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# Newsletter

GARY SMITH, DISTRICT GOVERNOR

## Public Image Grant Awarded to District 6920

This is an email that I received at the end of July and have remembered that I had not shared. This is an example of bragging (or as I have been telling clubs: “telling your story because getting your story out to your community is up to you.”)

Dear District Governor,

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that your district’s application for a Public Image Priority Grant has been approved. More than 70% of all Rotary districts applied for 2013-14 Public Image Grants. Congratulations – and thank you for your diligent efforts!

PR Grant Award

Approved Amount

USD 15,000

District Contribution

USD 5,000

Total Grant Value

USD 20,000

The bragging part that is in the numbers is worth telling. There are 538 districts worldwide and more than 70% of the districts applied. That is 377. Now the topping, District 6920 was the ONLY district of the 377 (or you could say in the world!) to be fully funded with the grant, meaning we are receiving the full \$15,000. That is good news worth telling.

You should begin to see and hear evidence of the grant in the next few weeks. More news later.

In the meantime, assess your club. Think about these 9 things.

1. Does my community know what impact my club has on my community, my district, my world?
2. If another Rotarian wants to visit my club can they find me?
3. Do I have signs posted at my city limits telling travelers every day that Rotary is here?
4. Can I display a “Rotary Meets Here” sign at my meeting place?
5. Can I be found on the Internet?
6. Do I have a website?
7. Is my website up-to-date?
8. Is my club’s information current on the District and Club Database?
9. Do I have a story to tell?

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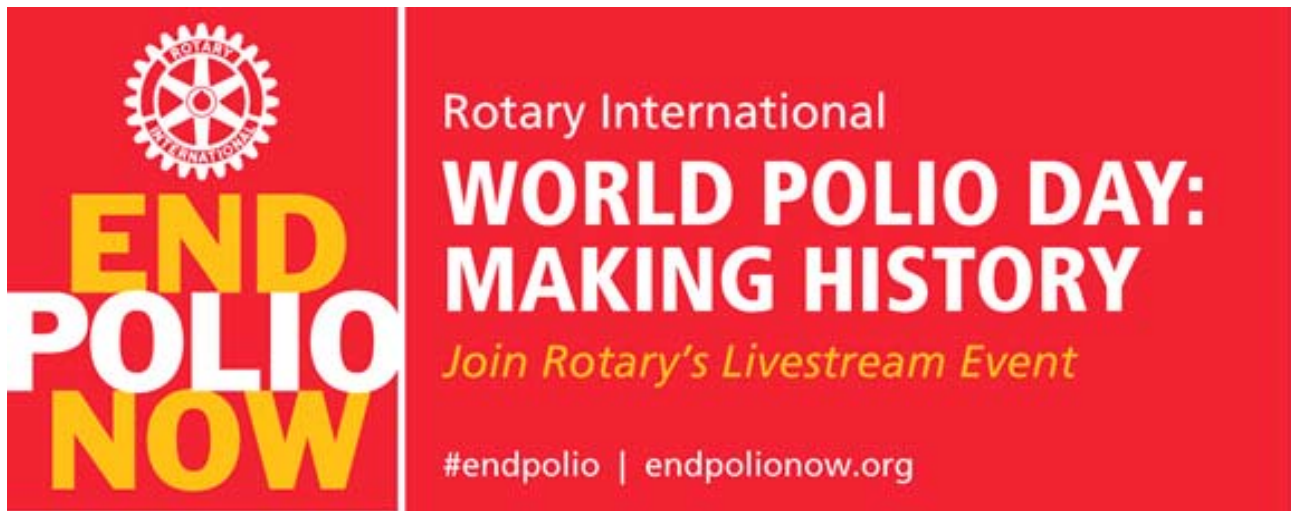
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Meet Your 2013 - 2014  
District Leadership Team

Go to: [http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net/Organization/2013-14%20District\\_Team.php](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net/Organization/2013-14%20District_Team.php)

Meet Your 2013 - 2014  
District Committee Chairs

Go to: <http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net/Organization/2013-14%20District%20Chairs.php>



## What is Your Club Doing October 24 World Polio Day?

As part of the Public Image for Rotary D6920, the End Polio Toolkit link (below), the webpage information, a template for the press release for your club to use and the banner you can use on your webpages or social media. Make sure to take photos and share them with the district on the Rotary District 6920 Facebook page.

