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District Conference Promises to Be Fun Filled

If you haven't heard, District Governor Lloyd has challenged conference organizers to make this the most fun-filled conference in memory. So they took him at his word and will have a mechanical bull.

"Get ready for a boot scootin' boogie time in Augusta," said Assistant Governor Pam Lightsey. "Make sure to bring your cowboy/cowgirl hats with you!"

Friday night will be filled with lots of entertainment, including the music of Eryn Eubanks and the Family Fold, while guests can enjoy some old-fashioned bull riding. Prizes will be given away for the best urban cowboy/cowgirl, Bronco Billy and Annie Oakley costumes.

"Dress up in your best western wear," said Lightsey. "You don't want to miss this!"

As a bit of change of pace for the usual District Conference, we'll even try some line dancing. Remember, it's all about having a good time and lots of fun.

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THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

May is District Conference month!

It's hard to believe that last year at this time I

appeared before the Rotarians of District 6920 on Jekyll Island and outlined my ideas for the coming year. Most of that year has passed and we have been immensely successful in having more fun, involving our families in our club activities, and continuing the great work of Rotary in our communities. Now, more than ever, I am proud to be a Rotarian in District 6920!!!!

District Conference is our time to come together and celebrate our year and to look to our future. We will recognize our achievements and we will celebrate our wins. It is a time for the club and district leaders of the current year to look back and take a well-deserved celebratory pause, and it is also the time for incoming leaders to join together and prepare for their coming year.

Our district conference is shaping up to be fun, fun, fun. Friday at lunch, BG (Ret.) Jeffrey W. Foley will be our keynote speaker. Buckle up, because General Foley is a dynamic speaker and is sure to bring you a message you will not soon forget!! Friday evening, our theme will be a Western one with the focus on a healthy dose of fun! In addition to our evening program, we will also be entertained with music from an area group of award-winning musicians and we will also have a mechanical bull in the House of Friendship! When was the last time you tried to ride a bull? Don't miss this opportunity to see what it is all about!

If you haven't registered for the conference, please do so by Wednesday, May 4 at 11 a.m. This is the deadline for registering online. If you miss this time line, we will also have on-site registration and credit cards will be accepted. Unfortunately, rooms at the conference hotel are sold out. However, if you check the district website at www.rotarydistrict6920.net, you will see a list of alternate hotels within a very short distance of the conference hotel.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate a great year! Register now and bring a group from your club so we can party, party, party!

See you in Augusta!

Plenty of Family Fun In Store at Conference

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Childcare will be provided for children ages 1-11 during Friday night's fellowship banquet and during Saturday evening's district banquet.

Saturday afternoon activities will include Augusta Canal-Petersburg Boat Tour, Savannah River Boat excursions, a tour of historic Augusta, golf outing, as well as access to Augusta and all the adventure this lovely city on the Savannah River can offer you and your family.

The conference includes noted speakers, our annual speech contest and club award presentations.

PDG Dallas Simon is serving as this year's conference chair and he and his planning committee have put together an outstanding weekend for you. Make plans now to attend the May 13-15 event by visiting Rotary District 6920's website at www.rotarydistrict6920.net.

See you in Augusta!

Interactor Receives Pin, Certificate

April 6, 2011 was a historic day for the Rotary Club of Valdosta and possibly a historic day for Rotary International. Rotarian Joyce Aigen presented her granddaughter Heather Hathcock with her Paul Harris Fellow pin and certificate. Heather is an Interact student at

Valwood School and is the first Interact student that we are aware of to ever receive a Paul Harris Fellow.

Joyce used points she had accumulated, along with points matched by the District to allow her granddaughter to receive this very special designation. It was no small feat and took quite some time to get accomplished. However, with the help of Past President Carl Cates and



others within Rotary, the presentation is finally official.

Heather is a senior at Valwood School and is the daughter of Hugh and Judy Hathcock. She was accompanied by her mother Judy, sisters Hope and Hailee, and grandfather George Aigen. In addition, a number of her fellow Interactors and club sponsors were on hand to show their support. Congratulations Heather!

