



District 6920 Governor's Newsletter

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End Polio Now

General Manager, John Osterlund of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International has reported that Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge is off to a great start. As of the middle of September, over \$25.2 Million in cash, District Designated Funds and pledges have been raised. We are a quarter of the way to the goal of matching the Bill and Melinda Gates Challenge Grant.

One of the key strategies, John Osterlund reports, in meeting this challenge is to engage new members who have joined Rotary since July 1, 2005, to participate in a club fundraiser and to make a personal contribution to PolioPlus. A personal letter from the RI President, TRF Trustee Chair, and Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge Committee Chair has been sent to Rotarians that recently joined Rotary (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007). Rotary clubs throughout District 6920 have been very responsive to the goals set for each of our 65 clubs in making a commitment of contributing \$1,000 per year for each of the next three years.

After twenty years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is need now to root it out once and for all. This is the window of opportunity of historic proportions. As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high. Your contributions can help Rotary achieve a polio-free world.

GOOD-BYE POLIO THANKS ROTARY



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

Contributions continue to support the Bill and Melinda Gates Matching Grant program for PolioPlus.



Scott Ahrens, president of the Rotary club of Sandersville, presents DG Kenan a check of \$1,000 toward the Bill and Melinda Gates Matching Grant.

Pete Powell, president of the Rotary Club of Wrightsville presents Governor Kenan with a check for \$1,000 toward the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Matching Grant.



Josh Larkey, president of the Rotary club of Fitzgerald, presents DG Kenan with a check for \$1,000 in support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Matching Grant to assist with END POLIO NOW.

Eric Sizemore, president of the Rotary club of Augusta presents DG Kenan a check for \$1,000 in support to the Bill and Melinda Gates Matching Grant. PDG Jim Puryear and AG Joan Puryear look on with pride.



Links to Web pages

District 6920
www.rotarydistrict6920.net

Rotary International
www.rotary.org

Zone 33-34
www.rizones33-34.org

GRSP
www.grsp.org

CART
www.cartfund.org

Rotary Leadership
Institute
www.rlittraining.org

Ferst Foundation
www.ferstfoundation.org

PolioPlus
www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus

Water and Sanitation
www.wasrag.org

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Rotary Leadership Institute in Savannah!

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is scheduled to offer its initial training sessions on November 22 & 23, 2008, in Savannah, GA at the Savannah Technical College campus near the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. Training will be offered for sessions, 1, 2, 3, and Discussion Leader during this two day opportunity. Registration for sessions can be made by going to the Sunshine Division's RLI website, www.rlittraining.org. Classes will be limited in size in order to make the best learning opportunity available. If you are interested in attending this very valuable opportunity to become a more effective Rotarian, please register soon as the session registration will close 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 2008 and 2009 RLI training sessions. Listed below are the dates for specific parts of RLI in District 6920. Register early to prevent overcrowding classes.

2008 Training Schedule

November 22 nd , Savannah, GA – Savannah Tech. College	Parts 1,2,3
November 23 rd , Savannah, GA – Savannah Tech. College	Parts 2,3,DL

2009 Training Schedule

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

If you have questions regarding the upcoming Savannah, GA training sessions, please contact the Savannah site manager, Maureen Horvath at 912-308-4532 or e-mail at joczka@aol.com



DG Kenan Kern's club visits

October 27th

Swainsboro

October 28th

McRae

October 29th

Vidalia

October 30th

Uptown Macon

November 4th

Cochran

November 5th

Hawkinsville

November 6th

Jesup

November 11th

Augusta South

November 12th

Millen

November 13th

Sylvania

November 18th

Blackshear

November 19th

Pooler

November 19th

Savannah West

November 20th

Savannah Sunrise

Zone Institute Nassau, Bahamas



District 6920 was well represented at the Zone 33/34 Institute recently in Nassau, Bahamas. DG Kenan and Beth Kern, DGE Clyde and Sue Taylor and DGN Lloyd and Jan Horadan attended designated training sessions and had an opportunity to develop Rotary relationships with the twenty seven Rotary districts that make up Zones 33 and 34. RIPE John Kenney was also in attendance along with PRIP Bill Boyd.

