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Rotary *District 6920*

Two Important Meetings on Saturday, June 15, 2013 in Dublin

District Foundation Seminar/Grants Training - 9 a.m.- 4:15 p.m.

District 6920 Change of Leadership and Awards Presentation - 6 p.m. -9 p.m.

Please finalize your plans to be in Dublin on Saturday June 15th. We have two very important meetings planned for that date. You can go on line at www.rotary6920.org to register for both events. Please take time and do this now! Also, if you choose to spend Friday or Saturday night, a special room rate has been negotiated at the La Quinta Inn (478-272-3110. Be sure to mention “Rotary”).

District 6920 Change of Leadership, Awards Dinner

Saturday evening, June 15th - 6-9 p.m.

Dublin Country Club, 689 Country Club Road, Dublin, GA 31021

by District Governor Bob Griggers

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and take part in the celebration of Rotary Year 2012-2013, Peace through Service. We feel that we have a lot to be proud of and are anxious to celebrate and reminisce.

A great meal has been planned for the evening. We guarantee you will be pleased and will not leave hungry! We will be recognizing many individuals and clubs with various awards. We will be presenting the Gold, Silver and Bronze Club Awards. The Rotary International Presidential Citations will be presented and the winners of our District Speech Contest will speak and be recognized. We will recognize Rotarians with the most number of years in Service to Rotary, as well as the District Rookie of the Year. We will recognize the Rotarian who has attended the most District Conferences and will present a special Attendance Award. The \$1,000 Governor’s Challenge winner will be recognized, as well as the new 100% Paul Harris Clubs. Many more recognitions are also being planned.

This is also an important evening for another reason. As we complete a year of Peace through Service, and close the

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Change of Leadership and Awards Dinner

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door on a great Rotary Year, we look forward to “Engage Rotary – Change Lives,” and the hope for an even better Rotary year! Come and witness the passing of the gavel ceremony that will include all active Past District Governors of District 6920. As sad as it will be seeing this year, one of the most enjoyable and memorable times of my life, come to its close, it will be comforting knowing that it will be in good hands as I pass the gavel to Governor Gary Smith!

Many have worked so hard. We look forward to this time where we can say “Thank You”. We hope that many of you will be attending Gary’s Foundation meeting earlier that morning. Please plan to attend both events. Should you choose to not spend the night, provisions will be made available at the Country Club for you to change clothes and/or freshen up. Business casual dress is preferred. Please, go to www.rotary6920.org and register now. We look forward to seeing you there!

District Foundation Seminar/Grants Training

Oconee Fall Line Technical College 9 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

(Lunch will be served)

by District Governor Elect Gary Smith

Please make plans to attend the Foundation Seminar to learn more about the Rotary Foundation and the various ways that you can participate and contribute to making our world better through programs of the Foundation. Remember, we will be implementing “Future Vision Grants” on July 1. The Future Vision Committee has worked diligently to make the transition easy and to make the grants process simpler. There will be presentations on Local Grants (formerly known as District Simplified Grants) and Global Grants (formerly known as Matching Grants). I have recommended that the percentage of District Designated Funds for Local Grants increase to nearly 43% from the previous years’ 20%. Come and learn the terms and acronyms that we use so loosely with grants!

Please NOTE: If your club plans to apply for a Local Grant or a Global Grant, attendance at this training session is **REQUIRED!** A minimum of two club representatives must attend specialized grant management and qualification training and the District Foundation Seminar. It is **mandatory** that the Club President, Club President Elect or the Club Grants Chair participate in this training.

Please preregister so we can have a good count for lunch and the coffee and donuts available.

Want to Help Storm Victims in Oklahoma?

by District Governor Bob Griggers

Moore, Oklahoma is located on I-35 just south of I-40 on the outskirts of Oklahoma City, OK. It is the site of the most recent devastating tornado to hit that state. Moore is about 10 miles north of Norman, home of Rotary International President Elect Ron Burton. Moore has one Rotary club that meets in that city. The current club president is a police officer for the Moore Police Department. One of the members is the city manager and another is the president of a local college that is serving as a distribution center about a half mile south of the tornado’s path. It has been estimated that there were between 12,000 to 13,000 homes destroyed or damaged, in addition to businesses and schools. They are in District 5770 and Phillip Moss serves as their Governor.

I have spoken with Governor Moss, inquiring how members of District 6920 can be of best assistance. He said most of the current urgent needs are being addressed by the Red Cross, Shelterbox, Salvation Army and DisasterAid USA, among others. He said Rotary Districts 5770 and 5750 have set up a Foundation where you can send tax-deductible donations to assist in more long-term recovery efforts.

If you or your club would like to help those who have lost so much in this natural tragedy, please send checks to the Foundation for Oklahoma Rotary, Inc., Bi-District Fund, P.O. 13800, Oklahoma City, OK 73113-3800. Or Goggle www.rotary5770.com for more information.

Clubs Celebrate 50 Years of Rotary Service

by District Governor Bob Griggers

This past week was particularly special because we not only got to celebrate a club's 50th birthday, but we got to celebrate with two clubs in the same week!

It was good to return to Ocilla and celebrate with them. Ocilla was the very first club I visited as District Governor and we all were a lot more relaxed this time. It was good to visit again and to meet some of the members that were not there for my first visit. Their club has a distinction no other club in the District has: they are a small rural community, and their State



Ocilla Rotarians Celebrate 50 Years of Rotary Service

House Representative is a member of their club. This is good, but there is more: their Club President is also their newly-elected State Senator. Do you think politics is discussed here? Another thing, both times that I visited with them, they always had visitors present from surrounding clubs, and one of the best lunches you will find. Do you think that is a coincidence? Congratulations!

Augusta West was one of the last clubs that we visited on our Official Visit tour. However we did get to participate earlier this year in their "Taste of Something Wild" annual fundraiser. This event has been quite successful and I would recommend you put it on your calendar for next year. The Rotary Club of Augusta West is a very active club, not only as individuals, but as a group. PDG Dallas Simon, very proudly, is quick to point out the fact that they were recognized as "Club of the Year" when he was president.

I would like to commend their 50th anniversary committee for doing a great job in planning for their celebration. There were Charter members present and many former members as well. They also did a nice job in decorating and had a classy keepsake program printed as a souvenir of their event. Members reminisced from the early days and Bill Phillips presented an interesting and entertaining Power



Augusta West Rotarians Celebrate their 50th Anniversary

Point of the club's history. But remember I said earlier this club is an active club! It was my pleasure while there, to not only induct a new member, but recognize five new Paul Harris Fellows! Remember, this club has already been recognized as a 100% Paul Harris Club, but the giving doesn't stop. Many thanks for allowing me to participate with you on this occasion and we wish you continued success on the next 50 years!

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program Slated for June 20-23

This year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program is slated for June 20-23 on the campus of South Georgia State College in Douglas.

RYLA's attendance in past years has been declining. With increased costs and the lower number of attendees, it is becoming harder to keep the program going. For that reason, RYLA Program Chair Charles W. Johnson is encouraging each Rotary club to send at least one student.

"If each club could send just one student, the positive influence to our district would be immeasurable," he wrote in a letter to District Governor Elect Gary Smith. "So, please remember 'One for the RYLA.'"

The fee for this year's program is \$350, which covers the cost of the program and room and board.

"We have some excellent instructors and speakers lined up for this year," writes Johnson.

The RYLA website is www.rotarydistrict6920.net/RYLA/RYLA.php. For further information, call Johnson at 912-260-4338 or email him at charles.johnson@sgsc.edu.



Derby Day Fun at District Conference

