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DISTRICT 6920 NEWSLETTER

(Take a few Minutes to READ your Newsletter now. (you'll find out WHY near the end....)

October, 2021

This is: Economic and Community Development Month



Message from Governor Ed;

Dear Rotarian Jim,

Greetings, My Fellow Changemakers !!!!

I'm sure RI president Shekar Metha will not mind me reinforcing your roles in Rotary this year by using his monthly salutation and addressing you as Changemakers. That's our assignment...

We have now officially completed the full first quarter of 2021–22 and as my travels and conversations continue at Mach speed, all I can think to say is WOW!!!! District 6920 is an exciting place to feel and witness the enthusiasm of nearly 3,000 members in 61 clubs. I am so proud of each and every one of you as I visit clubs and review emails, FB posts, reports, receive phone calls, and meet in-person and virtually. In

September, I was able to be your guest at 10 clubs, October has 18 clubs on the calendar, so by this time next month I will be nearly half done in the visitation journey.

The beauty of this responsibility is that I get to see a huge level of energy and so many levels of engagement traveling from club to club. It is so invigorating each time I meet with club leaders and members. Each club is unique, yet all clubs are focused on our theme "Serve to Change Lives".

Let's talk about highlights with the activities already in place:

We have identified a way to measure how many lives we are impacting in our district. Each club has been asked to complete a simple monthly report, estimating how many lives every one of their club projects may impact in the aggregate, using a multiplier factor. (In short – the ripple effect of volunteer hours, dollars etc.). Please be faithful to this request. I have an idea that when we announce the totals at our district conference next spring, the impact will be incredible.

Our membership growth is rapid. Many clubs have already inducted multiple new members and we are on track to end the year back over 3,000 Rotarians. If we are vigilant in our efforts of **Each one, Bring one**, there is no limit to our success.

Attendance is growing in a positive direction at an exciting pace. Many clubs have returned to in-person meetings and some still offer hybrid options. Either way, please keep an accurate count on your reports. (For zoom or hybrid meetings – just have someone click on the 'participants' list in zoom – and take a screen shot then send to your President or Club Secretary by text or email – easy!!) As we cautiously and consciously restore our new normal from the effects of the pandemic it is clear that we need to be together.....safely. But don't forget – by offering a Zoom option – members traveling afar or recovering at home – can remain engaged and up to speed!

This month is Rotary **Economic and Community Development Month** last month was dedicated to Basic Education and Literacy and next month is dedicated to the Rotary Foundation. As Changemakers, how have we planned our activities and accomplished our goals? From my viewpoint, we are really impacting our service objectives. I encourage you to maintain your individual enthusiasm and collective focus. The possibilities are infinite.

Finally, we continue to enjoy our first Friday with the District Governor live at noon on FACEBOOK. Please take a few minutes to review our District 6920 FB page for past conversations – and plan to join us next month. As our page and all posts are 'public' you do NOT have to be a Facebook 'user' to be able to see the page and the videos - -

I want to thank everyone for everything. So many faithful Rotarians dedicated to our mission is very inspiring. Let's keep the momentum going!!

I hope each of you realize how fortunate we are to be part of Rotary. Our impact extends from our community to international service. Indeed, "Serve to Change Lives" is our mission.

Be Safe!!!

I feel GOOD!!!!!!

Yours in Rotary,



SEC. A. TOP PRIORITIES: DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS

DON'T FORGET: [Rotary First Friday LIVE with the Governor](#) **To Watch the October 1 Conversation: Click** **[HERE](#)**

[Learn More: Here are The Details](#)

Our District sponsors a once a month conversation through Facebook Live called "Rotary First Friday".

You DO NOT have to be a FACEBOOK user to watch.

Our District Facebook page is set to "PUBLIC" - which means, anyone - whether they have a facebook account or not - - can visit our page - and can see these LIVE conversations (or watch the recording of them later).

Each month Governor Ed discussed things happening around our District and the world in ROTARY with other special guests to join him.

Rotarian Marjorie Young (Dist. Comm. Chair) - hosts this informative and fun conversation.

Those watching CAN ask questions or make comments - by typing them into the 'comment' section.

Join in LIVE - or watch the recording any time you like (using the link above or by going to our District Facebook Page).

(AGAIN - you do NOT have to be a facebook user to watch - its set to 'public').

To Watch the Next LIVE First Friday:

Be sure to Join us on November 5 at NOON on the District 6920 Facebook Page.

