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Rotary Club of Centerville Retains Blankenship Cup

The Rotary Club of Centerville has earned the right to keep the Blankenship Cup for another year, but rest assured, other clubs are closing in for a take over next year.

The Blankenship Cup has been presented for the past two years in memory of the late Bill Blankenship who served as District Governor during the 2006-07 term. The award is presented to the club which has the highest per capita giving over the previous three years to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Club of Centerville has had \$251.67 APF giving over the past three years.

The top 10 clubs in average per capita giving over the previous three years are: (10) Rotary Club of Nashville-Berrien - \$139.67; (9) Rotary Club of Dublin - \$144; (8) Rotary Club of Augusta West and Rotary Club of Camden County - \$144.33; (7) Rotary Club of Effingham Sunrise and Rotary Club of Savannah South - \$144.67; (6) Rotary Club of Macon - \$152.33; (5) Rotary Club of Savannah West - \$155.33; (4) Rotary Club of Sandersville - \$177.67; (3) Rotary Club of Skidaway Island - \$212.33 and (2) Rotary Club of Savannah Sunrise - \$244.67.

Congratulations to the Rotarians of Centerville for receiving the Blankenship Cup for the second year in a row!



Centerville Rotarians attending the District Seminar in Vidalia were ecstatic to accept the Blankenship Cup for the second year running.

Rotary Club of McIntosh County



Rotary Club of McIntosh County Club Treasurer Fred Mills was honored and recognized by President Wally Orrel for becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations!

Rotary Club of Kings Bay



Rotary Club of Kings Bay President Paul Hutzler presents DG Lloyd with two checks. One check is to pay for sponsoring two students through the local Kings Bay GED program, while the other is to fund sponsorship of 41 children through the Ferst Foundation. Thank you Kings Bay Rotarians!

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Why do you support The Rotary Foundation? Will your club be a 100% EREY club this year?

According to Zone 34 Assistant Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator Kenan Kern, Rotarians will give, even in tough economic times, if they recognize Rotary's value to them. ARRFC Kenan, a former District 6920 Annual Giving Chair, recommends asking the following questions of Rotarians individually, or in an interactive group setting. Their responses, he says, will help them realize Rotary's full value, leading them to want to make a gift to The Rotary Foundation.

**What is important about Rotary to you personally?*

**What impact has Rotary had on your life?*

**What is your proudest accomplishment?*

**What is your proudest accomplishment in Rotary and why?*

**What is your most meaningful experience in Rotary and why?*

**What is your role in furthering world understanding, goodwill and peace?*

**How does The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International strengthen Rotary and you?*

**Why is making a difference to the people in the world important to you?*

**What is your part in ensuring The Rotary Foundation's impact?*

**If you had \$1 million to give to The Rotary Foundation's programs, what would you do with it and what does that do for you?*

Kenan says that, "making Rotarians aware of the value they receive from Rotary will only strengthen their commitment, ownership and gratitude in giving to The Foundation, every year."

Rotary Club of Wrightsville

Shows What It's Like to Have Family Fun

They laughed; they cried; they reminisced: And that was just the first ten minutes! The Rotary Club of Wrightsville gathered on the evening of July 27 at the newly renovated home of Guy and Jodi Singletary for their first Family of Rotary Event, which was combined with this year's District Governor Reception. It was a very special night for local Rotarians, as they not only enjoyed food, fun and fellowship, they enjoyed the unity that comes with being part of a 'family.' The reception included the recognition of District Governor Lloyd Horadan and his wife Jan, Assistant DG Alan Barfoot from the Dublin Club, District Director Ron May from the Sandersville Club, as well as the announcing and recognition of the Wrightsville Club's Citizen of the Year. The evening also served as a celebration to the memory of two very important men, and the 'families' they have left behind.

Carly Ledford, Sammy Glover, Ivey Glover and Katie Ledford, all children of Wrightsville Rotarians, added a special touch to the Family of Rotary Event by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and reciting the Four-Way Test. Our children are the future of Rotary and family gatherings such as these allow them to get a firsthand glimpse of what Rotary is all about.