Augusta West Partners with Golden Harvest

Mike Fehrman, the Executive Director of The Golden Harvest Food Bank, began serving meals to Augusta's less fortunate over two decades ago out of a his van. Since then, Mike has grown the Food Bank's capacity to help those suffering from hunger, moving over 1 million pounds of food through its facility monthly. The Food Bank provides local pantries, within its 30-county territory spanning parts of Georgia and South Carolina, with these tons of food.

The Golden Harvest Food Bank also operates the Master's Table soup kitchen. It was started during the 1982 recession as one of the Food Bank's very first direct-service programs and, thanks to the kindness and support of the community, has grown to feed a noon meal to more than 300 homeless and hungry persons per day, 365 days per year.

On February 12th, 15 Augusta West Rotary Club members and their families spent the morning and early afternoon at the Master's Table serving hot plates of food to the Central Savannah River Area's less fortunate. This annual community project, chaired by Jenna Smalling, took place at the new \$1.8 million state of the art Master's Table building on Fenwick Street in downtown Augusta. This service project is one of the most popular the Augusta West Rotary Club undertakes. Volunteers see firsthand just how many people in the Central Savannah River Area lack basic needs, and the number of people coming to the Master's Table is greater than ever given these tough economic times.

Augusta West Rotary Club is already scheduled to help out in February 2012 and continue this project that increases the understanding of the need that exists in the CSRA, strengthens Rotary bonds and exemplifies Rotary's motto of "Service above Self."

If you are interested in supporting the Golden Harvest Food Bank, please visit their website www.goldenharvest.org.



Amtrak Offering Discount to Rotarians

In the days leading up to the 2011 RI Convention, 21-25 May, some Rotarians will roll into the city of New Orleans on the City of New Orleans. The fame of this passenger train largely derives from a song of the same name written by Chicago singer-songwriter Steve Goodman and popularized in 1972 by Arlo Guthrie. The lyrics paint a nostalgic picture of the train's 930-mile, 19-hour run from Chicago as it "rolls along past houses, farms, and fields" through Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.

For the convention, Amtrak is offering a 10 percent discount off its best New Orleans rail fare for Rotarians and their companions from 15 May to 31 May. Visit www.rotary.org/convention and click on "Travel information" for details.

Rotary Leadership Institute

by Ted Thompson, D-6920 RLI Faculty Chair

There is an upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute session Saturday, June 4, at the Central Georgia Technical College located at 3300 Macon Tech Drive off Eisenhower Parkway in Macon. Only Part 1 and Part 2 classes will be available. To register, please go to rlitraining.org, then Sunshine Division, then registration. The cost per participant is \$95.00 which includes breakfast, lunch, and all class materials.

RLI will prepare you for Rotary leadership positions in your club, including committee chairs, club directors, club officers, PN, PE, and club president. Whether you have just joined Rotary or have been a member for 40 years, the discussion-type format used in RLI will increase your knowledge and help prepare you for leadership positions in your club and district. What if you are not interested in a leadership position for now? That's okay too; but, don't you want to know about new fundraisers, new service projects, new membership ideas and new public relation ideas? There are a lot of exciting things happening throughout our district. If you don't get outside of your club, you will never be aware of what you may be missing.

This RLI session is open to all Rotarians. If you are a member of any of the three Rotary Clubs in Macon, this is a great chance to attend a RLI session right in your front yard. It will not get any easier than this. Just get out of bed and come. Won't you please plan to attend in June? We need your support. Sign up now and I promise you you'll be glad you did!

Essay Contest Draws 40,600 Entries

The Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest just completed its first year as a program of the new Georgia Rotary Districts Character Education Program (GRDCEP). As a character values competition for high school students, the contest attracted more than 40,600 essays and presented more than \$16,000 in student and teacher award money.

Rotary clubs became involved with the Georgia Laws of Life Essay contest in 2002, and since then more than 250,000 Laws of Life essays have been written by Georgia students. This year, as an official GRDCEP contest, the contest had 36 Rotary club sponsors from all three Georgia districts and 46 participating high schools.

