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**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

DISTRICT 6920 NEWSLETTER

June, 2022

YOUR "WRAP-UP" NEWSLETTER FOR 2021-22

This is FELLOWSHIPS Month

Dear Changemaker Jim,

Here it is: The *final* District 6920 Newsletter for 2021-22!

Read on to Learn about Clubs, Projects & Rotarians across Central and Coastal Georgia!

Club Presidents: Please Encourage ALL your Club Members to READ the District Newsletter.

Together: WE ARE: ROTARY DISTRICT 6920



Message from Governor Ed;

Greetings, Changemaker Jim, - and all My Fellow Rotarian Changemakers !!

As I try to find the words to correctly reflect my thoughts in this (my last) newsletter, I believe the theme is thank you, each of you.

I'm amazed how fast these twelve months have passed, and I'm even more amazed at the commitment to Service Above Self present in every single one of our clubs in this amazing district. It has truly been a privilege to serve as 2021-22 District Governor.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see articles providing further insights into our journey together. "Serve To Change Lives" resonates vividly as we pause to take pride in our endeavors as Rotarians in District 6920. Consider the following:

- We are all meeting in person!
- As I write, we have a net gain in membership!
- Attendance is vastly increasing each month!
- We had a phenomenal in person District Conference in Augusta!
- The budget for the conference was balanced, meaning all auction funds were free to be applied to the stated objective!
- We have By-Laws! To READ them - [CLICK HERE](#)
- We had **FUN!!!**
- We generated in excess of \$21,000 for The Ukrainian Relief Fund established within The Rotary Foundation! These funds have been remitted to The Rotary Foundation along with a list of auction winners that will receive Foundation credit (points) for each contribution. Additionally - We learned just at 'press time' that Augusta West Club raised an additional \$5,000 for Ukraine relief. **AMAZING!**
- "Serve To Change Lives" phenomenally changed **23,109,528** lives aggregately in our district, state, and across the world!!!!!!

There are so many thoughts running through my mind as I close this final message.....so many Rotarians to thank for dedicated support of this administration so many fond memories that will stay with me for the rest of my life. However, the time has come to begin our new Rotary year. We are so very fortunate to welcome District Governor Heather Kellen as our next leader. She has worked very hard preparing her team goals, and I'm very excited for DG Heather and her enthusiasm beginning July 1st.

All of you have made the last twelve months as District Governor most delightful. We have honored the theme "Serve To Change Lives" extremely well, individually and collectively..... Now, it's time to move into 2022-23 and "Imagine Rotary"!!!!!!

I love you all for your words of encouragement and smiles of welcome.....

I Feel GOOD !!!!

Yours in Rotary,



HOW WE SERVED TO CHANGE LIVES

From DG ED:

After I left my very first club visit, I was reflecting on my comments and how excited I was to be able to serve 61 Rotary clubs and over 2800 members as District Governor for the 2021-2022 cycle. Having accelerated my assignment due to unexpected circumstances, I was still processing the objectives as listed by RI President Shekar Metha. The initiative that resonated the most was “Serve To Change Lives” which was accommodated by the powerful logo representing the world in the palm of our hands with many different elements in a circle, with many separate colors and parts signifying the many diverse economic and cultural circumstances that exist within our Rotary family.

As I thought about the interpretation, I had an epiphany which immediately translated the true meaning of “Serve To Save Lives” and how we as a district could the expansive impact generated by each club and collectively within D6920.

We have always reported our projects in terms of what is is, who is served, how many hours were included, and how many Rotarians participated. It instantly occurred to me that the result of the result was not being measured. In other words, how many people were ultimately impacted by our efforts? Why not measure that in a simple formula using The Four Way Test as our testimony?

For example, if 300 dictionaries were given to all third graders in an area, what is the

significance? There has to be a multiplier effect applied, which in this case, using an average of five people in a household, three children and two adults, means that this one project changed not just 300 third grade lives, but in reality at least 1500 lives would be impacted in one way or another....."Serve To Change Lives" was quantified!

I called our Chief of Staff, Paula Goodnow, and shared the idea with her to make sure I wasn't being unrealistic. With her positive response, we agreed to prepare a very simple spreadsheet for each club to populate as projects were done, and this concept gained immediate traction. Ultimately, we wanted to do an aggregated report at the District Conference in April.

Every single club jumped on board with the approach of how we would "Serve To Change Lives" and the results began appearing a regular basis. With no expectations initially, I literally was happy to know how enthusiastically the Rotarians in our district were responding. At the District Conference, we combined all the reports from our fantastic clubs, and as promised, we unveiled the aggregate lives changed over the past Rotary year.....

23,109,528 LIVES

CHANGED !!!!!!!!!!!

This is truly the power of Rotary in our district. Can you imagine what the same concept produced worldwide? SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES!!!!!! Well, coincidentally, next year's Rotary theme is "Imagine Rotary", so we aren't finished, we've only just begun.....

Thank you District 6920 for all of the focusService Above Self.....



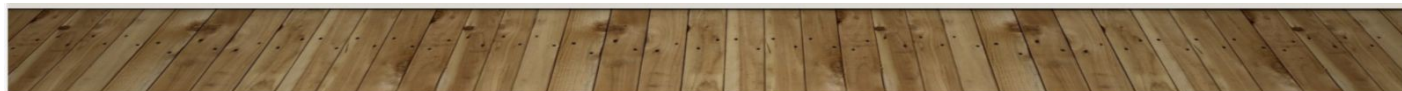
HERE IT IS!!!

**THE FINAL 2021-22 TALLY OF LIVES TOUCHED
THROUGH OUR OWN DISTRICT 6920 EFFORTS**

**WOULD YOU BELIEVE: We Touched 23 MILLION, 109 THOUSAND, and 5
HUNDRED & 28 LIVES
In just one (GREAT) Year.**

WOW.....

