



# District 6920 Governor's Newsletter

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## Make Dreams Real 2008 ~2009



Governor Kenan Kern opened the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual District Conference in Augusta, Georgia, on Friday, May 15, 2009, with the Conference Theme, **The Power of a Dream Brings Us Here**. 350 Rotarians and guests participated in the weekend celebration of outstanding programs, projects, and accomplishments by the Rotary Clubs throughout District 6920. Special guests included RI President D.K. Lee's representatives, Past District Governor - District 3250 in India, Kamal Sanghvi and his lovely wife Sonal. The Sanghvi couple represented Rotary International with dignity and charm and brought a celebrated representation from President D. K. Lee for all to enjoy. PDG Kamal spoke about his love for mankind and his passion to see Rotary International serve the many

needs that exist throughout our world. His own homeland was featured by Rotary International on HBO's **The Final Inch** to assist in removing the dreaded polio virus from the remaining four countries that still have active polio cases.

The Friday kick-off speaker was Joe Dittmar, who survived the tragic 9/11 event at the World Trade Center buildings. Joe, who was attending an insurance executive meeting on the 105<sup>th</sup> floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center on this horrific day, gave a spell-binding accounting of his experiences that fateful day. Joe's representation of the results that followed provided the importance in making the right decisions in life. Fortunately, Joe made the right decisions that resulted in his survival on that day of destruction to those two heavily populated buildings in New York City.

Joe received a tremendous response from the large audience that attended the opening session for the District Conference. His talk was followed by those who wished to shake his hand, thank him for his visit, and have photographs made with him. Joe was touched by the warm southern response and stated that he was truly honored to attend our District Conference and meet so many wonderful Rotarians.



## 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*



## President's Representative Visits District Conference of 6920

Past District Governor Kamal Sanghvi from Rotary District 3250 in Northern India delivered well-enjoyed messages to the Rotarians and guests throughout the District Conference. PDG Kamal served as District Governor during 2005-2006 in a District that has 85 Rotary clubs located south of Nepal. His District has experienced a rash of people who have suffered from the polio virus. PDG Kamal shared how the Rotary members in his home country participate in aiding the many who suffer from the dreaded polio disease.

## Major Donors Announced at District Conference

District 6920 was honored by the announcement of four new Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation at the District Conference on Saturday night at the District Conference. Zone Gift Advisor, PDG Albert Reichert, Jr. and Zone 34 Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator PDG Rich Panyik from D-6910 participated in the announcements that recognized individuals that became Level one Major Donors during the 2008-2009 Rotary year. The late Jan Carlton was recognized posthumously as she and her husband Robert Carlton were recognized by PDG Reichert. Rotarian Jan, a former member of the Rotary Club of Downtown Macon was a Bequest Society member of The Rotary Foundation that led to her progression in being recognized by The Rotary Foundation as a Major Donor following her passing.

PDG Lynn Hadwin, a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Savannah South, was recognized as a Level one Major Donor during this evening announcement. PDG Lynn has been a committed supporter to The Rotary Foundation, and his support displays how Service Above Self is achieved through his dedication to others world-wide.

President Bob Lemon and Margaret were also recognized as Level one Major Donors. Bob is the current club president of the Rotary Club of Augusta West and has spent his year as a leader among leaders in support to The Rotary Foundation.

Clay Doherty and wife Pam Brandt, members of the Rotary Club of Savannah Sunrise, were also recognized as Level one Major Donors for their dedicated support to The Rotary Foundation. Clay also serves the District as Chair for the Paul Harris Society. Clay and Pam have demonstrated their desire to assist many people they may never know with their support to The Rotary Foundation. The District recognizes the commitment these Rotarians and spouses extend through their support to The Rotary Foundation.



L-R) Clay Doherty & Pam Brandt, Lynn Hadwin, Bob and Margaret Lemon are pictured at the District Conference as they were recognized as Major Donors.



## 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)

The Augusta Children's Chorale entertained the Saturday night District Conference audience with a wonderful selection of chorale music. The Augusta Children's Chorale sings throughout international venues and their performance at the District Conference brought rave reviews for their celebrated performance.



### Citation of Meritorious Service

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation made an announcement at the District Conference that Gordon Matthews of the Rotary Club of Savannah East was selected to receive The Foundation's *Certificate of Meritorious Service* for the Rotary year 2008-2009. This award presented by The Trustees marks only the fifth time this award has been

presented to a Rotarian in District 6920. Governor Kenan was proud to present this esteemed award to Gordon Matthews for his long-time commitment as Chair of the Group Study Exchange program for District 6920.

