



# ROTARY DISTRICT 6920

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## Thousands of Meals Packaged for Stop Hunger Now

Augusta South Rotarian and Assistant Governor Pam Lightsey couldn't believe the response to the Stop Hunger Now challenge, which was an effort to package meals for Haitian children. In May 2009, Pam set a \$10,000 goal for the service project.

On September 11th, 80,076 meals were packaged with the \$23,000 raised. More than 600 volunteers help pull the event off.

"Thank you to everyone who participated in raising the funds to showing up and packaging the food," said Pam. "I was so happy to see this Rotary led event truly become a community event! I sit and think about where to start with all my thank you's and still feel overwhelmed with the participation from everyone. I'm also very proud to be a Rotarian, especially in our area!"

Rotary clubs participating included Augusta, Augusta West, Martinez-Evans, Columbia County, North Augusta, Aiken and Aiken Sunrise. The Lakeside High School Interact, Evans High School Interact and Augusta State University Rotaract clubs also participated.



*Augusta State University Rotaract members participated in the Sept. 11 Stop Hunger Now packaging event. Organized by AG Pam Lightsey, 600 volunteers participated in packaging more than 80,000 meals for children in Haiti.*

*\*\*See more photos from the Stop Hunger Now event on page 8\*\**

# An Oversight Corrected

On Sept. 10 at a joint meeting in Dublin with the Wrightsville Rotary Club, Jeanette and Lamar Caneega were presented with their Bequest Society pins and crystal. PDGs Albert Reichert and Dallas Simon were part of the presentation. The presentation was intended to be made at the District Conference in Jekyll Island. As most people know, conferences can become overwhelming and this recognition did not happen. PDG Albert gave a brief talk concerning the Foundation and PDG Dallas apologized for the oversight. Jeanette is a PDG. The Foundation thanks Jeanette and Lamar for their generosity.



*Pictured, from left to right, Lamar Caneega, Dallas Simon, Albert Reichert Jr., Jeanette Caneega, Wrightsville President Mary Jo Buxton and Dublin President Charles Johnson.*

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## Ambassadorial Scholars Selected

*Bill Caput, District 6920's Ambassadorial Scholarship Chair, provides the following report on Ambassadorial Scholarship activities within the district.*

The District 6920 Ambassadorial Scholarship and Peace Fellowship Committee met on August 28 in Savannah, Georgia, during the 2010 GRSP Conclave and endorsed two district candidates for the Foundation's consideration of the awards.

Mr. Kory P. Sandven of Statesboro, Georgia, nominated by the Rotary Club of Downtown Statesboro, was interviewed and recommended by the committee to the Rotary Foundation for an Ambassadorial Scholarship to attend Newcastle University in Newcastle, England, for academic year 2011-2012 to continue his studies in electrical engineering and wind turbine development.

Ms. Lisa (Lisawati Tanuwijaya) Clark of Savannah, Georgia, nominated by the Savannah Sunrise Rotary Club, was interviewed and recommended by the committee to the Rotary Foundation for a Rotary World Peace Fellowship to attend the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan. It is her intention to enroll in their Peace Studies Program for the academic year beginning in 2012.

It was the committee's opinion that both of these candidates were outstanding young people who exemplified the principles of Rotary and would be excellent Rotary Ambassadors during and after their academic scholarship years.

Additional information will be forthcoming later in the year as we look toward the next cycle of the process. It is my intent to provide several additional articles concerning the program over the next few months that, hopefully, will provide some guidance to local clubs in endorsing highly qualified future applicants.



## THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Greetings! I hope this note finds all of you in great spirits and moving forward in support of your clubs and communities.

As we travel throughout the district, Jan and I have been overwhelmed by the incredibly high level of support we have witnessed in your collective efforts to improve the quality of life for those least able to help themselves in your respective communities. Without question, you are living the life of community leadership that Paul Harris envisioned for each of us.

While the economy remains our number one obstacle to growth, each club is somehow finding a way to overcome this issue and bring support, hope and life to its community. For this, I commend all of you and ask that you continue your great efforts in support of your community.

It is truly a joy and an honor to be District Governor for D6920 and witness firsthand your many victories in service to others. Keep up the great work and remember to have fun in all things Rotary, extend the joy of fellowship to all members and, above all else, find a way to involve your families in the world of Rotary.

Thank you all for your service to Rotary and to your communities.