PDG John Smarge was recently selected to become Zone Director for Zones 33 & 34 for the Rotary years 2010 – 2012. John is a member of the Rotary club of Naples, FL and served as District Governor of District 6960 during the Rotary year of 1995-1996. John will follow Director Eric Adamson of the Rotary club of Front Royal, VA following the 2009-2010 Rotary year.

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 Kemp can also be reached via the Internet at e-mail: bill_kemp@comcast.net

"Pass the Gavel" Status



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

	Date Received	Rotary Club of	Club President	Delivered to Rotary Club of
1	Aug 4, 2008	Statesboro	Lynda Williamson	DT Statesboro
2	Aug 7, 2008	DT Statesboro	Mary Hazeldine	Metter
3	Aug 12, 2008	Metter	Michael Gasiiecki	Swainsboro
4	Aug 25, 2008	Swainsboro	Henry Taylor II	Vidalia
5	Aug 27, 2008	Vidalia	Charles Jordan	McRae
6	Sep 9, 2008	McRae	Robert Herndon	Eastman
7	Sep 14, 2008	Eastman	Jay Eckles	Cochran
8	Sep 16, 2008	Cochran	Brandy Perry	Dublin
9	Sep 19, 2008	Dublin	Frank W. Seaton, Jr.	Wrightsville
10	Sep 24, 2008	Wrightsville	Pete Powell	Tennille
11	Sep 30, 2008	Tennille	Lamar Binion	Sandersville
12	Oct 2, 2008	Sandersville	Scott Ahrens	Jefferson Co.
13	Oct 15, 2008	Jefferson Co.	Hubert Jordan	Waynesboro
14	Oct 21, 2008	Waynesboro	Clifford Lewis	Millen
15	Oct 22, 2008	Millen	Matt Brinson	Sylvania
16	Oct 23, 2008	Sylvania	Gayle O. Boykin	Effingham County
17	Oct 28, 2008	Effingham Co.		

The Family of Rotary offers Rotary clubs and Rotarians throughout District 6920 a chance to support the first Object of Rotary that is "to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity of service." Friendship is the foundation, the rock on which Rotary service is built. Follow the passing of the gavel at:

www.rotarydistrict6920.net

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.

To learn more about the Brazilian Amazon and Rotary District 4720, visit the following web links:

<http://www.v-brazil.com>

<http://www.travel-images.com/brazil6.html>

<http://www.amazonas.am.gov.br/>

<http://www.rotarydistrict4720.net/>

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 the outgoing team leader are due October 30, and for team membership, November 30. Interviews will be in early December, with training starting in January. Portuguese language training will be provided.

Past participants in exchanges often report their time abroad to be extremely rewarding and, in some cases, life changing. 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, paste in this direct link:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Fellowship/GroupStudyExchange/Pages/ridefault.aspx> or contact Gordon Matthews at 912-604-1200, or Gordon.matthews@earthlink.net.

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS: IMPORTANT FOR EVERY CLUB!

- **Deadline is extended to November 15, 2008 (Updated)**
- MUST BE A PROJECT THAT STARTS AND ENDS DURING THIS ROTARY YEAR.
- CAN NOT BE A DONATION TO ANOTHER ORGANIZATION.
- Must be a benefit to your local community.
- CLUBS THAT HAVE NOT TURNED IN REPORT FROM 2007-08 ROTARY YEAR WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDS FOR 2008-09 UNTIL AN APPROVED REPORT IS FILED.

Thanks for all you are doing for those in need. I am sure you will continue to represent your Club and the Rotary Foundation in Service Above Self. Any help that you may need should be directed to any members of our District Foundation team.

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