To be sure you NEVER miss:

On YOUR favorite calendar (on your phone, computer, tablet...) - - Create an event called "Rotary First Friday" - on November 5th.

For the Location copy/paste THIS : Facebook [FIRST FRIDAY](#) (there is a link embedded in the words 'First Friday')

Set the Time at 12 noon. Then Set it to Repeat Monthly on the first Friday of each month. Boom. You're ALL SET.

THEN: When the event pops up on your calendar - just click on the link you copied into the invite.

OR - - just go to our District FACEBOOK Page, by clicking on this link (in blue): [CLICK HERE](#) and scroll down to First Friday. Each first Friday of the Month - it will be near the top - just waiting for you!

Take a look at the photo below.

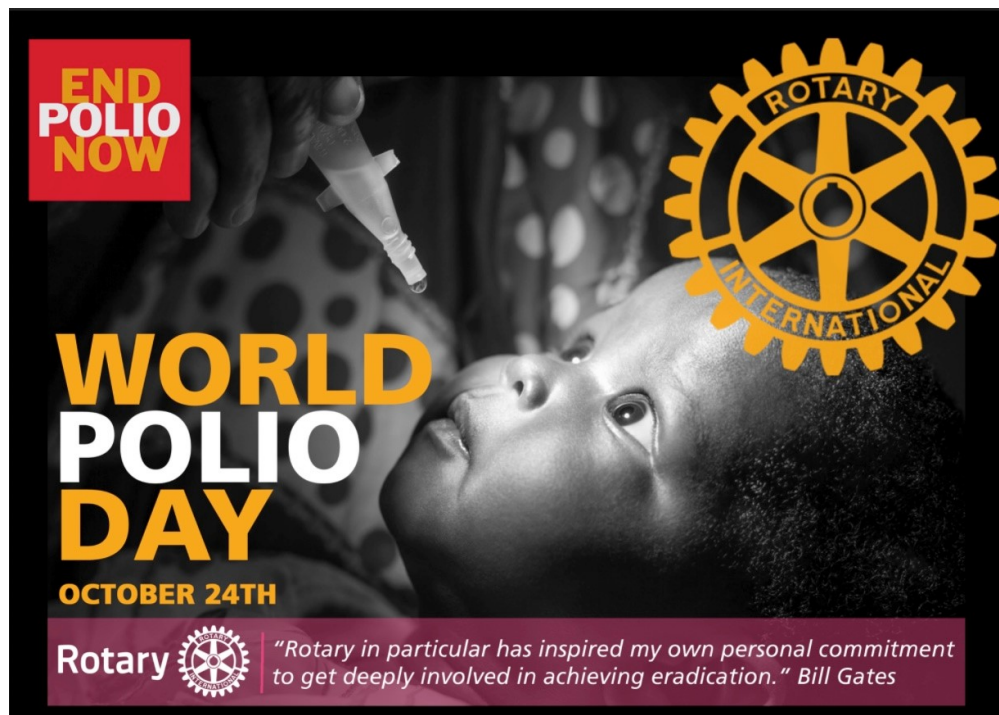
Ed always knows how many are watching - (there is a number in the upper left corner)- - so let's give him some LOVE & SUPPORT by turning out for FIRST FRIDAY.



October 24th is WORLD POLIO DAY!

How will *YOUR* club mark it ?

LET'S CHANGE LIVES --ACT NOW -- TO END POLIO FOREVER!



IMPORTANT:

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022 Will be here before you know it !!!

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR RIGHT THIS MINUTE - for DISTRICT

CONFERENCE next spring !

EVERYONE - - - we said --- E.V.E.R.Y...O.N.E. - - should BE THERE!!!

SO - - EVEN if you are thinking - - "*awww. I don't think so....*"

- - PLEASE PUT THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR - - and THINK ABOUT IT!

YOU are wanted - - we have a GREAT District Rotary Family - - and this is the FAMILY REUNION!!!

Don't Miss It !



THE 2021-2022 DISTRICT CONFERENCE WILL BE ...

WHEN: 29 April –1 May, 2022

**WHERE: Augusta Marriott at the
Convention Center in Augusta, GA**

Let's have some Fun - TOGETHER!



SEC. B. DISTRICT PROJECTS: INITIATIVES & PLANS

Bev Trainor takes over the Reigns as new Chair of Saving Lives Through Medicine

She has great support from Project creator Hamsa Thota
& International President of MAP (Rotarian) Steve Stirling.
But - - be ready! Bev is very excited and will be sending news via
Social Media, and quarterly reports to all.



