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# Rotary District 6920 Newsletter

GARY SMITH, DISTRICT GOVERNOR

## REMEMBER OUR DISTRICT FUNDRAISER?



**Goal - Each Rotarian sell 2 tickets @ \$20 each.**

**Prizes - 50 - \$500 cash gift cards will be drawn at District Conference.**

**Do not have to be present to win.**

**Proceeds will support District 6920 Meningitis Awareness Campaign and other district activities.**



**Proceeds for sold tickets and stubs should be sent to:**

**Helen Harper, 426 Barbee Pond Road, Dublin, GA 31021 ASAP. Please keep and sell your unsold tickets!!!**

Did the early registration deadline for the District Conference slip past you?  
No problem! Register online between now and April 25 to get the original low price: Just \$225, including all meals!

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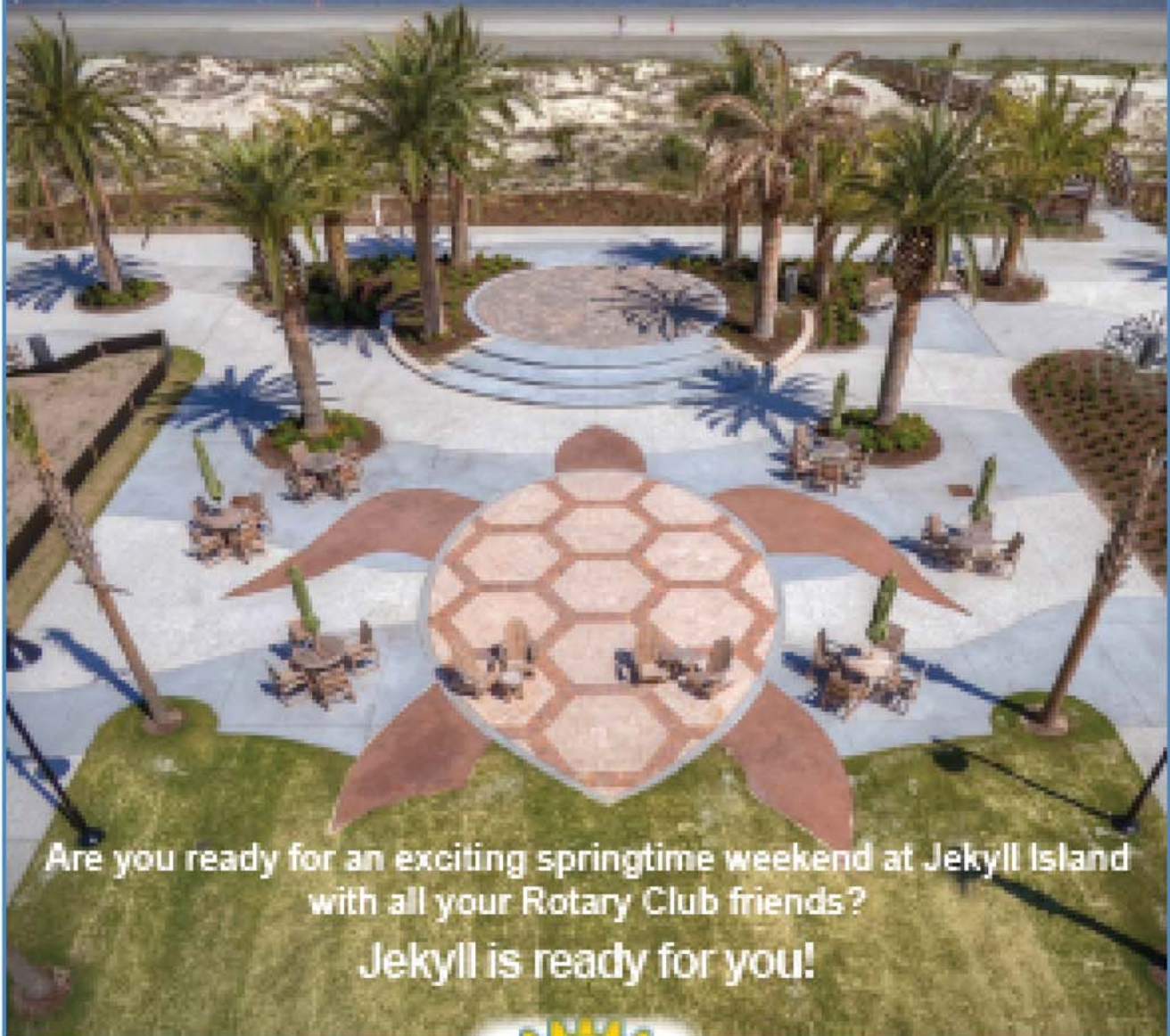
**Meet Your 2013 - 2014  
District Leadership Team**

