



DISTRICT 6920

Georgia, USA



Greetings from Governor Gordon

In a recent conversation at the changing of the guard at one of our clubs, I was no longer in Savannah but was transported back to Bolivia where in 1999 I lead 6920's Group Study Exchange team for a month. A member of that team, Gena Taylor, was a V.P. with United Way of the Coastal Empire. I recalled how Gena and others members of our team wanted to see all sides of life in Bolivia, so one day our hosts made special arrangements for the team to go inside a women's prison where children live with their mothers under harsh conditions; what Gena saw kept her awake that night! And, she came home knowing that her work had to be closer to the children she wanted to serve. She is now the Executive Director of Greenbriar Children's Center – the most essential safety net for abused and homeless children in Chatham County – and is now a Rotarian.

From my experiences in Bolivia, I learned first hand that Rotary is absolutely the most positive thing going in such less affluent countries - where there is no United Way, no safety net, no government funding and the needs are great. I am encouraged and energized by the many ways that our Rotary Clubs around the world serve humanity. Your Rotary Foundation funds these experiences and every year they change people's lives, including mine. That is why three years ago I volunteered to serve as your DG.

Please know that you are an important part of a vital global humanitarian organization and that every time you attend your club's meeting, every time you participate in a service project, and every time you contribute to our Foundation, host a GSE team member, or sponsor a GRSP student, you are making a difference! Collectively we are doing a world of good!

Rotary District 6920 Now On Facebook

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

Our new Facebook page, www.facebook.com/rotary6920, is one more avenue for us to communicate with members and potential members. It should not replace your newsletter, your web site or other methods you are using to communicate with members.

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www.Rotary6920.org

DG Matthews Excited About Year Ahead

I am delighted and proud to become the next District Governor for 6920. I have had several years of Rotary's exceptional training for the job, as well as the opportunity to work with a number of our Past District Governors. I look forward to continuing their record of accomplishment and I hope to use my background and experience for the benefit of District 6920.

Below are several areas I would like our district to focus on for the upcoming year. It is my hope that we can enhance our capacity in these areas in order to benefit our district now and into the future.

Overcoming Our Geography with Technology

I see the use of web technology as especially important to the members of District 6920. Unlike other districts, we cover a large area and do not have a concentration of members near the center of our district. Many larger clusters of District 6920 Rotarians are on the edge of our district. This creates a challenge for training our club leaders and members.

To address this challenge, I want to promote the use of several technologies available to those members with Internet access: the District & Club Database, Facebook and the District 6920 web site. Information and details on how to access these resources will be sent to members in the very near future. In addition, I want to conduct several webinars addressing topics considered important and helpful by our new club presidents.

Listening to Members and Attracting Younger Generations

Each member is an important and contributing part of Rotary's success. By listening to members and actively soliciting their feedback, we can discover ways to improve our members' Rotary experience.

I want to encourage each club to conduct a candid survey of club members to ask three simple questions: What is valuable and important that our club does and should continue to do? What could our club change or improve to be more worthwhile for you? What advice do you have for the officers of our club?

At the club level, I hope we will experiment with ways in which to better attract and retain new members under the age of 40. These younger members will eventually grow into future leaders, not only of Rotary, but also of our communities. I believe it is important for Rotary to play a central role in supporting and developing these emerging community leaders.

Looking Forward to the Rotary Year 2011-12

One year isn't a lot of time; it will be over before we know it. I especially want to thank PDG Lloyd for all of his support and assistance with preparing me for this year! I am looking forward to getting to know the Rotarians of our district and hearing stories about your clubs.

Find Us Now On Facebook

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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 www.facebook.com/rotary6920 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, status changes, photos, events, etc.

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, is the person to contact if you need to be made an administrator.


 The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

Rotary Club of Kings Bay Becomes District's First Night Time Club

The Rotary Club of Kings Bay has changed their meeting place, day and time. The club became the first night time club in our district this month.

The club meets at the Camden Convention Center inside the Springfield Hotel in Kingsland. Meetings will be held at 6 p.m.

According to President Paul Hutzler, the club will not serve meals in an effort to cut down on the cost of club dues. However, the hotel has a steakhouse in the same building for individuals wishing to have dinner there.

The Rotary Club of Kings Bay is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, July 26 at 6 p.m. Reservations are being accepted through July 20.

Byron Rotary Club Holds Its First Kids Day Meeting

The Byron Rotary Club recently held it's first "Kids Day" meeting. Members were encouraged to bring their children and grandchildren to the club's weekly breakfast meeting. A total of 17 youngsters attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the Peach County Fire Department Clown Troupe presented a program on fire safety.



