



October 2014

Ted Thompson, District Governor

**ROTARY DISTRICT
6920**

Perry Rotary Club is a 100% PHF Club

Gov. Ted was very honored on Sept. 15th to bestow the prestigious recognition of becoming a 100% Paul Harris club on Perry Rotary Club. The day began by pinning 14 new Paul Harris Fellows, 4 multi Paul Harris and 2 wives and culminated in the presentation of the 100% Paul Harris banner to Club President Heather Kellen.

Congratulations Perry Rotary Club, an inspiration to all of us.

At A Glance:

Upcoming Events

District Governor Club Visits

DG Thompson will be making his official club visits to the following clubs during the month of October: Sylvania, Valdosta North, Valdosta, Blackshear, Kings Bay, Golden Isles - Glynn County, Jesup, Macon, Cochran, Vidalia, Downtown Statesboro, Swainsboro, Waycross, Claxton, and Effingham County.

Rotary Zones 33-34 Institute 2014

Tues., Nov. 18-Sun., Nov. 23, 2014
Asheville, NC

Rotary International Assembly

Sun., Jan. 18-Sat., 24, 2015
San Diego

College of Governor's Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015
L'il Ocmulgee State Park

District Leadership Training

Fri., Feb. 6-Sat., Feb. 7, 2015
Location: To Be Announced

President Elect Training - PETS

Sat., Feb. 28-Sun., Mar. 1, 2015
Atlanta Airport Renaissance Concourse
Hotel



Time with Ted

A monthly feature focusing on timely information from District Governor Ted Thompson.



Looking back, as a new Rotarian of just a few months, it seemed like anytime I attended a District Assembly, District Foundation Seminar, District Conference, or any other Rotary training session, there was always someone asking me for money for some project or purpose. I remember thinking, “Man, every time I turn around someone is always there with their hand out.”

Now, when I look back on those times I realize that there is no one out there supporting the Rotary Foundation but us. Since money doesn't grow on trees, it is up to us to make these contributions ourselves. EREY that we send to the Rotary Foundation is invested for three years and that money then comes back to the district and clubs and can be used to support District Grants for use in our communities and local schools and Global Grants to use for International Projects.

So the next time you feel like you are being asked to contribute money for some cause or something called the Rotary Foundation, remember that it is to our own advantage to support service projects that puts the needs of others before ourselves. The more we give, the more we can accomplish. Together, this year “Let's Light Up Rotary!”



October is Rotary Vocational Service Month

The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object, which calls on Rotarians to “encourage and foster”:

- High ethical standards in business and professions.
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations.
- Contributing one's vocational talents to meeting the needs of the community.

During this month, Rotary clubs are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of service.

- Consider a meeting in October to examining Vocational Service through the Four-Way Test and the Rotary Code of Conduct.
 - Talk about your vocation and take time to learn about fellow member's vocations.
 - Practice the high ethical standards set forth as a Rotarian.
 - Help a young person achieve his or her career aspirations.
 - Present a vocational award to someone in your community who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement and high ethical standards.
- By doing any of these things you are performing vocational service. Vocational service is the very essence of Rotary and sets us apart from other service organizations.

Increasing Membership Along the Way



Governor Ted was proud to be on hand to help Terry Carter induct a new member into the West Chatham Rotary Club last month.

Carter, club president, and Gov. Ted inducted Maria Grande into the club during the meeting.

Welcome to Rotary, Maria!

District Commended by Georgia Governor

In a recent letter sent to District 6920, Georgia Governor Nathan Deal commended the district for their efforts in increasing awareness about meningitis disease.

“I am pleased to extend my warmest regards to the Rotary International District 6920 and recognize the members of this distinguished organization for the great service you are providing to the State of Georgia and those at risk for meningitis disease,” he wrote. “On behalf of a grateful state, I thank you for the outstanding example you have set.”

Gov. Deal commended the district for its “great advocacy work through promoting awareness and providing scholarship opportunities that impact the lives of our youth. You are making Georgia a better place for its citizens to call home.”

