



ROTARY DISTRICT 6920

Clyde Taylor, District Governor, 2009-2010

March 2010

Governor's Comments

Warm weather has finally arrived in the Golden Isles. The Spring Breakers are clogging the roads with their bicycles and venturing into the ocean for a swim. Jekyll Island is awaiting 1,000 Rotarians from Districts 6910 and 6920. If you haven't made your plans to attend our District Conference April 23-25, do so without fail. Reservations are still available at the \$35 price. If you delay further, your desired accommodation may not be available.

We have an outstanding group of speakers. We have just added Ross Spencer, a Shelter Box representative, to the Friday afternoon Plenary. There will also be a Shelter Box display in the House of Friendship.

If you were at PETS and heard Coach Bill Curry, then you don't want to miss his kickoff speech at the Friday lunch. I spoke with Coach Curry at PETS and he assured me there would be no similarity between the two talks. This will be an outstanding motivational and entertaining address.

Dr. Allan Levey of Emory University, one of the foremost Alzheimer's researchers, will be speaking first on Saturday morning. Dr. Levey is a member of the CART Fund Grant committee and will be updating us on progress in Alzheimer's and dementia research. Don Garner, past president of The Rotary Club of Chicago, Rotary One, is second on the Saturday program and will be providing his insights on club leadership initiatives. You will find Don's experiences, successes and failures as the youngest president in Rotary One's 105-year history applicable to all Rotary clubs.

The Hollywood Oscar extravaganza will be eclipsed by the Conference Awards Ceremony, emceed by Rotarian Marsha Hyer. Spectacular lighting, music, red carpets, Rotary talent and speech contestants will be part of the evening. Expect other surprises, as well!

Bottom line: Don't miss this conference to top all conferences! As you can see by the latest raffle sales report, we are beginning to generate some substantial dollars. Don't slack off! The net proceeds will be available on a matching basis to individuals and clubs for contributions to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus and GRSP. We will be selling tickets at the conference right up to the morning of the drawing. PLEASE, PLEASE don't hold all of your ticket sales and turn them in at the conference. We need more time to properly account for sales and recognize the clubs participating. If you are holding a large quantity of sold tickets and money, go ahead and turn this in BUT continue to sell right up to the conference.

Rotary International has set a deadline of April 15 for submission of those clubs qualifying for a Presidential Citation. In order to present these awards at conference, it is not possible to wait until then. I plan to submit the names of those clubs who qualify on April 5. Forms received after 4/5 will be submitted immediately, however there is no assurance the awards will be available at the conference. If you are vying for the Governor's Award of Excellence, that is a district award and we will handle that locally. Don't wait until the last minute, however.

I HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU ON JEKYLL. LET'S SET A RECORD FOR 6920 ATTENDANCE.

Rotaract Chartering



A chartering ceremony for the Valdosta State University Rotaract Club was held on March 3, 2010 in the new VSU Student Union. Assistant Governor Bob Harrison delivered a special welcome during the ceremony. He is pictured here with VSU Rotaract inaugural President Mahja Zeon, whom he presented with a certificate of appreciation for her work and dedication to starting the Valdosta State University Rotaract.



Peace Day Event

District Governor Clyde recently participated in the annual Rotary Peace Day ceremony in Milledgeville. Pictured are Major General (Ret.) Peter Boylan, President of Georgia Military College, DG Clyde and Dr. John Ferguson, President of The Rotary Club of Milledgeville.

Literacy Conference



The statewide Rotary Literacy Conference was held at the Carter Center in Atlanta Feb. 20th. District 6920 was represented on the program by Mike Brumby of The Tifton Rotary Club who presented their signature literacy activity "Reading Ambassadors, Children Reading to Children." Pictured with Mike, at left, are Tifton Rotarian Ellen Gadberry and DG Clyde. Also represented was The Valdosta Rotary Club. Pictured, above, with their literacy display is Club President Dennis Marks and Rotarian Suzanne Patterson.

MARCH is LITERACY MONTH

In Rotary, we recognize March as Literacy Month. This is when we focus on the importance of literacy and education in our humanitarian service. Below are photos from Augusta West and Claxton, where the Rotary Club members in those areas use District Designated Funds to provide dictionaries to children in their local school systems.