Move your mouse to view the photo in 3D

Hamsa Thota

September 27 at 5:00 PM · 🌐

Monday, September 27, 2021

Brunswick, Georgia

Today, I presented a check for \$2500 to MAP International president and Rotarian Steve Stirling. Check is from the Rotary club of Augusta, Ga. Thank you Governor Ed Presnell and club president Shanda Vaughn for your enthusiastic support for the Rotary- MAP Saving Lives with Medicine program and to our strategic partner MAP International. MAP provides medicines to the world and is partnering with Rotary District 6920 to provide free medicines to low income patients @7 participating clinics in Georgia as part of its domestic medicines initiative. Coordinated Health Services clinic in Augusta, Ga is one of the

participating clinics in our program.

Pictured with me are Rotarian Beverly Trainor, director of Saving Lives with Medicine program and president Steve Stirling.

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



Rotary Club Conducts Beach Sweep

Members of the Rotary Club of Savannah South, their friends and family took a boat ride to Wassaw Island on Saturday, October 2, to do a beach sweep and have FUN! The beach sweep was started in 1994 by the late Gustave "Gus" DeBus, a member of the club.

The club has continued the sweep in DeBus' memory.

Following the sweep, the group enjoyed a picnic lunchand made sure to take their trash with them.



Rotary Club of Millen


September 10 at 11:19 PM · 🌐



The Rotary Club of Millen is currently collecting new or gently used books to help and encourage children in our community to learn to read. For anyone wanting to help, books can be dropped off at Team Insurance or you can order online and send them to us, here's the link to our Amazon list: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1ZD352TGKKJ6J...>

#rotary #peopleofaction #serviceaboveself #makeadifference
#basiceducationandliteracymonth



Rotary  Club of Millen
Book Drive

Want to help? Drop off any new or gently used books at Team Insurance now through September 30th.

100% of proceeds and books will go to local programs to help children in our community learn to read!

"Growing literacy of the heart and mind cultivates the landscape of a child's future." -Clyde Heath



Rotary Club of Millen

Yesterday at 3:13 PM · 🌐



Local Rotarians [Shana Brinson](#) & [Jessica Wilson](#) volunteered at the Jenkins County COVID-19 Vaccination Drive Thru this morning. Giving back to your community by volunteering; thanks ladies!! #Rotary #ServeToChangeLives #volunteers #covid19vaccination #rotaryareasoffocus #diseasepreventionandtreatment #JoinRotary

Rotary  **Club of Millen**

**SHANA BRINSON & JESSICA WILSON
VOLUNTEERING AT THE JENKINS
COUNTY COVID19 VACCINATION DRIVE**



#ROTARIANSATWORK

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**Rotary Area of Focus:
Disease Prevention & Treatment**

Governor Ed's Travels:

**".....On the road again
I just can't wait to get on the road again
The life I love is makin' music with my friends
And I can't wait to get on the road again**

**On the road again
Goin' places that I've never been
Seein' things that I may never see again
And I can't wait to get on the road again..."**

(copywrite Willie Nelson)

