



# District 6920 Governor's Newsletter

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## Trustees refine Future Vision Plan

*At their October meeting, The Rotary Foundation Trustees took significant steps to refine the Future Vision Plan before the pilot application period begins in January. Reflecting the plan's goal of simplification and flexibility, the Trustees' decisions establish specific policies that fill in the broad outline of the plan.*

*In the area of Rotary Foundation Global Grants, the Trustees set initial policies designed to help clubs and districts work within the six areas of focus. For example, the Trustees agreed that there will be no age requirements for vocational training team members and teams may be made up of three or more members, with no maximum. In addition, qualified past and current district governors and governors-elect may serve as team leaders.*

*Policies for selecting global grant scholars will also be flexible. Scholarships can be awarded for one to four years of graduate-level study. Applicants must demonstrate either unconditional or conditional acceptance to their chosen university. The Rotary Foundation will vet each scholarship proposal before a formal application is submitted to determine whether it fits within an area of focus. This process, which will be used for all club- and district-developed global grant applications, is designed to increase the acceptance rate of grant applications.*

*To further simplify the grant-making process, the Foundation will accept all club- and district-developed global grant applications throughout the year. Under this system, for example, a scholarship application showing proof of admission could be submitted months, not years, before the term of study begins. The Foundation will assess each application based on its support of the areas of focus. Additional assessments may be required depending on the award amount or complexity of the project. Only club- and district-developed global grants over US\$100,000 will require approval by the Trustees.*

*Rotary Foundation District Grants will retain much of the flexibility of the current District Simplified Grants Program. Districts may receive one district grant per Rotary year. Districts will be encouraged to submit applications during the planning year for immediate payment at the start of the program year; however, applications may be submitted during either year. Within 12 months of receiving the grant, districts must submit a final report to the Foundation listing the distribution of the funds. As part of the qualification process, districts must also report the use of all district grant funds to their clubs.*

*The application period for the pilot will begin immediately after the 2009 International Assembly in January and continue through 15 May. Selected districts will be notified and announced to the Rotary world in June.*



## 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

# Foundation Month

It's an important time to reinforce all the good work our Rotary Foundation is involved in around the world, and the role of Rotarians in making that possible with their contributions to The Foundation.

Leaders making presentations at club and district events should focus on the importance of helping The Foundation meet and exceed its program obligations.

Consider these action steps :

1. **Goals:** The worldwide **Annual Programs Fund** goal for 2008-2009 is US\$125,000,000. If Every Rotarian participated Every Year, our goal would be easily achieved! Think of all the good that would bring to the world. Ideally, most clubs should be on target to achieve 33% of their Annual Programs Fund goal by November 30. Informing Rotarians about the importance of annual giving is critical to providing Foundation programs, especially this year with the additional efforts to secure significant contributions to Polio Plus toward Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge.
2. **Every Rotarian, Every Year:** Make your own commitment to the Annual Programs Fund to "Make a Difference in the World" and encourage others to do the same.
3. **PolioPlus Challenge:** Encourage individual Rotarians to make a personal contribution to the Annual Programs Fund and ask clubs to fulfill their obligations to the Challenge effort. All Rotarians should be aware that contributions to PolioPlus do not count toward the club's annual giving goals.
4. **Club Programs:** Every club should hold at least one Foundation program during November. The Foundation has many resources available online for clubs and individual Rotarians to learn more about their Rotary Foundation.
5. **Non-Contributing Clubs:** Clubs who have not made Foundation contributions in November should make their gifts as soon as possible. Some clubs may be new and may have not heard about the good works of the Foundation. As of 30 June 2008, 7,168 clubs — 21.6% of clubs worldwide — did not contribute to the Foundation. If we work to reduce the number of non-contributing clubs, we would see substantial growth to our Annual Programs Fund.
6. **Recognition:** Clubs should attempt to recognize Paul Harris Fellows and RF Sustaining Members during November and encourage others to participate. Better yet, encourage your club to enhance your Paul Harris Society!
7. **Publicity:** Highlight newsworthy Foundation programs that your club and district has supported in local papers — such as Matching Grants or Group Study Exchange Teams.