| 1 | Clubs | Lives Touched | Rotary Volunteers | Non-Rotary Volunteers |
|----|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 | | | | |
| 3 | Ashburn | 309 | 14 | 22 |
| 4 | Augusta | 331,800 | 210 | 1 |
| 5 | Augusta West | 10,711 | 1039 | 0 |
| 6 | Brunswick | 60,817 | 375 | 151 |
| 7 | Centerville | 10,790 | 316 | 688 |
| 8 | Claxton | 12,569 | 116 | 25 |
| 9 | Cochran | 203,198 | 148 | 10 |
| 10 | Downtown Macon | 6,323 | 144 | 153 |
| 11 | Dublin | 15,200 | 73 | 44 |
| 12 | Eastman | 3,000 | 11 | 0 |
| 13 | Effingham Sunrise | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| 14 | Glennville | 10,360 | 311 | 285 |
| 15 | Golden Isles | 32,890 | 65 | 35 |
| 16 | Hawkinsville | 13,500 | 17 | 18 |
| 17 | Hinesville | 33,193 | 681 | 744 |
| 18 | Jefferson County | 6,200 | 52 | 13 |
| 19 | Jekyll Island | 31,206 | 280 | 3 |
| 20 | Kings Bay | 37,675 | 16 | 5 |
| 21 | Macon | 4,250 | 25 | 10 |
| 22 | Macon North | 5,710 | 78 | 24 |
| 23 | Metro Savannah | 332,470 | 174 | 140 |
| 24 | Millen | 16,429 | 96 | 23 |
| 25 | Richmond Hill | 2,225 | 128 | 3 |
| 26 | Savannah | 16,255,084 | 319 | 2783 |
| 27 | Skidaway Island | 5,510,500 | 506 | 2100 |
| 28 | St. Simons Island | 8,200 | 125 | 56 |
| 29 | Statesboro | 6,800 | 25 | 90 |
| 30 | Swainsboro | 700 | 35 | 15 |
| 31 | Tennille | 1,574 | 27 | 3 |
| 32 | Valdosta | 37,367 | 209 | 20 |
| 33 | Valdosta North | 76,207 | 351 | 48 |
| 34 | Vidalia | 16,404 | 198 | 50 |
| 35 | Waycross | 14,392 | 310 | 52 |
| 36 | West Chatham-Pooler | 471 | 43 | 58 |
| 37 | Wrightsville | 1000 | 10 | 50 |
| 38 | | | | |
| 39 | | 23,109,528 | 6537 | 7722 |
| 40 | | | | |



Press Release issued to Media across the District 6920 Region:

Rotary District 6920 Impacts Over 23 million lives with service projects from July 2021 to April 2022

(ROTARY DISTRICT 6920, EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST GEORGIA) Rotary International's "Serve To Change Lives" 2021-2022 theme has made a significant impact across approximately one third of Georgia through various service projects carried out by 61 Rotary clubs and over 2800 Rotarians in District 6920, covering the central, southeast, and coastal Georgia district regions, ultimately impacting over 23 million lives in the aggregate summary.

Created in July 2021 by District Governor Ed Presnell in tandem with Rotary International President Shekar Mehta's vision, the program consisted of measuring significant service projects, including such projects as the creation of a midwives training program and the administering of COVID-19 vaccines to seafarers passing through Georgia Ports.

"It was important to show the number of lives touched because this year's Rotary theme "Serve To Change Lives," said Presnell. "I had an idea that we could set up an informal project to measure the aggregate number of lives changed within this district and around the world."

Skidaway Island Rotary Club's model midwife training program launch has a large international reach, and saved the lives of women and children in Central America living in remote indigenous communities. Through the innovation and commitment of one of its members, Dr. Miriam Rittmeyer (MD, PhD, MPH), in collaboration with several other local clubs, Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation, the Skidaway Island Rotary Club has helped to meet critical health needs of women and children in poor indigenous communities of Guatemala (Mayan).

Dr. Rittmeyer, as Founder and Executive Director of Phalarope (www.phalarope.org), a not-for-profit dedicated to improving the lives of women and children, partnered with Rotary Club Vista Hermosa (Guatemala) and the Skidaway Island Club to acquire a prestigious Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation. The Grant funded a pilot midwife training program in eight rural communities. Based on the success of this program, the Rotary Foundation is funding expansion into 13 additional Mayan communities.

In addition to Skidaway Island Rotary Club's project, another club's project achieved a significant global impact. International seafarers were vaccinated in Savannah starting on May 24, 2021 as part of Operation Seafarer Vaccination. The project was developed by the Rotary Club of Savannah (RCoS) in partnership with the Chatham County Health Department/Coastal Health District, Community Organized Relief Efforts (CORE),

Curogram, Georgia Ports Authority, Colonial Group, Inc., Viksniks Consultants and Maritime Bethel Savannah.

The project development was started by RCoS member Lux “Captain” Lakshman at the request of Rotary’s Past District Governor, Steve Barnes, to assist citizens in India with COVID-related needs. With familiarity with both India and the shipping industry, Captain Lakshman shared that seafarers on ships, both freighters and tankers are confined to their ships in all ports of call around the world, with no access to the vaccine. This meant that many of these seamen have not left their ships in well over a year.

With 4000 ships and 75000 seafarers entering the port of Savannah annually, Captain Lakshman saw an opportunity to make a global impact close to home by using this as an opportunity to provide a means to safely administer vaccines to seafarers. The Rotary Club of Savannah took up the project of vaccinating as many seafarers as possible with various stakeholders, either by taking the crew members to the vaccination site or by bringing a team of nurses from CORE ([coreresponse.org](https://www.corerresponse.org)) and vaccine on board. This was done at no cost to the seafarers or the shipping companies.

CORE, the Chatham County Health Department, and Curogram joined the project as COVID-19 relief service providers to staff a mobile vaccination unit and provide COVID-19 vaccines. Patients were offered the 1-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

It is estimated that 15 million lives were impacted world wide as a result of this simple vaccination effort in the Savannah harbor to ensure that shipping could continue during the pandemic.

SEC. A. TOP PRIORITIES: DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS



[2022 District Assembly, was a FANTASTIC SUCCESS.](#)

For those who may not know - - each year the leadership from across our District- including all District Officers and Committee chairs and members, as well as leadership from EVERY Club in the District - meets together on a Saturday in June (traditionally in Dublin, Georgia) for end of year conclusions and summaries, and (most especially) to launch the plans, objectives and goals for the coming year. It's a day of "HANDING OFF" - and of TEAM BUILDING and BRAINSTORMING and MOTIVATION for the year ending and the year about to begin. Frankly - it's a great and fun day, and those who've EVER attended, look forward to attending each year.



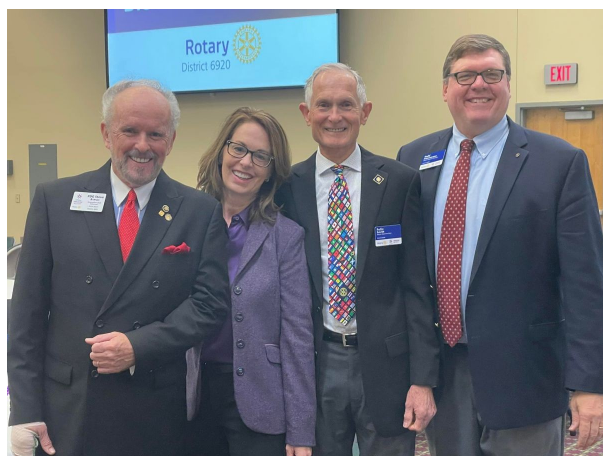
This year was no exception - - and here are a few photos from the DA (District Assembly)...