Augusta West Rotarian David Cantrell, at left, was among those distributing dictionaries to students at A. Brian Merry Elementary School in Augusta.



The Claxton Rotary Club has completed distributing 264 dictionaries to all third grade students in Claxton and Evans County. These were supplied through a District Simplified Grant approved for the club and funds from The Claxton Rotary Club for "the dictionary project."



Rotarians Work Together to Provide Access

Assistant Governor Pam Lightsey shares the following story of how Rotarians throughout the state helped one family.

“Several months ago my District Director, Ron May, mentioned to me that there was a family in need of a wheelchair ramp in Augusta. He had talked to his pastor in Sandersville, who happened to be helping out this particular mom with a set of 22-year-old twins confined to wheelchairs in Martinez. He mentioned it to me because he knew about the Rotary Area Council and thought this information could be shared in hopes that someone could get the project done.

“Today, it is with great pleasure that I share with you how the Rotary Club of Columbia County took on this project and completed a ramp for the family one recent weekend! What a great statement about the family of Rotary and ‘Service Above Self’!

“I know you are probably asking what the big deal is because clubs do wheelchair ramps all the time. It is great to see the progression of how this project came together, though. From a Rotarian in Sandersville to one in Augusta to 11 Rotary presidents and presidents-elect that consist of three districts to a club that picked it up and ran with it to get the job done! The Rotary Area Council is a great way to share information and pull together to meet the needs of others who have done a lot for our community. Hats off to Alan Hampton and his crew for getting this project completed. A special thanks to Medallion Construction and Maner Building Supply for donating the nearly \$1,000 in supplies needed for this project.

“The entire time this project was being worked on, no one mentioned district lines or who should be responsible, but rather there was a need and now it has been met! It makes me so proud to be a Rotarian! A single mom can now concentrate on taking care of her twins without struggling to get them inside the house. I know a burden has been lifted from her shoulders. You can’t put a price tag on that!

“Way to go Rotarians! You are making a difference one project at a time!”

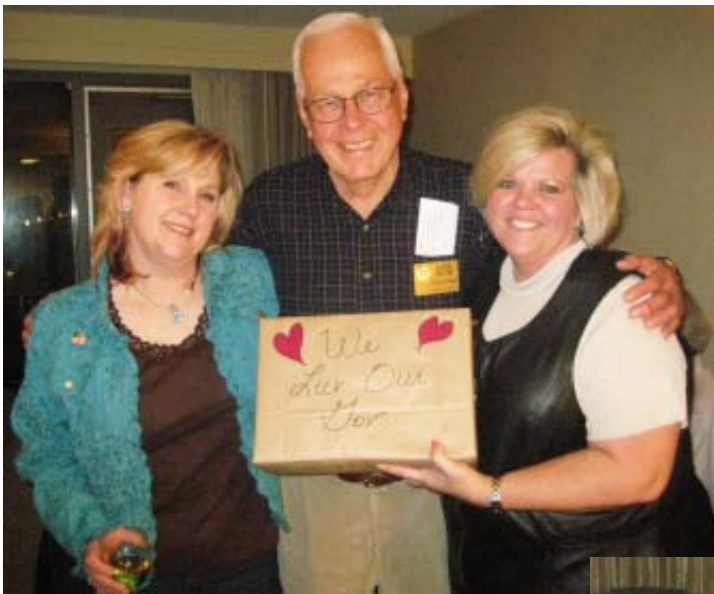


The Rotary Club of Sandersville

Sandersville Rotary Club members have been installing wheelchair ramps throughout their community using DSG funds which the club matched last spring. Most recently, the club completed their third ramp installation. The club’s Community Service Project Co-Chairs, CV Brookins and Tony Veal, use a needs-based criteria for selecting recipients. Both of these Rotarians use much of their company’s resources to undertake these projects, which typically involve six to eight Rotarians on the day of construction.



