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District 6920 Governor's Newsletter

Kenan J. Kern, District Governor

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Rotary Leadership Institute Schedules!

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world. It is not an official program of Rotary International and is not under its control. The RLI seeks to have Rotary Clubs in member districts identify those Rotarians who seem to have the POTENTIAL for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organizations. For more information, please visit www.rlitraining.org

District 6920, under the leadership of 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
May 23 rd , Savannah, GA – Savannah Tech. College	Parts 1,2,3
June 27 th , Dublin, GA – Heart of Ga. Tech. College	Parts 1,2,3
August 22 nd , Waynesboro, GA – August Tech. College	Parts 1,2,3
September 19 th , Jesup, GA – Altamaha Tech. College	Parts 1,2,3
October 10 th , Fitzgerald, GA – East Central Tech. College	Parts 1,2,3
November 14 th , Savannah, GA – Savannah Tech. College	Parts 1,2,3



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

Our Gift to the World: Polio Eradication

Not long ago, the world was paralyzed by the fear of polio. More than 125 countries were polio endemic, and thousands of families watched in anguish as the disease killed or crippled 1,000 people a day, most of them children.

In response to this suffering, Rotary began planning in the early 1980's for one of the most ambitious humanitarian programs ever undertaken by a private entity. In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus, a multimillion-dollar initiative to immunize all the world's children against polio. Rotary's commitment was so great that the World Health Assembly resolved in 1988 to wipe out the disease that had killed and paralyzed for 5,000 years.

Since 1985, more than two billion children have received the oral polio vaccine. Reported polio cases have dropped 99.8 percent – from 350,000 in 1988 to fewer than 2,000 today.

Although tremendous progress has been made, the world is not yet polio free. The greatest challenge in the battle against polio today is financial. Recognizing Rotary's resolve to eradicate polio and its extensive volunteer network, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awarded Rotary a US\$100 million over a three-year period, beginning

January 1, 2008. Every Rotary club is being asked to organize a public fundraising event for each of the next three years to help meet this challenge. All members of the family of Rotary, especially newer Rotarians, are also invited to join Rotary's legacy by making a personal gift to the Gates matching grant.



Gordon Matthews represents other club members as he presents Savannah East president, Linda Herdina, with a check for \$1,000 to meet the Gates Match for Rotary Year 2008-2009.

Club president Gail Thaxton of the Rotary Club of Waycross presents Governor Kenan with a \$1,000 check for the Gates Matching Grant for the 2008-2009 Rotary year.



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 Club of Centerville's president Rick Franklin with Charter president Ken Asbury present a check for \$3,000 to satisfy the **three-year** Gates Matching Grant. AG Les Arent proudly joins this tremendous club contribution to The Foundation's Polio efforts



President Carl Cates of the Rotary Club of Valdosta presents Governor Kenan with a check of \$1,000 to meet the Bill & Melinda Gates Matching Grant.

Past president Bob Harrison presents a check from the Rotary Club of Valdosta North to DG Kenan for \$2,650 to help meet Club Foundation goals and to support the Gates Matching Grant for the 2008-2009 Rotary year.



DG Kenan Kern's club visits

September 29th
Augusta

September 30th
Waynesboro

October 1st
Jefferson County

October 2nd
Augusta West

October 7th
Tennille

October 8th
Wrightsville

October 9th
Sandersville

October 14 – 19th
Zone Institute - Nassau

October 21st
Fitzgerald

October 22nd
Glennville

October 23rd
Effingham County

October 27th
Swainsboro

October 28th
McRae

October 29th
Vidalia

October 30th
Uptown Macon

Gates Matching Grant contributions...



Barbara Myers presents DG Kenan with a check from the Rotary Club of Byron to meet the Gates Matching Grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the 2008-2009 year.

President David Campbell presents a check in the amount of \$3,000 to DG Kenan from the Rotary Club of Warner Robins to satisfy the three-year request to help meet the Gates Matching Grant to "End Polio Now."



Past President Karen Brooks presents a check of \$1,000 to DG Kenan from the Rotary Club of Milledgeville in support of the Gates Matching Grant program for 2008-2009 Rotary year.