Best Rotary regards,

*Rich Panyik*

*Zone 34*

*Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator*



## 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.rliittraining.org](http://www.rliittraining.org)

Ferst Foundation  
[www.ferstfoundation.org](http://www.ferstfoundation.org)

PolioPlus  
[www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus)

Water and Sanitation  
[www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org)

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# ROTARIANS RECOGNIZED AS PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS AND MULTIPLE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS



*Lance Caspersen was recently recognized by Augusta South president Mary Schroer as a new Paul Harris Fellow. Governor Kenan participated in the presentation to Rotarian Lance during a recent visit to Augusta South.*

*Assistant Governor Joan Puryear is recognized for her continued support to The Rotary Foundation by receiving her Multiple Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Governor Kenan, Augusta South President Mary Schroer and PDG Jim Puryear congratulate AG Joan Puryear on this noteworthy support to TRF.*



*Governor Kenan recently visited the Rotary Club of Glennville and presented Dennis Lamb and Bill Werkheiser, Multiple PHF pins and Robert Waters and Will Sheffield, new Paul Harris Fellow awards. Robert's wife accepted his PHF award.*



DG Kenan Kern's club visits

November 18<sup>th</sup>  
Blackshear

November 19<sup>th</sup>  
Pooler

November 19<sup>th</sup>  
Savannah West

November 20<sup>th</sup>  
Savannah Sunrise

November 21<sup>st</sup> (Dublin)  
70<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary

November 24<sup>th</sup> (Savannah)  
PRIP Frank Devlyn

December 9<sup>th</sup>  
Savannah South

December 10<sup>th</sup>  
Skidaway Island

## New Paul Harris Fellows



*The Rotary Club of Dublin recently recognized fourteen new Paul Harris Fellows at their weekly club meeting on November 15, 2008.*



## ***RLI Savannah!***

Over fifty Rotarians are registered for the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on November 22 & 23, 2008, in Savannah, GA at the Savannah Technical College campus near the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The two days of training sessions will be offered for sessions, 1, 2, 3, and Discussion Leader during this opportunity.

Future registration for sessions can be made by going to the Sunshine Division's RLI website, [www.rlitraining.org](http://www.rlitraining.org). If you are interested in attending any of these very valuable opportunities to become a more effective Rotarian, please register for the session NO LATER THAN 10 days prior to the scheduled session.

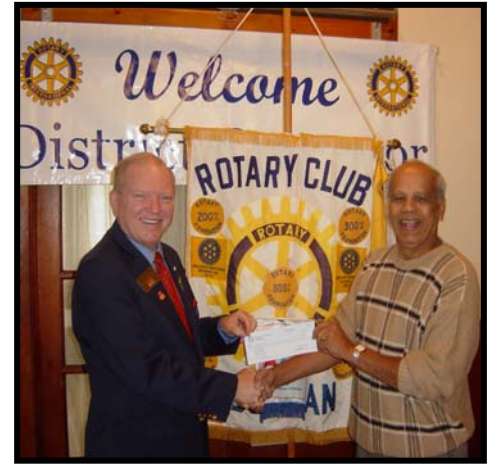
District 6920, under the leadership of RLI Director, John Parkins, has set the following schedule for Rotarians to select and register for the remaining 2009 RLI training sessions. Listed below are the dates for specific parts of RLI in District 6920. Register early to prevent overcrowding classes.

### 2009 Training Schedule

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| January 17 <sup>th</sup> , Dublin, GA – Heart of Ga. Tech. College   | Parts 1,2,3   |
| January 18 <sup>th</sup> , Dublin, GA – Heart of Ga. Tech. College   | Parts 2,3, DL |
| February 21 <sup>st</sup> , Waynesboro, GA – Augusta Tech. College   | Parts 1,2,3   |
| February 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Waynesboro, GA – Augusta Tech. College   | Parts 2,3, DL |
| March 14 <sup>th</sup> , Jesup, GA – Altamaha Tech. College          | Parts 1,2,3   |
| April 18 <sup>th</sup> , Fitzgerald, GA – East Central Tech. College | Parts 1,2,3   |



All CART Contributions should be mailed directly to:  
District Treasurer,  
Bruce Montgomery  
102 E. 44<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Savannah, GA 31405



*The Rotary Clubs of McRae and Cochran recently presented Governor Kenan with contributions to the District's support for **Coins for Alzheimer's Trust Fund (CART)**. Pictured above (L-R) President Robert Herndon of the Rotary Club of McRae passes a check for CART to Governor Kenan. CART Chair, Raj Ambardekar of the Rotary Club of Cochran presents a check to Governor Kenan on behalf of the Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Cochran.*

## CART ACTIVITIES

We are nearing the end of the first half of our Rotary year. District 6920 is on its way to reaching the goal of 100% Club participation in CART.

