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Rotary District 6920 Newsletter

GARY SMITH, DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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100 Years - 100 Dollars - 100 Percent

One hundred years ago, Rotary was born in Georgia. The Rotary Club of Atlanta was chartered in June 1913 and in our district, the Rotary clubs of Savannah and Macon were chartered February 1914 and March 1914, respectively. From that, the rest of our clubs were created.

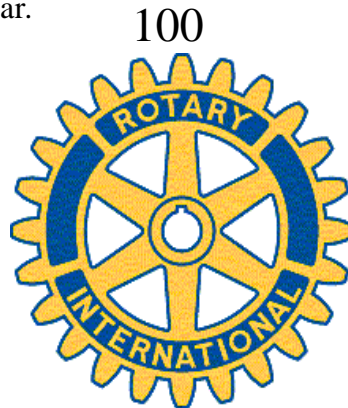
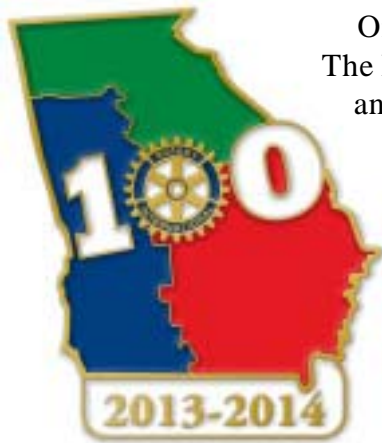
I have challenged each club president to contribute a minimum of \$100 to The Rotary Foundation this year.

In my travels, I am asking and challenging each of our club

members to do the same.

One question is: Can 100% of us celebrate our 100 year anniversary with a \$100 contribution? The answer is we can, but the better question is will we?

Please help us create more stories that we share about "doing good in the world."



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*Meet Your 2013 - 2014
District Leadership Team*

Go to: 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>

Please Make a Note: District Assembly Has Been Rescheduled

District Assembly has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 16 at Oconee Fall Line Technical College in Dublin. Details will follow in next month's newsletter.

METS Work is Halted Until Economy Stabilizes

Submitted by PDG Richard E. Hyer, Jr.

The Medical Equipment Transport Service (METS) was founded in 1996 by Dr. Bob Ashley and was adopted as a District 6920 project in 2003 during Bruce Montgomery's time as District Governor. Rotarians throughout District 6920 enthusiastically supported METS financially with an annual contributions and special funding. In addition, Rotarians collected used medical equipment and supplies which were delivered to the METS warehouse in Savannah. Dr. Ashley served as the volunteer director for several years before relocating to Colorado.

The administration of METS continued on a volunteer basis for many years until paid director Linda Herdina was employed several years ago. Several dedicated volunteers worked with the program for over 10 years while members of many District 6920 clubs served to sort materials for shipment to developing nations. Over \$17 million of useable medical equipment was shipped by containers to medical organizations charged with health care for indigent persons in 34 countries. METS was recognized by many District Governors as the flag ship service project of District 6920.

The METS budget never exceeded \$60,000 that paid for warehouse costs, utilities, transportation, limited labor, and equipment. The program drew accolades from Rotarians outside the district and while helping those in need of medical services, made friends for Rotary across the world.

The decline in the world economy began to affect this charitable service as early as 2006-2007. Hospitals and medical professionals could no longer afford to donate equipment or supplies and the focus on medical care brought new efforts at cost reduction to medical administration and services. Material contributions to METS began to slow and for the past several years, used equipment was sold to smaller medical operations or scrapped for financial resources. Many small town health care facilities have closed or consolidated to meet patient needs. Declining government support as a result of and changes in the healthcare field has also impacted medical operations.

Although financial contributions from Rotary continued, materials were no longer available. The last container was shipped in early 2013. The Officers and Board of Directors of METS elected to hold the entire program in abeyance until medical care in the state of Georgia and around the world returns to a predictable future. It was a sad day for a few Rotarians who had worked diligently to provide needed care to poor children and adults throughout the world ... and a sadder day for persons who cannot deliver medical care to the needy.

So for the time being, METS will no longer assess District 6920 Rotarians or maintain the warehouse in Savannah. Special care for persons with health care needs will go wanting while the economy stabilizes. METS will remain a charitable organization but take inactive status until a later date. Rotarians who firmly believe in "service above self" will certainly return to active operation as possible.

Please click the following link to view the results of our last shipment: <http://youtu.be/uXIT6LOE20I>



Linda Herdina is honored as METS director by PDGs Dick Hyer and Bruce Montgomery.