Lloyd Horadan  
District Governor  
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# Centerville Rotarians Learn About Vets to Washington Project

Douglas P. Hastings, Director, Vets to Washington, presented a program recently to the Rotary Club of Centerville concerning the Vets to Washington Project. He said it will not be long before the “Greatest Generation” will only exist in our memories and annual ceremonies held around the country. He went on to explain that it was not until 2004, almost 60 years after the end of World War II, that a fitting memorial was dedicated in the nation’s capitol. This memorial was so long in coming that many of the surviving veterans have little time left to see it and the health of many veterans prohibits them from making the trip to Washington. Because of this, the Vets to Washington Project was initiated.

The project covers hotel, transportation to and from the capitol and photos taken during the trip for each veteran. For most, this is a highly emotional event and of which all are most grateful for the opportunity. Of course, the success of a project of this magnitude depends upon community support and involvement. Sponsorship by individuals, civic organizations and businesses enable each veteran to enjoy this tribute to their service. In this regard, the Centerville Rotary Club has sponsored four vets thus far in making the trip to Washington.

In reflecting on the true contributions made by WWII veterans, one will realize they had a greater impact on the entire world than any group in history. Throughout the history of the United States, our service men and women have fought in many wars. The sacrifices of “The Greatest Generation” made possible a lifestyle and freedom we enjoy today. Your support of the Vets to Washington Project will enable these veterans to experience the gratitude of a grateful nation and a chance to pay homage to their deceased comrades.

If you would like to suggest a veteran for this trip or sponsor a vet for this trip, please contact Hastings at (706) 832-6483.



Centerville Rotary Club veterans Billy Tucker, Jack Steed and Bob Griggers are pictured with Veteran Doug Hastings, second from left, and Club President Mark Waters, center.

## Supplying Hope and Help

### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

by PDG Kenan Kern

Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund (APF) keep Rotary Foundation programs humming in high gear to help people with desperate needs. Rotarian contributions to APF through the “Every Rotarian, Every Year” initiative are vital to doing good in the world. At the end of the Rotary year, 50 percent of each district’s donations to the Annual Programs Fund will be credited to their District Designated Fund (DDF), while the other 50% goes to the World Fund. The Rotary Foundation uses the World Fund to support the worldwide programs it offers. Likewise, districts use their DDFs to fund the Foundation programs they elect to participate in during that Rotary year. Recently, the Foundation was able to restore the World Fund budget for Matching Grants, largely because Rotarians donated a record amount of almost

\$115 million to the Annual Programs Fund in 2007-08.

**The amount of the World Fund available for Matching Grants in 2010-11 increased 82 percent compared to 2009-10.**

This is because funds for the 100 Future Vision pilot districts were budgeted separately for 2010-11, making it one of the largest World Fund budgets in Matching Grants history. When every Rotarian contributes to the Foundation every year, we expand our capacity to bring help and hope to a hurting world.

District 6920 Rotary clubs have set a total district-wide APF goal of \$264,120. This goal does not include seven clubs in D-6920 which would help bring up the total 2010-11 APF goal with their support for the year. Great job by all clubs that submitted individual club goals.





## Rotary Club of Savannah South

Rotary Club of Savannah South President Holly Weiss presented DG Lloyd with two checks during his official club visit on Sept. 7. One check was to sponsor five GED scholarships and the other to sponsor 15 Ferst Foundation scholarships. Thank you, Rotary Club of Savannah South, for exemplifying “Service Above Self.”

## METS UPDATE

by Linda Herdina, METS Director

Ulaan Bataar Rotarians recently received a METS container and began unloading and distributing the supplies. The Ulaan Bataar Rotarians write, “Thank goodness the container came and

we were able to make people happy. I thought you would like to see what happened to the one wheel chair we gave yesterday.”

In another note, one Rotarian wrote, “Thank you, thank you, thank you for wheel. He living with his daughter. He’s name is Ganba and his daughter Otgo. They very happy now. When I give him wheel they cry and me too. Thank you.”

It is stories like this one that continues to keep the METS program thriving. If you or an associate has access to unused medical equipment and supplies and is willing to donate them to METS, please contact Linda Herdina, Director of Medical Equipment Transport Service, at (912) 856-0548 or via email at [lherdina@bellsouth.net](mailto:lherdina@bellsouth.net).



# Rotary Club of Kings Bay



The Rotary Club of Kings Bay had a "Family of Rotary" outing on Aug. 28 where several club members and their families rode the ferry from Saint Mary, Ga., to Fernandina, Fla. The group enjoyed lunch and shopping in Fernandina.



## COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST

by Kathy Tuckey  
District CART Chair

Over \$18,000 has been donated by District 6920 Rotarians to CART for the time period June 14, 2010 to September 20, 2010! Thank you to the following 33 clubs who have sent in their CART donations to District Treasurer Bruce Montgomery!

Ashburn - \$500	Dublin - \$249	Milledgeville - \$144	Savannah South - \$766
Augusta - \$4,000	Eastman - \$639	Millen - \$25	Skidaway Island - \$553
Augusta South - \$309	Effingham County - \$51	Ocilla - \$29	St. Simons Island - \$1,871
Blackshear - \$423	Glennville - \$42	Perry - \$173	Statesboro - \$323
Camden County - \$196	Hinesville - \$42	Richmond Hill - \$917	Tennille - \$405
Cochran - \$131	Jesup - \$170	Sandersville - \$198	Valdosta - \$350
Douglas - \$173	Macon - \$3,618	Savannah - \$63	Valdosta North - \$309
Downtown Macon - \$521	McRae - \$3,618	Savannah East - \$342	Vidalia - \$99
Downtown Statesboro - \$552	McRae - \$73		

**\*\*\*\*\*INCREDIBLE CART FUND RAISER ANNOUNCED!\*\*\*\*\***

*Drawing November 1, 2010 for the ultimate Cancun vacation*

CART has just announced a special opportunity to raise funds. If you donate a \$100 check made payable to CART Fund and send it to: **CART Cancun Fundraiser**, PO Box 1916, Sumter, SC 29151, you will have a chance to win a deluxe week of your choice at one of eight Palace Resort Hotels in Cancun (a \$4,500 value!)

The week includes: all meals, tips, domestic drinks, alcoholic beverages, two tours for each person (several choices), two 25-minute back massages, two pedicures and two manicures, two free rounds of golf per adult, daily and nightly activities and transportation to and from the airport. Not included is your transportation to and from Cancun. No blackout dates except for the week of Christmas to New Years. A Sumter Rotarian will assist you in making your reservations and planning your trip. Your trip is transferrable. Plan to use within two years, but can be extended.

***Only the first 250 checks received are eligible to win!***

**NOT ONLY WILL YOU HAVE AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR A CANCUN VACATION ... YOU WILL BE MAKING A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO CART!** Only your individual Cancun fundraiser check should be sent to South Carolina.

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.



# THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

by Jeff Kublin, 2010-2011 District Membership Chair

## *Membership Retention - Clubs Share Ideas*

It was clear from the Membership Plans that were submitted that several of our clubs spent many hours brainstorming ideas to enhance their retention and recruitment efforts. I thank you for your dedication in this important activity. I hope that you have many good strides in the implementation of those plans and are keeping your Board of Directors and your Assistant Governors informed of your progress. Initial data that has been submitted indicates that we are moving in a positive direction.

Since its founding days, Rotary has been a networking organization. The sharing of ideas has played a major role in our success. With that in mind, I would like to share with you some of the membership retention ideas that were included in the plans I received. As you will note, Rotarians are a creative group. Perhaps you will find some ideas in this extensive list that you can add to your club's plan.

### **RETENTION IDEAS**

1. Reimburse member expenses when they attend district/state Rotary functions.
2. Survey all club members regarding satisfaction with club activities and projects.
3. President or member of the Membership Committee will contact any member who is absent for more than a week without providing notice. Even if work is the reason, it is important to let our members know that we miss them at our meetings.
4. At each regular meeting, two members will be asked to give a brief introduction of two fellow Rotarians.
5. The names of all new members who achieve blue badge status during their first year will be put in a hat and one name will be drawn. The winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to a restaurant of their choice.
6. We will offer reduced quarterly dues for two quarters for members experiencing economic hardship.
7. We will provide a \$50 gift certificate to a local restaurant each quarter to the Rotarian who has done the most for the club.
8. We will acknowledge a Rookie of the Year.
9. A club member will be given a "sponsor" Rotary pin when he/she sponsors a new member.
10. From the first day a new member joins, the sponsor will be responsible for accompanying the new member each week, for eight weeks, to sit at a different table to personally introduce the new member and make him/her feel as welcome as possible.
11. We encourage members to wear their Rotary shirts each week to meetings. Those that do are allowed to go first in the lunch line.
12. Seek more non-traditional speakers (i.e. entertainment, athletes, actors).
13. Send out get-well and sympathy cards as needed to support members and their families.
14. Board news and actions will be shared with all members at weekly meetings, in the bulletin and on the club website.
15. Have club members get to know members of their club other than those with whom they usually sit each week. Much like "speed dating," divide the club into two groups (although not by gender). Pair off members, selecting one from each group. Have each pair "interview" each other for about five minutes. Then, have them move on to another pairing.
16. Have each member deliver a 3-5 minute talk about themselves.
17. Form a "past presidents" board to lead and encourage the president.
18. New members will be featured in the local newspaper with the club president with a caption stating their name and occupation.

