



# DISTRICT 6920

## Georgia, USA



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# Space Man Sees Flashing Lights; Says It's Humans Using Technology to Stay in Touch

*Ladies and Gentlemen, tonight we are flying over area 6920 and as you look down you will see clusters of light along the I-75 and I-95 corridors. Those bright lights indicate this is where a lot of beings called Rotarians live. We have precisely calculated that 87% of those beings in area 6920 actually live on its edges, as you can see from the lights; the other 13% are scattered about the interior of area 6920.*

*From your window you may notice flashes of light crossing area 6920. We have analyzed this and have learned that these beings are beaming their thoughts and images to each other using micro-sized optical tubes called fiber optic cables. We cannot yet explain the cause but we have noticed a significant increase in these cross-area flashes during the last six months. Occasionally there are even flashes to locations outside of the area to places in Bolivia, India and Sri Lanka.*

*Don't be alarmed; we think these beings have a great deal of compassion and that they are using this capability for peaceful purposes. We are starting our descent from our altitude of 200 miles above planet earth and will be arriving at our space port destination shortly.*

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# Multiple Resources Enable Rotarians to Stay Connected Despite Distance

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With a district the size of 6920, staying connected can often be difficult. But, thanks to many outlets and the advancement of technology, Rotarians throughout District 6920 can do so with minimal effort.

Among the ways Rotarians are staying connected are through the District website, the District Facebook page, DaCdb, webinars and the new speaker database.

During the past three months there have been almost 2,100 visits to the Rotary District 6920 website - [www.Rotary6920.org](http://www.Rotary6920.org). A total of 963 people have viewed content on the site and just over 40 percent of those visits have been from people who had never visited the website before.

There have been a number of visits from people within the southern region of the country, but there have also been several visits from California, Michigan and New York. The most visits to the site, however, have come from within the state.

Those visits from within the state came primarily from Savannah, with Macon, Augusta, Brunswick, McRae, Warner Robins, Valdosta, Milledgeville, Kingsland and Evans rounding out the top 10.

With the creation of a district Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/Rotary6920](http://www.facebook.com/Rotary6920) - the ability to share photos, publicize fundraising events and share success stories has become even easier. That's what the nearly 200 district Facebook fanpage members have discovered in the past six months.

What this data tells district leaders is that technology is making it easier for those within the district, and beyond, to stay connected despite the miles that separate them.

## Clubs Urged to Take Advantage of Speaker Database

*Assistant Governor Ben Harvill of Eastman is in the process of establishing a Speakers Bureau Database which will allow clubs within the district to add to a list of speakers available for club meetings*

Rural clubs struggle to find quality programs on a consistent basis. I discussed this issue with DG Gordon and decided to develop a web-based tool for all the clubs to utilize for weekly programs.

The goals are to:

- \* Provide Club Presidents with a tool to identify weekly speaker information
- \* Obtain written permission to publish photographs of the speaker in newspapers, social media, video feeds, Facebook, etc.

- \* Determine if the speaker would be willing to present the program at other Rotary clubs throughout our district

- \* Develop a web-based system for all District 6920 members to access via the District website to locate weekly programs

A one-page Speakers Information/Release of Information sheet will be used at each weekly meeting. If the Speaker would like to present the program to other clubs, then the speaker indicates what regions of our District they are willing to travel.

That information can then be entered online by the local club so that all clubs will have access to the speaker's contact information and program topic. Then District members can contact the speaker directly to set up a program.

The database also includes speaker's notes, speaker introduction and photographs/presentations, etc.

All the details and instructions will be fully explained to incoming Club Presidents at PETS in March.

## Greetings from Governor Gordon

Three times this month, I have attended the services of Rotarians who have passed from among us. I have been with others to celebrate and remember - PDG Frank Moore, PDG Albert Reichert Sr., and my fellow club member Jim McBeath - who chose to make Rotary an important part of their lives.

As those of us there joined with the families to celebrate the lives of these inspiring individuals, we were also called to reflect on our own lives, what we have done through Rotary and what will be remembered about us when our time comes. I am grateful that Rotary offers to all of us many ways to serve our fellow man and provides us with the opportunity to affiliate with others who enrich our lives.

We join together in feeling the loss and in celebrating the lives of Frank, Albert, Jim and other Rotarians who are no longer with us as we are inspired to live up to their example.

# Facebook Offers Yet Another Way for Rotarians to Share Information

Rotary District 6920's Facebook offers you another Rotary tool to share the good deeds and events of your club with Rotarians in 6920, but how do you use it?

Our Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/rotary6920](http://www.facebook.com/rotary6920) - is one more avenue for us to communicate with members and potential members. It should not replace your newsletter, your website or other methods you are using to communicate with members.