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**

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Rotary District 6920 Conference  
May 2-4, 2014  
Jekyll Island, Georgia



Are you ready for an exciting springtime weekend at Jekyll Island  
with all your Rotary Club friends?

Jekyll is ready for you!



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## Final Report Deadline Nears

For those of you who have received District Grant money for your local projects, the 4th of May is near. That is the final report due date we all knew was coming.

I have received four final reports thus far, and two did not have the income and expenditures paragraphs incorrectly filled out. If you received money from the District for your project, show that you did so. The income should equal the expenditures. Remember to date and sign the form where indicated. Also, please include a narrative that tells the story and be sure to include photos that add to that story. Show Rotarians in action.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Les Arent, at 478-953-5847 or via email at javelin73@cox.net.



## Mobile Health Van Now in Service in Brazil



The new mobile health van in Brazil has been delivered and is about to be placed in service. This van was funded by a global grant submitted in 2013, supported by District 6920 DDF and Valdosta North Rotary funds, along with the Rotary Club of Bahia. It expands a mobile bus/van outreach health program that our District has previously supported, and will likely support again this year through a Global Grant.

## *Savannah Sunrise Inducts New Member, Recognizes Her as a Paul Harris Fellow*

The Savannah Sunrise Rotary Club has inducted Betty Anne Foran as a new member. Foran is a retired teacher, having taught junior and middle school children in Canada as well as Savannah.

A native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Betty Anne Foran's passion for service above self is evident in her volunteer activity to various organizations. She is past president of Candler Hospital Auxiliary and past director of the Council of Auxiliaries and Volunteers (COAV) for the state of Georgia. For Hospice Savannah, Foran serves as a bridge – a bridge between life and death for patients without family and friends, so they will ever die alone. She has volunteered for Hospice Savannah for over a decade and was honored as Volunteer of the Year in 2010. Additionally, Foran was a Girl Scouts leader for 11 years and sang in choir at St. John's Episcopal Church for 36 years.

During the induction ceremony, Betty Anne Foran was also awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for her devoted assistance to her husband, Charles Douglas Foran, during his term as President of the Savannah Sunrise Rotary Club in 2013. Paul Harris Fellowship is awarded to individuals who give \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus or an approved Foundation grant. Rotarians can also recognize someone else as a Paul Harris Fellow by giving that amount in their name.



# Skidaway Island Club Partners to Feed the Hungry



The Rotary Club of Skidaway Island partners with America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, a Savannah-based food bank, to help feed the hungry by distributing nutritious food. The Club provides financial sponsorship for the Kid's Café program at Thunderbolt Elementary School which provides an afterschool meal to at-risk children each and every school day.

The Club also packs food boxes at the Second Harvest warehouse once a calendar quarter. In March, 24 Rotarians and friends working in two shifts in an assembly line setup over 3 hours packed 740 boxes with juices; cereal; canned fruits, vegetables, and meats; peanut butter; pasta and powdered milk. This represented about 11 tons of food for the needy elderly in a 21 county service area.