<http://www.endpolio.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/world-polio-day-2013-toolkit.pdf?Status=Temp&sfvrsn=2>

Maybe your club will submit photos to be included in the World's Biggest Commercial .... The Georgia Regents University Rotaract Club can be found <http://thisclose.endpolio.org/en/submissions/4064>

### *Lears Recognized by Rotary Club of Downtown Macon*

Since Ann and I have no children, we wanted to make sure that we could continue to make a difference after we were both gone. We wanted to find an organization that could do something in the area of our passion, Literacy. We both know firsthand how important reading is to life's success. Ann suffers from dyslexia, and struggled to read as a child, which dramatically impacted her early education. As the first General Manager of the Literacy Services Division at Educational Testing Service, I had access to vast amounts of research that showed that literacy was the primary indicator of future economic success. Literacy not only has an individual impact, but a community impact.



*Sue and DG Gary Smith, Downtown Macon President Amy Maley Gary and Ann Lear, Charlotte and DGE Ted Thompson, AG Elizabeth Hardin, Foundation Chair Ron May, PDG D6900 William Woulfin, Zone 34 Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Gary Moore and Benefactor/Bequest Society Chair Bert Guy.*

We found the organization that we were searching for in Rotary. It's principles and ideals are the same as ours, and its efforts in the many areas it focuses on makes impacts in peoples' lives. By choosing Rotary we not only make in impact around the world, but also in our home district, as well. Ann and I both would like to thank Rotary for allowing us to continue to make a difference.

## ***District Conference Website, Registration Now Open***

The District Conference website and conference registration is now open. To register online or find out more about this year's conference, visit [http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net/District\\_Conference/2014/conference\\_home.php](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net/District_Conference/2014/conference_home.php).

## **Save the Date**

**Who:** Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary, Projects, Improvement, District Activities

**What:** District Assembly

**When:** Saturday November 16, 2013

**Where:** Oconee Fall Line Technical College, Dublin, Georgia

**Why:** Because there are great things going on in Rotary and in District 6920 that need to be shared.

**How:** Registration is now open. Register by going to [http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net/District\\_Meetings/2013\\_Nov\\_16/meetings\\_home.php](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net/District_Meetings/2013_Nov_16/meetings_home.php)

## **New Paul Harris Fellows**

The following have become Paul Harris Fellows during the current Rotary year. To become a Paul Harris Fellow, a Rotarian must contribute \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

New D6920 Paul Harris Fellows include:

### ***Uptown Macon Rotary Club***

Past President Wynne Pearson

### ***Hawkinsville Rotary Club***

Clay Hall	Larry Harper
Dennis Vickers	W.E. Coleman
Jason Lord	Eric Vickers
Jane D. Williams	John Follett
Paul Williams	Lynn Frisbie
Tim Wynne	John Turner
Charles Patton	

### ***Savannah West Rotary Club***

New Paul Harris Society Member:  
General William N. Searcy

## ***Kings Bay Collects Books for Local Interact Club***



The Rotary Club of Kings Bay collected books to be given to their local Interact Club for an International project they are doing called Book Drive for Africa.

## ***Hazlehurst Rotary Club Welcomes Special Guests***



Hazlehurst Rotary Club and President Keith Carter welcomed District Governor Gary Smith and Assistant Governor Ben Harvill at a recent club meeting.