The following Clubs have sent donations to District Treasurer, PDG Bruce Montgomery or presented checks to DG Kenan Kern as of November 12, 2008: Augusta, Augusta South, Augusta West, Camden County, Centerville, Claxton, Downtown Statesboro, Effingham County, Hawkinsville, Hinesville, Kings Bay, McIntosh County, McRae, Metter, Perry, Pooler, Savannah East, Savannah South, Skidaway Island, St. Simon's Island, Uptown Macon, Valdosta Sunrise, Valdosta North, Warner Robins.

Congratulations to the St. Simon's Club and Augusta Club for their generous contributions. You lead the way! As of November 12<sup>th</sup> District 6920 has raised \$8,170.54. This is an increase of \$1,040.00 over last year's total at this time.

If your Club is not listed ... are you collecting donations but have not sent them in? Please do so!

Here's a CART fact: With 3900 Rotarians in District 6920, each Club having 48 meetings during the year, with 82% overall attendance and each Rotarian in attendance on average donating 25¢ - District 6920 would raise \$38,376.00. Averaging 35¢ we could raise \$53,726.00 and at 50¢ we would raise \$76,752.00. Just think if we averaged \$1.00 in the bucket what a difference District 6920 would make towards providing funding for research for the cure of Alzheimer's disease.

Kathy Tuckey  
District CART Chair

## **District Governor 2011-2012**

*Rotary District 6920 is interested in receiving Rotary club nominations for District Governor for the Rotary year 2011-2012. On January 10, 2009, nominees will be assembled to select a District Governor for the 2011-2012 Rotary year. District Rotary clubs should contact PDG Bill Kemp at 706-860-9251 with a nominated Rotarian prior to the end of November 2008.*

*PDG Bill Kemp can also be reached via the Internet via e-mail: [bill\\_kemp@comcast.net](mailto:bill_kemp@comcast.net)*

## **HELP WANTED**

### **GSE TEAM MEMBERS FOR AN EXCHANGE VISIT District 4720 - Brazil**

**Next GSE with Brazil - Applications due November 30**

This year our District's Group Study Exchange (GSE) will be with District 4720 in the Amazon River area of northern Brazil. Known for its rich biodiversity and natural beauty, the Amazon rain forest harbors nearly one third of the world's species and one quarter of the world's fresh water. Fifty-eight Rotary Clubs are scattered throughout the region, and the largest cities, Belem and Manaus, each have over 1.5 million inhabitants.

Although there has been substantial development pressure in recent decades, particularly for timber, mining and farming, most of the vast Amazon rain forest remains in tact. Eco-tourism is a growth industry, and visitors can swim with the pink bottlenose dolphin, hike through the forest canopy at a bird's eye level, and see the life of indigenous peoples on the nutrient rich riverbanks, bringing nature closer in a way we rarely see in modern America.

The outgoing and incoming team visits will be in late April and early May, for about 4 weeks. Portuguese is spoken in Brazil, but language experience is not required. Applicants should be young professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 and must have the support of their employers for taking time off for the trip.

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 are paid by Rotary, and participants typically stay in local Rotarians' homes.

Applications for team membership are due by November 30. Interviews will be in early December, with training starting in January. Portuguese language training will be provided. Club Presidents and International Committee members are encouraged to identify promising young professionals that could make good team participants.

For GSE applications and more information, contact Gordon Matthews at 912-604-1200, or [Gordon.matthews@earthlink.net](mailto:Gordon.matthews@earthlink.net).





## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Rotary Club of Savannah East gathered recently at the Pirates House in Savannah on November 7, 2008, to celebrate their club history of 25 years of **Service Above Self**. Current members and former members joined together for a fun-filled time together.



ProjectLINK is a searchable database that lists Rotary club and district community service projects in need of funding, volunteers, donated goods, and/or partners for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, and completed projects that can be used as examples of best practices.

For additional project details, contact [programs@rotary.org](mailto:programs@rotary.org) or the local Rotarian or Rotary club listed.

OR:

Go to:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/projectresources/projectlink/Pages/ridefault.aspx?housead>

and browse the following projects:

- Community Development
- Disaster Preparedness, Relief & Recovery
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Hunger
- Project Administration & Logistics
- Water & Sanitation



### Washington County receives support to Ferst Foundation

The *Rotary Club of Tennille* and the *Rotary Club of Sandersville* joined together recently to bring financial support to the Ferst Foundation for children in Washington County. The Washington County Board of Education contributed \$15,000 and the Washington County Electric Foundation contributed \$5,000 to literacy programs for local children. These significant contributions will enable Washington County to bring progressive benefits for literacy as well as contribute to the economic development for Washington County.