President Mary Jo Buxton presented a plaque to Jan Martin after naming her the Rotary Club of Wrightsville's Citizen of the Year. Martin, who is involved in numerous community organizations and events, including the Relay for Life, the Pilot Club, the Athletic Boosters and much

more, is very deserving of this honor. Club members thanked her for the outstanding job she does for their community.

Special recognition was given to the families of the late Bill Colston and the late Jimmy Jackson, both of whom provided many years of service to the Rotary Club. Jackson, a charter member, served March 21, 1963



through September 9, 2009; and Colston served August 1, 1974 through June 29, 2009. The loss of these two stewards dramatically impacted each and every club member, as well as the entire community.

Friends and fellow Rotarians were given the opportunity to say a few words about these two men. The stories ranged from sadness to laughter, and touched the hearts of every guest present. Rotarian Jeanette Caneega spoke of the impact Colston had on not just the local club, but the whole district. She explained that, while she served as District Governor, Colston suggested that the secretary/treasurer be changed from a one-year term to a position filled by the same person for many years, preferably a CPA. His suggestion went

on to become a general rule for District 6920 and has proven to be a successful one.

Jackson was remembered for his dedication to all things Rotary-related. He maintained a perfect attendance to the weekly meetings for 43 of his 47 years as a member. To permanently memorialize his endeavors, Buxton announced that a new annual award will

be given to members who maintain perfect attendance throughout the year. This year's recipients of the Jimmy Jackson Award of Excellence were Marty Thompson, Jeanette Caneega, Hodges Rowland, Beeman Keen and Jane Beall.

John Buxton, the son of President Buxton, performed a heartwarming and tear-jerking song that he wrote in memory of his

grandfather, as a memorial tribute to Bill Colston and Jimmy Jackson. The song, I Miss You, touched the hearts of everyone, especially the families of these two great men.

The delicious meal, which was a compilation of each members' favorite recipes, was blessed by Michael Caneega, grandson of Past District Governor Jeanette Caneega.

Patricia Glover, Family of Rotary chairperson, said that this is the first of many family events that the Club will be participating in. DG Horadan applauded the Wrightsville Club for its efforts to be more family-oriented and said that this was the first Rotary event that he had attended that was primarily focused on the Family of Rotary. Great job, Rotarians!

Sandersville Fund Raiser Deemed a Success

The Sandersville Rotary Club recently conducted a unique fund raiser: a raffle with a twist. Members sold numbered tickets and then each number was assigned a golf ball. With assistance from Twin City Country Club Manager Wade Brown, three



golf holes were installed on the edge of the ninth fairway near the clubhouse.

Each hole was assigned a different color. Tony Veal and Washington County Machine Shop provided a bucket truck which hoisted over 800 golf balls/chances into the air. The basket was opened and the golf balls dropped.

Winner of the prizes was determined by which numbered golf ball landed in or closest to one of the three holes. A top prize of \$500 was awarded to Tommy Walker. The second place prize, \$250, was presented to Marc Sack and John

Wilson was awarded \$100 for the third place.



Sandersville Rotary Club President Ted Thompson deemed the fund raiser a "fun success."

Sign Up Now for Rotary Leadership Institute

To maintain and enhance the strength of our clubs, our future leaders are encouraged to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), a series of courses offered in three one-day parts taken in sequence. The purpose of RLI is to enhance the participants' knowledge of Rotary and to provide them with leadership skills for use in Rotary

and other volunteer-based organizations.

If you are likely to participate as a future club leader in any capacity or you are just interested in learning more about Rotary, even as a new member, you are encouraged to begin or continue the RLI education process. If you would like to be part of this exciting learning opportunity, please contact your club president or other members of the board to express your interest. Most clubs provide financial assistance to pay for attendance. The next session of RLI in our district is Sept. 25 in Augusta. Other dates are November 20 in Savannah

and Jan. 22, 2011 in Valdosta.

All courses start with registration from 7:15-8 a.m., with classes running from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Early registration is advisable.

This investment in your club's future is only \$95 per day. All course material, lunch and break items are provided. We encourage every club to have two or more members participating in RLI every year. By doing so, we will maintain a pool of Rotary leaders throughout our district. Come and learn more about Rotary! Visit www.rltraining.org for sign up information, times and directions to class locations.



ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**Join us for RLI training
September 25 - Augusta**

Milledgeville Rotary Club Gives to Ferst Foundation

The Rotary Club of Milledgeville recently donated \$1,000 to Georgia's Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy for the Baldwin County program, which has been struggling to stay funded this summer. This contribution allowed the program for Baldwin County to remain active as further fund-raising efforts continue in order to keep books going out to the children already receiving books each month.

The Rotary Club of Milledgeville strongly supports literacy at every age, and the Ferst Foundation has remained a charitable focus for the club since its start in Baldwin County in 2007.

Another way the Milledgeville

Rotary Club supports the Ferst Foundation in Baldwin County is by donating a book in honor of each speaker they host at their weekly club meeting. The speaker is given a colorful laminated Ferst Stock Certificate, signed by the Ferst Foundation Founder and Board Chair Robin Ferst as well as District 6920 Governor Lloyd Horadan, to keep.

Many club members also donated personally to the foundation and this resulted in more funds for the Baldwin County program.

Rotarian Laura Thompson, working with the Ferst Community Action Team for the Baldwin County program, accepted the donation on behalf of the Ferst Foundation from Rotary President Randy Stewart.



COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST

by Kathy Tuckey
District CART Chair

September is an important month for CART as the call for grant letters of intent is released. It is anticipated that two \$250,000 grants will be given in 2011! Our job is great! We must raise the funds that will support the research grants!

The goal of the CART fund is to encourage exploratory and developmental AD research projects within the United States by providing support for the early and conceptual plans of those projects that may not yet be supported by extensive preliminary data but have the potential to substantially advance biomedical research.

Many Rotarians may be interested in the types of grants that have been funded. Dr. Paul Murphy of the University of Kentucky received CART funding in May

2010. Alzheimer's disease is sometimes called "the diabetes" of the brain, because, like diabetes, it is common and shares some common features including accumulations of proteinaceous deposits called amyloid. Dr. Murphy's exciting research proposal will study the shared mechanisms involved in Alzheimer's disease and diabetes and another new link between them - obesity.

September 21st is World Alzheimer's Day. What a great opportunity for your club to encourage additional coins/dollars to be dropped in the buckets during your meeting dates this month. Several clubs have weekly matches - a generous Rotarian commits to match funds raised during the weekly meeting. If your club does not have matches, consider having one or more during the weeks of September 15th, 22nd and 29th.

Worldwide estimates of Alzheimer's prevalence indicates that more than 26 million people around the world are living with the disease. Experts predict that this number will quadruple by 2050 to more than 100 million, at which time one in 85 persons worldwide will be living with the disease. CART will make a difference!

The October newsletter will include a report on where we are in CART contributions for this Rotary year. Will your club be listed? To date, out of the 65 clubs in our district, 27 have sent in contributions.

Send your CART contributions to our District Treasurer, Bruce Montgomery. Your checks should be made payable to CART and mailed c/o Bruce Montgomery, 102 E. 44th Street, Savannah, GA 31045.



THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

by Jeff Kublin, 2010-2011 District Membership Chair

Membership Recruitment - Educating the Community

There are a lot of great service organizations in our communities. You undoubtedly are aware of the Lions Club, the Kiwanis, the Exchange Club, the Optimists Club, the Elks Club, the Eagles, the Knights of Columbus and so many more. They are all doing wonderful things in our community. When it comes to recruitment, however, we are somewhat in “competition” with these organizations.

We are proud to be Rotarians. We know that Rotary is the greatest philanthropic organization in the history of mankind. With a global membership of more than 1.2 million people in approximately 200 countries and a Foundation second to none in giving, Rotary truly shines as a leader.

We need to get the word out into our communities about all of the incredible things that Rotary does. We want Rotary to be the service club of choice for people looking to become involved. While there are many ways to spread the word, you should strongly consider **informational brochures**.

Every club should have professionally printed informational brochures. They can be as brief as a one-panel card or as extensive as a tri-fold brochure. These handouts should contain information about the community and world service activities of your club. Website and contact information should be included. These brochures can be handed out in a number of different situations, as suggested below.