# Rotary Club Central

*The following resources are available to all members in the Learning Center, located on My Rotary ([www.rotary.org/myrotary](http://www.rotary.org/myrotary)) under Learning & Reference by Rotary International Club & District Support Coordinator Marni Nixon*

- Promotional Flier – highlighting the advantages of using RC Central to have all goals and progress data in one place and accessible for all members to view, which fosters continuity in leadership, transparency, and realistic goal setting.
- Rotary Club Central: What's in it for you? – webinar providing a general overview of the tool and user experiences on the benefits.
- PowerPoint Presentation – provides an overview of the tool, including navigation and how to view and enter goals. This may be a helpful resource for training events.
- Club Reference Guide and District Reference Guide – contains step-by-step instructions on the how to view and set goals in each goal category. Includes information on additional functionality available to district leaders.
- PETS Planning Worksheet – contains a list of all the goals a club can set in RC Central.
- Membership Reports – webinar providing an overview of RC Central, how to interpret the membership data, and why it's important: <https://vimeo.com/74770383>.



*Marni Nixon*

My Rotary ([www.rotary.org/myrotary](http://www.rotary.org/myrotary))

- Registration and sign-in tips - [http://sites.rotary.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/pdf/rotary\\_web\\_registration\\_tips\\_EN.pdf](http://sites.rotary.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/pdf/rotary_web_registration_tips_EN.pdf)
- Announcements – under Member News? Announcements (or on your profile page after logging in), you can see website issues we have been made aware of and are working to resolve.
- Videos –
  - o Public site video tour – <http://vimeo.com/73964180>
  - o My Rotary video tour – <http://vimeo.com/73963261>
  - o Brief and fast-paced overview - <http://vimeo.com/73694281>

\*In the future, we are looking to add these videos and more resources on the website under the Learning & Reference section.

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## "Remember David?"

If you were present at the District Conference in Augusta last May, you got to meet 8 year old David from Bolivia. This is a child that Afnan Agramant met during his work related to GSE and our water project in Bolivia. David is an orphan but his orphanage is his parent's house and he is his own caretaker and provider. David's story was so compelling that he was instantly "adopted" by conference attendees and a collection was taken for his well being. Afnan visited David recently and the visit was captured in this YouTube video for us. District 6920 Engages Rotary and Changes Lives.

[http://m.youtube.com/](http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=MNKhZuyuNm0&feature=youtu.be&desktop_uri=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DMNKhZuyuNm0%26feature%3Dyoutu.be)

[watch?v=MNKhZuyuNm0&feature=youtu.be&desktop\\_uri=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DMNKhZuyuNm0%26feature%3Dyoutu.be](http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=MNKhZuyuNm0&feature=youtu.be&desktop_uri=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DMNKhZuyuNm0%26feature%3Dyoutu.be)

# Scholarship to Study in Oslo, Norway

## Available to One Student in District 6920

The Norwegian Rotary Advisory Board is once again inviting three (3) young Georgia students to study in Norway next summer. We ask that your club select a candidate(s) for this award. The final selection will be made by a committee of Trustees in each District.

Scholarship information: Visit the Oslo Summer School Website, [www.uio.no/summerschool](http://www.uio.no/summerschool), for details. *DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATION THROUGH THAT WEBSITE. APPLY THROUGH GRSP AND IF YOU ARE SELECTED YOU WILL THEN APPLY TO THE SUMMER SCHOOL.*

- (a) Dates: June 21 – August 1, 2014 at the University of Oslo.
- (b) English is the language of the Summer School.
- (c) REQUIREMENTS:
  1. Ages 20-24 – Singles only
  2. Must have completed college sophomore year
  3. Three color photographs passport size – taken within last six months
  4. Seriousness of purpose
  5. Personal qualities likely to make a good representative of our Country abroad
  6. Excellent health

The program includes air fares Atlanta-Oslo and return to Atlanta, a field tour to Bergen (administered by the University of Oslo), room, board and tuition at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo and visiting for one week with Norwegian Rotary host families. The recipients of the scholarships must pay their travel expense to and from Atlanta, plus provide their own personal spending money.