Kings Bay Rotary Club Makes Donation to Camden Quarter Back Club

The Rotary Club of Kings Bay and the Fraternal Order of Eagles (#4379) recently donated more than 8,000 nacho chip/cheese trays to the Camden Quarter Back Club. The trays will be used at the concessions stands at the Camden County High School football games.



YOUR KEY CONTACTS

Club and District Support

www.rotary.org/myrotary/contact/representatives

Provides personalized service, training, and regional guidance on:

- Rotary resources and services
- Administrative procedures
- Board policy and Rotary constitutional documents
- Navigating My Rotary and doing your Rotary business online

24/7 INFORMATION - MY ROTARY

<http://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en>

Manage your email subscriptions, register for meetings, and access other member benefits. Club leaders can also:

- Update membership records* and club data with Rotary
- Report next year's officers (by 31 December)
- Report club goals and achievements via Rotary Club Central

Central

- Print the Semi Annual Report (SAR) and pay club dues to Rotary (July/January)
- Utilize the online Official Directory

*Please update club membership data by 1 June/1 December to ensure that the SAR is accurate. Clubs participating in the OneRotary database integration initiative should update their local online system.

MORE HELP - OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

Download free copies of resources like "Be a Vibrant Club: Your Club Leadership Plan." This guide includes questions, ideas, and resources to help your club be more successful.



Contact your Financial Representative for advice on club payments, Semi Annual Report (SAR) invoices, balances, and exchange rates: www.rotary.org/myrotary/contact/representatives

Read Rotary Leader for practical advice to make your club even better.

Club presidents with e-mail addresses in Rotary's system receive the newsletter bimonthly. Encourage your club presidents-elect and club secretaries to subscribe. And be sure to update us if you change your e-mail address.

You will find more helpful resources regarding policy and procedure, membership, media, manual of procedure, proposing new member webinars and membership growth and retention on the Rotary website at www.rotary.org.

Dublin Club Makes Presentation, Donation



District 6920 Governor Gary Smith received his green jacket, above, from the Dublin Rotary Club during his official Governor's visit last month. Presenting the jacket are Dublin Rotary Club President Jay Studstill and Assistant Governor Helen Harper. Club President Jay Studstill also presented District Governor

Smith with a check for \$200, at left, to be used toward District 6920's meningitis prevention project. During his visit with the club, District Governor Smith presented a signed banner to President Jay Studstill, below.



September is New Generations Month

September is designated as New Generations Month in order to focus on all Rotary activities that support the development of young people up to the age of 30. Rotary clubs are encouraged to use the slogan "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth" in club bulletins and publicity material during New Generations Month.

It is the responsibility of each Rotarian to prepare the New Generations — all young people up to the age of 30 — by improving their life skills to ensure a better future, while recognizing the diversity of their needs. All clubs and districts are encouraged to undertake projects that support the fundamental needs of the New Generations: health, human values, education and self-development. The RI Structured Programs for New Generations are Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Rotary Youth Exchange. Components of Rotary's Menu of Service Opportunities (e.g., Children at Risk, Health Care, Literacy) also address New Generations needs.

Interact is Rotary's service club for youth ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs can be community-based or school-based. Individual Rotary clubs sponsor Interact clubs and provide them with support and guidance, but each Interact club is self-governing and self-supporting. The goals of Interact include developing leadership skills and personal integrity, demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others, understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work and advancing international understanding and goodwill.

Rotaract targets young adults ages 18 to 30. College and university-based clubs consist of undergraduate and graduate students who meet on campus. Community-based clubs consist of young adults from various backgrounds, regardless of their professional or academic status. All Rotaract clubs are sponsored by a local Rotary club and conduct community and international service projects. Rotaract clubs also focus on leadership and professional development activities.

For more information on Interact/Rotaract, contact district chair Julian Diaz at jdiazjr@fastmail.fm.

Rotary Youth Exchange is Rotary's exchange program for youth and young adults. It allows students to spend up to a year living in a different country and learning a new culture. Students ages 15 to 19 can participate in a long-term exchange of up to one year, or they can choose a short-term exchange ranging from several days to several weeks. New Generations Exchanges for young adults ages 18 to 25 can range from a few weeks to three months. Rotary clubs and districts sponsor exchange participants, who serve as ambassadors for their countries.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. Participants are usually rising high school juniors. The program emphasizes leadership, citizenship and personal growth. It demonstrates Rotary's respect and concern for youth by providing an effective leadership training experience for potential leaders, encouraging leadership of youth by youth, and publicly recognizing young people who serve their communities. Our RYLA will be held in June 2014 at South Georgia College. Charles Johnson is our chair and can be reached via email at cjohnson@sgsu.edu.

Individual Rotary clubs may also support youth engagement through mentoring programs, career days, essay contests, youth and young adult service projects and other activities.