District and Clubs Considering Matching Grant Projects

by John Neeley, Matching Grants Chair

DG Gordon Matthews is sending a message to District 6920 Rotarians and clubs: Let's reach out to the world through The Rotary Foundation to help provide basic human needs that we Americans often take for granted. Among them are clean water and sanitation, essential health care, education for all, community development and peace. Matching Grant projects already under consideration include:

- Expansion of a successful water well project in eastern Bolivia
- Providing eye surgery equipment in a charity clinic in West Bengal, India
- Funding vocational education for girls and women in Nepal
- Purchasing basic equipment for hospital care of infants and cancer patients in Bahia, Brazil

The Bolivian water well project builds upon a previous District 6920 Matching Grant in 2009. Working with the non-profit Chiquitano Safe Water Program, local governments and the local Rotary Club Santa Cruz, the project provided clean drinking water to over 13,000 Chiquitano area residents. The new matching



grant, if funded, would allow the program to double its impact in areas not currently served.

In rural Nepal, India and nearby countries, girls and women often have limited access to even elementary education or vocational training to create job opportunities. The norm is for rural girls in their early teens to marry and begin child rearing, limiting their contribution to society. However, a number of Indian and Nepalese Rotary Clubs have partnered with international Rotary Clubs to found and build upon special schools which meet this need. It is said in India that if you educate a boy, you have educated that boy for life, but if you educate a girl,

you educate a family and by extension, a village.

Funding for projects such as these come from cash donations from Rotary Clubs in 6920 and in the recipient area, funds from 6920 District Designated Funds, and by a match of the Rotary Foundation. Each project must be planned in detail with "pro-forma" invoices showing exactly what qualified expenditures will be made; buildings, for instance, are not qualified expenditures.

District 6920 Rotarians are encouraged to search out contacts in other countries to help identify worthy projects. While a Rotary Club is not required to have District involvement in a grant, District 6920 can be helpful with reviewing the grant application, guiding the individuals who sign the application, discussing keys to success with projects in less developed countries, and by providing District Designated Funds which may be matched by the Foundation. 6920's District Matching Grants Chair, John Neely in Savannah, can provide assistance to clubs in each of these areas; clubs are encouraged to utilize this assistance early in the process. Other members of the District Matching Grants Committee are Jeanette Caneega, Lynn Hadwin, Gary Smith, Paul Meyer, Jim Puryear and Frank Seaton.

Applications are accepted by RI from 1 July to 31 March and approved from August to 15 May. Requests over \$25,000 will be considered by the Trustees at their October meeting. Completed applications must be received by 1 August.

Download the Matching Grants application and find information on the application process at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/FundAProject/HumanitarianGrants/Pages/MatchingGrants.aspx>



District Foundation/Membership Seminar Slated Next Month in Dublin

The annual district Foundation/Membership Seminar will be held in the auditorium of Oconee Fall Line Technical College in Dublin on Saturday, Aug. 13. The seminar provides practical information on The Rotary Foundation, public relations, grants and membership for officers and committee chairs. Every club president and president-elect should attend this seminar. *Any club that expects to apply for a District Simplified Grant must attend this seminar to be eligible.*

Registration, coffee, drinks, pastries and greeters will be in place and ready to go at 9:30 a.m. At 10:00 a.m., DG Gordon Matthews will make opening remarks, followed by PDG Robert Hall who will give an update on Polio Plus and the International Convention in Atlanta in 2017.

A door prize drawing for a weekend in Historic Savannah will be included in the day's events. The package includes two nights, plus breakfast, at the Desoto Hilton Hotel in the heart of the historic district, along with dinner for two at Bella's Italian Cafe. Visit www.desotohilton.com and www.bellascafe.com for more on these businesses.

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Location: Oconee Fall Line Technical College (previously called the Heart of Georgia Technical College)
560 Pinehill Road, Dublin, GA - I-16 at US 441
1-800-200-4484 or 478-275-6589

Breakout sessions will begin around 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 12:30-1:15 p.m. A closing plenary session will end the day's events by 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person and is payable at the door. Checks should be made payable to Rotary District 6920.

Registration is open on www.DaCdb.com on the CALENDAR tab. www.DaCdb.com is the District and Club Data base that is accessible only to Rotarians. To log in, you need your email address and your eight or nine-digit member number from the second line on the label from a copy of your Rotarian Magazine. On the sign-in page, in the lower left corner, click on "Create DaCdb short cut" and also click the "remember me" box so that next time you will be able to sign on to DaCdb with a single click.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Paula Goodnow at paulagoodnow@hotmail.com or call her at 912-673-7266.