The Rotary 6920 Facebook Page is intended to keep Rotarians informed of events, news, happenings and activities happening at the club, district and international levels.

Anyone who can access the Internet can access the district's Facebook page. Thus, it is a very public page. That said, only people who have a Facebook account can post comments or "like" the Rotary page. And only people who have a Facebook account and who are designated as administrators of the page can post videos, make status changes, upload photos and announce upcoming events.



Each club has the option of selecting up to two people to be their Facebook representative(s). In addition, district leaders are also administrators for this page. Anne Cordeiro - [annem.cordeiro@yahoo.com](mailto:annem.cordeiro@yahoo.com) - is the person to contact if you need to be made an administrator.

## **Here's how to put the Facebook page to use for your club**

View the Rotary District 6920 Facebook page by going to [www.facebook.com/rotary6920](http://www.facebook.com/rotary6920). You can get regular updates on your Facebook page from the District 6920 page by "liking" the page. Any comments that are posted should always pass Rotary's 4-way test.

You can post news about your club, but will need to be an administrator of the page. To get your administrator status turned on, sign onto Facebook. In the upper right hand corner, you will be asked for your user id and your password. If you do not have a Facebook account, you will need to set one up. Click on the "sign up now" section and follow the steps. Once you have your personal Facebook page, go to [www.facebook.com/Rotary6920](http://www.facebook.com/Rotary6920) and select "like".

Send a message to Anne Cordeiro via email [AnneM.Cordeiro@Yahoo.com](mailto:AnneM.Cordeiro@Yahoo.com) or via Facebook telling her you are your club's designee. She will turn on your administrator status, and you should get a note from Facebook saying you have been made an administrator.

As an administrator, along with being able to post comments, as all who have a Facebook account can do, you can post news, photos, links, videos, photos, questions.

There are a few things you need to keep in mind when using the 6920 Facebook page:

- \* If you have a comment for everyone, use the comment section or status section.
- \* If you want to send a message to a specific person that has made a comment, click on the person's name in the comment and his/her Facebook page will come up. If it doesn't, they may have disabled this feature. On the upper right of their page, you will see "send a message". Click here and type away. The message you send will be a conversation between you and the selected person.
- \* Please exercise care with photos. If you choose to take the step of tagging people or writing cutlines, please consider the 4-way test. Also, please treat photos of children with the utmost diligence. Please make sure you have the needed permission(s) from a child's parent/guardian and that the parent/guardian is comfortable with their child's photo being posted on Facebook. One option may be to post the photo without identifying the child or to post the photo with only the child's first name.

\*Please keep this page strictly about Rotary. Anything that looks like an ad promoting anything other than Rotary will be removed.

## District Mourns Loss of Past District Governors

*It is with great sadness that we report the passing of two of District 6920's Past District Governors, as well as the spouse of one of our PDGs. J. Frank Moore passed away on Jan. 25, while Albert Reichert Sr. passed away Feb. 16. Mr. Reichert's wife, Elizabeth, passed away just six days later on Feb. 22. At the time of Mr. Reichert's death, the couple had been married for 75 years. We offer our condolences to both the Moore and Reichert families.*



*J. Frank Moore*

J. Frank Moore, who served as DG during the 1993-94 year, passed away on January 25, 2012. The Vidalia, Ga., resident was 83 years old and had been an active member of the Vidalia Rotary Club for 52 years. He was a past president of the club and at his death was the club's longest standing member.

In service to his commitment to Rotary and its principles of philanthropy, Frank traveled as far as eastern Russia and Siberia. Frank was an avid traveler who loved exploring new places. He visited over 27 different countries. While chairman of the Missions Committee of the Vidalia First United Methodist Church, Frank was instrumental in establishing local chapters of The Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity. He served as president of Vidalia's Habitat for Humanity.

Frank is survived by Frances, his wife of 52 years; three daughters, Linda Moore, Cynthia Moore, and Sha Simon, Sha's husband,

Dan, and their children, Quinn, Carrie and Rachel.

Ronald V. Hall Funeral Home of Vidalia had charge of arrangements.



*Albert Reichert Sr. Elizabeth Reichert*

Albert Reichert Sr., who served as DG during the 1960-61 year, passed away on February 16, 2012. The Macon, Ga., resident was 98 years old and was an active member of the Macon Rotary Club.

As a youth, he was a Boy Scout and reached the rank of Eagle Scout. As an adult, he was Scoutmaster of Troop 19 in Macon, served as chair of the Central Georgia Council, and received the Silver Beaver Award. He was a member and president of the Macon Rotary Club and served as District Governor for the Rotary District that then covered the eastern half of Georgia. He is a major donor to The Rotary Foundation.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilton Bowen "Chunk" Reichert passed away on Feb. 22, 2012, just six days after her husband died.