Coins for Alzheimer's Trust continues to grow in District 6920

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



Kathy Tuckey, a member of the Rotary Club of Augusta West serves as the District 6920 CART Chair.

District 6920 is recognized as the second largest supporter to CART out of the eleven Rotary Districts that participate in CART. Over \$40,000 was provided by clubs throughout District 6920 in 2007-2008. The goal for DG Kenan is to have a full 100% participation to CART for 2008-2009. We are adding CART Blue Buckets to new clubs each week. If your club has missed out on

supporting this great program, let CART Chair, Kathy Tuckey know. Kathy can be reached at: 706-731-9060.



Sharon Harper, president of the Rotary Club of Hazlehurst presents District Governor Kenan Kern with a check for \$150 in support to District 6920's CART effort.

Club president of the Rotary Club of Eastman, Jay Eckles presents DG Kenan Kern with a check to CART for \$315 to support District 6920's participation with the Coins for Alzheimer's Trust Fund. Assistant Governor Ben Harvill proudly supports the Eastman club.

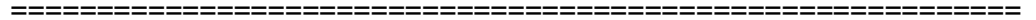


Pass The Gavel Progress across the District!



Governor Kern looks on as Cochran President, Brandy Perry passes the Governor's friendship gavel to Dublin President, Frank Seaton. AG Phil Thacker offered his suggestion to President Frank to pass the gavel to the Rotary Club of Wrightsville to enjoy the fellowship and food at Nana's Kitchen.

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



W A N T E D

GSE TEAM MEMBERS FOR AN EXCHANGE VISIT To 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.

The outgoing and incoming team visits will be in **late April and early May 2009**, 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 The Rotary Foundation, and participants typically stay in local Rotarians' homes.

Applications for the outgoing team leader are due October 30, 2008 and for team membership, November 30. Interviews will be in early December, with training starting in January. Portuguese language training will be provided.

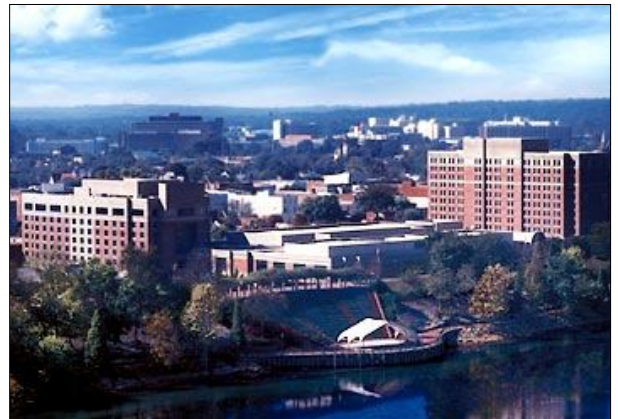
Past participants in exchanges often report their time abroad to be extremely rewarding and in some cases, life changing. Club Presidents and International Committee members are encouraged to identify promising young professionals that can make good team participants.

For GSE team member applications, go to www.rotarydistrict6920.net. For more information, go to www.Rotary.org, and click on Group Study Exchange, or contact District Group Study Exchange Chair, Gordon Matthews at 912-604-1200, or Gordon.matthews@earthlink.net.

Mark your calendars for District 6920's 52nd Annual District Conference on the weekend of May 15, 16, & 17, 2009, in Augusta, GA

The Marriott Augusta Hotel and Suites will be the District Conference site for the 52nd District Conference for 6920.

Visit D-6920 website for details and registration information.



DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS: IMPORTANT FOR EVERY CLUB!

- Deadline is November 1, 2008
- 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 your District Foundation team.

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Reading Is Fun!

Rotary clubs throughout District 6920 are leading efforts toward developing literacy programs through the Ferst Foundation. Numerous Rotary clubs have requested a program on the Ferst Foundation which has stimulated local community members to meet and discuss possibilities for this great literacy program to improve literacy in youth from the age of birth to 5 years of age.



Savannah West presents Robin Ferst \$1,000 for the Ferst Foundation program in Chatham County



Downtown Macon presents DG Kenan \$4,000 for the Ferst Foundation in Bibb County.

Jones County School Superintendant, and Rotarian Jim LeBrun reads "The Little Engine That Could" from the Ferst Foundation to Head Start youth in Jones County.