### Bequest Society

PDG Albert Reichert, Jr recognized Bequest Society members at the District Conference. Sue & Clyde Taylor and Ron May are acknowledged as Level one Bequest Society Members for their commitment to the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation.



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## District Literacy Projects



*The Rotary Club of Macon requested support from the District Simplified Grants to purchase Dictionary books to distribute to area students in Macon.*

### *Boys and Girls Club Library Opens in Eastman, Georgia*

*On Thursday, May 21, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Boys and Girls Club to celebrate the opening of their new library. The library will provide books year round, including summer months, when children do not have access to school libraries. The Rotary Club of Eastman donated books and other needed equipment for the library. The*



*Eastman Rotary Club Foundation donated \$5,000.00 in combination with a Rotary District Simplified Grant of \$5,000.00 toward the project. Eastman Rotary Club Member Ann Dobbs had the vision of creating the library and helped in coordinating the efforts to completion.*

*Shown in the picture above are Rotary Club of Eastman members with visionary Rotarian Ann Dobbs cutting the ribbon. (Photo by Cindy Eckles)*



## LITERACY SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN



### Foundation for Childhood Literacy

Rotarian, Matt Merry, area manager for Enterprise Rental Cars in Savannah, Georgia, presents Governor Kenan with a contribution to the Chatham County area Community Action Team in support to Ferst Foundation children. Matt Merry is a member of the Rotary club of Savannah South and has been committed to this state-wide literacy program.

### Annual District Foundation, Membership, and Literacy Seminar - August 15, 2009

On Saturday, August 15, 2009, District 6920 will present the *Annual Foundation and Membership Seminar* for our 65 Rotary clubs throughout District 6920. This year will mark the introduction of a segment on **Literacy** for the first time. 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 2009-2010 Rotary year. During this seminar, clubs will be provided with specific historical contribution results from their Rotary club as well as individual club members.



Special presentations will center on **Every Rotarian Every Year, (EREY)**, for the 2009-2010 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 2009 - 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 John Kenny has set forth goals this year to make a difference in the future for Rotary International. Plans to achieve an overall 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 of two additional members per club for the 2009-2010 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 meeting for learning how we can achieve greatness and support President John Kenny's membership goals.



Literacy is added this year to this annual seminar in support to the goals of RI President John Kenny and District Governor Clyde Taylor. Members of District 6920 will be offered a cafeteria of literacy programs and projects to add to their activities in their club member's support for the 2009-2010 Rotary year. Make plans to bring club members who are interested in picking up valuable information to help meet Governor Clyde's goal of each club supporting Literacy through at least one program during the year.

**Do you know about Rotary? If you are driving down I-95 in Camden County, here is a billboard that will provide interested parties with two opportunities to learn more about Rotary. GREAT IDEA!**



## Changes made to Paul Harris recognition items

Rotary International News -- 27 May 2009

**Paul Harris Fellow** medallions will no longer automatically be sent to fellows, as of 1 July 2009.

Recipients who earn Paul Harris Fellow status by accumulating a recognition amount of US\$1,000 will receive a personalized certificate and lapel pin, along with an order form with an option to purchase the medallion for \$15. Medallions may be ordered through [shop.rotary.org](http://shop.rotary.org) or by calling 847-866-4600, or fax 847-866-3276.

Also starting in July, all Paul Harris Fellow certificates will include the End Polio Now logo until 30 June 2012, which is the duration of **Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge**.

## Foundation Recognition Points

### Important Changes Effective July 1, 2009

At the recent Trustee's meeting of The Rotary Foundation the decision was made to change the previous plan to limit Foundation Recognition Point transfer from 500 points to a minimum of 100 points. This minimum amount will provide a great feature to offer encouragement and motivation to Rotarians who seek to add to their recognition as a supporter to The Rotary Foundation. Please review the following and apply to your club members.

1. Minimum Foundation Recognition Point transfer allowed will be 100 points.
2. President of Club can no longer sign the Transfer form 102-EN to transfer a member's points to another individual. \*\*

*\*\* However, TRF will accept an email exchange between the President and a Rotarian or inactive member approving the transfer and this email can be sent along with the Transfer form 102-EN. Of course, an individual Rotarian can always sign the transfer form to transfer Recognition Points to another individual. That is the ideal process.*

*\*\* Regarding a series of transactions from one account holder, TRF will accept a copy of a brief letter authorizing transfers with the account holder's signature. The authorized person simply keeps the original and faxes/emails the copy, along with the transfer request form to TRF each time a request is made.*

3. Deceased Rotarians Recognition Points will expire.

### Action Items Between Now and June 30, 2009

- Review your Contribution Recognition Summary including active and inactive or deceased members.
- Identify those deceased and inactive members that have Recognition Points available.
- The President can sign and immediately transfer points of deceased Rotarians. If unable to

contact inactive members, the President can sign and transfer points to other individuals.