She was also active in civic and cultural affairs, including

serving as member of Historic Macon, Inc., Macon Symphony Orchestra, Macon Concert Association, President of the Junior League of Macon, President of the History Club of Macon, and President of the Morning Music Club. She was a member of the Colonial Dames of America, and a major donor of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Along with Libby Timberlake and Betty Timberlake, she established the W. Derrell Hazlehurst Scholarship Fund at Mercer Medical School.

She was a supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, including serving as a Cub Scout Den Mother and as mother of three Eagle Scouts.

The Reicherts are survived by son Albert Phillips Reichert, Jr., and Albert's wife, Burnam "Bebe" Walker Reichert, son Stephen Allan Reichert, son Robert Adger Bowen Reichert and Robert's wife, Adele Dunwody Reichert, grandchildren, Albert Phillips Reichert, III and Albert's wife, Dr. Gillian Tracy Braulik, John Walker Reichert, Elizabeth Bowen Reichert, and Thomas Dunwody Reichert, and great-grandchildren, Eden Pape Reichert, Luna Walker Reichert, and Sarana Burnam Reichert.

Hart's Mortuary and Crematory in Macon had charge of the Reichert's arrangements.



# Turkey GSE Team Arrives in Late April

It's that time of year again, and we're again fortunate to have a great Group Study Exchange (GSE) team coming to our District, this time from Turkey. GSE is, of course, a fantastic opportunity to put your Rotary ideals into action and to learn about a culture very different from our own. As always, we are at the same time sending a team from District 6920 to Turkey, led by Macon Rotarian Patrick Roche.

Our first question, CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR CLUB to host our soon-to-be new friends from Turkey? If you've done this before, you know the drill: plan fun and informative activities for the team, do vocational match-up days where possible, host the team members in Rotarian homes (1-2 per home), and help with transportation to and from your city. It's best to designate one Rotarian as the city coordinator and have a team of 3-4 to plan and do the various activities.

After arriving in Savannah and having a couple days to rest, our plan is to send the team south toward Brunswick/St. Simons, then west, north and eastward, ending up in Savannah a couple of days before the District conference, which is May 18-20. Cities that participated last year were Savannah, Brunswick, St. Simons, St. Mary's, Valdosta, Fitzgerald, Tifton, Dublin, Centerville/Warner Robins, Sandersville, Macon and Augusta.

We're also reaching out to Milledgeville, Statesboro, Waycross and Douglas, as they have participated in past years.

Clubs interested in hosting the GSE team this year are asked to contact District GSE Chair Justin Godchaux at (912) 234-3680 (home), (912) 596-3220 (cell), (912) 358-3412 (work) or via email at JUSTINGODCHAUX@aol.com or John Neely at (912) 233-7111, ext. 103 (work), (912) 657-1778 (cell) or via email at john.neely@collilers.com.

## *Meet the incoming GSE team members*



***Ilknur ÖZER, GSE Team Leader***

Ilknur has been a member of Karia Rotary Club for 10 years and served as president from 2007-08. She is a psychologist. Throughout her career in psychology, she had an opportunity to work with several diverse groups - at-risk youth and women, children with developmental disabilities and child abuse victims. She loves to learn about other cultures, customs and religions. Ilknur

is married to a general surgeon and they have a 16-year-old son.



***Deniz ALPAN, team member; sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kordon***

Deniz is a language instructor who has been working with adults and kids for nearly three years. She plans to continue her career in the event management sector and wants

to gain experience in this field. She is 28 years old and is interested in getting to know different cultures. She lives in Izmir with her parents and pet cat.



***Onur ÖZER, team member; sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gündogdu***

Onur is a member of Gündogdu Rotaract Club and he serves as a

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# GSE Team Arriving from Turkey in April

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Committee Chair of Professional Serving and also member of Rotaract Academy Organization. He graduated Marmara University in Economics. He worked on brand management, marketing and is currently working in his family firm in Izmir. He is planning a career in marketing and foreign trade. He is single, a non smoker and a Muslim, which means he does not eat pork or bacon.

Onur is also very interested in cinema, particularly classic movies and in directing short movies. He wants the movies to be a part of his life. He is also interested in photography and music. He would like to see a movie studio and film-cinema school if possible.



**Ilkin SENGÜN, team member;**  
**sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bostanli**

Ilkin is a food engineer. She is working as an academician, specializing in food microbiology at Aegean University, Food Engineering Depart-

ment. She is giving lectures on general and food microbiology. She also works on research projects, which cover food safety and identification of microorganisms in foods, mainly fermented foods. Ilkin provides training to different groups about food safety, hygiene and sanitation. She loves traveling, seeing new places and getting to know new people. Ilkin is married to a civil engineer and they have a 12-year-old daughter.