The District 6920 speech contest is a resource that we use to engage our young leaders and in Georgia, is our Georgia Rotary Student Program a New Generations program? Absolutely!



McIntosh County Academy student Cloe Rowe was selected to represent McIntosh County Rotary Club as a participant with the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program that was held in June on the campus of South Georgia State College in Douglas. Cloe was invited to share her experiences with the Rotarians during their meeting recently. She told the group that she appreciated the opportunity that Rotary gave her and thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship with other high school students from all over the State of Georgia. Pictured with Cloe, center, are her mother, Angie Owens, left, and Nanci Smith, McIntosh County Rotary Club president.

Brunswick Club to Host Clay Shooting Event

The Brunswick Rotary Club will host their inaugural Charity Sport Clays Classic this weekend.

The 9 a.m. shotgun start will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14. Registration cost is \$150 per shooter or \$600 for a four-person team. Prizes will be awarded for the top three individuals and top three teams. Lunch is included and will be catered by Sea Island.

This charity event will benefit programs that the Rotary Club supports in the Golden Isles.

For information on how you can support the event or to sign up as a participant, call 912-264-0026 or email davide@dhhccpa.com.

A New Rotary Record for Foundation Giving

2012-13 contributions to the Annual Fund reached an all-time high, exceeding \$115 million for the first time ever! Achieving annual contributions of this magnitude is a reflection of the extraordinary work of Rotary leaders, like you, around the world. Thank you!

Please spread the word about how every Rotarian can make an impact in their communities and around the world, by supporting our Rotary Foundation every year. With your help, we can reach our visionary goal of \$120 million by June 30, 2014.



Savannah Sunrise Club Inducts New Officers



Past District Governor Kenan Kern administered the oath of office to incoming officers of the Savannah Sunrise Rotary Club at a meeting last month. New officers are James Gamble, vice president; Maureen Horvarth, secretary/treasurer; Rafe Semmes, president elect; Mick McCay, president. Doug Foran, past president, far right, also is pictured. Flyod Whittington, not pictured, is the club's new sergeant at arms.

Be a Part of History! Contribute to the Rotary Foundation and attend Zone 34's Million Dollar Dinner

Vice President Anne Matthews, Endowment/Major Gift Advisor PDG Bill Woulfin and Major Gift Officer Debra Lowe are proud to announce that on February 8, 2014, Zone 34 will hold its first ever Million Dollar Dinner. Rotary International President Ron Burton will be the keynote speaker as we celebrate the generosity of our Zone's Rotarians whose major gift contributions and Bequest Society commitments to The Rotary Foundation during the period of 1 July 2013 and 1 March 2014 enable us to achieve our goal of raising One Million Dollars in outright and legacy gifts to support of the great work of The Rotary Foundation.

This Zone-wide event will be only the second dinner of its type held in the Rotary World-the first will be held in our neighboring Zone 33 in October, 2013. District 6960, led by Governor Tim Milligan and District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Steve Schlueter have graciously agreed to host what is certain to be a spectacular evening. The event will be held at a soon-to-be announced venue in the Sarasota area; information regarding accommodations will also be forthcoming.

All donors making a new outright Major Gift or Major Gift Pledge to The Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 or greater or every donor who makes a new or increased Bequest Society commitment in the amount of \$10,000 or greater will be invited to attend this historic event.

For additional information on how you can help make history in Zone 34 while supporting The Rotary Foundation contact your District Rotary Foundation team members. You can also contact

Endowment/Major Gift Advisor Bill Woulfin at 404-542-8626 or via email at billw.rotary@mtshealth.com or Rotary Foundation Major Gift Officer Debra Lowe at 407-846-0610 or via email at debra.lowe@rotary.org.

“What Paul Harris Said”

Reproduced from *ROTARY GLOBAL HISTORY FELLOWSHIP* - September 2009

October will be Vocational Service Month around the Rotary world

Here's Paul Harris and Ches Perry on “Avenues of Service” and the importance of “Vocations.”

“The formula of procedure is indeed simple. Why Rotarians differ in many respects - in two respects they are in perfect accord. First they believe that all nations are respectable and desire to be honorable in their dealings with other nations. That it is the privilege of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. In other words Rotary stands for TOLERANCE. Second, they believe that all honorable vocations are entitled to recognition if they are used in the service of society. With these signs of agreement firmly established, disagreement is almost unknown.” - Paul P. Harris, radio address at the 1933 convention in Boston.

<http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/library/1933.htm>

An all-around Rotarian is interested in:

1st - Club Service: That is, in matters pertaining to the administration of affairs in his club.