Below are Highlights from some of Gov Ed's Recent Club Visits - -



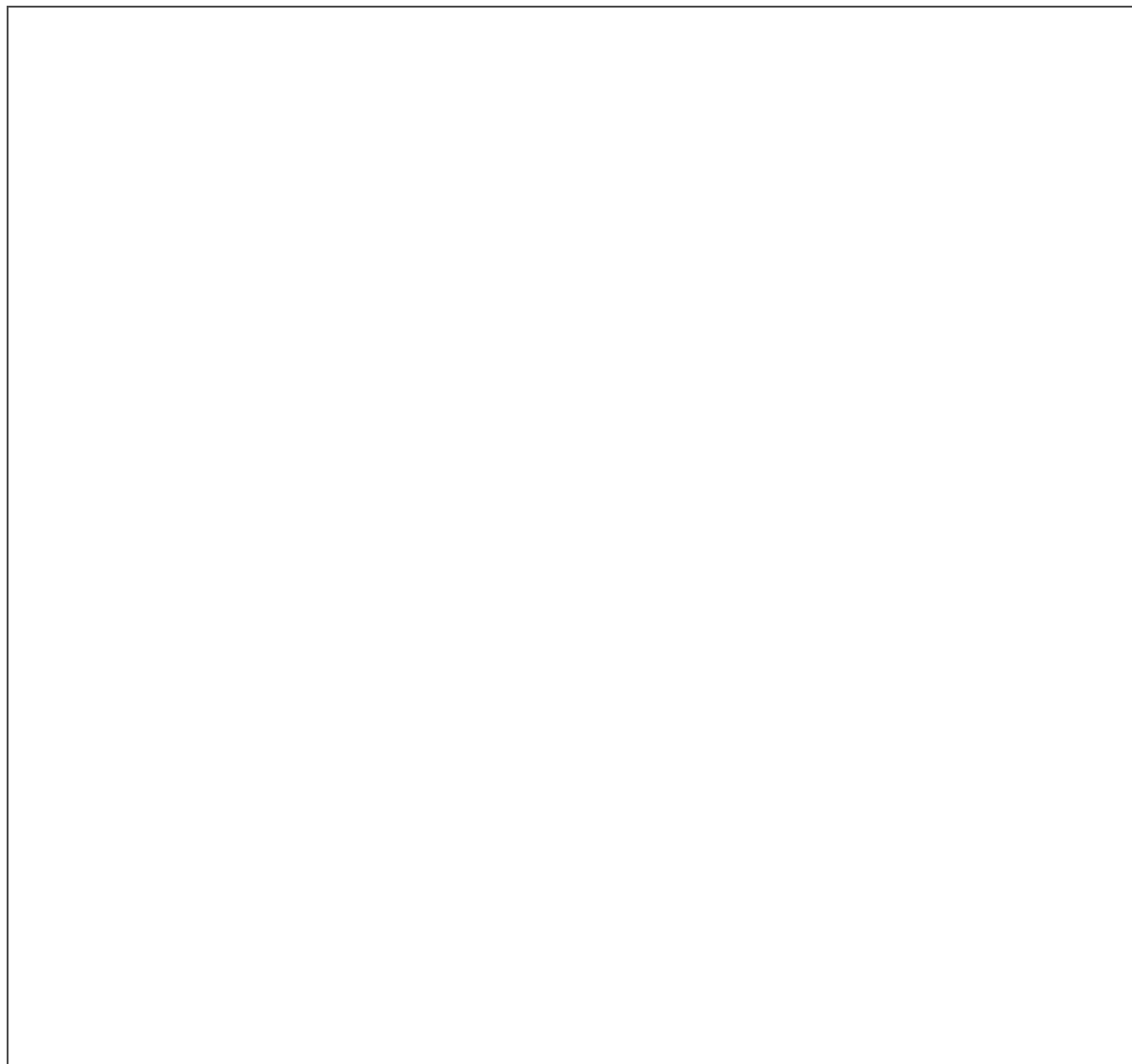
Rotary Club of Savannah East

September 10 at 8:00 PM · 🌐



What an honor it was to have 6920 District Governor, Mr. Ed Presnell, speak with us at our meeting today! DG Ed shared with us some highlights from around our district, talked about his ambitious goals for the 61 clubs in 6920, and spoke eloquently about the importance of Service Above Self. As always, his optimism and enthusiasm was truly inspiring! Thank you, DG Ed for spending time with us & motivating our members to be their best!!







Rotary Club of Millen is with Shana Brinson and Jessica Wilson.

September 22 at 7:51 PM · 🌐



We had a wonderful visit with District Governor Ed Presnell. One of the first things DG Ed said to us was how awesome he thought our sign was. DG Ed liked it so much he wanted a picture with it; so, that's exactly what we did! 😊 #Rotary #D6920 #ServeToChangeLives

#ServiceAboveSelf

📷 Credits: Cassie Thomas

*One of the perks of living in a small town is knowing & being able to call the neighbor over to take your picture. 🤗👩 #smalltownlife #millenga



**LOVED arriving in Millen to see a ROTARY Sign,
right next to the City WELCOME Sign!
What a great way to remind Rotarians, and Invite Visiting Rotarians -
and Encourage POTENTIAL Rotarians to Become - a Millen Rotarian!**





Rotary Club of Effingham County

October 1 at 6:02 PM · 🌐



Thank you to our District Governor Ed Presnell for speaking last month to the group!





Michael O'Neal is at The Savannah Golf Club.

September 10 at 12:50 AM · Savannah · 🌐



We had an extraordinary day at our Savannah West Rotary lunch meeting yesterday. We had historic induction of new members by our District Governor [Ed Presnell](#). This added to our special moment. These could be very special years of service and fun for our community and for our club.





