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Dublin Rotary Club Reaches 100% Paul Harris Fellow Status

The Dublin Rotary Club reached a milestone recently, having achieved 100% of the club members obtaining Paul Harris Fellow status. This is a first for any District 6920 club with a membership of 120 or more. A Paul Harris Fellow is a distinction shared by men and women in more than 100 nations, many of whom have made significant contributions to world peace and understanding.

Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary International. At his death in 1947, Rotarians from around the world made gifts to a foundation in his memory. It was later decided to honor the founder by recognizing donors of gifts to the foundation of \$1,000 or greater as Paul Harris Fellows. Paul Harris Society contributions to The Rotary Foundation support a wide range of humanitarian grants and educational programs, service and local projects which are also supported by the foundation.

The Dublin Rotary Club held a presentation to give first-time Paul Harris Fellows their certificate and pin. New Paul Harris Fellows include Don Avery, Perry Avery, Bryant Barrows, Kris Bjorkman, Brett Bowden, Bill Brown III, Noah Burkett, Marcy Chambless, Josh Christian, Beth Crumpton, Jeff Davis IV, Bill Edgar, Sarah Harper, Jerry Hatcher, Matt Hatchett, Minton Hester, Mike Hoskins, Emily Kight, Tim Lake, Chuck Ledbetter, Francis Lewis, Peter Makaya, Rob Miller, Dale Nifong, Phil Patel, Wayne Peebles, Jacob Poole, Fain Powel, Yvonne Robertson, Bryan Rogers, Tim Stuckey, Jay Studstill, Michael Thigpen, Jim Thomas, Ashlee Torpy, Donna Trickey, John Warnock, Lock Wilford and Cal Wray.



Pictured (l-r) Back row: Jacob Poole, Dublin Rotary President Charles Johnson, Rob Miller, Kris Bjorkman, Preston Johnson, Wayne Peebles, Francis Lewis, Brett Bowden, Marcy Chambless and Rotary District Governor Lloyd Horadan, Front row: (l-r) Donna Trickey, Michael Hopkins, Ashley Torpy, Josh Christian, Beth Crumpton, Bill Brown III and Lock Wilford.

PDG Jeanette Caneega Named Weisiger Fellow

Wrightsville Rotarian Jeanette Caneega was recently named a Weisiger Fellow. To receive the designation, a person must contribute \$5000 to the Georgia Rotary Student Program. This donation honors Kendall Weisiger, an Atlanta Rotarian, who had a vision of furthering world peace by the support of international students through the Rotary Education Foundation of Atlanta which merged with GRSP.

Caneega has served as president of her club and as DG from 1999-2000. She presently serves as a Director and Rotary Foundation Chair for the Wrightsville Club and has been an RI ambassador and Rotary Club of Wrightsville ambassador since 1988. Her love of Rotary and devotion for making the world a better place to live has been demonstrated time and time again. This acknowledgment further recognizes her boundless love and generosity toward her fellow man.



Wrightsville Rotarian Jeanette Caneega accepts the Kendall Weisiger Fellow Award plaque and pin from Dublin Rotarian Gerald Smith

THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER



Greetings my
friends!!!

I hope this note finds all of you working to put the finishing touches on your year of service to the club and to your communities. Together we have certainly been successful in "Building Communities and Bridging Continents". Without question, the clubs and Rotarians of District 6920 are making a difference in lives of countless individuals throughout our district and with our partner districts throughout the world.

Planning for District Conference is continuing on the fast track. We continue to plan on a fun filled weekend and I hope each club is planning to have a contingent at the District Conference so we can celebrate a great year together! Take a few minutes to check out the conference registration site and make your hotel reservations.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Dublin for achieving a milestone never before seen in District 6920!!! On February 18, I met with the Dublin Club to help present 39 new Paul Harris Fellows as well as a number of multiple Paul Harris awards. When we finished the presentations, the Rotary Club of Dublin became the first club in the history of this district to achieve the distinction of becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, when that club had a membership of more than 120 members. Please join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Dublin of this impressive achievement.

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.

Finally, don't forget rule #1, and that is to have more fun in Rotary. Our district conference will focus on rule #1 as our primary goal, so come join us for a great conference!

Yours in Rotary
Lloyd Horadan, DG

Crateload of Care

The following article, written by Augusta West Rotarian Damon Cline, originally appeared in the summer/fall edition of MCG Today magazine and is reprinted with permission.

There's plenty of used and outdated medical equipment and supplies at the MCGHealth Medical Center warehouse.