**Asst DG Bev Trainor - was THRILLED to share the day with representatives from all 6 of the clubs SHE serves and represents
(in the SE Coastal Region - the surrounding Brunswick area)**



The Blankenship Cup, recognizing the Club with the highest AVERAGE PER MEMBER RIF Contributions, found its way to a NEW HOME - Congratulations Glennville Rotary!!



SEC. B. DISTRICT PROJECTS: INITIATIVES & PLANS

MEMBERSHIP:

EACH ONE BRING ONE CHALLENGE

District 6920, and current Membership Chair Alfie Cofield (that's me), are proud and excited to introduce

Steve Williams from the Warner Robins Club as 2022/2023 District Membership Chair!

Steve is already busy creating a wonderful District Membership TEAM that includes a former Chair and Past District Governors and several excited and energetic District leaders.

He will announce the details of the TEAM soon.

As we work to end Governor Ed's most successful year, let's also hit the ground running and growing in our 2022/2023 year!

I want to honor the following clubs for ultra Membership Growth as of early June:

Metro Savannah and Waynesboro: +5

Millen and Valdosta: +7

Fitzgerald: +9

Savannah East: +12

Savannah West: +18

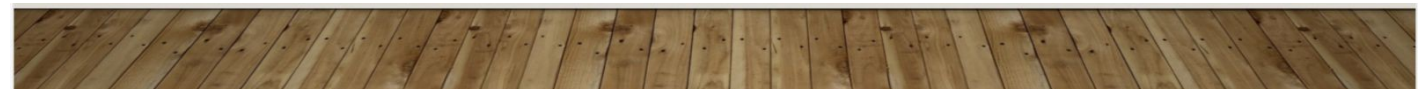
Savannah +21

Congratulations and Thanks to these club leaders and Assistant Governors for a heck of a good year!

LET'S DO IT AGAIN IN THE COMING YEAR!

Alfie Cofield, Dist Membership Chair

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SAVING LIVES THROUGH MEDICINE - Dist. 6920 Partnership with MAP

Intl. - Update



In April, MAP partnered with some of our local DMP-supported clinics to provide electric toothbrushes. Although to some, the provision of an electric toothbrush might seem like a luxury item, the benefits extend far beyond oral hygiene and reach the root of why our Domestic Medicines Program exists.



By educating on and then encouraging the practice of good oral hygiene, beneficiaries of our program can do their part to help prevent and address an underlying cause of many chronic diseases, such as heart and lung disease and diabetes. These are diseases our program aims to address. Utilizing an electric toothbrush helps develop proper

brushing habits and is more effective than a manual toothbrush. They can erase years of plaque and build-up that can be a factor in the chronic diseases mentioned as well as tooth decay and gum disease.

Due to the prohibitive cost, our program participants would not have access to this tool otherwise. This is an example of MAP creating equitable access to healthcare through something we all use every day, a simple toothbrush.



FOUNDATION NEWS:

HERE In Photos below - - You'll find a WONDERFUL invitation from India-Vision on Wheels mobile ophthalmic van - a global grant project inauguration in India.

Background:

The cardiac screening ambulance global grant project with a budget of \$76,693.000 was supported by the Rotary Clubs of Augusta, Downtown Macon, and Kings Bay, with Augusta Rotary Club as the primary international sponsor club. The rural Kadapa district is part of the poor Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh, India. Hospitals in the Kadapa district receive 200 or more patients daily with ischemic heart disease and stroke, and more than 40% of those patients have never been screened for the disease. The death rate is around 22%. Inaugurated on April 1, 2022, the “Cardia Screening Ambulance” will provide for early detection of cardiovascular disease in the rural population in the Kadapa District. Early screening, detection, and treatment will reduce mortality and morbidity, and prevent adverse socio-economic impacts on the middle and low-income families in the region.





The blindness prevalence in rural India is widely published & lack of proper medical facilities, required medical staff in villages and interior areas. Rotary Club of Guntur and other Rotary Clubs are regularly involved in the avoidable blindness program from the year 2001. Clubs conducted Eye Camps for Cataract surgeries over the years. Over the years having interacted with Thousands of patients in our eye camps we came to a conclusion that a Mobile Ophthalmic van is the solution. RC Guntur along with Indian Red Cross Society collected information about the Eye Care from National Program for Control of Blindness.

A bus Converted into a Mobile Ophthalmic Clinic. Service Offered will be eye care needs of people from the Rural Population & Urban Poor of Guntur Prakasam & Nellore Districts along with Revenue Districts of Telangana.

Specific Utility of the project is to implement the following programs:

- Diabetic Retinopathy - Awareness, IdentifOcation, Investigate and Treatment,
- Glaucoma – Awareness, Identification, Investigate and Treatment
- Children – Identify Eye Problems And Treatment
- School Screening Programs – Screening, Education, Treatment
- Cataract – Awareness, Screening
- General Eye Awareness Programs
- Vitamin A Distribution Programs
- Refractive Errors for all Ages – Identification, Refraction, Investigate
- Prescribe, Prepare and Dispense Glasses
- Tele Ophthalmology
- Eye Donation Awareness Programs







Monk's

Medical Mission Continues



**Modern mobile eye hospital
worth 2 crores
Dedicated to the community**

**Mantra of the MONK is
Mentor Motivate Manage Monitor Projects**

**ROTARY CARDIAC SCREENING
AMBULANCE**

Inaugurated by :