Concurrent Sessions (morning: 50 minutes each)

Making the Most of DaCdb – Presidents & Secretaries

Visibility through Publicity – Publicity

Thinking of Members as Customers – Membership

Conducting District Simplified Grants – Foundation/Grants

Annual Club Planning & Gold Awards – Presidents Elect

Foundation Giving & Recognition – Foundation

Plenary Sessions

DG Remarks

Polio Plus and Atlanta 2017

(breakouts and lunch)

Club presentations on Foundation projects

Foundation: Matching Grants, Group Study Exchange to Turkey

District Conference in Savannah

Door prizes

Paula Goodnow/Mike Thacker

Ron Maulden

Jeff Kublin

Les Arent

Gary Smith/Bob Griggers

Robert Hall

PDG Jeanette Caneega

John Neely

McIntosh County Rotary Club Installs New Officers, Recognizes PHFs



Incoming McIntosh County Rotary Club President Latrelle Peterson presents a plaque to outgoing president Wally Orell (left). Orell, meanwhile, presented Peterson with her president's gavel. At right, Assistant Governor Dr. Diane Richardson installs Peterson and Diane Martin, incoming president elect. The club also recognized Martin and Richardson as new Paul Harris Fellows.



Claxton Rotary Club Recognizes Paul Harris Fellows



The Claxton Rotary Club recently recognized several new Paul Harris Fellows. New PHFs are Larry Spence, Caughey Hearn and Paul Peterson. Pictured are (from left) Dan Hughes, Sarah Spence, Larry Spence, Caughey Hearn, Bradley Hearn, Julianne Hearn, Banks Hearn, Paul Peterson and Sonya Peterson.

Ambassadorial Scholar Excited About Opportunity

Ambassadorial Scholar Kory Sandven is eager to embark on a journey of a lifetime this fall as he heads to Newcastle University in England.

“During the one-year scholarship, I am being allowed to complete a whole masters degree in Renewable Energy Generation,” Sandven says. “I will be studying some wind engery concepts, but I picked this program because they will teach me all new technologies for harvesting energy from all major sources i.e. tidal, geothermal, nuclear, wind, hydro, fossil and solar.”

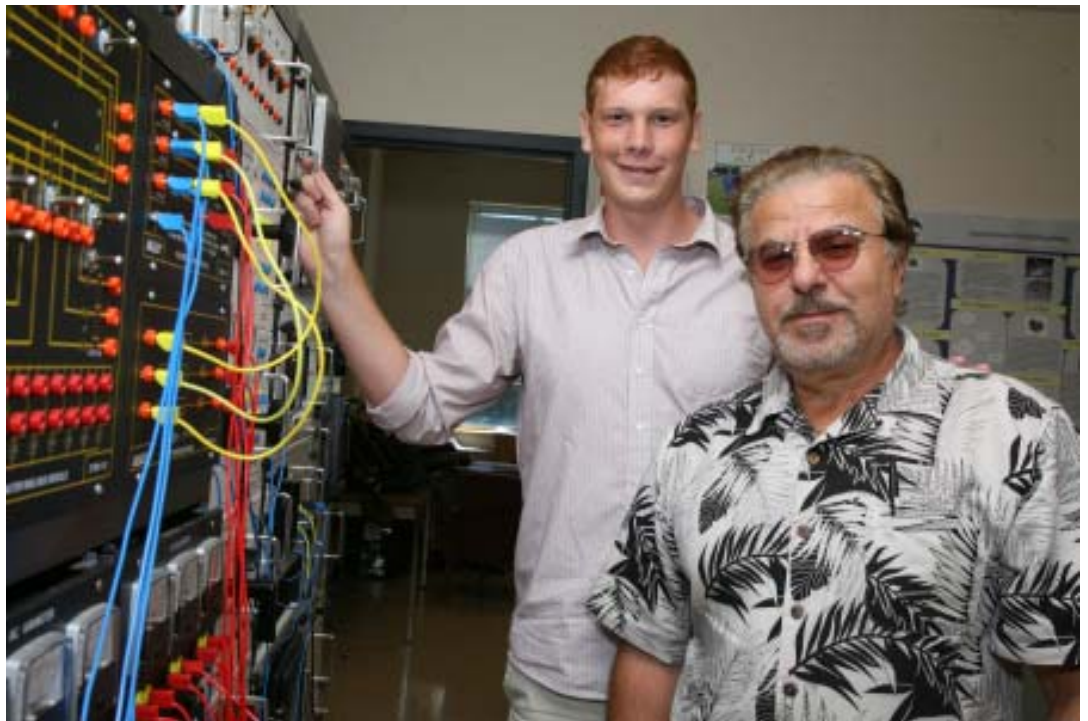
Sandven was unanimously selected to receive the scholarship after having spent two years at Georgia Southern University

working in their mechanical research department. Prior to entering college, Sandven built his first wind generator in his grandfather’s garage. That generator is still used by his grandfa-ther to power the lights in his tool shed.