But not all of it is junk, nor will it go to waste. Some of the materials will get new life in developing nations through an international program that ships unwanted medical equipment to some of the poorest countries on the globe. Linda Herdina and other volunteers with the Savannah, Ga.-based Medical Equipment Transport Service, operated by Rotary International's 6920 District, visit the warehouse every few weeks to pick up everything from used wheelchairs and hospital beds to unopened packages of surgical supplies.

Since the organization, known as METS, was created in 2003, more than \$13.4 million worth of medical equipment and supplies has been sent to countries such as Uganda, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Peru. About \$3 million worth of equipment was shipped during the past year Herdina has served as executive director.

Herdina, a Savannah resident and retired construction industry executive, is quite adept at determining what equipment is most suitable for transport to a third-world environment.

"This is great stuff," Herdina said as she looked over some stainless steel surgical lights and tables during a recent trip to the warehouse. "Anything stainless steel can be sterilized, so that's good."

Only liquids, pharmaceuticals and invasive devices are exempt from donation. Just about everything else is fair game, with certain material, such as pediatric equipment, being more sought after than others.

The women and children are the ones that suffer the most," Herdina said, citing global health statistics showing 8.8

million children in developing nations die each year from lack of basic medical care. METS procures equipment from hospitals and clinics throughout Rotary District 6920, which encompasses the central and southern sections of east Georgia. Volunteers sort and pack the equipment into 40-foot cargo containers that are shipped from the Savannah port (the fourth largest container port in the U.S.) to Rotary-affiliated organizations in developing nations. Recipients pay only freight costs, which typically range from \$4,000-\$6,000.

Trey Spivey, distribution manager for MCGHealth, said the health system also supports Atlanta-based MedShare International, a nonprofit that distributes only unused surplus to developing nations. He said he is glad MCGHealth has the opportunity to dispose of excess materials, both used and unused, in a humanitarian way.

"The items are outdated by U.S. standards, but they are still usable and can help save lives abroad," Spivey said.

METS Sort Day



The Rotary Club of Savannah South participated in a METS Sort Day last month. Please call Linda Herdina at (912) 856-0548 to schedule your club or organization for a sort day.

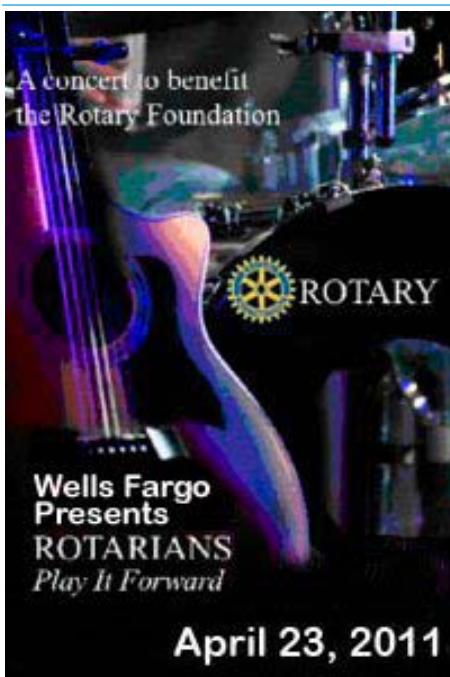
Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee Looking for Qualified Applicants

It is the intent of your District 6920 Leadership Team for 2011 and 2012 to support one District Ambassadorial Scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year. It is now time for each individual Rotary Club in District 6920 that wants to participate in the program to begin the identification and selection process.

Additional information covering the program can be found in the November 2010 Governor's Newsletter, as well as on the Rotary Foundation website in the "Program Guide for Rotarians". Appendix E in the guide lists a profile of the ideal ambassadorial scholarship candidate.

The application period is now open. The completed application, with appropriate endorsements and recommendations, must reach my office no later than July 15, 2011.

This is a highly competitive scholarship and only the most qualified applicant will make the final selection process. If you have further questions that cannot be answered in the information on the Foundation website, you can contact Dr. William G. Caput, chair of the District 6920 Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee, via phone at (706) 855-9024 or (706) 855-0830. Dr. Caput can also be contacted via email at caput412@comcast.net or dracaput@awac.md.



Savannah, GA

Morris Center – Trustees Garden

Saturday, April 23, 2011

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

*Sponsored by Savannah Area
Rotary Clubs*



Nashville-Berrien Rotarians Host Domestic Violence Group

Nashville-Berrien Rotary Club members caught a glimpse of just how devastating sexual assault can be to the victim during their Feb. 1 meeting. Two representatives of the Haven Sexual Assault Center in Valdosta, which serves Berrien and surrounding counties, were special guests at the Feb. 1 meeting. In attendance was Rotary District 6920 Assistant Governor Robert Harrison.