The contest, which asks students to select a maxim of "Law of Life" and to discuss the character value in the maxim, recognizes students who exemplify values such as compassion, courage, perseverance, generosity, and integrity. This year's winning essays make for compelling reading. A downloadable copy of the essay booklet may be found on-line at <http://www.georgialawsoflife.org/pdf/EssayBrochure2010-2011.pdf>

Rotary clubs that sponsored a school in the contest are hosting their student winners at various recognition events this spring. The events are always heartwarming and memorable. To read about one such event, hosted by the Rome —Seven Hills Rotary Club, go to <http://romenews-tribune.com/bookmark/12763312>.

To learn how your club can be a part of this valuable character education program which connects the Rotary name with character values and schools, contact Susan Mason, Director of GRDCEP, at 404.367.9453 or via email at georgialawsoflife@gmail.com.

Savannah Sunrise Tops EREY



President Jeff Halliburton receiving the number one EREY banner from ARRFC Kenan Kern

Under the leadership of club president, Jeff Halliburton, the members of the Rotary Club of Savannah Sunrise secured first place in the District with an impressive EREY support of \$257.50 per member. The Rotary Club of Skidaway Island finished in second place with \$243.03, with the Rotary Club of Sandersville locking up third place with an average per capita of \$235.90. Congratulations to these three clubs who recently received average per capita banners for their noteworthy support to The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Savannah Sunrise was recently recognized for their outstanding support in being recognized as the number one club for the Rotary year of 2009-2010 with the highest average per capita giving to the Annual Programs Fund with The Rotary Foundation.

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Scholarship Deadline Nears

The deadline for the submission of applications for the District 6920 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar for school year 2012-2013 is fast approaching.

To guarantee the applicant can complete the application process and have the initial review and interview by the committee chairman in Augusta, the completed application with all of the appropriate letters of recommendation and club endorsements should reach the chair by July 1. Applications received after this date may not allow sufficient time for the initial review and preparation of the application for the entire committee, which will meet at the GRSP conclave in August.

Applications should be sent to William G. Caput, M.D., Chair, District 6920 Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee, AWAC.md, 3626 Walton Way Extension, Suite 2, Augusta, GA 30909.



THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

by Jeff Kublin, 2010-2011 District Membership Chair

RELOCATION REFERRALS

One of the unavoidable reasons for a club to lose a valuable member is relocation. We are always sorry to see our dedicated friends leave, whether it's for a job transfer, retirement to a new community, relocation to care for an elderly parent or a myriad of other reasons.

While we are disappointed that each will no longer be a member of our club, there is no reason for their tenure with Rotary to end. Regardless of where they are going, there is bound to be another Rotary club close to their new home or work location. There are steps that we can and should take to help them continue their Rotary association in their new community.

To begin with, you can encourage them to remain Rotarians by providing them with the names and contact information for Rotary clubs at their destination. If they are staying within our district, the website at www.DaCdb.com is a good resource for finding that information. If they are relocating elsewhere, you can always do a web search to find local Rotary clubs for them.

Next, you might consider providing them with a letter of introduction that they can use as an "icebreaker" when they make contact with a Rotary club in their new location. You can endorse their candidacy for membership, highlighting their contributions to your club.

Finally, you can contact the District Governor, an Assistant Governor or District Membership Chair in their new community to request that they make arrangements to provide them with an invitation to attend one of the local clubs.

Relocation is often a dramatic event in people's lives. With so many changes taking place for them, seeking out a new Rotary club may not be at the top of their priority list right away. But, we can make it easier for them to meet new friends while they become an integral part of their new community by encouraging them to continue their Rotary membership and service.

COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST

by Kathy Tuckey, District CART Chair

From May 20, 2010 to April 26, 2011, District 6920 CART contributions sent to Treasurer, PDG Bruce Montgomery have totaled over \$48,000. With 51 of 65 clubs sending in their contributions, District 6920 has had an increase of over \$11,000 for the same time period last year! Thank you Rotarians for meeting the challenge! On May 4th your contributions will translate into research when CART grants will be awarded at the annual CART Board Meeting in Columbia, S.C. Thanks go to all Clubs that have made CART a part of their Rotary meetings! We hope that you will join with us at the District Conference Saturday Plenary session when you will hear about the grant recipients and how clubs increased their participation!

The Alzheimer's Association has released the 2011 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures. The report states that there are now over 5.4 million Americans living with this devastating disease for which there is no way to prevent, cure or even slow its progression.

Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust – One Coin, One Dollar at a time – till one day we have treatments and a cure. 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.

METS



Every year we at METS look forward to our spring visit from the Jacksonville, Florida Rotaract Club! They arrive 15 - 20 young people strong and Sort everything on the premises. Thanks to all of you who do this important work. Call Linda Herdina at (912) 856.0548 to reserve a Sort Day for your club.

Rotarians Celebrate Anniversary of GRSP



On March 17, 2011, Rotarians from across Georgia gathered to celebrate GRSP's 65th anniversary, in Thomasville, Georgia, where the Program originated. Featured speakers were William Watt III, grandson of GRSP founder PDG Will Watt and Rotarian Jack Pannecoucke, who is preparing a written history of the program. Also in attendance were GRSP Chair Jim Drake, Chair Emeritus Greg Adams, Vice Chair Terry Gordon, Trustee Emeritus Beth Sikes, District 6900 Chair Bill Smith, District 6910 Chair Homer Lewis, GRSP Trustee Marlene Free and Conclave liaison Billy Kidd. The Thomasville Club, under the leadership of President Joseph Brown and Robert Ackerman, served as host for this special occasion.

Augusta West

Paul Pelletier, a new member of the Augusta West Rotary Club, and his twin daughters attended the club's 10th annual signature event, A Taste of Something Wild, in



February at the Julian Smith Casino Barbecue Pit. Guests enjoyed an evening of fine dining, feasting on mustard venison bites, bacon wrapped dove breasts, fried quail, barbecued wild hog, Louisiana Rumaki and the best side dishes and desserts imaginable. DG Lloyd Horadan and his wife, Jan, as well as DGE Gordon Matthews, attended the festivities. The event was chaired by David Cantrell, with club members, volunteers and soldiers from Fort Gordon working together to assure everyone had a wonderful evening. Augusta West Rotary Club raised more than \$6,000 for the Alzheimer's Association and other Augusta-area charities.



Waycross

Chris Karle, Waycross Rotary President hands YMCA Executive Director, Paul Thein, a \$600 check in support of sending deserving kids from this community to the YMCA's Camp Reveille this summer. Camp Reveille is designed as a free camp for underprivileged children, ages 7-11. The selected children have shown their teachers they have the ability and drive to succeed in school. The YMCA's goal is send 200 deserving kids to camp as a reward for their hard work. The cost to send a child is approximately \$150.000 and in order to send 200 children, the Y needs to raise \$30,000. The Waycross Rotarian stepped up to the plate, being the first service organization to sponsor kids. This year Rotarians' chose to fund four children's expenses.

Dublin



Susanne Christiansen, 2010-2011 GRSP student for The Dublin Rotary Club, gave a presentation to the club during a recent meeting.

Susanne comes from Horsens, Denmark where she lives with her father and mother, Hans and Marianne, and two younger siblings, Henriette, and Hans Christian. Her father is a banker, and her mother is an OB-GYN. Her mother was also a GRSP student in the 1980s who was sponsored by the Decatur Rotary Club and attended Agnes Scott College.

She is attending Georgia Southern University this year. She is considering a career in either publishing, medicine or teaching. Susanne has visited the United States twice with her family. She also spent six weeks last summer in Vermont in order to improve her English skills.

In high school, she was a member of the Red Cross Youth and received the 2008/2009 school award for high standard of work. Her hobbies include jogging, drama, reading, rowing and swimming.

