions that apply for grant support. District 6920 is the second leading District of all eleven Rotary districts for the 2007-2008 year with Rotarians contributing pocket-change totaling over \$40,000. The opportunity for Rotarians to help find solutions to this disease come from weekly contributions to the blue CART buckets in which pocket-change is collected.

Kathy Tuckey, a member of the Rotary Club of Augusta West, will serve as D-6920's CART Chair for the 2008-2009 year. Kathy will be sharing the great efforts that CART is contributing to Alzheimer's research. Kathy will also offer educational information for Rotary clubs to enable our District to provide greater support to CART's future research assistance. As the number two District of all eleven Rotary Districts providing support to CART, we will, **"Try Harder to be No. 1"**

Information on current CART activities can be found at the CART website: [www:cartfund.org](http://www.cartfund.org)



**Cart Fund presents 2007 grant to Mayo Clinic - Jacksonville** (L-R) PDG, Jim Puryear, VP & Grants Chair, Eric Puckett, Secretary, Karen Shore, President, PDG, Bruce Baker, President Emeritus, Dr. Todd Golde - Mayo Clinic and 2007 Grant recipient, Roger Ackerman, Treasurer, & PDG, Glenn Good. Vice President

## **Rotary Leadership Institute**

### **The Sunshine Division**



#### **What is the Rotary Leadership Institute?**

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world. It is not an official program of Rotary International and is not under its control. The RLI seeks to have Rotary Clubs in member districts identify those Rotarians who seem to have the POTENTIAL for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organizations.

Be on the look-out for D-6920's schedule of RLI training classes on our District Website. Training sessions will be held at Technical College Campus locations throughout D-6920. Join us for a great learning experience.

#### **Annual District Foundation and Membership Seminar - August 16, 2008**

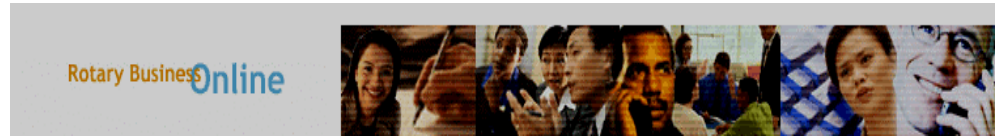
On Saturday, August 16, 2008, at 9:00 AM, District 6920 will present the **Annual Foundation and Membership Seminar** for our 65 Rotary clubs throughout District 6920. This annual seminar provides the most valuable information related to **The Rotary Foundation's** programs, goals, and activities. Specific presentations will be offered to assist club presidents, club officers, and Foundation committee members in their planning for the 2008-2009 Rotary year. During this seminar, each club will receive Club Summary Reports which will provide specific historical contribution results from the club as well as individual club members. This CSR is one of the most valued items for clubs in their attempts to identify Paul Harris Fellow prospects from their club's membership. It will also provide club and member recognition point availability which is most desirable in bringing new Paul Harris Fellow members into the club's recognition.

Special presentations will center on **Every Rotarian Every Year, (EREY)**, for the 2008-2009 Rotary year. In addition, we will also feature the latest information regarding **Our Gift to the World: Polio Eradication**. Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge for 2008 to 2010 is actively helping end polio from our world. We have the great support of Bill and Melinda Gates in their partnership with Rotarians throughout our world in this final push to end polio. You will benefit greatly from the special presentations on this **Gift to the World**.



President D. K. Lee has set forth goals this year to make a difference in the future for Rotary International. Plans to achieve an overall 10% increase in Rotary membership worldwide have the support of every District Governor throughout Rotary International. District 6920's 65 club presidents have joined with our District's plans for a net gain to exceed 10% for the 2008-2009 Rotary

year. The seminar will provide the latest membership statistics along with individual club goals for the coming year. Please bring your membership committee club members to this important opportunity for learning how we can achieve greatness and support President D. K. Lee's membership goals.