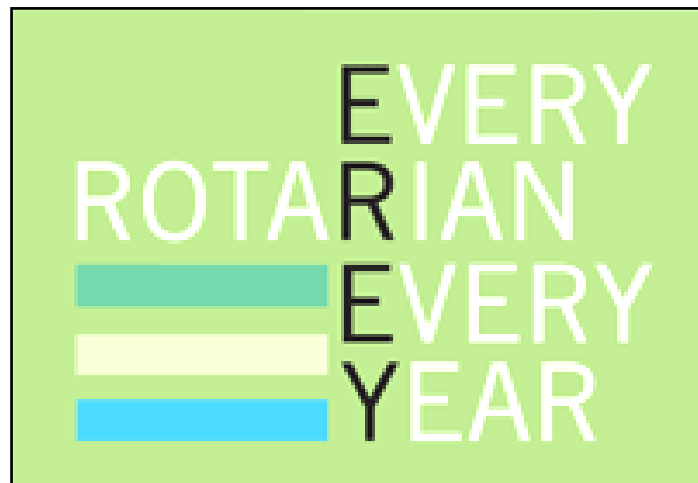
- Use this opportunity to request matching points from club members. Ask the members to contribute to TRF and secure a match for each dollar with Recognition Points. This is a great way to help a member become a first Paul Harris Fellow or to reach the next PHF level.

#### June 30, 2009 Contribution & Reclass Deadlines

For contributions to be credited for the 2008-09 Rotary year, the following Foundation guidelines must be followed:

- **Checks sent to World Headquarters (WHQ) Lockbox:** must be postmarked by June 30, 2009 or prior and received at the lockbox by Tuesday, July 7, 2009.
- **Checks sent to WHQ:** must be postmarked by June 30, 2009 or prior and be delivered to the Accounts Receivable (AR) Department on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor by 3 pm on Monday, July 6, 2009.
- **Wire transfers:** must be initiated prior to June 30, 2009 and received in the bank by July 3, 2009.
- **Credit Cards:**
  - **Online via Rotary.org** – must be authorized prior to midnight, June 30, 2009. (Please keep in mind that gifts received via the web will only benefit the Rotarian who logged in. Reclass and redistribution request, also known as corrections, can not be accepted for these gifts.)
  - **Via fax, phone or mail to WHQ** – must be received by the AR Department and authorized prior to the close of business on June 30, 2009.
  - **Via the Bank of America lockbox** – must be received at the lockbox prior to the close of business on June 30, 2009. Credit card contribution requests received in lockbox batches with deposit dates after June 30, 2009 will be considered July 2009 gifts. Please stress that credit card contribution requests should not be sent to the lockbox; rather they should be faxed to 847-556-2139 to ensure timely recording, or completed online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).
- **Reclasses/Redistributions:** Request must be received in the TRF Corrections email box prior to 5 pm on Monday, July 6, 2009.

Any contributions received after the dates listed above will be entered for 2009-10. Please remind Rotarians in your district to submit their contributions early, allowing 7-10 days for postal delivery.





## ROTARIANS RECOGNIZED



## AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

*(L-R) Alan NeSmith, Bob Lemon, Alfie Cofield, Jeff Kublin, Ron May and Carolyn Trosdal.*

Club presidents had the opportunity to recognize Rotary club members for their dedication and support in helping bring significant results to The Rotary Foundation for their home club. Those recognized at the District Conference were presented a framed **District Service Award** certificate from Governor Kenan. Those who received this esteemed award were: Bob Lemon, Augusta West, Trent Mercer, Augusta South, Alan NeSmith, Camden County, Alfie Cofield, Claxton, Phil Thacker, Dublin, Jeff Kublin, Effingham County, Ron May, Sandersville, Carolyn Trosdal, Savannah, Dennis Ledbetter, Savannah West, Phil Turek, Skidaway Island, and Ed Thompson, Tennille.