The Haven was recently awarded grant funds to construct a new, larger shelter in Lowndes County and the Nashville-Berrien Rotary Club is assisting in raising the awareness of several local fund raisers.



President King Bridges, Tessa Carder and Becky Harper of The Haven, Rotary Asst. Governor Robert Harrison and Rotary guest host, Bob Lovein.



THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

by Jeff Kublin, 2010-2011 District Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP DOESN'T WIND DOWN

Now that we are into the last month of the third quarter, we are getting to that time of the Rotary year when many things are starting to wind down. Projects have pretty much all been planned and, in many cases, have been completed. Club presidents are breathing a sigh of relief now that much of the work has been done, and the end is in sight. Presidents-elect are beginning their training and planning stages. Rotarians have begun to sign up for the family-oriented District Conference, as it is coming together very well. The District Conference is often viewed as the “unofficial” end of the Rotary year.

But, as much as many things are starting to wind down, our membership effort should never wind down. It shouldn't even slow down, and it most certainly should never stop. We were doing quite well through the end of the calendar year, but we seem to hit a bump in our progress in January. Perhaps some clubs were “cleaning” their rosters, or maybe some members were reviewing their finances. Whatever the reason, we need to press ahead with our membership recruitment and retention plans. While the attrition rate increased in January, the number of new members who joined our organization slowed considerably. That seems to indicate that recruitment has slipped a bit from our clubs' priority list.

Turning around the membership freefall that the clubs in North America have experienced since the mid-1990s is not a one-year effort. Much like turning around a large container ship that is steaming along on the water, you can't just have it quickly reverse direction. It takes time. If you let your effort wind down, you won't be able to get things moving in the direction that you want.

Make a pledge to renew your membership effort, and move it to the top of your priority list. It's that important.

COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST

by Kathy Tuckey, District CART Chair

A frequently asked question about CART is – How much actually goes to research? The answer is simple – ALL– 100% of your original donation and over 75% of the interest it generates goes to Alzheimer's research! The small amount of expenses incurred (which is less than \$25,000 in total administrative expenses since inception in 1999) is paid out of the interest income.

Did you know that it is estimated that on any given day in America, \$8.25 billion in loose change passes among our citizens? Prior to your next Rotary meeting open your piggy bank, empty your pockets and purses of change and bring those coins to your weekly meeting and place them in the blue buckets!

Your coins are more important than ever! Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States. It remains the only one of the top 10 causes of death without an identified way to prevent it, cure it or slow its progression. Research is critical! CART is critical!

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.

Blackshear Rotarians Donate to Honduras Clean Water Project

The Blackshear Rotary club is helping provide clean water to the people of Roatan, Honduras through a Rotary International project.

Henry and Francis Zittrower of Jacksonville, Fla., have been missionaries in Roatan for five years and their main work has been getting clean water to La Colonia (a local barrio of 3,000 plus people). They actually live in the community and have so far been able to get a well installed and water pipes run to many of the huts. The Zittrowers are working toward having a water filter installed in each house and this is what the Blackshear club has committed to helping with. International Projects chairman for the local club, Frank Tanner, is coordinating with other clubs to help provide water filters to be installed in those homes so the water can be made potable.

The Rotary Club of Blackshear



Blackshear Rotary President Club Cheryl S. Williams presents a check for \$2,000 to Frank Tanner to buy water filters for homes in Roatan, Honduras.

recently presented a check for \$2,000 to purchase approximately 50 water filters to be installed this March. A team from Blackshear will be going to Roatan to meet up with a group of 15

college students from Washington State to oversee and help. The Blackshear team consists of Frank and Donna Tanner, Charlotte Taylor, Marian Evans, Andy Velie and Adam Oakley. Through the local club's contribution about 300 people will now have access to enough potable water for drinking, cooking, cleaning, etc. These people will be healthier and better able to work, go to school and play.

The Blackshear Club is also hoping to raise funds through various projects to apply for a matching grant from Rotary International for needs in third world countries.

Wrightsville Rotarians Celebrate Birth of Rotary International



The Rotary Club of Wrightsville celebrated Rotary's 106th birthday recently with a celebration to remember. Most members brought family members or other friends to the celebration, making it a Family of Rotary affair. A highlight of the meeting was the viewing of a Rotary Foundation video, followed by Foundation Chair Jeanette Caneega presenting certificates and pins to four PHFs.