Rtn. Amarnath Reddy Akepati,

ZP Chairman, Kadapa

In Presence of

PDG Ravi Vadlamani,

World Rotaract Chairman

DG V. Thirupathi Naidu, RID 3160

DG K. Prabhakar, RID 3150

PDG K. Madhu Prasad, DRFC

IPDG B. Chinnapa Reddy

PDG K. Ramalinga Reddy

PDG K. Sreeram Murthy

PDG MVN Prabhu

DGE Vommina Sathish Babu

DGN Manik S Pawar

DGND Sadhu Gopal Krishna

DGE Talla Raja Sekhar Reddy

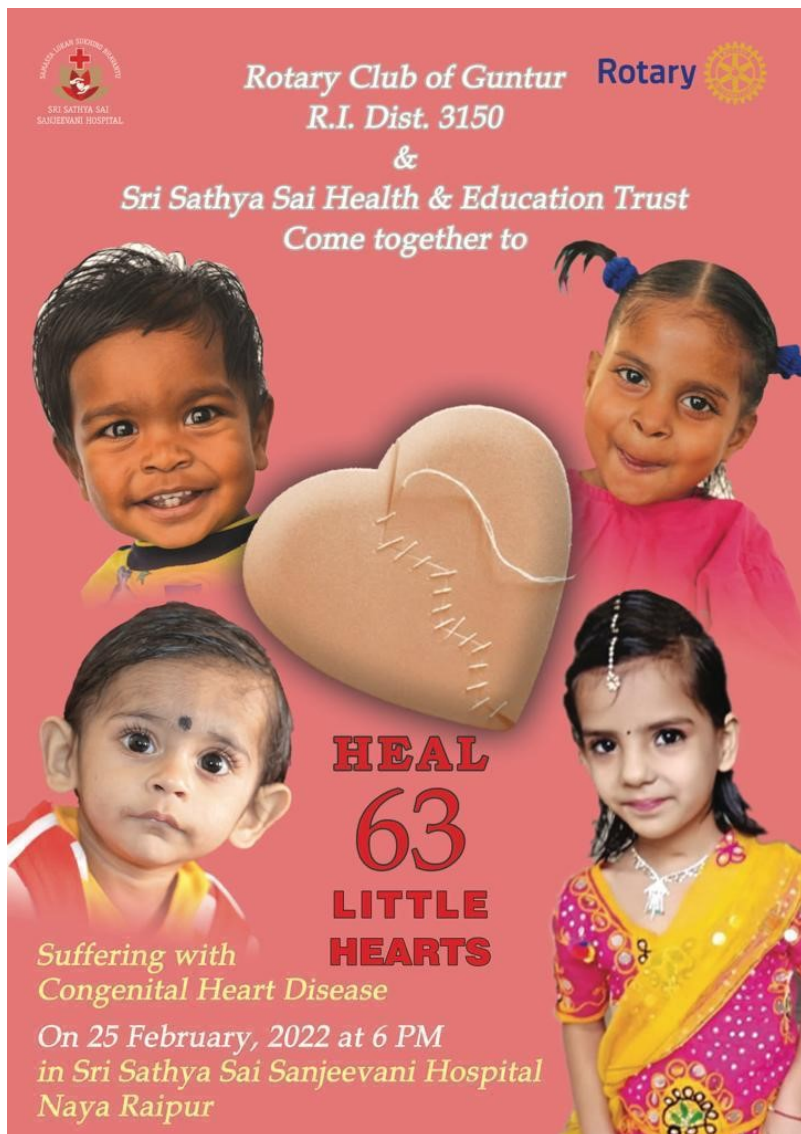
PDG Anne Ratna Prabhakar

IPDG NV Hanumanth Reddy

Project Coordinator :

Rtn. Dr. V. Pratap Reddy,



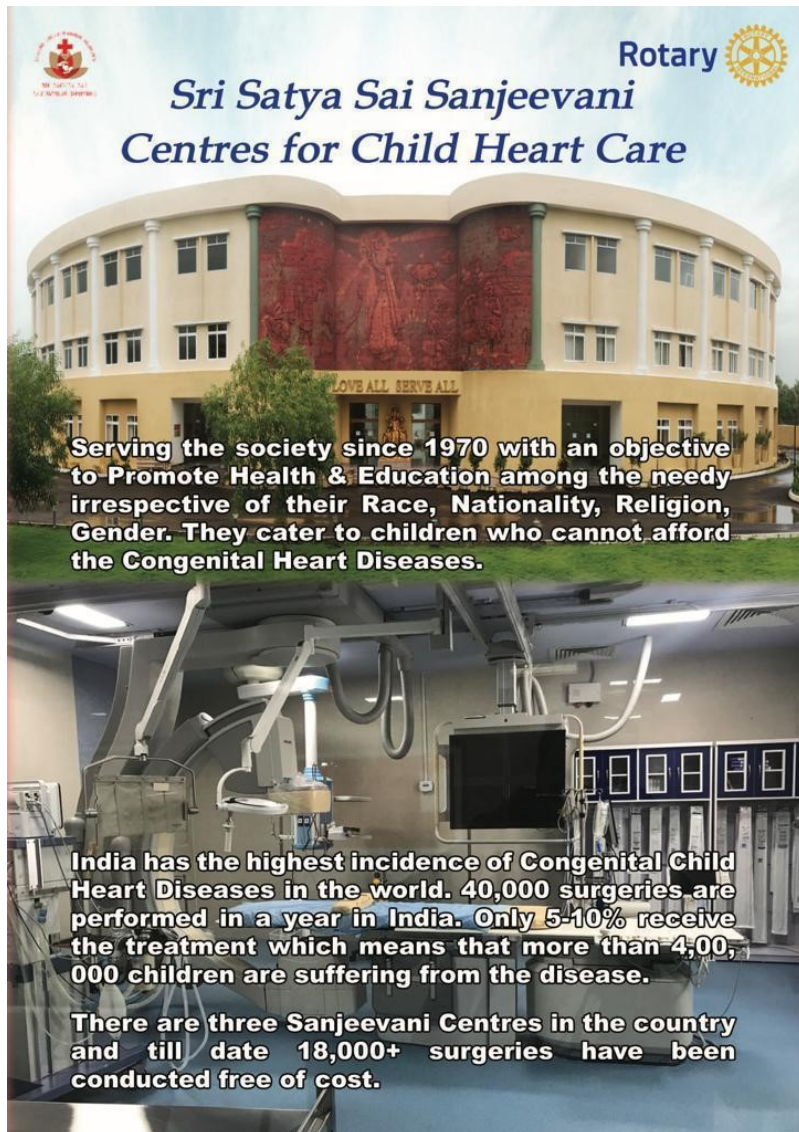



Seven D6920 Rotary Clubs supported a global grant project with a budget of \$125,676 to perform pediatric heart surgeries for 63 children suffering from congenital heart disease in Guntur (India) in honor of RI president Sekhar Mehta.

India has the highest incidence of congenital heart diseases in the world with more than 400,000 children suffering from the disease.

The “Healing Little Hearts” is a favorite program of RI president Shekhar Mehta. Using funds from the global grant sixty-three children were healed in honor of his 62nd birthday.

The project is made possible with funding from the Rotary Foundation.



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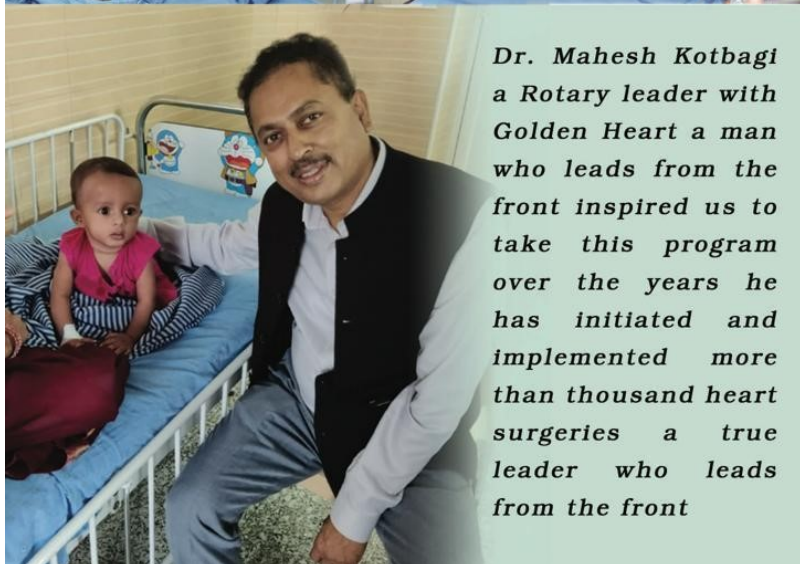
***Sri Satya Sai Sanjeevani
Centres for Child Heart Care***

Serving the society since 1970 with an objective to Promote Health & Education among the needy irrespective of their Race, Nationality, Religion, Gender. They cater to children who cannot afford the Congenital Heart Diseases.

