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Rotary District 6920 Newsletter

GARY SMITH, DISTRICT GOVERNOR

DG Offers Thanks to PDG, Prepares for Year Ahead

Congratulations to Governor Bob and First Lady Brenda on a magnificent Rotary year for our district. Their energies were unsurpassed as they tirelessly traveled to meet the needs of, and provide service to, our clubs.

Sue and I want to personally thank them for their leadership and support of all the clubs and for their support of us as we continued to prepare for our journey.

As we now dawn on a new year, we move to a new era with the Future Vision Grants Model and we are prepared to venture forward having been well prepared and well trained. We are also excited that through the vision of our Rotary ancestors, Rotary will be 100 years old in Georgia during this 2013-2014 year. We celebrate with the Rotary Club of Savannah (February 1, 2014) and the Rotary Club of Macon (March 1, 2014). Happy Birthday to you!

The leadership of our clubs has turned over (in most cases!) because that is the way that we do things. A tremendous group of leaders has brought us thus far and now the leadership for 2013-2014 gladly accepts the baton and will do our best to continue the race to serve our communities and our fellow man through our works of Service above Self and Commitment to Doing Good in the World.

Gary Smith of Fitzgerald to Serve as Governor for 2013-14 Year

Gary was born and reared in Fitzgerald, Georgia, where he continues to reside with his wife Sue.

He graduated from Fitzgerald High School in 1967, Middle Georgia College in 1969 and the University of Georgia in 1971 where he attained a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in Management. Following graduation, he began his career in public service with the Ben Hill County

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District Leadership Team*

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Gary Smith Serving as District Governor

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Department of Family and Children Services as a caseworker. Gary became Director of the agency in 1986 and worked in that capacity until his retirement in 2003, serving the last two years of employment as Director of the Ben Hill and Irwin County agencies.

Gary's community activities have included other civic organizations in the past. He has served on the board of Communities in Schools as member and chair and the Fitzgerald Downtown Development Authority as member and chair. He is currently serving his fourth four-year term as an elected member of the Ben Hill County Board of Education where he serves as its chairman.

Both Gary and Sue are active in the community being founding members of the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Historic Commission and founding members of Fellowship Baptist Church where they each hold various leadership roles and are members of the choir. They are also active in the local Habitat for Humanity chapter.

Gary became involved in the Rotary Club of Fitzgerald in 1996, served on the board of directors for two years, and served as club president in 2005 – 2006. He currently serves as orientation chair, club web-master and as project director for the club's End Meningitis Now campaign. He is a Paul Harris Fellow Sustaining Member, a Will Watt Fellow Sustaining Member, and Multiple Paul Harris Fellow (6). He and Sue are Rotary Foundation Benefactors and members of the Be-



DG Gary Smith and First Lady Sue Smith

quest Society. He has honored Sue and their three children with Paul Harris Fellowships. He was the recipient of the Fitzgerald Rotary Club's Service Above Self Award for 2010 – 2011.

Gary has served District 6920 as an Assistant Governor for the years 2008 – 2011 and District Chair for Benefactor and Bequest Society for 2010 - 2011. He is currently serving as the District's Future Vision Chair and Annual Programs Fund Chair.

Gary enjoys the Arts, listening to music, high school sports, University of Georgia Football, do-it-yourself projects, classic cars, and golf.

Gary and Sue were married in 1975 and have a son and daughter who are married, two grandchildren, and a son who is a Senior at Valdosta State University.

Local vs. District Simplified Grants

For those of you that are ready to complete your club's local grant application, NOW is the time!

However, please use the new local grants application form. You can find the form by going to our District 6920 Web Site at www.rotary6920.org. Click on "Committee Data" where you will find the local grant application form.

Remember there are three criteria that must be met to qualify for a local grant:

First, you must have contributed enough to The Rotary Foundation three years ago to have some money coming to your Club this year through the District Designated Fund (DDF) process.

Second, your club MUST complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and have sent it to District Governor Elect Ted Thompson

Third, at least two members of your club should have attended the Foundation Seminar June 15th in Dublin.