Peach State PETS



RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

Reported Sales Reflect Numbers Submitted Through March 28, 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	34 - \$675	Milledgeville	67 - \$1,375
Augusta South	60 - \$1,200	Millen	0 - \$100
Augusta West	124 - \$2,750	Nashville/Berrien County	27 - \$750
Blackshear	25- \$525	Ocilla	0
Brunswick	137 - \$3,525	Perry	65 - \$1,375
Byron	0	Pooler	43 - \$1,000
Camden County	21 - \$450	Reidsville	29 - \$725
Centerville	18 - \$400	Richmond Hill	66 - \$1,350
Claxton	50 - \$1,025	Sandersville	66 - \$1,475
Cochran	5 - \$100	Savannah	19 - \$425
Douglas	66 - \$1,600	Savannah East	68 - \$1,575
Downtown Macon	38 - \$675	Savannah South	76 - \$1,700
Downtown Statesboro	16 - \$325	Savannah Sunrise	17 - \$475
Dublin	262 - \$6,475	Savannah West	92 - \$1,975
Eastman	0 - \$2,000	Skidaway Island	23 - \$575
Effingham County	30 - \$725	St. Simons Island	140 - \$2,775
Effingham Sunrise	0	Statesboro	56 - \$1,400
Fitzgerald	101 - \$2, 525	Swainsboro	0 - \$875
Glennville	43 - \$950	Sylvania	15 - \$325
Glynn County	37 - \$925	Tennille	22 - \$475
Hawkinsville	6 - \$125	Tift County	20 - \$575
Hazlehurst	7 - \$275	Tifton	101 - \$2,250
Hinesville	16 - \$325	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	17 - \$400	Warner Robins	48 - \$1,225
Macon	161 - \$3,900	Waycross	35 - \$875
Marshes of Glynn	22 - \$450	Waynesboro	32 - \$675
McIntosh County	5 - \$100	Wrightsville	46 - \$1,100
McRae	37 - \$1,475	TOTAL	2,689/\$66,475

2010 District Conference

On-Line Registration Summary

Registrations	221
Guests	94
Total Attendees	315

On-line Application	204
Mail-in Application	17
Total Applications	221

Payments Summary

Pay by PayPal	134
Pay by check	34
Paid or billed by District	33
Unpaid balance	23

Meal Summary

Friday lunch	149
Friday dinner	213
Saturday breakfast	153
Saturday dinner	256
Sunday brunch	163
Box lunch	19

Social Activities Summary

Golf	14
Dolphin tour (adult)	16
Dolphin tour (child)	0
Conference DVDs sold	3

Registration Title Summary

(Primary- Guests not included)

0 = RI Director
1 = RI President's Representative
1 = District Governor(s)
11 = Past District Governors
1 = District Governor Elect (1)
1 = District Governor Designee (1)
4 = District Director (3)
4 = District Chair
16 = Assistant Governors (16)
36 = Club Presidents (65)
30 = Past Club Presidents
24 = Club Presidents Elect (65)
3 = Club Presidents Nominee (65)
0 = Honorary Rotary Member
2 = Guest Speakers
54 = 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
6 = Conference Guest
1 = Local Media Staff
0 = Others
221 = Registrations Total

\$48,889.00 = Registration Sales
 \$27,856.00 = Gross PayPal Payments
 \$7,589.00 = Check Payments
 \$7,055.00 = District Paid
\$5,389.00 = Unpaid Balance

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

Total Registrations = 221

Centerville Club Raises Funds for Crime Stoppers Program



Macon Regional Crime Stoppers awarded the Houston County Sheriff's Office the 2009 Top Tip Award. The award was presented at a recent meeting of The Rotary Club of Centerville, which raised \$16,000 for the Crime Stopper Program in 2009. Pictured are, from left, Houston County Sheriff Cullen Talton, Warren Selby Jr., Macon Regional Crime Stoppers; Mark Waters, president-elect of The Rotary Club of Centerville; Captain Allan Everidge, Crawford County Sheriff Lewis Walker and Vicky Betrossoff, president of The Rotary Club of Centerville.

Looking Ahead

April 23-25, 2010 - District Conference, Jekyll Island, GA
June 20-23, 2010 - Rotary International Convention, Montreal, Canada

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