India has the highest incidence of Congenital Child Heart Diseases in the world. 40,000 surgeries are performed in a year in India. Only 5-10% receive the treatment which means that more than 4,00,000 children are suffering from the disease.

There are three Sanjeevani Centres in the country and till date 18,000+ surgeries have been conducted free of cost.

Our world leader Sheker mehatas favourite programme is Healing little hearts he personally monitored and implemented more than 2000 surgeries including several surgeries from children from pakistan truly rotary transcendeds borders He inspired us to take up this program in honor of his 62 birthday we are now healing 63 hearts



Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi a Rotary leader with Golden Heart a man who leads from the front inspired us to take this program over the years he has initiated and implemented more than thousand heart surgeries a true leader who leads from the front



A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America

CART News - - - Year End Report from Chair Glenda Kessler

First of all: Thank you to all who contributed to CART at the District Conference. You gave \$430.59 to help fund Alzheimer's research.

I'm Thrilled to Report to everyone - that at the annual CART meeting in May, CART awarded \$850,000.00 in research grants to four outstanding researchers for their innovative proposals.

Tiffany Ervin has been named as new Executive Director of CART. She has been the VP for Public Image, and is PDG for D7670 in North Carolina.

Tiffany is most enthusiastic about all things Rotary, especially CART. Her motto is "Find your passion and make it your purpose."

Bill Shillito is stepping down as Executive Director after eleven years of outstanding leadership. He is one of the kindest, most generous people I know.

Please keep in mind that all CART positions are held by volunteers who are passionate about CART.

Thank you for contributing to CART!



Rotary in SERBIA Partners with District 6920

Another GREAT Global Grant Project championed by District 6920



As one of the goals in the new Rotary year is the development of women's entrepreneurship, District 6920 is joining forces with D2483 in Serbia once again - to raise funds to support women entrepreneurs and their businesses by donating machines and equipment they

require in order to have more productive business.

Current women's economic empowerment interventions are not enough to overcome all obstacles facing female entrepreneurs. Emerging evidence from recent studies on different capital-based, training-based, and gender-based interventions, using randomized control trials, presents promising interventions to support women entrepreneurs.

The social entrepreneurship sector has proven itself uniquely capable of empowering women leaders in its field, and of changing the lives and welfare of all women. Women social entrepreneurs have, time and time again, made a deep impact on their work through a form of impact called "scaling deep" - overhauling unfair and unjust systems, sparking collaborative social movements, and reshaping dominant expectations, norms, and stigmas.

The International Partner in this project will be PDG Hamsa Thota from District 6920 Georgia, USA, who has already supported three Global Grants in D2483 this rotary year (two of these GG were realized under the program "Hearts of Europe Global Grants"). Just recently, five members of RC Savannah, District 6920 Georgia and two spouses in one of the project's sites visited Serbia. The visitors and their hosts enjoyed Rotary fellowship, built friendships and decided to continue their successful cooperation in Global Grants.

Please Contact HAMSA THOTA for more information or to become involved.

PS - - The Visit by Rotarians in District 6920 to Serbia - Made the Servian National News!

Here is the link to take a look: [CLICK HERE](#)

SEC. C. CLUBS & MEMBERS: CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

CLUB NEWS:

From the Rotary Club of Augusta:

"Service Above Self" has been the motto of Rotary since 1911.

In May, the club had the distinct privilege of honoring an individual who has dedicated his life to serving others and our community – William S. "Billy" Morris III.

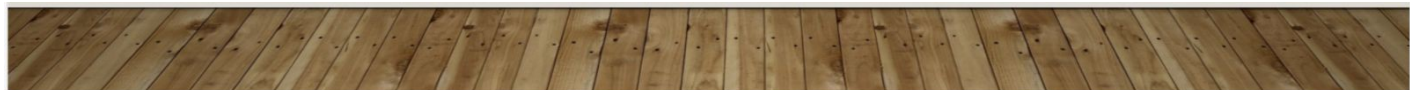
District Governor Ed Presnell, along with club members Kevin Grogan and David Hudson, spearheaded the effort to present Mr. Morris with the Paul Harris Award for a lifetime

of service to others and his community.

This extraordinary occasion was made even more special by a **Congratulatory VIDEO** courtesy of fellow Paul Harris Fellows, **Jack & Barbara Nicklaus**.

We regret we couldn't attach that video here for everyone to enjoy - but in it, Jack & Barbara spoke of the friendship between the Morris & Nicklaus families - and of the honor of receiving their Paul Harris Fellow awards - during the Atlanta Rotary International Convention in 2017.





WRIGHTSVILLE ROTARY CLUB:

By Bill Johnson:

On Saturday June 11th, the **Wrightsville Club** (4226) held a Family Appreciation Day for all our 1st Responders in Johnson County, Georgia.

We partnered with the Chamber but it was largely a Rotary event.

We invited more than of 200+ 1st responders and their families from the Sheriff's Dept, City Police, EMS and Fire Dept.

If that sounds high, (yes, it surprised me too) it's due to the size of our volunteer fire department which exceeds 200 all by itself.

We prepared 12 Boston Butts, had Tea, Lemonade & Water available and asked everyone to bring a side or dessert.

We had several activities planned and provided. PickleBall, Holey Board, Water Balloons, Kiddy Pool, Skeet Shooting, Fishing, 4-Wheeling, etc.

I don't know the actual attendance in the end, but those that came had a great time and

spread the word throughout their organizations after the fact.

PS: While this was in Governor Ed's year, you can see our "Digging Stick" in the tent so Governor Heather will know we are already Digging for her.