**GENERAL COURSES:** Norwegian Art, Norwegian Language, History, Folklore and Literature of Norway and Scandinavia, Economics, Politics, Culture and Society, International Relations and Development Studies

**GRADUATE COURSES:** Educational System of Norway, Physical Education in Norway, Medical Care and Health Services in Norway, Peace Research, Energy Planning and the Environment, Special Education, Kulturlivet i samtiden Norge, Norwegian Petroleum Law and Transboundary Pollution.

The University of Oslo will issue a Certificate of Achievement to all who satisfactorily complete the Summer School courses. Credits may also be certified.

**PURPOSE:** While the immediate goal of this International School is to impart knowledge about some aspects of Norway, it also seeks to increase understanding and good will among nations through daily living together.

**HOUSING:** Lecture and Seminar activities and housing will be at the University located at Blindern, ten minutes by electric car from the center of Oslo. Men and women students will be housed at the Blindern Dormitories. Meals will be provided at the University Center Cafeteria.

For more information contact the DRSP office at the address below:

A COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM MUST BE MAILED ON OR BEFORE  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2013 TO:

The Georgia Rotary Student Program  
PO Box 61327  
Savannah, Georgia 31420

# Rotary Club of Camden County is FIRST CLASS

When DG Gary Smith met with the Camden County Board in August he gave an explanation of his FIRST CLASS challenge to them of all members contributing at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation during 2013-2014. Laughter ensued with a resounding, "OK, we already have done that!" And they had, becoming the first club to become members of the Georgia FIRST CLASS.



The Camden County Rotary Club is pictured below showing off their Georgia FIRST CLASS Buttons.

## Meningococcal Meningitis

### *What is meningococcal meningitis?*

Meningococcal disease, which includes meningitis, is a serious bacterial infection that strikes between 1000 to 2600 Americans each year. Although rare, meningococcal disease can cause meningitis (swelling of the brain or spinal cord) or meningococemia (blood infection). Vaccination has been available for decades and is a safe and effective way to help protect against this potentially devastating disease.

Preteens and teens are at greater risk for getting meningococcal meningitis and are more likely to die compared with other age groups. Death rates from meningococcal meningitis are up to 5 times higher in teenagers and young adults (15 through 24 years of age) compared with other age groups.

### *How do you get meningococcal meningitis?*

Meningococcal bacteria are spread from person to person through close contact. Common everyday activities (e.g., sharing drinking glasses, eating utensils, kissing, or living in close quarters) can put even healthy preteens and teens at greater risk for getting meningitis. That's why vaccination is so important.

### *What are symptoms of meningococcal meningitis?*

Meningococcal meningitis can be hard to recognize, especially in its early stages, because symptoms are similar to those of more common viral illnesses. But unlike more common illnesses, the disease can progress quickly and may cause death within 24 hours. Symptoms may include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, confusion, vomiting, exhaustion, and/or a rash.

### *What can happen if you get meningococcal meningitis?*

Although rare, meningococcal meningitis is serious and can potentially cause death of an otherwise healthy young person within 24 hours. About 10 percent of people who get meningococcal meningitis will die. Up to 1 in 5 survivors are left with serious medical problems, including:

- Amputation of arms, legs, fingers, and toes
- Brain damage?
- Deafness?
- Kidney damage

### *How can you help prevent your child from developing meningococcal meningitis?*

Vaccination is safe and effective and the best way to help protect preteens and teens from meningococcal meningitis. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other leading medical groups recommend meningococcal vaccine for:

- Preteens and teens 11 through 18 years of age
  - College freshmen living in dormitories?
  - Children 2 through 10 years of age who are at increased risk or if elected by their health-care providers and parents
- Vaccination is available for people 2 through 55 years of age who wish to reduce their risk for contracting the disease.



# District Looking for Global Grants Projects

Having been quite active over the past two year doing humanitarian projects around the world through the matching grant program, D6920 Rotarians are encouraged to search out international partner clubs in sponsoring a new Global Grant. Why? Two reasons: "Doing Good in the World" is an integral part of being a Rotarian, and secondly, as of September, 2013, there still are District Designated Funds left for projects this year.