# Maria Jimenez Named Volunteer of the Year

Maria Jimenez, member of the Rotary Club of Savannah East, was named 2013 Individual Volunteer of the Year by Greenbriar Children's Center in Savannah on February 26, 2014. Maria ran the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon in November of last year. Thanks to Maria's tremendous efforts and her Rotary club member sponsors, Maria raised \$2,349.20 for Greenbriar. Maria's Run, as her project was named, was a unique 'service' project of the Rotary Club of Savannah East.



Greenbriar Children's Center is a private non-profit agency whose mission is to provide services, which promote the healthy development of children and the strengthening of families. Services include the emergency shelter, residential care, runaway/homeless programs, independent living, family preservation, early childhood development programs and Project Safe Place.

# McIntosh County Rotarians Recognize Local STARS

McIntosh County Rotary Club sponsors the local recognition of the STAR Student and STAR Teacher annually. Congratulations to our STAR Student Caroline Trexler and her STAR Teacher Alicia Rosenbaum. Mrs. Rosenbaum taught Caroline AP English-Language Composition.

The Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Foundation, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Georgia Department of Education co-sponsor the recognition program for the entire State of Georgia. The selected student must be a high school senior with the highest score on the SAT and be in the top 10 percent of their class. There will be an upcoming Regional and State STAR Recognition program.



STAR Teacher Alicia Rosenbaum and STAR Student-Caroline Trexler are congratulated by McIntosh County Rotary Club President Nancy Smith

# Kings Bay Club Presents Ordway with PHF



President Anne Orr from the Kings Bay Rotary Club had the pleasure of presenting Kathy Ordway with her Paul Harris Fellow Award.

# Macon North Club Sponsors Foundation Fundraiser



Macon North Rotary sponsored a Foundation Fundraiser project on March 20, 2014. All Rotarians were asked to bring dimes to the meeting. A St. Patrick's Day Theme was carried out and each Rotarian placed their dimes in Green St. Patrick's Day hats. Hats were weighed and the winner of the heaviest hat received a bag of gold chocolate coins. The fundraiser raised \$50.

# St. Simons Club Recognizes Nine PHFs

The St. Simons Rotary Club recognized nine members with Paul Harris recognitions at their March 11 meeting. Recognized were:

**PHF**

- Charles Lewis
- Linda Muir
- Jean Hurst

**PHF+1**

- Paul Pieschel
- Bill Warren
- Jody Haley

**PHF+2**

- Eric Andreae

**PHF+4**

- Marie Dodd

**PHF+6**

- Lee Scheinman



## *Razo Recognized by Warner Robins as a Paul Harris Fellow*



Dave Razo became the latest Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club of Warner Robins. Pictured are J. Hatche Graham, Club President, and Rotarian Dave Razo.

# Rotary Leadership Institute Engages Lively Discussions

An exciting District 6920 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) session was held Saturday, March 15th on the Oconee Fall Line Technical College in Dublin. Participants from Districts 6920 and 6910 spent the day exchanging ideas and learning best practices from fellow Rotarians. Lively discussions were facilitated by engaging Discussion Leaders.

The next District 6920 RLI session will be held Saturday, May 17th in Savannah on the Savannah Technical College, Crossroads Campus, located in Pooler. Registration is open and can be made at [www.rlitraining.org](http://www.rlitraining.org). We look forward to seeing many of our Dublin folks and other fellow Rotarians.



Above, some of the graduates of the March 15, 2014, RLI.

## *Historic Savannah Reps Speak to Savannah Club Rotarians*



Terri O'Neal and Bailey Price spoke on behalf of the Historic Savannah Foundation at a February meeting of the Rotary Club of Savannah. The HSF received the first Centennial Grant granted by the Rotary Club of Savannah.

