

### **ROTARY DISTRICT 6920**

Clyde Taylor, District Governor, 2009-2010

July 2009

# Convention Attendees Pledge Push to End Polio

It was marked with dance, music and renewed friendships as the RI annual convention returned to Birmingham,

England. The convention was last held in Birmingham in 1984.

Marking 104 years of service, the more than 16,000 Rotarians from over 150 countries pledged to make the last push to eradicate polio.

"Until the day the earth is declared poliofree, this work must be our first priority and our main focus," said RI Presi-

dent John Kenny during the closing plenary session. "It is up to us to finish the job."

RI President Kenny emphasized the role that individual Rotarians and Rotary clubs play in the future of the organization, a message captured in the 2009-10 theme, "The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands".

"The future of Rotary is being decided every day, in every one of our clubs ... by every one of you," said RI

President Kenny. "Every Rotarian adds fresh ideas and energies to their clubs and their districts. Each one of you can make

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Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu poses for a photo with Rotary World Peace Fellows during the second plenary session of the peace symposium. (Photo by Monika Lozinska-Lee/Rotary Images)

important contributions and pass on to your successors stronger clubs, healthier communities and a better world."

Throughout the week, Rotarians, friends and other members of the family of Rotary heard prominent speakers discussing how close the world is to eradicating polio and encouraging Rotarians to make that last push to get the job done.

During the keynote address at the Rotary World Peace Symposium, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu said Rotary has earned the world's respect.

"When they started out saying they wanted to eradicate polio, a lot of people

said you ought to have your head read," said Tutu. "Now there are only four countries where polio is endemic. This is fantastic! It is going to happen and it is fantastic!"

At a special appearance at the opening plenary session, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Kimoon called Rotary the heart and soul of the worldwide polio eradication effort and pledged the UN's continued cooperation and support.

Actress and UNICEF goodwill ambassador Mia Farrow, who delivered a keynote address during the third plenary session, told Rotarians that they are almost there and to push a little further.

"Polio is a terrible, terrible disease," she said. "We are right to be pushing for the end of it."

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## Meet Your 2009-10 Leaders



RI President John Kenny

RI President John Kenny, a graduate of Glasgow University, is a past dean of his local law faculty, a judge and a tary.

He is past president of the Forth Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Scottish Junior Chambers of Commerce and past general legal counsel of Jaycees International. In addition, Queen Elizabeth II appointed him the deputy lieutenant of his district.

John is elder of the Church of Scotland, where he has served as session clerk and Presbytery elder. Active in Boy Scouting, he received the organization's Medal of Merit for helping to form new Scout groups in Eastern Europe.

A Rotarian since 1970, John is a member of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth. He has served Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland as committee member and chair, vice president, and president. He has served Rotary International as district governor, task force member, committee member, vice chair, RI Board Executive Committee chair, director and Rotary Foundation trustee. He also has been a representative, member at large and parliamentarian for the Council on Legislation on several occasions.

John is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor and Bequest Society member. He is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service award.



District 6920 Governor Clyde Taylor

A native of Brunswick, Ga., Clyde followed in his father's footsteps and attended Georgia Tech where he received degrees in electrical engineering and industrial management. Clyde was a distinguished military graduate of Georgia Tech and served in the U.S. Army with the rank of captain.

Following graduation, Clyde embarked on a corporate career which eventually meant settlement in Birmingham, Ala. In Birmingham, Clyde was invited to join the Rotary Club of Alabaster, Ala., where he was served on the Board of Directors.

In 1988 Clyde and his wife, the former Sue Wells, moved to Atlanta and started Eastern Manufacturing Corp., a producer of custom plastic parts. Clyde continued his Rotary involvement after moving to Atlanta. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, where he became a Paul Harris Fellow and an avid GRSP supporter.

Clyde and Sue retired to St. Simons Island in 1999 where Clyde joined the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island. He was elected to the board of directors in 2001 and served as the club's president from 2003-04.

Clyde and Sue are multiple Paul Harris Fellows and Paul Harris sustaining members. The couple has served as a host family for GRSP and as Group Study Exchange participants. Clyde is also a Will Watt Fellow.



DGE Lloyd Horadan, 2010-11

The eldest child of a career Marine, Lloyd grew up living in a number of communities before settling in Georgia. Following his service in the Marines, Lloyd earned several college degrees - a bachelor of science from the University of Southern Maine, a master of education from Georgia Southern University and a doctor of education from the University of Florida.

