



THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

ROTARY DISTRICT 6920

Clyde Taylor, District Governor, 2009-2010

October 2009

Governor's Comments

Included in this newsletter is the latest status report for trip raffle ticket sales. This is probably the most important district fund-raiser in many years. As most of you know, The Rotary Foundation has severely restricted their funds available for matching grants. This situation may continue in the future.

Districts are being advised to use their DDF monies in place of Foundation grants. Our DDF is based on 50-percent of contributions three years ago (2007-06). Currently, club requests for DDF and District Simplified Grants have far exceeded our monies available.

A successful trip raffle fund-raiser, with the proceeds being offered as a match to individual contributions, has the potential to elevate our Foundation support to a record level. This will not provide any more dollars for grants in 2009-10, but three

years from now there would be a substantial increase in funds available. The raffle is an investment in the future.

Each club president was given two tickets per member. We expect a large number of sales to non-Rotarians. Some Rotarians who have retail businesses have set up displays using the promotional rack

also given to the club presidents and are also selling tickets in their establishments. Many clubs are offering tickets as an incentive for bringing in a new member or in their weekly 50/50 drawing. Sales opportunities are limited only by your imagination. Tickets would make ideal Christmas gifts for employees or family members.

The bottom line is that each club in District 6920 - small, medium and large - should support the fund-raiser with the sale of their initial ticket allotment as a minimum effort. Don't let the district down and disappoint Rotarians in 2012-13 who will have important projects to fund.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6920
RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE
Honolulu and Maui, Hawaii

Trip for **4**

Hotels: The Waialae at the base of Diamond Head in Honolulu where you will visit the Pearl Harbor Memorial, the Punch Bowl Conventory, Waikiki Beach and more, before you move on to the Grand Wailea Resort on Maui - spa, golf, rental car to tour island and more. Eight days, airfare, hotel, taxes and transfers.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6920
RAFFLE

THIRD PRIZE
San Francisco and Sonoma

Trip for **2**

The Fairmont San Francisco will provide a delightful base from which to explore this wonderful city. A day-trip to the nearby wine country with lunch is included. Eight days, airfare, hotel, taxes and transfers.

SECOND PRIZE
Beautiful Bermuda

Trip for **2**

The Fairmont Hamilton Princess Hotel will provide a delightful vacation in the heart of Hamilton, Bermuda. Shopping, fine food, pink beaches and history abound. Eight days, airfare, hotel, taxes and transfers.

FOURTH PRIZE
Surprising Santa Fe, New Mexico

Trip for **2**

The Inn at Loretto adjacent to the famous Plaza will place you in the center of all that Santa Fe is famous for - art, fabulous restaurants, handicrafts, jewelry -- turquoise and more turquoise! Museums tell the story of this fabled city, settled before America was a country. Eight days, airfare, hotel, taxes and transfers.

See Page 2 for Raffle Ticket Sales Status

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

Reported Sales Reflect Numbers Submitted Through Oct. 24, 2009

<u>Club</u>	<u>Ticket Stubs Received/ Payment Received</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Ticket Stubs Received/ Payment Received</u>
Ashburn	7 - \$150	Metter	0
Augusta	2 - \$50	Milledgeville	1 - \$125
Augusta South	12 - \$175	Millen	0- \$100
Augusta West	7 - \$150	Nashville/Berrien County	0
Blackshear	19 - \$400	Ocilla	0
Brunswick	1 - \$25	Perry	0
Byron	0	Pooler	0
Camden County	5 - \$100	Reidsville	0
Centerville	10 - \$200	Richmond Hill	5 - \$100
Claxton	45 - \$925	Sandersville	45 - \$1,050
Cochran	5 - \$100	Savannah	0
Douglas	0	Savannah East	6 - \$250
Downtown Macon	5 - \$100	Savannah South	12 - \$350
Downtown Statesboro	10 - \$200	Savannah Sunrise	5 - \$100
Dublin	12 - \$50	Savannah West	0
Eastman	1 - \$2,000	Skidaway Island	1 - \$25
Effingham County	1 - \$25	St. Simons Island	93 - \$1,700
Effingham Sunrise	0	Statesboro	0
Fitzgerald	1 - \$25	Swainsboro	0 - \$625
Glennville	42 - \$925	Sylvania	0 - \$250
Glynn County	1 - \$25	Tennille	1 - \$25
Hawkinsville	0	Tift County	0
Hazlehurst	5 - \$225	Tifton	0
Hinesville	1 - \$25	Uptown Macon	0
Jefferson County	10 - \$250	Valdosta	6 - \$125
Jekyll Island	0 - \$100	Valdosta North	1 - \$25
Jesup	27 - \$575	Valdosta Sunrise	0 - \$200
Jones County	11 - \$325	Vidalia	2 - \$825
Kings Bay	12 - \$275	Warner Robins	37 - \$975
Marshes of Glynn	10 - \$200	Waycross	0
Macon	5 - \$100	Waynesboro	25 - \$500
McIntosh County	0	Wrightsville	46 - \$1,100
McRae	0	TOTAL	553/\$16,400