Remember the local grant timelines:

July 31, 2013: Local grants application due to District Local Grants Chair, Les Arent

September 6, 2013: Announcement of club's local grants project approval

February 14, 2014: Progress report due. You can use the form or just send a "How Goes It" statement to Les Arent

May 4, 2014: Final report due to Les Arent with receipts and "hand written" signature

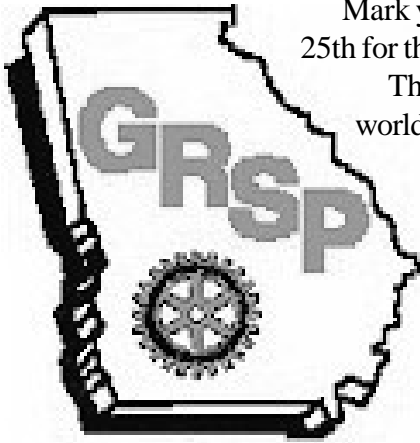
As was mentioned at the Dublin Seminar, no local grants will be approved for 2013-2014 until ALL DSG Final Reports for 2012-2013 are received by Les Arent and sent to The Rotary Foundation. The staff there must accept and approve all of them. (Remember, they were due to Les on May 3). If you are reading this and have not sent your DSG Final Report for Past District Governor Bob Griggers' year, you are WAYLATE!

(Contact District Local Grants Chair Les Arent via email javelin73@cox.net or by phone at 478-953-5847 if you have any questions.)

GRSP Conclave Slated for August 23-25

Mark your calendars now and plan to be at the new Jekyll Island Conference Center August 23rd-25th for the 2013 GRSP Student Conclave.

The Class of 2013-2014 is comprised of 47 students who come from 24 countries around the world. District 6920 will host the following students:



- *Iva Salomounova - Czech Republic
- *Marlene Hegna - Norway
- *Alina Biallas - Germany
- *Rukshani Adhietty - Sri Lanka
- *Charlotte Galley - Wales
- *Jason Cleland - Scotland
- *Morten Von Wierder Hedelund - Denmark
- *Joachim Buck - Denmark
- *Felix Tandberg - Sweden

Conclave is the first opportunity for students and Rotarians to meet. The highlight of the weekend is always the Cabaret which takes place Saturday evening and is produced entirely by the students.

Host clubs for Conclave are Camden County, St. Simons Island, Brunswick, Glynn County, Jekyll Island, Kings Bay and McIntosh County. Reservations can be made by going to grsp.org and following the link to Conclave. For more information you may contact the GRSP home office at 912-961-1331.

 <p>Czech Republic</p>  <p>Iva Salomounova</p> <p>District 6920 Hinesville Richmond Hill Savannah Sunrise - Armstrong State University</p>	 <p>Sri Lanka</p>  <p>Rukshani Adhietty</p> <p>District 6920 Brunswick Camden County St. Simons Island - Coastal College of Georgia</p>	 <p>Denmark</p>  <p>Morten Von Wierder Hedelund</p> <p>District 6920 Augusta - Georgia Regents University</p>
 <p>Norway</p>  <p>Mariene Hegna</p> <p>District 6920 Savannah - Armstrong State University</p>	 <p>Wales</p>   <p>Charlotte Galley</p> <p>District 6920 Downtown Statesboro Statesboro - Georgia Southern University</p>	 <p>Denmark</p>  <p>Joachim Buck</p> <p>District 6920 Downtown Macon Macon Uptown Macon - Mercer University</p>
 <p>Germany</p>  <p>Alina Biallas</p> <p>District 6920 Savannah South Savannah West - Armstrong State University</p>	 <p>Scotland</p>   <p>Jason Cleland</p> <p>District 6920 Dublin Milledgeville - Georgia College & State University</p>	 <p>Sweden</p>  <p>Felix Tandberg</p> <p>District 6920 Perry Warner Robins - Middle Georgia State College</p>

Global Grants Seminar Held

In early June, over 100 District Rotarians gathered in Dublin for a full day session on Future Vision and the new grant making model for local District Grants and Global Grants. Clubs interested in doing an international humanitarian project must now get used to the new Future Vision and Global Grant terminology and application procedures. After testing the new concepts in Pilot Districts around the world, The Rotary Foundation is encouraging Clubs to develop strong partnerships with international Rotarians, to think big and to emphasize sustainability in projects selected for funding.