GRSP Conclave a Weekend of Fun



The GRSP Conclave was once again a great success with 51 students coming to



Georgia for a year of study at one of our colleges or universities. It was a weekend full of meetings and activities organized by the Rotary Clubs of Columbus, Ga. The students were easy to talk to and fun to be around. As always, they gave us a rousing performance at the closing dinner on Saturday evening.

Richmond Hill Club Launches Backpacks of Love Program

The Rotary Club of Richmond Hill recently launched a new program to help support the approximately 70 hungry children that attend area schools and who rely on the Backpacks of Love program so that they do not go hungry over the weekends and during school vacations.

The program provides snacks and non-perishable food items to children from low income families who live in a situation where meals are not a priority. The Rotary Club of Richmond Hill is making every third weekly meeting of the month a focus on 'Future Generations' when suitable groceries will be collected from Rotarians.

These groceries are then delivered to the New Beginnings Church who prepare the backpacks every week and discretely provide them to children in need at our schools. In addition, Rotarians with businesses in our community are hosting collection points and encouraging everyone who is able to contribute regularly.

Derrick Smith, President of the First Bank of Coastal Georgia in Richmond Hill, is the Rotarian leading this latest club initiative along with Rotarians Byron Atkinson and Ashley Roberts.

"There should not be hungry children anywhere and the thought of them in our own community is heartbreaking," said Smith. "Rotary is all about serving our community and this year we are particularly focusing on Future Generations. By remembering to regularly purchase groceries to support the Backpacks of Love program and encouraging others in our community to do the same we are living the Rotary ideal of 'Service above Self'."



Interact Club Assists with Bark Park Work

Members of the Interact Club of Richmond Hill High School spent a recent Saturday helping to ensure that their community's dog park met their target opening date. The students worked hard spreading several dump truck loads of mulch and performed general clean up. The club is an outreach of the Richmond Hill Rotary Club which recently gave a grant towards the building of the handicapped access sidewalk at the park.

"This wonderful group of students worked very hard at this crucial time and demonstrated once again how much community support we have for the Bark Park," said Wendy Bolton, president of the Bryan County Bark Park.



Distributing Dictionaries



Millen Rotary Club Members Tonya Bailey, FA Black and Mandy Underwood hand out dictionaries to 3rd grade students while an appreciative teacher Cynthia Rich looks on in the background at Jenkins County Elementary School.

Macon Club Gives Back in Celebration of Anniversary

The Rotary Club of Macon has given others a gift to celebrate the club's 100th anniversary. Members contributed to provide prosthetic legs that will be fitted on land mine victims in Viet Nam. They also had fun at a sponsored dance last March with the net proceeds going to the effort as well.

The new legs were designed by Dr. Ha Van Vo, MD, PhD, DPM and the Mercer University Schools of Engineering and Medicine. They are to be installed by undergraduate students and others as part of "Mercer on Mission" through their ongoing and growing program.

Shown recently presenting a symbolic "check" for 373 legs are, right to left, the club's immediate Past President Don Cornett;

Dr. Vo, Eminent Scholar & Associate Professor of Bio-medical Engineering; Dr. Craig McMahan, Mercer



University Minister and Dean of the Chapel and Director, Mercer on Mission; and George Lee, current President, Rotary Club of Macon.

The legs are valued at \$150-200 each, depending upon whether a victim needs an above or below the knee prosthetic. All total, including gifts since this picture was made, \$57,765 was donated. And, this gift was generously matched by the Phil J. and Alice S. Sheridan Foundation of Macon. So, hope has been given to as many as 385 individuals!

Steed Recognized



It was an honor to recognize Jack Steed as a Benefactor at the Sept. 16th meeting of the Centerville Rotary Club. Thank you, Jack! Pictured are Centerville Club President Bubba Edwards, Jack and Gov. Ted.

Meals on Wheels

President Holden Hayes presents a certificate to District Governor Ted Thompson representing the Rotary Club of Savannah's contribution in his name to Meals On Wheels.