“Two years of success [at Georgia Southern] and I was nominated to be lead engineer to a well-funded renewable energy project,” said Sandven.

After two years, Sandven got the funding needed to start researching renewable energy at a level that he had never before experienced.

“In just nine months, I built four generators,” he said. “During those nine months, I designed a completely new conceptual generator that resulted in 340% more power output with the same input as the generators used in all steam-based (fossil fuels) and renewable facilities. Because of my success with research and studies, being the first electrical engineer to pass the national engineering exam, Georgia Southern became accredited as an Engineering Institution with the same recognition as Georgia Tech.”



Ambassadorial Scholar Kory Sandven and his professor, Youakim Al Kalaani, work on some power substation fault testing equipment.

**Visit our new website at www.Rotary6920.org
for the latest news and information**

Calendar of Events

DG's Official Club Visits

Monday, July 11 - Swainsboro Rotary Club
 Tuesday, July 12 - Tennille Rotary Club
 Wednesday, July 13 - Wrightsville Rotary Club
 Thursday, July 14 - Sandersville Rotary Club
 Friday, July 15 - Dublin Rotary Club
 Tuesday, July 19 - Blackshear Rotary Club
 Wednesday, July 20 - Skidaway Island Rotary Club
 Monday, July 25 - Ocilla Rotary Club
 Tuesday, July 26 - Fitzgerald County Rotary Club
 Wednesday, July 27 - Tifton Rotary Club
 Thursday, July 28 - Douglas Rotary Club
 Monday, August 1 - Savannah Rotary Club
 Tuesday, August 2 - Effingham Sunrise Rotary Club
 Wednesday, August 3 - Metter Rotary Club
 Thursday, August 4 - Glennville Rotary Club
 Monday, August 8 - Jesup Rotary Club
 Tuesday, August 9 - Macon Rotary Club
 Wednesday, August 10 - Downtown Macon Rotary Club
 Thursday, August 11 - Uptown Macon Rotary Club



Mark your calendar now for these important events!

District-Wide Events

Friday, August 12 - Director & Assistant Governor Roundtable, Dublin
 Location TBA
 Saturday, August 13 - District Seminar, Oconee Fall Line Technical
 College, Dublin

New Year Means New Changes for RI

A new Rotary year has begun and with it several programs aimed at supporting and strengthening clubs and districts. In addition, a fresh slate of leaders have taken over at the club, district and international levels.

Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India, became Rotary's 101st president, on July 1. William B. Boyd, of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, Auckland, New Zealand, took over as Rotary Foundation trustee chair. John Hewko became Rotary International's 12th general secretary and has said his priorities include improving Rotarians' connections with the Secretariat and increasing awareness about what the Secretariat can offer.

Other changes include:

Four pilot programs began this month, all designed to improve recruitment and retention, allow for flexibility in club operations and structure, and give clubs an opportunity to explore new and innovative ways to promote member diversity -- all goals of the RI Strategic Plan. For each of three pilot programs -- corporate member, associate member, and innovative and flexible Rotary club -- 200 clubs were selected to participate, and about 125 will take part in a satellite club pilot program.

The Changemaker Award will accompany the Presidential Citation during the 2011-12 Rotary year. The award will encourage Rotarians to focus on change and will recognize clubs that make an extraordinary impact through their work in the Avenues of Service. Learn more.

The World Community Service and Rotary Volunteers programs have been phased out, replaced by a new model designed to expand the resources available to clubs for connecting and partnering with one another. The RI Board approved a shift to a resource and support model for RI programs to reinforce the priorities and goals of the RI Strategic Plan.

Efforts to enhance Rotary's public image will be undertaken by 49 Rotary public image coordinators (RPICs) working in partnership with their zone's RI director, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, Rotary coordinator and district governors. RPICs have professional expertise in public relations, journalism, or communications and will help support the RI Strategic Plan by conveying effective public relations practices to district leaders.

The Rotarian magazine launches its digital edition with the July issue. Subscribers can now choose to receive either the print or digital edition, or both.

Rotary clubs' annual per capita dues to Rotary International have increased to \$51 in 2011-12. The 2010 Council on Legislation also set dues at \$52 for 2012-13 and \$53 for 2013-14.