*Jeff "Foxworthy" Barker of Camden County had a fun time with PDG Dick Hyer, DGE Clyde Taylor, and 5<sup>th</sup> grader Hayden Haynes, Governor Kenan's grandson, during the Friday evening entertainment segment of "Are You Smarter Than A 5<sup>th</sup> Grader"?*



*(L-R) Carlos Vianna, Jr. Team Leader, Ricardo Esteves, Adriana Cunha, Paollo Brunoro, and Allan Jones*

## **GSE TEAM FROM BRAZIL VISITS DISTRICT 6920**



Carlos Vianna, Jr. a TV journalist in Brazil had the experience of his life when he had the opportunity to visit and tour the headquarters of CNN in Atlanta, Georgia, during his visit to D-6920. Carlos stated that he was so excited and even had a chance to share his home country's TV programming with CNN. It looks as if Carlos may have future opportunities to share Brazilian TV with CNN productions. GSE has the ability to offer partnerships that come from the exchanges developed through this great program.

The Brazilian Team from District 4720 made a presentation to the members of District 6920 at the Saturday morning Plenary session during the District Conference. Each team member presented a selection of information about a specific area of the District where they live. This presentation was a tribute to their homeland and provided interesting facts for our US Rotarians in attendance.





## POLIOPLUS CONTRIBUTIONS SET RECORD

Zone 34 PolioPlus Coordinator, PDG Robert Hall and DG Kenan Kern display an oversized check payable to PolioPlus Gates Challenge for the 2008-2009 Rotary year on Friday night at the District Conference. District 6920's PolioPlus goal for the 2008-2009 year was set at \$195,000. Through the outstanding support and dedication from Rotarians and Rotary clubs from D-6920, along with District Designated Funds, matched with funds from The Rotary Foundation, over \$300,000 has been raised thus far to help support the Bill and Melinda Gates Challenge Grants. Twenty clubs have yet to submit their club contributions to PolioPlus which will help increase our overall contribution level for the 2008-2009 Rotary year once those clubs meet their \$1,000 goal to support the District's overall goal. CONGRATULATIONS!



## Rotarian of the Year



Our favorite District Rotarian, Paula Goodnow, was recognized by DG Kenan Kern at the District Conference as Rotarian of the Year for 2008-2009. Paula, an Assistant Governor for D-6920 as well as the District's notable and "official" communicator, received a standing ovation for her dedication and support to Rotarians throughout D-6920. Club presidents welcomed this special recognition that exemplifies *Service Above Self* to all Rotarians throughout District 6920.



## Close of District Conference

Governor Kenan acknowledges a gift from PDG Lynn Hadwin who was his mentor as PDG Lynn served as District Governor during the 1997-1998 Rotary year when DG Kenan served as club president for the Rotary Club of Savannah South where both hold membership.



## The Future Is In Your Hands

DGE Clyde Taylor and Sue are recognized as the District Governor for the 2009-2010 Rotary year for District 6920. DGE Clyde and Sue were formally introduced at the Sunday morning Plenary session where DGE Clyde was supported by his 2009-2010 club presidents and Assistant Governors. DGE Clyde presented his goals and support to RI President John Kenny for the upcoming Rotary year and encouraged all Rotarians to attend the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual District Conference at Jekyll Island, Georgia, next April 23, 24 & 25, 2010.



## DISTRICT 6920 MATCHING GRANT WATER PROJECT COMPLETED

More than two years ago PDG Jim Puryear began working on a quest to provide a water well and system for an orphanage in Amoli Village, State of Enugu, Nigeria. The project was suggested by Augusta Rotarian Dave Steele who had previously communicated with and supported the leaders of the orphanage in Amoli Village and whose son had actually visited the site in Nigeria.

Recently PDG Jim received news that the project was completed. The project was organized as a joint project between the Rotary Club of New Haven, Nigeria and the Rotary Club of Augusta, GA. The funding was from District 6920's Designated Funds, approved by Governor Kenan Kern and the Rotary International Foundation Matching Grant Fund. This matching grant funding along with seed money from the New Haven Rotary Club in Nigeria brought the total project to \$37,000 (US).

PDG Lynn Hadwin, District 6920 Grants Coordinator, provided the necessary processing for the grant for the District. Dr. Daniel Ajawara, a physician and a member of the New Haven Rotary Club in Nigeria, was the primary on-site coordinator. Father Osondu Chidi, at one time a member of the Rotary Club of Savannah South Club, was also instrumental in helping to bring the project to reality.

The students at the school previously have had to bring water from some distance for their daily needs. The excitement among them was quite evident as the project got under way. Photos posted below show the beginning phase of the project through to the final clean water success. (See photos below)



**Bore hole drilling begins**



**Water gushes to the surface**



**Clean water ready for use**



**Storage tanks erected**