## *Centerville Rotarians Have "Heart"*

Centerville Rotary Club partnered with Trinity UMC Food Pantry in an effort help feed hungry families in our community. Over 60 boxes of food for the needy were packed by Rotarians at Trinity's headquarters in Warner Robins, Georgia on Saturday, March 8, at 9:00 AM as part of the Rotary Has Heart Campaign. This was a Family of Rotary event which included spouses and children of Rotarians.

Centerville Rotary President Kenny Kitchens said, "putting food on an empty plate, filling an empty stomach, and bringing a ray of hope to families throughout the community is our primary goal for this program."

In addition to having its members spend the morning packing boxes at Trinity Food Pantry, the Centerville Rotarians also delivered boxes of food to residents of Memorial Terrace and donated \$1,200 towards feeding hungry families.



# Celebrity Bartending Event Raises Funds for American Red Cross



A celebrity bartending event sponsored Monday by the Hinesville Rotary Club and the LaQuinta Inn and Suites raised \$350 for the Liberty/Long County office of the American Red Cross, according to Rotary Vice President Brigitte Shanken.

She said that the event was held to support fundraising efforts by Savannah TV reporter Dal Cannady, who walked 97 miles in seven days to raise funds for local Red Cross offices. She said the LaQuinta Inn, Lena Mae's Country Cafe and Florapharm Tea-USA made contributions to the celebration.

# NFL Star Keynote Speaker at Dublin St. Pat's Luncheon



The Dublin Rotary Club hosted the annual St. Patrick's Joint Civic Luncheon on Friday, March 21. President Jay Studstill presided over a sell-out crowd of over 700, who enjoyed this event highlighting and celebrating their community service. Hometown NFL Denver Broncos player and Super Bowl record holder Demarius Thomas was the keynote speaker.

Jay is shown presenting the official St. Patrick's green jacket to Demarius.

# Richmond Hill Rotarians Spend "Day at the Beach"



The Rotary Club of Richmond Hill had a successful evening "at the beach" on Saturday, February 8 at the Richmond Hill City Center. With a theme that recreated a beach/board walk, the City Center was transformed into one large beach party. Gathered in their best beach attire, guests came to the event ready to listen to The Swingin' Medallions play, and bid on a range of items. The event was organized by Rotarian Rich De Long.

Funds raised from this event will go towards many different groups and organizations the Rotary Club supports such as; Senior Citizens Programs, 'The Matthew Freeman Foundation', and international Rotary projects like Alzheimer's Research and Polio eradication.

# Claxton Club Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Claxton Rotary Club celebrated their 75th anniversary in style last September. Over a 100 people, including current Rotary members and spouses, past members and Rotary presidents, and deceased Rotary president's spouses, were in attendance.

"This is the nicest event, the classiest party that I've ever witnessed from our club," said Alfie Cofield, 2007 Rotary president. Cofield, recognized the Rotary Club district governor, Gary Smith, who was also in attendance for the dinner and program. "His presence truly elevates the importance of tonight's celebration not only in Claxton, but throughout the entire district," Cofield said.

"You're one of the forefront clubs in our district," Smith said. "Seventy-five years old, y'all have done a lot of things in your community and now your world." Smith presented current Rotary president, Paul Eason, with a 75th certificate from Rotary International.



DG Gary Smith presents a plaque commemorating the club's 75th anniversary to club president Paul Eason.

# Savannah East Oyster Roast



Rotarians John and Linda Herdina hosted the Rotary Club of Savannah East's annual Family of Rotary Oyster Roast to the delight of many club members. Roasted oysters plus other wonderful food and beverages were provided by past club president John Baker. Southern hospitality was shown to visiting Rotarians from Brazilian Rotary clubs of Bahia and the E-Club 4550.

## Northern Zone Speech Contest Winners Named



The Northern Zone Speech Contest was held last month and winners have been announced.

EmmaKate Few, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Augusta placed first in the contest. Ivey Glover, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Wrightsvill, placed second and Tory Mimbs, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Tennille, placed third. Pictured are Few and Glover.

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