2nd - Vocational Service: That is, in matters pertaining to the ethical conduct of his business or profession

3rd - Community Service: That is, in matters pertaining to the welfare of the community in which he lives.

4th - International Service: That is, the promotion of international goodwill and understanding.

Dr. Stephenson of Edinburgh contends that there is in reality only one object, and that is the promotion of the service concept as the most suitable motivating influence in life. What we now term objects, he considers ways and means of accomplishing the one and only object. International Secretary Perry thinks of service as Rotary's super highway and of the four principal activities as the four lanes constructing it. - Paul P. Harris, “This Rotarian Age,” 1935

www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/library/rotarianage/rotarianage.htm

Please don't take “Vocational Service” for granted. Read the history and gain greater insights.

“The best investment you will ever make in Rotary is to join RGHF and participate in preserving Rotary Global History.”



Rotary District 6920 New Membership

New Members from July 1, 2013-September 1, 2013

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Ed Leonard	7/1/2013	Jekyll Island	William Felker
Lorna Erixson	7/1/2013	Perry	Pella Murphy
Wanda Kelley	7/1/2013	Byron	Earl Spivey
Kathleen Ordway	7/2/2013	Kings Bay	Paula K. Goodnow
Kelly Lenz	7/9/2013	Valdosta	
Corey Hull	7/9/2013	Valdosta	
Casey Viggiano	7/9/2013	St. Simons Island	Ben P. Lee
Carlene Taylor	7/12/2013	Camden County	Christine M. Daniel
Mallory Jones	7/15/2013	Macon	Ron Williams
Rob Whitaker	7/15/2013	Statesboro	Carl Whitney Gooding
Morgan McAlpin	7/16/2013	Savannah South	Andrew William Lohn
Ryan Waldrep	7/16/2013	McRae	Debbie Bullard
Clint Purser	7/16/2013	St. Simons Island	Jim Szwast
Nita Crump	7/17/2013	Hawkinsville	
John McNiell	7/22/2013	Macon	Rob Danner
Darlene Price	7/22/2013	Augusta	Susan Rice
Tara Jeffers	7/23/2013	Metter	
Steve Pound	7/23/2013	Savannah South	Andrew William Lohn
Jenna Womble	7/24/2013	Hawkinsville	
Jim Hardin	7/29/2013	Macon	Fred Morgan
Steve Lynn	7/29/2013	Perry	Jacob Poole
Alan Smith	7/30/2013	Tennille	
Brian Atwater	7/30/2013	Fitzgerald	Frank Gilleland
Cam Jordan	7/30/2013	Fitzgerald	Louie E. Harper Jr.
Ashley Morris	7/30/2013	Fitzgerald	
Joe Works	7/31/2013	Downtown Macon	Christi Horne James
Justin Franks	8/1/2013	Jesup	Kaylyn Padgett
Kevin Frounfelker	8/1/2013	Uptown Macon	
Ed Donoghue	8/2/2013	Savannah East	Stephen D. Acuff D.D.S.
Gene Kowel	8/5/2013	Savannah	Lowell Kronowitz
Randy Griffin	8/7/2013	Downtown Macon	Al Baggardy
Rick Lanford	8/7/2013	Downtown Macon	Walter L. Miller
Trey Sheppard	8/8/2013	Sandersville	Michael E. Atkinson
Allie Barnes	8/8/2013	Sandersville	Carl V. Brookins Jr.
Joanne Ward	8/14/2013	Valdosta	
Rob Kellner	8/19/2013	Valdosta	
Scott Rosenau	8/19/2013	Swainsboro	
Mac Arnold	8/20/2013	St. Simons Island	K. Martin Worthy
Patrick Eidson	8/20/2013	Centerville	
Jana Alston	8/21/2013	Tifton	Frank Sayles
Gary Ballard	8/22/2013	Uptown Macon	Elizabeth Hardin
Greg Miller	8/22/2013	Douglas	Stuart Smith
Kathryn Youles	8/22/2013	Sylvania	Dorothy Glisson
Latasha Roberts	8/22/2013	Sylvania	Dorothy Glisson
Laura Poyner	8/22/2013	Milledgeville	Robin Long Becker
Sheoranie Kicklighter	8/23/2013	Camden County	Debra B. Maner
Martin Bonk	8/23/2013	Camden County	Jennifer Elaine Lewis
Hunt Thornhill	8/23/2013	Camden County	James Ewell Greer
Don Bailey	8/26/2013	Macon	Sherrie Marshall
Peter Barlow	8/27/2013	McRae	Herman Moore
Brad Brrokshire	8/29/2013	Richmond Hill	Vance Askew
Michael Howard	8/29/2013	Sandersville	Eddie R. Moyer