## **Changes to Rotary Member Access**

Registering with Rotary's **Member Access** allows you to access online services and features. To ensure your personal information remains confidential, many of our online services require you to log in to our secure environment with a unique email address and password. Once registered, you will have access to a variety of online services specific to your affiliation with Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

These services may include:

- Making TRF contributions
- Viewing your TRF contribution/recognition history
- Registering for RI Meetings
- Searching the online Official Directory
- Managing your Rotary email subscriptions
- Viewing secure sites

Rotary club and district officers have access to additional online records and reports.

Register today! Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on the Member Access link to register. Previous registrations prior to July 1, 2008, will be required to re-register to have access to online business data.

## **Humanitarian Programs Information**

### **Matching Grant Updates**

The Matching Grant application has been revised for the Rotary year 2008-2009 and is now available on-line. The revisions took into account recent Trustee decisions requiring the signature of the district governor to authorize District Designated Funds and the revised Competitive Matching Grant submission deadline of December 15. Clubs and districts are encouraged to submit Matching Applications to Grants Chair, PDG Lynn Hadwin. The Guide to Matching Grants also has been updated and is available for download on the RI website.

The number of Matching Grant applications submitted to TRF during 2007-08 increased 25% for the 2006-07 Rotary year.



## New reading room opens for Savannah children

By Michelle Paynter -

SAVANNAH, GA (WTOC) - School will be out soon in Savannah and Chatham County and this summer students will have a new cool place to check out books.

The Housing Authority of Savannah along with the Rotary Club of Savannah West opened a reading room for children.



The reading room is located at the Housing Authority's neighborhood resource center on Wheaton Street. Organizers say this collaborative effort will promote childhood literacy for area children. All of the books were donated by Rotary members from the Rotary Club of Savannah West.



*Ribbon cutting ceremony as District Governor, Kenan Kern opens the reading room at the Savannah Housing Authority, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Savannah West.*

President D. K. Lee has proclaimed Literacy as one of his major goals for the 2008-2009 Rotary year. The Rotary Club of Savannah West is one of the many Rotary clubs throughout District 6920 that is effectively applying Literacy as a goal for the children in their community. We encourage clubs to share their literacy projects for future newsletter coverage.

September 8, 2008, is **International Literacy Day**. Clubs are encouraged to outline their goals for literacy to their members and ask members for new ideas. A club program about the issue of illiteracy and how to combat it would be an excellent way to celebrate International Literacy Day.



## **Rotary District 6920 Medical Equipment Transport Service, Inc. METS**

Midway through our fourth year of existence, the mission of METS to reduce the pain and suffering of the world's poor by redistributing retired medical equipment and supplies is more critical than ever before. And District 6920 is responding like never before. As district Rotarians spread the word, our donor base is increasing and the quality of medical donations is improving.

Recently, Savannah Cardiology donated a complete Electron Beam Tomography Scanner, the disassembly and crating of which was financed through the St. Joseph's Mission Foundation; Effingham County Hospital contributed a full room x-ray system; our METS truck picked up the contents of the complete 3-room office of Dr. Mike Kulungowski, a retiring general surgeon in Sumter, SC, premium quality equipment, manuals and supplies including his surgical units. All of these gifts were the result of Rotary connections. Savannah area hospitals, Memorial Medical Center and St. Joseph's/Candler, continue to be our mainstay for sterile supplies and for much retired equipment. Some of our other recent donors include Jeff Davis Hospital, the Brunswick Rotary Club, Dr. Tom Graham – Savannah and A Plus Mobility – Augusta, GA.

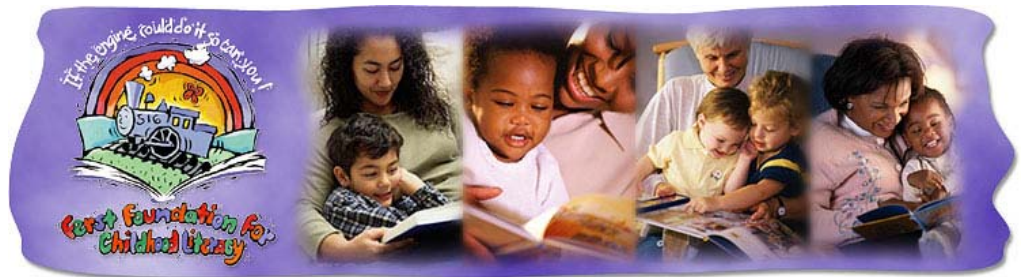
Have you seen our new web site? We are still under construction but check us out at [www.rotaryMETS.org](http://www.rotaryMETS.org). Let us know what you think.