Following graduation, Lloyd and his wife, Jan, a nurse, relocated to Georgia's coast where he joined the faculty of Brunswick Junior College. He spent more than 30 years there in various leadership positions and currently serves as president of Sandersville Technical College in Sandersville.

Lloyd began his relationship with Rotary when he became a member of the Rotary Club of Swainsboro in 1984. He has served as president of both the Rotary Club of Swainsboro and the Rotary Club of Savannah West. He also served as assistant governor, district foundation chair and district membership chair, as well as speech contest coordinator for the district's north area.

As a member of the Rotary Club of Dublin, Lloyd became a Paul Harris Fellow and a GRSP Will Watt Fellow. Lloyd and Jan are both multiple Paul Harris Fellows and Lloyd is a member of the Paul Harris Society and is a Paul Harris Benefactor.

# Win a Vacation Trip

Four exciting and interesting trips will be awarded to four lucky winners at the District 6920 Conference at Jekyll Island the weekend of April 23-25, 2010.

Trip destinations are:

#### GRAND PRIZE: Honolulu and Maui, Hawaii - trip for four

The W at the base of Diamond Head in Honolulu is where you will visit the Pearl Harbor Memorial, the Punch Bowl Cemetery, Waikiki Beach and more, before you move on to the Grand Wailea Resort Maui - spa, golf, rental car to tour the island and more. Eight days, airfare, hotels, taxes and transfers.

#### SECOND PRIZE: Beautiful Bermuda - trip for two

The Fairmont Hamilton Princess Hotel will provide a delightful vacation in the heart of Hamilton, Bermuda. Shopping, fine food, pink beaches and history abound. Eight days, airfare, hotel, taxes and transfers.

#### THIRD PRIZE: San Francisco and Sonoma - trip for two

The Fairmont San Francisco will provide a delightful base from which to explore this wonderful city. A day trip to the nearby wine country with lunch is included. Eight days, airfare, hotel, taxes and transfers.

#### FOURTH PRIZE: Santa Fe, New Mexico - trip for two

The Inn at Loretto, adjacent to the famous Plaza, will place you in the center of all that Santa Fe is famous for - art, fabulous restaurants, handcrafts, jewelry - turquoise and more turquoise! Museums tell the story of this fabled city, settled before America was a country. Eight days, airfare, hotel, taxes and transfers.

Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. For more information on purchasing tickets, please talk with your club president.

Raffle is open to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are 18 years of age or older. You do not have to be present at the 2010 District Conference to win. Winners must agree to travel within 90 days of trip receipt. No cash value if winner does not wish to accept trip.

The net proceeds of all ticket sales will be used to match contributions by individual Rotarians to The Rotary Foundation or the Georgia Rotary Student Program. The Foundation contributions can be directed to the Annual Fund or Polio Plus. The Rotarian's club will get credit for the full amount of the contribution.

### GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM

Districts 6900, 6910 & 6920 Rotary International Bringing Nations Together Since 1946



The GRSP Conclave will be held in Rome August 28-30. The conclave is an annual kickoff event for the Georgia Rotary Student Program. It allows students and Rotarians the opportunity to meet and learn about one another as they begin an exciting year together. Roughly 75 students from 40 countries will attend Conclave 2009.

The Conclave begins with student registration on Friday mid-day and ends Sunday morning with students returning with their host families to their residences throughout Georgia. A detailed agenda for the weekend's events can be found on-line at www.rotarydistrict6920.net.

For more information about the GRSP Conclave 2009, contact Karl Waechtler at kwaechtler3@comcast.net

### Strike Out Polio Event Slated at Turner Field

As estimated 4,500 Rotarians, families and guests from throughout Georgia are invited to watch the Atlanta Braves go to battle against the Florida Marlins on Saturday, Aug. 22.

A portion of the proceeds from the event, organized by District 6910, will go to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Campaign. Rotarians are encouraged to help "Strike Out Polio."

A pre-game patio party will be held from 5-7 p.m. A \$15 per-person ticket will get you a hotdog and backyard grilled sirloin burger served with traditional condiments, sauerkraut, green cabbage slaw and potato chips with onion dip. One water and soda is also included in the ticket price.

A Rotary parade around the field prior to the game is among activities planned.

Tickets range from \$6 (general admission) to \$16 (upper box). Outfield pavilion tickets are available for \$26. For more information on the "Strike Out Polio" event or to purchase tickets, visit District 6910's website at www.rotarydistrict6910.org or follow the link from our district website at www.rotarydistrict6920.net.