Eligible projects must serve to improve lives within six "Areas of Focus," as follows:

- Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Disease Prevention & Treatment
- Water & Sanitation
- Maternal & Child Health
- Basic Education & Literacy
- Economic & Community Development



School desks for children in India

Of course these are still within the basic mission of Rotary under the past matching grant program model, and they are broad enough to encompass most types of humanitarian projects. Other selection criteria include 1) projects must be over \$30,000 total, including all funding sources, 2) projects must be sustainable over at least 3-5 years, with provisions, for instance, for maintenance on any equipment and education/training on its use, and 3) projects must have measurable results. The Foundation will still match international and US club cash contributions fifty cents on the dollar, and DDF allocated by the District will be matched dollar for dollar.

Another new requirement is that participating Clubs and Districts must be "qualified" to receive grant funds, by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), ensuring legal, financial and stewardship controls of grant funds. In District 6920, participating clubs are also required to have at least two club officers attend the annual grants and Foundation training seminar. And, clubs are requested to contribute at least 10% of the amount of DDF funds requested for the project, and clubs may want to consider jointly sponsor projects with other District clubs.

DG Gary Smith is encouraging clubs to develop strong relationships with Rotarians in countries being considered for Global Grants, as strong partners make for effective projects. As there will be somewhat less DDF for Global Grants under Future Vision (local District

Grants will get more under RI guidelines), we will emphasize quality and sustainability in selecting projects for funding. Before completing the full application for TRF on line, clubs will complete the initial District Global Grant application, available on the District web site.

Under the leadership of PDGs Bob Griggers and Gordon Matthews, District 6920 clubs have become very active in sponsoring international humanitarian projects through The Rotary Foundation's matching grant program. During the Rotary years 2011-2013, 15 clubs in D6920 sponsored 18 different international projects in 9 different countries, with \$300,111 in DDF leveraging \$1,227,649 in total project investments. It is fair to say that many, many lives around the world have been significantly improved, and even saved, as a result of D6920 Rotarians' generosity in recent years. As we enter the new world of Future Vision and Global Grants, we can continue to "Do Good in the World" in a big way.

(Clubs interested in doing a Global Grant are encouraged to contact Global Grants Chair John Neely for initial guidance in putting together the application, and to research the basic program features at the RI website <http://www.rotary.org/en/grants/grants-basics/explore-grants/global-grants>. For more information, contact District Global Grants Chair John Neely via email at john.neely@colliers.com or by phone at 912-233-711, ext. 103 or 912-657-1778.)

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Make Plans to Attend Membership Seminar

You are INVITED!
Plan now to attend the 2013 Georgia Membership Seminar.

"Recruit and Retain: Growing Rotary from Within" will be held on July 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Renaissance Concourse Hotel in Atlanta.

Join Rotarians from around the state to share best practices and new ideas. Presentations will be given by Zone leadership, all focused on improving the membership experience and inviting new members.

Cost is \$35 and includes a buffet lunch.

Registration for the Georgia Membership Seminar is open on District And Club Database (DaCDb). To view it, please log in and click "GoToRegisterME" on the dark blue bar.



McIntosh Club Holds Installation Ceremony

McIntosh County Rotary Club held a memorable Rotary installation ceremony recently at Altman's Restaurant. Outgoing president Diane Martin recapped all of the service projects that the club had participated in and contributed to throughout the year prior to passing the gavel on Nanci Smith, 2013-2014 president.

The club also recognized Diane J. Richardson as their Rotarian of the Year.

Congratulations to all of these Rotarians!