We have already received enough applications for containers to take us into mid-2009, so we must continue to broaden our donor base if we are to accommodate the medical requests of our recipient organizations. To assist with our efforts the 10-club Augusta Area Council voted in May to make METS one of their feature projects for the next year. They have located storage space and we are beginning work to set up a satellite collection project in Augusta and the surrounding areas.

Sort Days: All supplies received at METS must be packed and documented before shipping. We accomplish this on Saturday mornings when club members come to the METS warehouse to work for four hours. No medical knowledge is required. We need a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 17 workers. We are scheduling Fall Sort Days now. Please contact Patti Victor at [pvictor@rotaryMETS.org](mailto:pvictor@rotaryMETS.org) to sign-up your club.

**You** can assist METS by telling your personal healthcare professionals and friends about METS.

Patti T. Victor  
Director

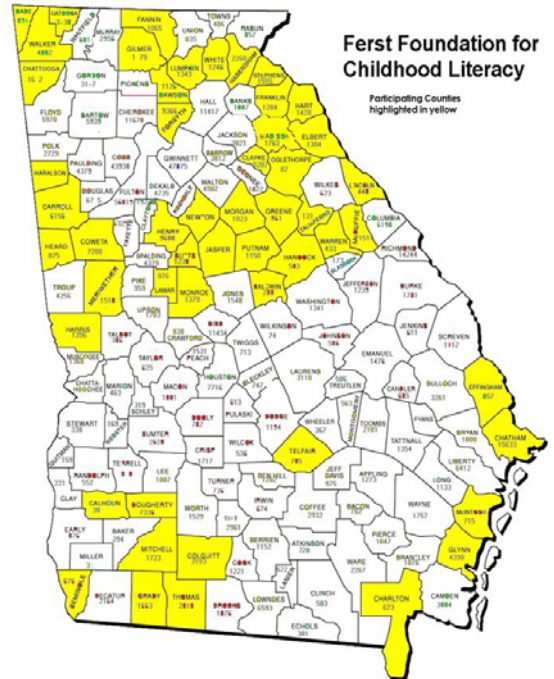


## The Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy

"Imagine the Possibilities" if every child in our community enters Kindergarten having been read to regularly by the most important teacher they will ever have - *their parents.*

### A New Book Every Month!

In participating Georgia counties, each month, until age 5, a new book will be mailed directly to the registered child's home address. We are currently in **Baldwin, Butts, Calhoun, Carroll, Catoosa, Charlton, Chatham, Chattooga, Clarke, Colquitt, Coweta, Dade, Dawson, Dougherty, Effingham, Elbert, Fannin, Forsyth, Franklin, Gilmer, Glynn, Grady, Greene, Habersham, Hancock, Haralson, Hart, Harris, Heard, Henry, Jasper, Lamar, Lincoln, Lumpkin, Madison, McDuffie, McIntosh, Meriwether, Mitchell, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Seminole, Stephens, Taliaferro, Telfair, Thomas, Towns, Walker, Warren and White** counties and we have 4 urban pilot programs functioning: Children may receive up to a maximum of 60 books, depending on their age when they enter the program.



### The Imagination Library

***There is absolutely no cost (ever) to registered children***

Each child will receive one book monthly that is to be read to them by their parents or care givers, and then placed in the specially designed bookends that will also be available. These books become the child's own to read over and over and perhaps pass down to their children.

District 6920 has several counties advancing to bring the Ferst Foundation to eligible children in their communities. All clubs are encouraged to join this great Literacy program.