Camden County Welcomes New Members

The Rotary Club of Camden County welcomed two new members, John and Cathy Holman. John is the City Manager for St. Marys, and Cathy is a realtor



Augusta Rotary Club Celebrates 100th Anniversary



On Monday, Sept. 22, a large crowd gathered at the Legends Center in Augusta to help Augusta Rotary Club celebrate their 100th year anniversary. On hand for the momentous occasion were many dignitaries from Rotary International., District 6920 and other districts, as well.

Among special guests were keynote speaker Anne L. Matthews, Rotary International Immediate Past Vice President; representing District 6900, Robert Hall, R. I. Director; representing District 6910, District Governor Bill Strickland; representing District 6920, District Governor Ted Thompson; District 6920 Immediate Past District Governor Gary Smith; District 6920 PDGs Jim Puryear, Dallas Simon and Bill Kemp and District 6920 Governor Nominee Pam Lightsey.

All our congratulations on reaching this milestone.

Museum of Aviation Program Presented to Centerville Rotarians

Melissa Spalding, Director of Education, Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base, recently presented a very interesting program on the museum's education program to the Rotary Club of Centerville. The Education Center operates 15 Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and history focused programs for learners ages 4 and older under four major programs. Rigorous, goal setting experiences challenge students to solve problems. Its programs are aligned to the Georgia Common Core Curriculum and performance standards and conducted on school site and at the Museum of



Bubba Edwards, President, Rotary of Centerville, welcomes Melissa Spalding, Director of Education, Museum of Aviation, Robins Air Force Base, to the podium.

Aviation. Highlighted spaces at the Museum are the Mission Quest Flight Lab, STARBASE Engineering Lab, Air Traffic Control Lab and Fabulous Flight Mathematics Lab. During FY2012 over 50,000 participants took part in the Museum of Aviation Education programs. For addition information, please call (478) 926-5558 or go to web site www.moaeducation.com.



Warner Robins Welcomes DG with Bomber Jacket

Warner Robins Rotary Club welcomed the Governor on Sept. 16th and gave him the honor of presenting 9 multi Paul Harris Fellows. Governor Ted was also given the coveted bomber jacket by President Pete O'Neill, and Charolette received an airplane pin. Afterward, Past AG Bill Pitts gave a great tour of the Warner Robins Air Force Base and the Museum of Aviation Eagle Building where they flew two simulators and visited the learning centers, very impressive. The tour also included the actual plane that Bubba Edwards, President of the Centerville club, flew in Vietnam.

Metter Rotary Club



DG Ted and his wife Charolette made their official visit to the Metter Rotary Club. AG Jim Davis and Club President Jaime Riggs greeted the couple. The club presented Ted with donations to Polio Plus and CART. Charlotte was presented with a gift basket of items from local merchants.

RI Director Announces Zone Chairs for ‘Rotary Has Heart’

RI Director Robert Hall has named Chuck Arnason, Immediate Past District Governor D7600 of the Rotary Club of Blackstone, Virginia, and Gary Smith, Immediate Past District Governor D6920 of the Rotary Club of

Fitzgerald, Georgia, as zone chairs of “Rotary Has Heart.” Arnason will be the Zone 33 coordinator, while Smith will be the Zone 34 coordinator.



PDG Gary Smith

“Rotary Has Heart” began in 2014 by RI Director Anne Matthews. The focus of the 2014 campaign set Valentine’s Day 2014 as the one day on which each of the 1,579 clubs in the zones (representing 67,000 Rotarians) was asked to engage in a hunger project to change lives.

Each club was to decide for itself how it wanted 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 specific focus was on feeding children but feeding hungry people was just as desired.

Information of the specifics of “Rotary Has Heart 2015” will soon be available.



Polio Plus Donation



Thanks to the Savannah Sunrise Rotary Club for the gracious donation to Polio Plus. What a generous gift! Pictured is President Rafe Semmes and DG Ted.

2014-2015 Committee Chairs

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