Outgoing club president Diane Martin passes the gavel to incoming president Nanci Smith, above. At left, Diane Richardson, right, is recognized as the club's Rotarian of the Year.

David Pierce Memorial Crime Stopper Luncheon

Recently, the Rotary Clubs of Centerville, Perry and Warner Robins collaborated in hosting the annual Crime Stopper Recognition and Awards Luncheon held at the Museum of Aviation, Robins AFB, GA. During the luncheon, they presented Crime Stoppers a check in the amount of \$27,425 to help fight crime. The luncheon held in the Century of Flight Hangar, not only raised funds but also recognized the efforts of law enforcement agencies and the accomplishments and the role Crime Stoppers has in helping solve crimes. Centerville Police Chief said in a prerecorded video that "law enforcement cannot have eyes everywhere. But Crime Stoppers give police those additional eyes needed to solve crimes through anonymous tips". Since its inception 13 years ago, Crime Stoppers' efforts have resulted in 3,925 arrests, the clearing of 5,776 cases and the recovery of almost \$600,000 in property.

Honored at the luncheon were retired Perry Public Safety Director George Potter, FBI Special Agent Jalaine Ward and retired Houston County Sheriff's, Colonel Rueben McGhee for their many years of service to their communities and agencies. The Crime Stopper Luncheon is named in honor of the late David Pierce, former Chief Judge, Houston County Magistrate Court and a Rotary Assistant District Governor.



Rotary Club President Kathy Hart, left, and Susan Pierce, widow of the Late AG David Pierce, are shown with the Centerville Club honoring Rotary District Governor Bob Griggers. Also shown, is part of the check presented to Crime Stoppers.

The Rotary Foundation

Our mission. “Doing good in the world’ is more than a motto. It is our goal, our mission and our reminder. It expresses in the clearest terms why we have a Foundation and it challenges us to reach as far as we can to do the most good possible with everything we have. Our Foundation exists to support the good that we can do through Rotary. It expands our reach, increases our strength and makes our service more powerful and more effective. Because of our Foundation we can, very simply, do more of our Rotary work.”

-2004-05 RI President Glenn Estes Sr.

Polio. Past District Governor John Jacob Zucker Gardiner says that “the experience of giving polio vaccines to little children in Ethiopia was transformational. The children’s faces were open and joyful (mostly) and I realized that while their futures were not as bright as their faces, at least polio would not be part of their days to come. Rotary brings hope. Rotary’s work is never done.”

Peace. Through the Rotary Peace Centers program, The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians can increase their effectiveness in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to world understanding and peace. Archbishop Emeritus and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Desmond Tutu has said, “Rotary Peace Fellows believe, and I believe, it is possible to have a world without war. It is possible to have a world without hunger.”

Giving to the Foundation. “Some think that there is competition in Rotary between supporting local projects and giving to The Rotary Foundation. In fact, the more we emphasize what Rotary does for people through The Rotary Foundation, the more it increases our overall spirit of giving. When a club emphasizes giving to The Rotary Foundation, most often the club will discover increases in giving to local scholarship foundations, contributions to local community service and greater participation in local hands-on projects because a club that gets into the habit of giving will give more to all causes.”

-Rotarian Ronn Kerr

Remember that the annual fund share is the only designation whereby funds will filter back to your club in three years for use in local projects. Always check your contribution designation before you click “send” or you drop it into the mail. We want your money to go where you really want it to go.

Thank you for caring. Thank you for giving. This is who we are. This is what we do. We are Rotarians!

Brunswick Rotary Club Installs New President



The Brunswick Rotary Club recently installed their new president, Jane Lafferty, center. Assistant Governor Dr. Diane Richardson, left, with the help of outgoing president Bill Gauthier, right, installed Jane at a recent meeting. Lafferty presented her goals for the coming year. The Rotary Club of Brunswick is the oldest Rotary Club in Brunswick and meets on Thursdays at the Brunswick Country Club.

Bequest Society



PDG Kenan Kern presents a Bequest Society recognition to Toni Marwitz. Marwitz is a member of the Rotary Club of Skidaway Island.