Club Presidents:

You will be receiving High School Speech Contest guidelines from District Chair Jim Janek in the next few days. Please alert your club chair and start making plans for this important and fun event. Let's have participation by all District 6920 Rotary clubs.

First METS Shipment Picked Up from Augusta

Earlier this month, Linda Herdina, a member of The Rotary Club of Savannah East and executive director of METS - Medical Equipment Transport Services - program, arrived in Augusta to pick up the first METS shipment from the area.

Included in the shipment was a blood machine donated by Shepherd Community Blood Center and various medical supplies. Linda will go to Augusta monthly to pick up donated supplies.

In November, two METS containers will be shipped to areas in need of medical supplies.

For more information about METS and how your club can help, visit the METS website at www.rotarymets.org or email Linda at LHerdina@RotaryMETS.org.



See Page 4 for more METS photos

Visit us online at
www.rotarydistrict6920.net

Medical Equipment Transport Services



Augusta South Rotary Club member Kevin Belanger helps Linda Herdina load supplies donated to METS.



Camden County Interact Club



The Rotary clubs of Camden County and Kings Bay have started an Interact Club at Camden County High School. The officers are Helen Clark, president; Kaley Parchinski, 1st vice president; Nicole Johnson, 2nd vice president; Becca Hotard, secretary; David Warden, treasurer and Emily Key, director.

James Lomis is President of the Rotary Club of Camden County and Marcie Montgomery is president of the Rotary Club of Kings Bay. Rotarian Neal Moore is serving as organizer and chairperson of the Interact club.



McIntosh County Rotary Club

The McIntosh County Rotary Club had a special visit from Assistant Governor Pat Storino on Monday, October 19. Pat, a past president of the St. Simons Rotary Club, was on hand to present the club with a Recognition Award for meeting their 2008-09 membership goal.

Pictured at left are Jason Coley, 2009-10 president; Wally Orrel, 2008-09 membership chairman; Pat Stornio and Dr. Diane J. Richardson, 2008-09 club president.



World Friendship Comes to Savannah

The Rotary Club of Portobello, Scotland presented Mrs. Colleen Murphy with a Paul Harris Fellow award on behalf of the Rotary Club of Savannah South. The honor was bestowed upon Mrs. Murphy as a result of the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Kenan Kern of Savannah. The Kerns joined the ceremony via phone from the United States.

This award is the most recent outward sign of a relationship that grew from the participation of Ms. Ruth Murphy, daughter of Mrs. Colleen Murphy, in the Georgia Rotary Student Program. Ms. Murphy was sponsored in 2007-08 by the Rotary Club of Savannah South and her host family was Mr. and Mrs. Kern.

Mrs. Murphy was presented the award on Sept. 30, 2009.



Ruth Murphy, middle, receives a Harris Fellow award from Rotary District 6920 Governor Clyde Taylor and Kenan Kern in September 2009.



President McMillan of The Rotary Club of Portobello, Scotland, presents the award to Colleen Murphy while her daughter, Ruth, looks on.

Looking Ahead

- Monday, Nov. 2 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Statesboro, 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 3 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of McIntosh County, noon
- Tuesday, Nov. 10 - DG Club Visit, Rotary Club of Blackshear, 1 p.m.
- April 23-25, 2010 - District Conference, Jekyll Island, GA
- March 13-14, 2010 - PeachState PETS, Atlanta
- June 20-23, 2010 - Rotary International Convention, Montreal, Canada