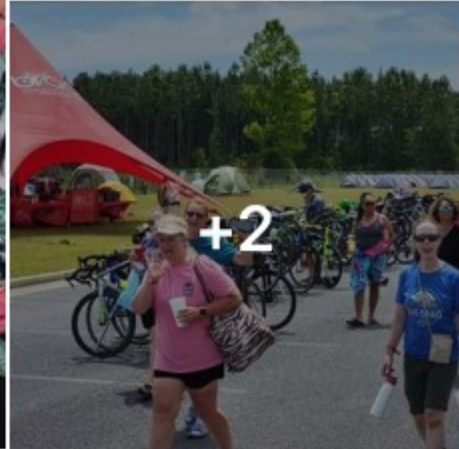


Rotary Club of Hazlehurst, GA

June 10 at 8:50 AM · 🌐

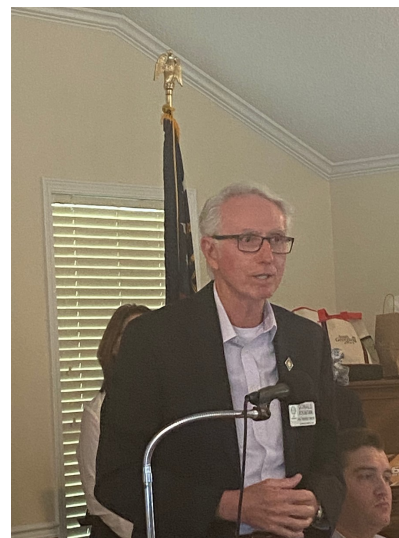


Hazlehurst Rotary Club members helped hand out cold water to over 1000 riders with [Bicycle Ride Across Georgia](#) . #serviceaboveself



GLENNVILLE CLUB

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS:



Photos show -- a SLEW of NEW Paul Harris Foundation Rotarians -- who helped the club achieve a 100% PHF Club for the SECOND Time in Club History.

A Shout Out to Club Member - Don Fountain, District 6920 Youth Services Chair and The New Glennville Rotary Club BOD for 2022-2023

BRAVO to the Glennville Club on an extraordinary year and a wonderful Day of Recognition in June!

A few Highlights of the Meeting: By Pam Waters

The Glennville Rotary Club Awards and Installation Celebration on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, included the installation of local attorney Dylan Mulligan as the new president for the 2022-23 year as well as recognizing the club's achievement of every member of the club as a Paul Harris Fellow. This recognition is the second time in the club's history that this distinction has been accomplished.

Shellie Smith, 2021-2022 President, was presented with the Rotarian of the Year Award as well as the Past President Plaque.

Donald Fountain pointed out that the Glennville Rotary Club contributed over \$24,000 to the Rotary Foundation during this current Rotary year of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

"Since our club was formed in November of 1984, almost \$200,000 has been given to the Foundation," he said.

The 2022-2023 Glennville Rotary Club officers were installed and 14 Rotarians were recognized with a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Award (\$1000 to the Rotary Foundation) for the first time including: Robert Barry, Chase Bradshaw, Tim Cooper, Kimberly Craft, Stan Dansby, Roderick Dunham, Lynda Goodell, Wes Kicklighter, Quentin McArthur, Logan McCullough, Kyle Sapp, Reid Stone, Michael Thompson, and Kristen Waters.

Other recognitions were as follows for this Rotary year: PHF+2, Tammy Waters; PHF+3, Darla Kicklighter and Tiffany Sittle; and PHF+4, Dennis Strickland.

In 2021, the club added two Major Donor Awards (\$10,000), who were Donald Fountain and Zuber Malek.

District 6920 Governor Ed Presnell for 2021-2022 and District 6920 Governor for 2022-2023 Heather Kellen were warmly welcomed to the Glennville Rotary event, along with Hamsa Thota, District 6920 Foundation Chair.

In closing, the special challenge for CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) during the event raised \$1513, with \$913 coming from individual Rotarians, \$500 from the club, and \$100 from the auction of a polished wooden bowl donated by Wayne Dasher.



[St Simons Island Rotary Club:](#)

From Rob Kellner - Here is a Photo of our District Gil Tharp Award winner, 2nd Lieutenant Caleb Gordon, visiting the St Simons Club - where, years ago, Club Member Gil Tharp was

instrumental in founding this great Educational Scholarship.

Of Note - - Caleb's visit happened to coincide with a previously planned program by the Public Information Officer at Fort Stewart/Hunter.

The officer had GREAT fun including Caleb in his remarks and offering encouragement to him for his upcoming adventure - and his military career just beginning.

Especially given that Caleb is trained to fly Helicopters, the officer informed the group that the NEW Generation Apache Helicopters about to arrive - are SOOO sophisticated - they are now referred to as "Ap-a-che's" (LOLOL - you heard it here first!).

Photographed with our recipient were Club President Joe Leek, District Foundation Chair Hamsa Thota and Rob.



St. Simons Rotarian, the late Gilbert R Tharp's legacy lives on with the award of \$30,000 Gil Tharp Rotary Foundation scholarship to (now) 2nd Lieut. Caleb Gordon, recently graduated from West Point Military Academy to pursue a Master's degree in Spirituality & Religion at the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

(ROTARY CLUB OF ST SIMONS)

In his will, Rotarian Gil Tharp made provision for the establishment of an Endowed Rotary Scholarship Fund bearing his name to provide international education opportunities for children born in the 61 Coastal, South, and South Central Georgia Rotary communities.

2nd Lieut. Caleb Gordon from West Point Military Academy received Gil Tharp Global Grant Scholarship in the amount of \$30,000 in April 2022. He was born in Augusta, Georgia and his parents still live in the Augusta area. The scholarship is enabling Caleb to pursue a Master's studies in Spirituality & Religion at the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Amsterdam International Rotary Club serves as his host Rotary Club. Caleb plans to apply the skills and knowledge obtained from his studies as a Chaplain of the US Army while undertaking his military training as a Helicopter Pilot - and very much looks forward to putting ALL his skills to work in coming years.

Caleb visited St. Simons Club in June to thank Rotarians for the \$30,000 Gil Tharp Scholarship.

He spoke about how this scholarship enables him to tend to the spiritual and moral well-being of service members and their families. It will also be put to work helping to reach out and build bridges among groups of greatly varied Religious and Faith backgrounds and beliefs - especially during times of great strife or conflict. In other words, how this scholarship will prepare him to advise commanders on religious, spiritual, and moral matters in conflicts during war and peace.



WELL DONE - to the **Rotary Club of Kings Bay**

- - which twice a year collects much needed items, then delivered to the Veteran's Hospital.....

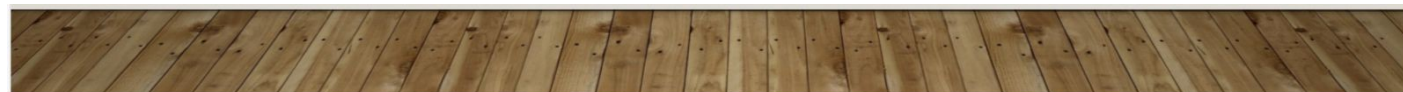
AND which Last year prepared meals and baked goods as a fundraiser for their Rotary club's childhood literacy program called Wee Read.