**Elif Cevlik, team member;**  
**sponsored by the Rotary Club of Osmangazi**

Elif is an English teacher. She earned her bachelor degree as an English teacher from Marmara University in 2001. She has worked as an English teacher in different kinds of schools - private and public, as well as at the kindergarten, primary and high school levels.

Elif enjoys reading, going to the cinema, theatre and opera. She is very interested in the arts and likes making crafts, which include

designing and creating her own necklaces and earrings and painting wooden boxes and other objects. She is a nonsmoker and is also Muslim, which means she does not eat pork or bacon.

She is married to a heating and air conditioning systems business owner and the couple has a 4-year-old son.

## *District Conference Fast Approaching*

The 2012 District Conference will be held May 18-20 at the DeSoto Hilton Hotel in Savannah's Historic District.

Historic Savannah hotels began with the original DeSoto Hotel. Still rich in history and culture, the newly-renovated Hilton Savannah DeSoto Hotel is situated in the heart of Savannah's historic, dining, shopping, and theatre districts; just a short stroll to River Street and City Market. Surrounded by Savannah's beautiful landscaped squares, magnificent restored southern homes of the Colonial and Victorian eras and historic landmarks.

Online registration is now open for the District Conference at [www.Rotary6920.org](http://www.Rotary6920.org). There is a \$35 per person registration fee, with an additional \$15 registration fee for spouses/partners. The total weekend meal plan, which includes five meals, is \$175 per person. There are a number of Saturday afternoon social activities planned, but guests will be required to make those plans on their own. A complete list of suggestions can be found on the district website under the District Conference "events" tab. More conference information will be shared as the date nears.



## *Brunswick Rotarians Host 'Grand' Event for Local Families*



The Rotary Club of Brunswick hosted an event to bring awareness and show support for 'underserved' local grand families. Working with the non-profit agency Grandparent

Connection, Faith Works, the Glynn County School Board and the United Way of Coastal Georgia, the February 9th event with Grandparent Connection was held at the First United Methodist Church facilities in downtown Brunswick.

Great local publicity and help from a core group at Grandparent Connection brought out over 200 people! The evening included a family-style spaghetti dinner followed by adult educational session topics: communicating with the school system, effective reading skills and exploring the legal issues in raising your grandchildren. The kids enjoyed fun sessions in art and music. Brunswick Rotarians and their spouses, along with Glynn Academy Interactors and other volunteers rendered true 'Service Above Self'. Grand families departed that evening with community resource guides and children's books in goody bags. We feel our DSG was quite successful in bringing community support and attention to grand families.



## *Rotarians Have Reason to Celebrate*

Rotarians have significant reasons to celebrate Rotary's 107th anniversary.

Major gains have been made in the fight to eradicate polio, Rotary's top priority. In January, India reached a historic milestone by marking a full year without recording a new case of polio. The country has been an epicenter of the crippling childhood disease.

Worldwide, fewer than 650 polio cases were confirmed for 2011, less than half the 1,352 infections reported in 2010. Overall, the annual number of polio cases has plummeted by more than 99 percent since the initiative was launched in 1988, when polio infected about 350,000 children a year. More than 2 billion children have been immunized in 122 countries, preventing 5 million cases of paralysis and 250,000 deaths.

Also in January, Rotary leaders announced that Rotary clubs raised more than \$200 million in response to a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In recognition of Rotary's commitment, the Gates Foundation contributed an additional \$50 million. All of the resulting \$605 million will be spent in support of immunization activities in polio-affected countries.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told Rotary leaders at the International Assembly in San Diego. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio-free."

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# McIntosh Rotary Club Makes Donations to Local Food Banks



During a recent meeting, the McIntosh Rotary Club was proud to present monetary donations to four of McIntosh County's major food banks. The food banks serve the needs of all who enter their doors. The Rotary members held a fundraiser of selling cookbooks with original recipes from community folks for the purpose of giving a helping hand to the local food banks. There are still cookbooks available for those interested in purchasing one.

Pictured are McIntosh Rotary Club President Latrelle Peterson, Carolyn Baker, St. Andrews Parrish; Pastor Melissa Tarver, Morgan's Chapel; Father Ted Clarkson, St. Andrews Parrish; Patricia Whaley, Darien Church of God and Mary Holland, Darien Church of God

***March 13 is observed as World Rotaract Day to involve Rotary and Rotaract clubs in common activity of international scope and visibility***