*Coming next month ... Your recruitment ideas!*



# Fitzgerald Rotary Club Begins 'End Meningitis Now' Campaign

Meningitis is a serious bacterial infection that strikes between 1,000 and 2,600 Americans each year. Preteens and teens are at greater risk for getting meningococcal meningitis and are more likely to die from the disease as compared to other age groups. The death rates are up to 5 times higher in teenagers and young

adults compared to other age groups. Vaccination is safe and effective and the best way to help protect preteens and teens from the disease.

Fitzgerald Rotary Club has long been affected by meningococcal meningitis as the 17-year-old son of one of our Rotary members contracted the virus some 13 years ago and died from it. To honor his memory, in 1998 the Fitzgerald Rotary Club established a \$1,200 scholarship that is awarded to a member of members of the graduating class each year.

With the continuing improvements in medicines and research, a vaccine now exists that can prevent viral meningitis. The Fitzgerald Rotary

Club and the Ben Hill County Health Department have made a decision to collaborate to eradicate this disease from our community by sponsoring Community Immunization Days. Rotarians will provide the bulk of the public relations and advertising, securing of volunteers and coordination of immunization days. We will work heavily with the Ben Hill County School System since there is a captured targeted population. We will begin the vaccination campaign with children ages 11-18.

During the two-day kick off for the END MENINGITIS NOW Campaign, 223 immunizations were administered. The Fitzgerald Rotary

Club and Ben Hill County Health Department partnered together with the Ben Hill County School System at the open houses of Ben Hill Middle School and Fitzgerald High School and at the CIS Back to



School Celebration.

Rotarian Dale Niday, nurse manager of the Health Department, and Gary Smith, project coordinator for the Rotary Club, called the events a huge success. The success of the project was enhanced by the cooperation of superintendent Nancy Whidden, the principals and school staff. Helping to make the campaign a success were Rotarian volunteers Tim and Pam Hall, Art Anderson, Gary and Sue Smith, Amy Taylor, Betty Lynn Johnson, Josh Larkey, Mark Sutton, Lydia Mason, and Nancy Whidden. Health Department staff included Niday, Chris Naylor, Shauna Shealy, Michelle Carelock and Marie Harper.

## Rotary Club of Savannah East



*The Rotary Club of Savannah East attended the Georgia Southern University game against Elon on Sept. 25. The group included two GRSP students and is the club's second "Family of Rotary" event.*

# Stop Hunger Now Volunteers Package Meals



Helping package are (from left to right) Pat DeLoach, USC Aiken student; Kathy DeLoach, president of Augusta West Rotary Club; Thom Tuckey, Augusta Rotary Club; Kathy Tuckey, past president of Augusta West Rotary Club; Edna Roper, wife of David Roper from the Martinez-Evans Rotary Club; Jim Puryear, Augusta Rotary Club; John David, Augusta Rotary Club; and Alice David, wife of John David.



During the event, food was collected for Augusta's Golden Harvest Food Bank.

## Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION/CLUB</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Wednesday, October 6	Club Visit	Vidalia	Noon
Tuesday, October 12	Club Visit	McIntosh County	Noon
Wednesday, October 13	Club Visit	Pooler	Noon
Thursday, October 14	Club Visit	Sylvania	12:30 p.m.
Monday, October 18	Club Visit	Statesboro	1 p.m.
Tuesday, October 19	Club Visit	Blackshear	1 p.m.
Thursday, October 21	Club Visit	Uptown Macon	Noon
Monday, October 25	Club Visit	Ocilla	Noon
Tuesday, October 26	Club Visit	Fitzgerald	Noon
Thursday, October 28	Club Visit	Milledgeville	Noon
Monday, November 1	Club Visit	Perry	Noon
Tuesday, November 2	Club Visit	Tift County	Noon
Wednesday, November 3	Club Visit	Tifton	12:15 p.m.