Club Members are rightfully proud to say that **a total of \$2,899.00** was raised from **August 2020 to April 2021**.

AND - - This year from **May 2021 - April 2022** they raised **\$5,108.41**.

Believe it or not, most of the funds are from baked goods.







Rotary Club of Centerville, GA shared a post. ▶ Rotary District 6920 ALL CLUBS ... Group

May 31 at 2:29 PM · 🌐

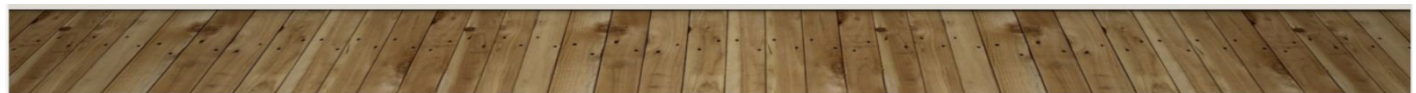
Toastmaster Mark Brown shared his story of how he became the International Toast Master Champion.



ABOUT MARK

EMMY® Award Nominated Inspirational Speaker!

EMMY® AWARD NOMINEE

Shout out to one of our District 6920 COMMUNITY LEADERS:

Zerick Samples - - a member of [METRO SAVANNAH ROTARY CLUB](#), and past member and President of the [Darrien Rotary Club](#), and also a past member of the [Rotary Club of St Simons Island](#), continues to serve the Coastal Region, and Rotary with Distinction. Congrats to Zerick!!



Georgia Southern Alumni

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The George and Lucy Armstrong Award is named in honor of Lucy Camp Armstrong, who donated the Armstrong House to Savannah's new college, named after her late husband, in 1935. The award is presented to the Armstrong alumnus who best exemplifies the core values of Georgia Southern University.

This year's recipient is Zerik Samples. Zerik received a B.S.Ed. and a M.Ed. from Armstrong Atlantic State University, and he is a 40 under 40 Class of 2020 recipient. He is the CEO for Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity in Savannah and enjoys pouring into the lives of tomorrow's leaders in afterschool and mentoring programs. His ultimate goal is to be an advocate for the community, helping people help themselves and each other.

Read more <https://bit.ly/2OSkqyi>





As a **SUGGESTION** and **TEMPLATE** for a **Press Release** by **EVERY CLUB** to your local media outlets (and as a Shout out to Trip) -

HERE is the announcement of the **Rotary Club of Savannah** on their year end 'hand over' of officers, committee chairs and board.

Rotary Club of Savannah announces Hugh “Trip” Tollison as 2022-23 President-Elect, Names Board of Directors

(SAVANNAH, GA) Hugh “Trip” Tollison, President and CEO of the Savannah Economic Development Authority, has been elected as the 2022-23 president of The Rotary Club of Savannah. On June 13, the gavel will be passed to Tollison by outgoing president Marjorie Young, founder and CEO of Carriage Trade Public Relations® Inc. The ceremony will take place at the DeSoto on Liberty Street at 12:30 p.m.

The club will also install 2022-2023 officers.

Tollison, in his role at SEDA and current member of the Savannah Harbor-Interstate 16 Corridor Joint Development Authority, had a prominent role in the landing of a Hyundai electric vehicle plant to be built in Bryan County, representing a \$5.54 billion investment and expected to generate 8,100 jobs.

Before becoming SEDA’s head in 2012, Tollison was vice president and chief operating officer of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce and Visit Savannah.

Tollison received his degree from the University of Georgia, and upon graduation, served as an aide in Washington and Georgia for the United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, and a governmental affairs consulting firm.

“It takes the whole community, from government bodies to an informed citizenry, to move Savannah forward. Rotary Club of Savannah has been part of that forward motion for more than 100 years, and I am humbled to have been chosen as president for this impactful group,” said Tollison.

In his current role with SEDA, Tollison oversees all aspects of the organization including business attraction, business retention and expansion, World Trade Center Savannah, and the Savannah

Regional Film Commission.

Tollison also serves as a Vice Chair of the Georgia Economic Developers Association and as a member of the Jekyll Island State Authority. Additionally, he serves on the board of directors for The Savannah Convention Center Authority, the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Savannah Music Festival, and is the former chairman of the Second Harvest Food Bank. Tollison is listed among Georgia Trend magazine's 2022 100 Most Influential Georgians.

Tollison is a graduate of Leadership Savannah, Leadership Georgia and is a former Trustee of Leadership Georgia. He and his wife, Tracey, have two children.

Other incoming officers are Jamie McCurry, secretary/treasurer, and Tammie Mosley, sergeant at arms.

Incoming Directors for the club are: Rick Belford, Dale Critz, Jr., Eddie DeLoach, Nina Gompels, Brynn Grant, Holden Hayes, Fran Kaminsky, Jamie McCurry, David Paddison, Paul Pressly, Swann Seiler and Mike Traynor.

ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF SAVANNAH: The Rotary Club of Savannah includes 220 community leaders and volunteers. Over the past 108 years, the club has championed local and regional developments that include 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. Most recently, in recognition of its 100th anniversary, the club raised funds and built an all-accessible playground in Forsyth Park. Meetings are held each Monday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the DeSoto Hotel, 15 E. Liberty St. For more information, visit www.savrotary.org



SEC. D. YOUTH: GRSP, RYLA, ROTARACT, INTERACT

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS AND GRSP PEOPLE!!!!

The GRSP 2022 Conclave will be held on August 19-21.

Please read on for more information - and [CLICK HERE](#) to print, fill out and mail your Registration NOW



Georgia Rotary Student Program 2022 Conclave
Hosted by the Rotary Clubs of
Forsyth, Gainesville, Hall County, Lanier-Forsyth, South Forsyth, and South Hall
August 19-21, 2022

GRSP Weekend HOST FAMILIES Responsibilities

The GRSP trustees are responsible for getting the students to the Conclave. That does not rule out club presidents, club host families, or club members taking them. Once the students are at the Conclave, it is the responsibility of the Conclave host clubs to assign "weekend" host families to transport the students to their meetings and events – please contact Bill St. Clair at 678-316-2590 if you are interested.

Friday, August 19, 2022

- The students will arrive at the Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge Conference Center, 7000 Lanier Islands Parkway, Buford, GA 30518 on Friday around noon. They stay there until around 9:00 PM when the "weekend" hosts will pick them up and take them home where they will spend the night.