The Dublin Rotary Club is sponsoring Christiansen, pictured above with Rotarian Mickey and Regina Shuber as the host family. Five other GRSP students were also on hand with Susanne at the Dublin Rotary meeting. They included Allison Gibson (England), Kristin Eriksdottir

Kings Bay



Paul Hutzler, President of the Rotary Club of Kings Bay presented the Key to the City to GSE Team Leader Doug Kingsford when he, along with the other team members, attended the club meeting in St. Marys last month.

McIntosh Rotary Club



Trey Wood, associate editor for The Darien News, spoke at a recent meeting of the McIntosh Rotary Club. The club wanted to welcome the newest media member to McIntosh County and their club. Trey told the Rotarians all about his background in journalism and how he worked for his dad who was editor-publisher of a newspaper in Alabama. Coincidentally, Trey's Dad is a Rotarian and Trey was a Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) participant when he was in high school!

Milledgeville



Milledgeville Rotarians and citizens gathered April 14 to celebrate peace at the local peace monument located at the Baldwin County Courthouse in downtown Milledgeville. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Milledgeville, this peace celebration held annually, honors Baldwin County becoming the first Rotary Peace Community in the United States, as well as global peace. The Georgia Military College High School band played as guests arrived. Rotary President Randy Stewart welcomed everyone, including District Governor Lloyd Horadan who traveled to attend the celebration. Rotarian Brad Oliver spoke of the history of the Peace Community and monument standing nearby. Governor Horadan expressed his happiness about the internationally recognized Peace Community. Colonel Fred Van Horn finally took the podium, speaking strongly about patriotism. While the Georgia Military College cadets folded the American flag, a deeply traditional American ritual, Col. Van Horn explained the meanings of the thirteen folds.

Claxton



Claxton Rotarians recently enjoyed each other's company at their Family Fishing Rodeo.

Visit us online at www.rotarydistrict6920.net for the latest district news and information

Supporting the Annual Programs Fund in D-6920

by PDG Kenan Kern,
ARRFC Zone 34

Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative are the primary source of funding for the Foundation's humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs worldwide. These programs are supported by thousands of Rotarians who volunteer their time and expertise.

Our clubs and Rotarians in District 6920 are having another good year in supporting The Rotary Foundation. Year-to-date contributions by clubs and Rotarians in District 6920 to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund are \$221,203 resulting in \$62 per capita. The contributions typically sent in May and June to the Annual Programs Fund should achieve our District goal of \$320,170 for the 2010-11 Rotary year and hopefully will exceed this goal. The Rotary Foundation recognizes clubs that achieve 100% EREY (club achieves at least \$100 per capita with every active member contributing some amount to the Annual Programs Fund) and 100% Sustaining Member clubs (every member contributes at least \$100 to the Annual Programs Fund). The Foundation also recognizes the top three per capita clubs in the District.

District 6920 also recognizes the club that has the highest per capita average over the past three years with the presentation of the Blankenship Cup. This special recognition enters the third year of participation as a memorial to PDG Bill Blankenship.

Thank you for supporting the Annual Programs Fund providing Rotarians with the resources for Building Communities – Bridging Continents.

High School Speech Contest Zone Winners



Bob Olliff, Coastal Zone Speech Coordinator, 1st place-Michalla Lariscy, Effingham Noon Rotary Club, 2nd place-Alex Contreras, Claxton Rotary Club, 3rd place-Donald Quinones, Effingham Noon Rotary Club and Ted Thompson, District Speech Chair.



Northern Zone: pictured R-L: Ted Thompson, District Speech Chair, 1st place David Porter, Swainsboro Rotary Club, 2nd place-Katlyn Hall, Tennille Rotary Club, 3rd place-Ashlyn Douglas, Tennille Rotary Club and District Governor Lloyd Horadan.



Western Zone Speech Coordinator-Josh Larkey, 1st place-Zack Allen, Valdosta Sunrise Rotary Club, 2nd place- Will Howell, Tifton Rotary Club, 3rd place-Julio Perez, Valdosta Rotary Club and Ted Thompson, District Speech Chair.