As most of us know by now, eligible projects must serve to improve lives within the six "Areas of Focus," such as disease prevention & treatment, water & sanitation, or education & literacy. 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 of 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.

And as we learned at the Augusta District Conference, Clubs must be "qualified" to receive grant funds, by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and participating in the annual District grants training seminar. A new aspect of the new Global Grant program this year is that Districts can send teams of Rotarians and non-Rotarians to another country as part of a Vocational Training Team (VTT) to provide hands on assistance identifying good projects and making them happen.

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/global-grants>.

For additional information, contact D6920 Global Grants Chair John Neely at [John.neely@colliers.com](mailto:John.neely@colliers.com) or via phone at 912-233-7111, extension 103 or 912-657-1778.

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## Camden Club Hosts Southern Supper to Honor District Governor, Wife

The Rotary Club of Camden County honored DG Gary Smith and his wife Sue with a Southern Supper on the lawn of



*DG Gary Smith, Sue Smith, AG Diane Richardson, GRSP Student Rukshani Adhihetty, Club Member and GRSP Vice-chair Bert Guy, Club President Jim Greer, and club Administrator Deb Maner*

the marsh-front home of President Jim Greer and his wife Suzanne. This was a family of Rotary event, attended by spouses, children, and friends. Another special guest was GRSP student Rukshani Adhihetty from Sri Lanka who had arrived in Georgia the previous day. She is sponsored by the Camden, Brunswick and St. Simons Rotary Clubs and will be attending Coastal College in Brunswick.

At the RCCC meeting the following day, the club presented certificates to DG Gary and Sue indicating that in their honor two GED test

scholarships are being given to Altamaha Tech students from Camden County.

# Kent Receives Honorary Rotary Membership

Alline Kent, a columnist for *The Sun News* section of *The Telegraph*, was recently presented a Rotary Honorary Membership by The Rotary Club of Centerville because its members consider her to be a leader in her vocation. Kent tells the public in *The Sun News* about the good things the good people of Middle Georgia do which conveys to its readers that Middle Georgia is a great place to live. She has shown an affinity for Rotary's number one goal – the eradication of Polio worldwide. Kent was named for her great grandmother who was a victim of polio and her support of this Rotary cause is considered to be a tribute to her grand mother and all grandmothers who have been afflicted with this disease. Honorary membership is a privilege, which carries with it many obligations and Alline will carry the ideals and principles of Rotary service to the public.



*Jennifer Burk, Editor of The Sun News; Jack Steed, Past President; Alline Kent and Kenny Kitchens, President.*



## *McIntosh Rotarians Provide Refreshments*

The Rotary Club of McIntosh County provided refreshments during a recent training meeting of the School Councils of McIntosh County. Rotarians Latrelle Peterson and Jackie Mull were among those who volunteered to assist at the event.

## *November is Foundation Month*

November is Rotary Foundation month! It's a good time to reflect on the great Rotary Foundation sponsored programs we support and on how each of us can contribute to make sure these programs continue.

Our Rotary Foundation sponsors a broad range of Educational and Humanitarian programs that save and change lives here and abroad: Group Study Exchange (GSE), Ambassadorial Scholars, Polio Eradication, District Matching Grants and Health/Hunger & Humanity (3H) Grants, to name a few. These programs are the lifeblood of Rotary, creating world peace and understanding through the lives touched by the programs. Ask any past GSE team leader or any Rotarian who has visited/worked on an international project about the difference made by these programs . . . there are many wonderful stories of saved and changed lives around the world.

Our contributions to The Rotary Foundation fund these Rotary programs. While our Foundation is quite healthy (one of the largest Foundations in the world), there is so much more we need to do. Your annual contribution and/or a contribution to the Foundation permanent fund (through a major gift or benefactor contribution) fuels our Rotary programs. A contribution to the Foundation is one of the best investments you can make with nearly 100% going to Rotary programs that save and change lives.