Let's turn out in large numbers, have great fellowship and help wipe out Polio!



## Applications Sought for Group Study Exchange

Applications are being sought for this year's outgoing Group Study Exchange team to India. According to DGN and GSE Assistant Gordon Matthews, the team will leave immediately after Christmas and will be gone for four weeks. Interviews for applicants will be conducted later this month and into August.

This year's team will travel to the south Indian state of Karnataka in the exchange with District 3180. District 3180 has 130 Rotary clubs in the eight revenue districts in which it operates, 80 of them being in rural areas. The Rotary district covers an area with a population of 10.9 million people. Karnataka consists of a flourishing coastal area, the ecologically inspiring Western Ghats and a portion of the upland plains of the Deccan plateau. Its climate is essentially tropical, with heavy to very heavy rainfall in the Ghats and coastal

belt and moderate rainfall in the plains

September.

during the monsoon months of June through

Interested applicants must meet specific criteria as outlined by the program. Team members must be young professionals



The Mysore Palace in Mysore, Karnataka, at night.

between the ages of 25 and 40 and must have the support of their employers for taking time off for the trip. The team will attend the district conference of District 3180 Jan. 9-11, 2010, in Mangalore. While Kannada is the official language, team members are expected to be proficient in English and communicate in English. GSE team members experience the host country's culture and institutions,

observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas. Most expenses - air travel, in-country transportation, housing, meals and admission to sites - are covered by Rotary and participants typically stay in local Rotarians' homes.

Past participants in exchanges often report their time abroad to be extremely rewarding and, in some cases, life changing. Club presidents and international committee members are encouraged to identify promising young professionals that

would make good team participants.

Additional information is available from Hamsa Thota, team leader, at (912) 638-3206 or via email at hthota@innovationbd.com Completed applications can be mailed to Hamsa Thota, 102 Colony Place, St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

# Highlights



Valdosta North Rotary Club President Jeff Moxley, right, presents a \$1,000 check for PolioPlus during Governor Taylor's first club visit. Also pictured is Assistant Governor Bob Harrison.



Valdosta Sunrise President Steve Barnes, second from right, presents Governor Clyde with a check for \$200 for raffle tickets during his official club visit. Also pictured are District Director Bill Booth and Assistant Governor Bob Harrison.

his ride on the carousel in the House of Friendship (above) and his exchange of banners and district pins, above left, with the president of the Ashby de la Zouch Castle Rotary Club. DG Clyde also snapped a photo, left, of Rotary International Secretary Ed Futa enjoying a carousel

## **Convention Photos**



# Looking Ahead

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday, July 16	District Governor Club Visit District Governor Club Visit	Marshes of Glynn - 7:30 a.m. Brunswick - 12:30 p.m.
Friday, July 17	District Governor Club Visit	Camden - 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday, July 21	District Governor Club Visit	Hinesville - 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 22	District Governor Club Visit	Glennville - noon
Thursday, July 23	District Governor Club Visit	Richmond Hill - 12:30 p.m.
Friday, July 24	District Governor Club Visit	Savannah East - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 28	District Governor Club Visit	St. Simons Island - 1 p.m.
Wednesday, July 29	District Governor Club Visit	Wrightsville - noon
Thursday, July 30	District Governor Club Visit	Jones County - noon
Friday, July 31	District Governor Club Visit	Dublin - 12:30 p.m.
Monday, August 3	District Governor Club Visit	Augusta -12:15 p.m.
Tuesday, August 4	District Governor Club Visit	Augusta South - noon
Wednesday, August 5	District Governor Club Visit	Jefferson County - noon
Thursday, August 6	District Governor Club Visit	Augusta West - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 11	District Governor Club Visit	Waycross - noon
Wednesday, August 12	District Governor Club Visit District Governor Club Visit	Jekyll Island - 7:30 a.m. Kings Bay - noon
Thursday, August 13	District Governor Club Visit	Jesup - noon
Friday, August 14	Assistant Governor Training	Southeastern Tech, Vidalia
Saturday, August 15	Foundation, Membership & Literacy Seminar	Southeastern Tech, Vidalia
Saturday, August 22	Atlanta Braves Rotary Recognition Night	Turner Field, Atlanta, GA
Friday, August 28	GRSP Conclave	Rome, GA
Saturday, August 28	GRSP Conclave	Rome, GA
Sunday, August 29	GRSP Conclave	Rome, GA