1. Provide a copy to guests visiting your club.
2. Make them available at all social events, fund-raisers and community service projects.
3. Whenever you are selling raffle tickets or event tickets, be sure to give a copy of the brochure to everyone that you approach, even if they do not purchase a ticket from you.
4. Provide a supply of brochures to your chamber of commerce for their display rack.
5. Ask local hotels to include your brochure in their activity display racks. While we often think of hotel guests as people who are just passing through, remember that people moving to your community often stay in local hotels while they are seeking housing.
6. If your community has an organization that welcomes newcomers to the community, ask them to include a brochure in each welcoming packet.
7. Some major employers also have a welcome packet for newcomers. Ask them to include a copy of your brochure in that packet.



Rotary Club of Nashville-Berrien

*Rotary Club of Nashville-Berrien
President King Bridges is pictured
with DG Lloyd Horadan, Assistant
Governor Bob Harrison and First
Lady Jan Horadan during DG
Lloyd's club visit on Aug. 31st.*

District's **GOLD** Award System is Outlined

All clubs now have the opportunity to be awarded the Gold Award for the year. In addition, there is a Silver and a Bronze level. There are 4,000 points available and the levels are gold (2,500 points); silver (2,000 points) and bronze (1,500 points).

Some award elements consider club size so that smaller clubs have an opportunity to achieve Gold status.

There will be four Club-of-the-Year awards determined by the highest points in each of the following club sizes - small (30 members or less); medium (31-50 members); large (51-100 members) and extra large (more than 100 members).

The size category for a club will be based on the membership as of July 1 (the beginning of the new Rotary year.)

Some of the award elements require prior communication with the AG so that he/she may have an opportunity to participate. Those elements are noted on the worksheet in the "notes" section and "report to" sections located on the right side of the worksheet. All club presidents should have a copy of this worksheet.

Since the cutoff for the awards is March 31, 2011, some elements such as the District Conference will not have been held by then. For that reason, registration at the District Conference is required by March 31st.

Several of the award elements have multiple levels of performance as described in the notes following the table; a column in the table shows the maximum points for each award element.

The award elements are grouped by function - leadership, membership, Rotary Foundation, service, international service and public relations.

The award elements are also sorted into other sequences to help clubs organize the work. The sequence by date helps to check key due dates and the sequence by action groups links like appointments together.

A column is provided for your club to enter its points which will be submitted on April 1 through your AG.

Rotary Club of Savannah East

The Rotary Club of Savannah East held its first family event on Saturday, Aug. 28 by attending a Savannah Sand Gnats baseball game. Club president Karl Bohnstedt threw out the first pitch. "It was a slider that took a nice dive as it went over the plate," said Karl.



Rotary Club of Centerville



Centerville Rotary Club, a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, continues the tradition with two new PHFs presented by DG Lloyd Horadan. Pictured are Past President Jack Steed, Melissa Turrell, a new PHF who was presented the Rising Star Award; Centerville President Mark Waters, Lenn Hall, a new PHF who was presented the Rookie of the Year award; Jan Hall and DG Lloyd.

Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION/CLUB</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Tuesday, September 7	DG's Club Visit	Effingham Sunrise	7:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 7	DG's Club Visit	Savannah South	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 8	DG's Club Visit	Savannah West	12:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 9	DG's Club Visit	Savannah Sunrise	7:30 a.m.
Thursday, September 9	DG's Club Visit	Effingham County	12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 14	DG's Club Visit	Waynesboro	12:15 p.m.
Wednesday, September 15	DG's Club Visit	Hazlehurst	Noon
Thursday, September 16	DG's Club Visit	Sandersville	12:30 p.m.
Monday, September 20	DG's Club Visit	Savannah	12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 21	DG's Club Visit	McRae	Noon
Wednesday, September 22	DG's Club Visit	Vidalia	Noon
Thursday, September 23	DG's Club Visit	Douglas	Noon
Monday, September 27	DG's Club Visit	Swainsboro	Noon
Tuesday, September 28	DG's Club Visit	Tennille	12:45 p.m.



Linda Herdina

NEED A PROGRAM? Linda Herdina, Director of Medical Equipment Transport Service, is anxious to visit your club and bring you up to date on this exciting international service project of your District. Please call her at (912) 856-0548 or email her at lherdina@bellsouth.net



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