Saturday, August 20, 2022

- Saturday morning the students will have breakfast at their weekend homes. The students should arrive at 8:15 AM at the Lanier Legacy Lodge Conference Center for training sessions and lunch. Then the students will have their Cabaret rehearsal from 2:30-5:30 PM.
- The GRSP students will freshen up at Legacy Lodge and be at dinner at 6:30 PM for the evening meal, meeting, and GRSP student entertainment.
- Next, the students will have from 9 PM to 11 PM to gather for some get-to-know-you-time with a DJ and refreshments. At 11 PM, the "weekend" host families will pick them up and take them home for a night's sleep.

Sunday, August 21, 2022

- Sunday morning the students will have breakfast with their "weekend" host families before being taken to the Holiday Inn Express, 4951 Bristol Industrial Way, Buford, GA 30518 by 9 AM, for pickup by the-ones-who-brought them to the conclave. The students will then be taken to their respective colleges and universities or their club host family.

Room Reservations:

- Legacy Lodge @ Lake Lanier Islands – all meeting rooms are here
 - Call - 770-945-8787 or 678-378-2018
 - Email – Reservations@LanierIslands.com
 - Cost - \$210/night
- Holiday In Express (off Island)
 - Call 678-730-5050
 - Reference Block Group – GCG (GRSP Conclave)
 - Cost - \$165/night
 - Some suites are also available

Please make room reservations by August 1, 2022 because these rooms/room rates may not be available after that date.



2022 GRSP Conclave Registration
August 19-21-2022

Registration Fee - \$75/person

Covers Dinner Friday and Saturday Night

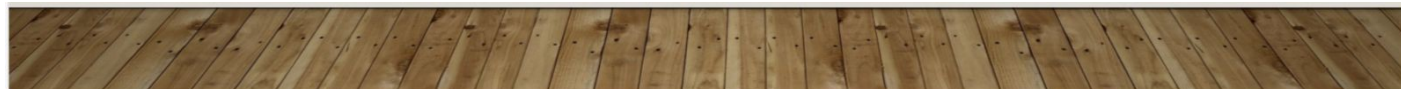
Make Check Payable to **2022 GRSP Conclave** and mail along with this form to:

Rotary District 6910
958 McEver Road, Suite D-9
Gainesville, GA 30504

List first and last name for each attendee for name badge(s) **(please print)**:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Mail this form along with your check to Rotary District 6910 by August 1, 2022





From The Valdosta Daily News: Here's a WONDERFUL article to Read and Enjoy

FOWLER: Taking the Four-Way Test

“Lying lips are extremely disgusting to the Lord, But those who deal faithfully are His delight.” – Proverbs 12:22 (amplified)

I started Fowler & Company in March of 2011 with a vision to help Christian business leaders build better businesses that bring glory to God.

So, I want everything I do at work and at home to bring glory to God. This brings up the topic for today’s article – business ethics.

This is a tough topic. I am often amazed to find strong Christians who can thoroughly disagree on what the ethical answer is to a particular business situation. I don’t want to be on the wrong side of an ethical question and it is becoming clear to me that good Christian people can disagree on these things.

Since we know that people will often disagree on what the ethical (God-honoring) choice is, I have found that the best solution is to discuss business ethics openly and honestly

inside your organization and outside.

If your goal is to create an organization full of people who will make good ethical decisions, you must discuss ethics, honor examples of strong ethics, learn from ethical mistakes and always make time to discuss situations that require difficult decisions.

In my Googling for good answers to ethical dilemmas for Christians, I ran across Rotary's Four-Way Test. I have never been a Rotarian but my dad was and I remember seeing this little plaque on his desk that had the Four-Way Test written on it.

The test has always intrigued me. Could it be a great tool to help your organization make better ethical choices? Let's dive into the Four-Way Test and see! I'll be quoting from an article written in 2017 by Mark DiGiovanni for Rotarians.

The Four-Way Test was originally drafted by Herbert Taylor in 1932. Taylor was a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago and had been asked to take over the near-bankrupt Club Aluminum Company.

Taylor created the Four-Way Test as a code of conduct for that business. DiGiovanni writes that Club Aluminum applied the test to all of its business decisions. It declined business that failed to meet the test and thrived as a result.

Rotary International adopted the Four-Way Test in 1943. The Four-Way Test starts with a preamble and then asks four questions. Here is how it goes.

Of the things we think, say or do...

- First, Is it the Truth?**
- Second, Is it Fair to all concerned?**
- Third, will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?**
- Fourth, will it be Beneficial to all concerned?**

Is it the Truth?

Yikes. It feels like we are starting with the toughest question of the Four-Way Test. Truth is hard to come by these days. If you were not physically present and able to discuss what you saw with the parties involved, you cannot be sure you know the truth.

DiGiovanni writes that truth and facts often get confused for one another. Facts cannot be logically disputed or rejected. Facts are objective. Truth is much more subjective.

We often believe a truth based on facts we believe to be correct but then later find out the

facts were not really facts. For centuries we believed the world was flat until someone brought new facts in to dispute that truth.

It is egotistical to believe that my truth is a universal truth. Everyone has a different interpretation of the facts, mixed with their experiences and beliefs that becomes their truth. I am sloooooowly beginning to understand that everyone does not have to believe my truths. Everyone is responsible for coming to their own conclusions. I am responsible for acting in line with what I believe to be true.

This is where working with others gets tricky. In organizations, we must define our values as clearly as possible and discuss those tricky areas so we can all agree that our actions are based on truth, based on the best facts we can find.

Abraham Lincoln said, “The trouble with too many people is they believe the realm of truth lies within their vision.” Look at how the same news story is reported by different media outlets. The same facts are being reported on but the truths proposed by the different media are being influenced by their beliefs and biases.

We all have beliefs and biases. These are the window panes through which we interpret the world. The key is to know you have beliefs and biases and respect and listen to others' interpretations of the facts.

We must base our truths on the best facts available and be transparent. Holding back information is never in the best interest of the truth.

That was the best introduction I could do for this topic within my word limits! We'll dive into the other questions of the Four-Way Test next week.

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AND, before we end this Letter - - - - one final 'Tip of the Cup" - to a dear friend and [PDG Margaret Jacobs](#) - who VALIENTLY Fought her battle against Pancreatic Cancer - **She truly lived her life to the very last moment - spending her final days and weeks surrounded by family and much love -**

and then (as she had said she was looking forward to doing), she walked into the arms of Her Lord.

- - Her invitation to Service reminds us of the words of a lovely song from years ago:

**"Come with me my love, and seize the day, and live it,
Live it fully, live it fast..... LIVE, Just Live For Life !!!**

Dear Margaret - we are ever grateful for you and your driving spirit - You Shall be Remembered, and Missed.



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Rotary International Foundation: <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation> Or [CLICK HERE](#)

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(My Rotary is a place FULL of tools for Rotarians and Clubs - you'll need to register separately for an 'account' - - but Oh, what a Treasure trove of info, videos, PR materials - awaits!)

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