At left, President Mary Jo Buxton along with president-elect Becky Browning cut and serve the birthday cake during the celebration.

Become a Fan

facebook

The Group Study Exchange to New Zealand has set up a Facebook page and hopes to have 692 fans before they leave for their trip in April. Will you help them reach that goal by "liking" their page? Find the page by going to www.facebook.com/gse6920. As of Saturday, the group had 180 fans. Become a fan today and help them reach their goal!

RI NEWS

William T. Sergeant, who served as Rotary International vice president in 1981-82 and chair of the International PolioPlus Committee (IPPC) from 1994 to 2006, died February 13 in Knoxville, Tenn. He was 91.

Sergeant worked with the spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to help establish strategies and policies for ending the disease.

“It was the studious and tireless efforts of Bill Sergeant that earned Rotary the allegiance of our partners and that kept Rotary at the forefront as the catalyst and chief advocate for the global polio eradication campaign,” said RI President Ray Klinginsmith.

“When the world is finally declared to be polio-free, no one will have played a more crucial role than Bill Sergeant,” said Dr. Bruce Aylward, director of the GPEI. “Bill’s genius and guidance were absolutely central to the growth [of the GPEI] from a small and often fragmented effort into the global initiative that now reaches into every corner of the world, every village, and every household so that children everywhere are protected against this awful disease, irrespective of geography, culture, or conflict.”

St. Simons Rotary Club Makes Donation to Altamaha Technical College



President Wally and President-Elect Mike presented a \$500 check to the Altamaha Technical College on behalf of the St. Simons Island Club. Accepting the check are Lorette Hoover and Karen Smith, GED teachers.

Vidalia Rotary Club Hosts Contest



Pictured above were contestants in the Local Vidalia's Rotary Club High School Speech Contest. The winning presenter then qualifies for regional competition held in Statesboro, GA. on March 26th, with the eventual winner being awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Speakers are scored based on length of speech, appearance, content, and presentation. The Rotary Speech Contest is a special project engaging Rotarians, educators and students in a meaningful and rewarding opportunity for personal development of our nation's future leaders. This year's contestants were (front row, left to right) Shameka Davis, representing Montgomery High School; Robert George, III, representing Toombs County High School; (back row, left to right) Alex Wilkes, Montgomery High School; Kyle Fabacher, Vidalia High School and Jacob Jay, Toombs County High School.

Warner Robins Club Distributes Dictionaries

For the eighth consecutive year, the Warner Robins Rotary Club has provided Houston County elementary schools a personal dictionary for every third grade student. This year the club presented 2,088 dictionaries to third graders in 23 public and two private elementary schools.

In the eight years that the club has conducted this project, more than 13,000 dictionaries have been handed out. This year is also a significant milestone for the project since the first students who were recipients of this worthwhile effort are now graduating seniors.

Rotarian project leader, Cindy Holmes, noted that through the efforts of Rotary, we have made a positive impact on the lives the children in Houston County. The project is funded through a Rotary Simplified Grant.



Above, past president Cindy Holmes presents a dictionary to her granddaughter.

Wrightsville Club Establishes Jimmy Jackson Award

At a family of Rotary social, Mary Jo Buxton, President of the Rotary Club of Wrightsville, presents a special memorial crystal to Elease Jackson, wife of recently deceased Rotarian Jimmy Jackson. Jimmy was a charter member of the Wrightsville Club and had over 50 years of perfect attendance. In honor of Jimmy's dedication to Rotary, the club has established THE JIMMY

JACKSON AWARD OF EXCELLENCE which will be given annually to all members with 100% attendance. Sitting beside Elease is special guest Nancy Colston, wife of Rotarian Bill Colston who had also died during the past Rotary year. Members of both the Jackson and Colston families also joined in with the Rotarians in honoring Jimmy and Bill. Looking on with Mary Jo are past presidents Susie Hall and Carolyn Brantley.

The Rotary Club also recognized its Citizen of the Year Jan Martin (right side of picture) for her service to the community as Chair for The Relay of Life. Joining Jan (on the right) as special guests of the club are her husband and children and Karen Bush, daughter of Jimmy and Elease.



Making this Family of Rotary extra special, children and grandchildren of Rotarians provided special music, presented the invocation, and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and The Four-Way Test. Other special guests for this Family of Rotary event were DG Lloyd and Jan, AG Alan Barfoot from the Dublin Club and Director Ron May from the Sandersville Club.