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# District 6920 Newsletter

GARY SMITH, DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Feed a  
hungry  
child

## ROTARY HAS HEART



A project for all clubs and districts in Rotary International Zones 33-34

## Valentine's Day 2014

### THE DAY NO CHILD GOES TO BED HUNGRY FROM DELAWARE TO TRINIDAD

Rotary International Vice President Anne L. Matthews from Columbia, South Carolina USA, has a passion for feeding children. Anne has set Valentine's Day 2014 as one single day on which all clubs in our Zones 33 and 34 are being asked to engage in a hunger project to change lives. Each club may decide for itself how it wants to participate. It could be something as simple as donating money to an established hunger program (such as Feeding America) to something as complex as organizing a full-fledged meal event as a club service project. The focus will be on children but, as director Anne has said, if other hungry people are fed, all the better.

This is first and foremost an effort to put food on an empty plate, to fill an empty stomach, to bring a ray of hope to a hungry child. It is also a chance for us to show thousands of communities throughout our zones what Rotarians can do when we **ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES.**



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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>

# 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.**



**Please send your ticket sales proceeds to:  
Helen Harper, 426 Barbee Pond Road, Dublin, GA 31021  
by March 1, 2014**

# Reminders

- \* **Recognition Points** for New contributions to Polio Plus up to \$500
  - o 20,562 of the 40,000 points have already been claimed
- \* **Club Awards**
  - o Less than 2 months remain for this year's Club Awards determinations.
  - o Awards will be presented at District Conference.
  - o If the activity involves submission of moneys, remember to submit it in time (3/24/14) for it to be received and counted.
  - o Questions – Contact District Awards Chair Ben Harvill
- \* **Governor's Citation Special Award for 2013 - 2014**
  - o **By March 17, 2013 PETS**
    - o Membership Chair appointed by 2013 P.E.T.S.
    - o Foundation Chair appointed by 2013 P.E.T.S.
    - o Grants Chair appointed by 2013 P.E.T.S.
  - o **By March 31, 2014**
    - o President sponsor new member
    - o President achieve EREY at minimum of \$100 for the year
    - o President achieve either Benefactor or Bequest Society
    - o Club contribute to PolioPlus
    - o Club sponsor a RYLA candidate
  - o **By December 1, 2013**
    - o Club has President-Elect

## Fitzgerald Rotary Club Meets Goal



At the weekly meeting on February 4, Club Treasurer Steve Gibbons announced that the club was a 100% \$100 contributing club to the Rotary Foundation. (DG is well pleased with his home club!)

# Zone 33

## Polio National Immunization Day Trip to India

- Zones 33/34 National Immunization Day Polio Trip to India March 8-21, 2014. Please share this with the Rotarians in your Districts and with anyone who may be interested. Family and friends are invited.
- We are offering two travel options. Both will include hotel accommodations, all transfers and transportation (in India), most meals, sight seeing in Delhi, Agra (Taj Mahal) and Kolkatta, project visits, at least 2 days of immunizations, and more.
- The following cost break down does NOT include your travel to India, visas, gratuities to our guide and drivers, team NID shirts, or additional medications/shots if recommended.
- You will need to book your own flight to Delhi and secure an Indian tourist visa. We will meet you at the Indira Gandhi International airport in Delhi (airport code is DEL) on March 8, 2014 and take you to the hotel where you will meet the rest of the group. Please note timings of your bookings. Most flights to India arrive in the wee hours of the morning on the 9th. When booking your departure, please note the timings of these also. If you are leaving on March 18th or 21st, please notice if it is BEFORE midnight or after.
- Additional information about traveling in India can be found at my website at: <http://www.nid7730.wordpress.com>. I'll be updating the site periodically.
- Cost of IN COUNTRY tour including Agra to visit the Taj Mahal: \$2,000.
- Cost if you are not going to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal: \$1775.
- You may reserve your seat by sending a \$500 non-refundable deposit to:  
Nancy Barbee  
PO Box 145  
Pollocksville, NC 28573
- Below is a tentative schedule. More details will follow.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Hotel/Homes</u>
March 8	Arrive Delhi	Delhi - Hotel
March 9	Morning rest, sight-seeing	Delhi - Hotel
March 10	WHO/Polio Plus St. Stephens Hospital	Delhi - Hotel
March 11	Flight to Kolkatta	Kolkatta -Hotel
March 12	Tour Kolkatta	Kolkatta - Hotel
March 13	Kolkatta – Rotary Projects	Kolkatta – Hotel
March 14	Travel to Dhanbad	Dhanbad - homes
March 15	NID	Dhanbad - homes
March 16	NID Mop Up	Dhanbad - homes
March 17	Rotary projects/meetings	Dhanbad - homes
March 18	Flight to Delhi, via Kolkatta	Delhi-hotels—Flight to USA if not going to Agra
March 19	Leave for Agra	Agra Hotel
March 20	Optional tour Agra (Taj Mahal & Red Fort)	Agra Hotel
March 21	Leave for Delhi-USA	Late night flight to USA

*Visit our District website at [www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net)*

# ZONE 34

## Public Image Citation for Rotary Clubs

### Rotary's Public Image

Public Relations efforts are vital to Rotary's continued growth and service. RI encourages the efforts of Rotary Clubs, with the support of their District, to enhance Rotary's Public Image. It is the responsibility of every Club and District, to develop plans and initiate activities that will enhance the organization's local visibility and help implement Rotary's global Public Image campaign.

#### REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

\*Undertake a significant Public Image Campaign in your community to communicate what Rotary is and does, by using RI's 'Humanity in Motion' or 'This Close' advertisements. (Find them at [www.rotary.org/mediacenter](http://www.rotary.org/mediacenter))

\*Define your Club's signature activity (the one you'd like your Club to be known for in the community) and promote it to the public.

#### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

\*Have a PR professional review the Club's current promotional and public outreach pieces to ensure that they're appealing and relevant to the general public.

\*Gain media coverage of an action-oriented Club Service project.

\*Establish a Club website or enhance your Club's existing site to make it more appealing to the general public.

\*Start an electronic club newsletter and publicize it to non-Rotarians and local media.

#### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

\*Use Social Networking websites to publicize your Club's activities, enhance Public Image and recruit prospective members.

Emphasize vocational service by achieving at least ONE of the following:

\*Start a career counselling or vocational training program and invite non-Rotarian participants from the community to attend.

\*Organize a discussion or group workshop on maintaining high ethical standards in the workplace and invite non-Rotarian business leaders to attend.

\*Organize at least ONE professional networking event in which Club Members can meet other local professionals and introduce them to Rotary.

\*Sponsor a Career Day in which Club Members bring young people to their places of business to inform them about career opportunities.

\*Hold at least ONE fellowship, networking or collaborative event this is open to the public. Use the opportunity to introduce non-Rotarians to Rotary.

#### What will the Rotary Public Image Citation do?

Rotary Clubs throughout Zone 34 are already doing a great job in creating a positive Public Image in their communities. The Public Image Citation serves the purpose of recognizing these Clubs for their efforts.

At the same time, it will encourage those Clubs which have not yet developed a Public Image to the citizens of their communities.

#### Criteria for Zone 34 Public Image Award:

Each Club must complete five (5) Public Image activities:  
2 REQUIRED and  
3 from ADDITIONAL activities  
before March 1, 2014

Forms for Public Image Citation must be completed and submitted by March 15, 2014 to be considered for recognition. More information, including a nomination form, can be downloaded at [www.rotarypublicimage.org](http://www.rotarypublicimage.org). Click on the "Your PR Toolbox" tab to access Public Image Citation information.



## Kings Bay Club Celebrates 21 Years

The Rotary Club of Kings Bay celebrated its 21st birthday on January 21. At left, Buddy Arpin, the club's only remaining charter member, enjoys some cake.



*February is World Understanding month -- a time to highlight Rotary's goal of world understanding and peace*

# Savannah East Rotary Club Celebrates 30th Anniversary



District Governor Gary Smith visit with the Rotary Club of Savannah East in January. The visit coincided with the Club's 30th anniversary celebration. Not only did DG Smith honor the club for 30 years of service, but he also presented the club with their 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club banner. John Tuggle serves as the Club's president.



## Founding Member of McIntosh Club Serves as Parade Co-Grand Marshal

*Lloyd Flanders, a founding member of McIntosh County Rotary Club was selected as one of the grand marshals, along with Rev. Griffin Lotson, for the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade on January 19, 2014, in Darien, Ga.*



# Lightsey Selected to Lead District 6920 in 2016-2017

Pam Lightsey of the Rotary Club of Augusta South was chosen by the College of Governors, serving as the Nominating Committee, on January 25, 2014 and was pronounced to be the District Governor Nominee Designate by District Governor Gary Smith on February 11, 2014.

Pam's Rotary activities and involvement are extensive not only in her local club but in the Augusta Rotary Area Council and also in GRSP and in District 6920.

Congratulations Pam!

## Marker Erected in Honor of Savannah Club

Following their regular meeting on January 6, 2014, members of the Rotary Club of Savannah gathered at the corner of Bull and Liberty Streets in front of the Desoto Hilton Hotel, their 100-year old meeting place and only meeting place to dedicate a new historical marker.

The Rotary Club of Savannah was chartered January 5, 1914 by John S. Banks and a group of 41 other local businessmen. It was the second Rotary Club established in Georgia.

The Marker Text is:

“The Rotary Club of Savannah - Service Above Self On January 5, 1914, the Rotary Club of Savannah met for the first time at the DeSoto Hotel. Founded by John S. Banks and a group of local businessmen, this was the second Rotary club established in Georgia. The nation's first service club, Rotary began in Chicago in 1905 and promotes community and economic development projects at home and abroad. The Savannah club sponsored the formation of eight others around the state. Together, they championed local and regional developments including completing the road to Tybee Island, improving the Savannah River for commercial traffic, enhancing the Dixie Highway system in southeast Georgia, and building bridges over the Savannah and Altamaha Rivers. Furthering the goals of Rotary International, the club has also supported wartime relief efforts, student scholarships, polio eradication, and other global health initiatives.”



# Rotary Club of Savannah Celebrates Centennial with Black-Tie Gala

The Rotary Club of Savannah celebrated its centennial with a black-tie gala at the Desoto Hilton Savannah on Tuesday evening January 8.

“The Rotary Club of Savannah has played an important role in the community, with numerous projects over the last 100 years,” said Master of Ceremonies and club president Michael C. Traynor. The club is currently funding and building an all abilities playground in Forsyth Park that will be complete later this year.

From its original 42, the club has grown to 215 members and has sponsored or co-sponsored the charters of eight other Rotary Clubs in Augusta, Brunswick, Hinesville and Savannah.



## *A Quote Worth Repeating*

*“Paul Harris was fortunate in his lifetime to see the Rotary idea take hold and establish itself in dozens of countries around the world. Every week, in 34,000 communities, his vision lives on in every Rotary club meeting.”*

- RI President Ron Burton, February 2014