Rotary Club of Dublin, Georgia, USA is with Ed Presnell and Lindsay Thetford Black.



September 17 at 3:34 PM · 🌐

Great meeting today hearing from Rotary District Governor, [Ed Presnell](#). We also honored our new and current Paul Harris Fellows. Have a great weekend!!



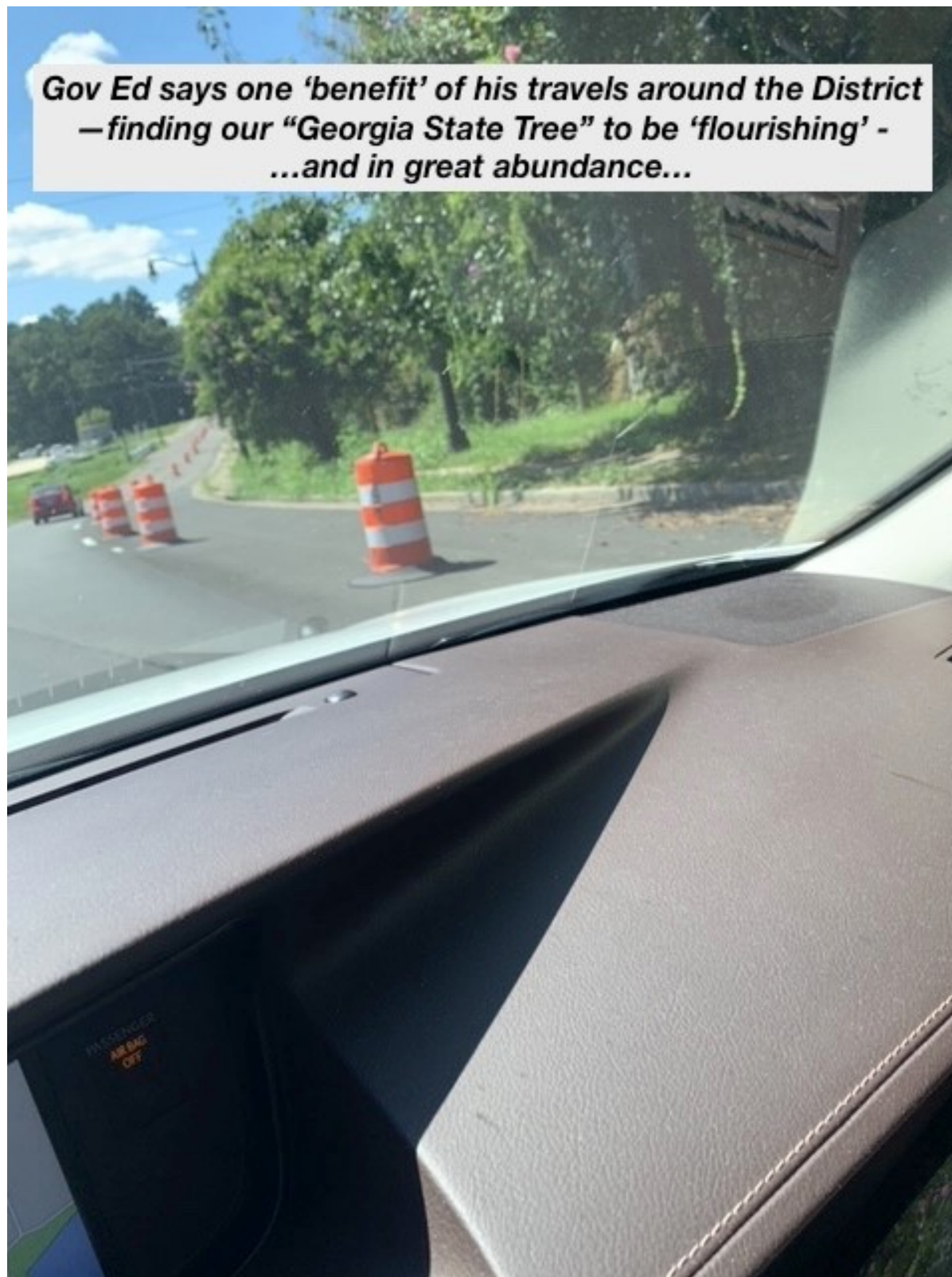
Ed was joined by AG Sam Eskew for his GREAT Visit with Savannah West Club, hosted by President Laura Lane McKinnon



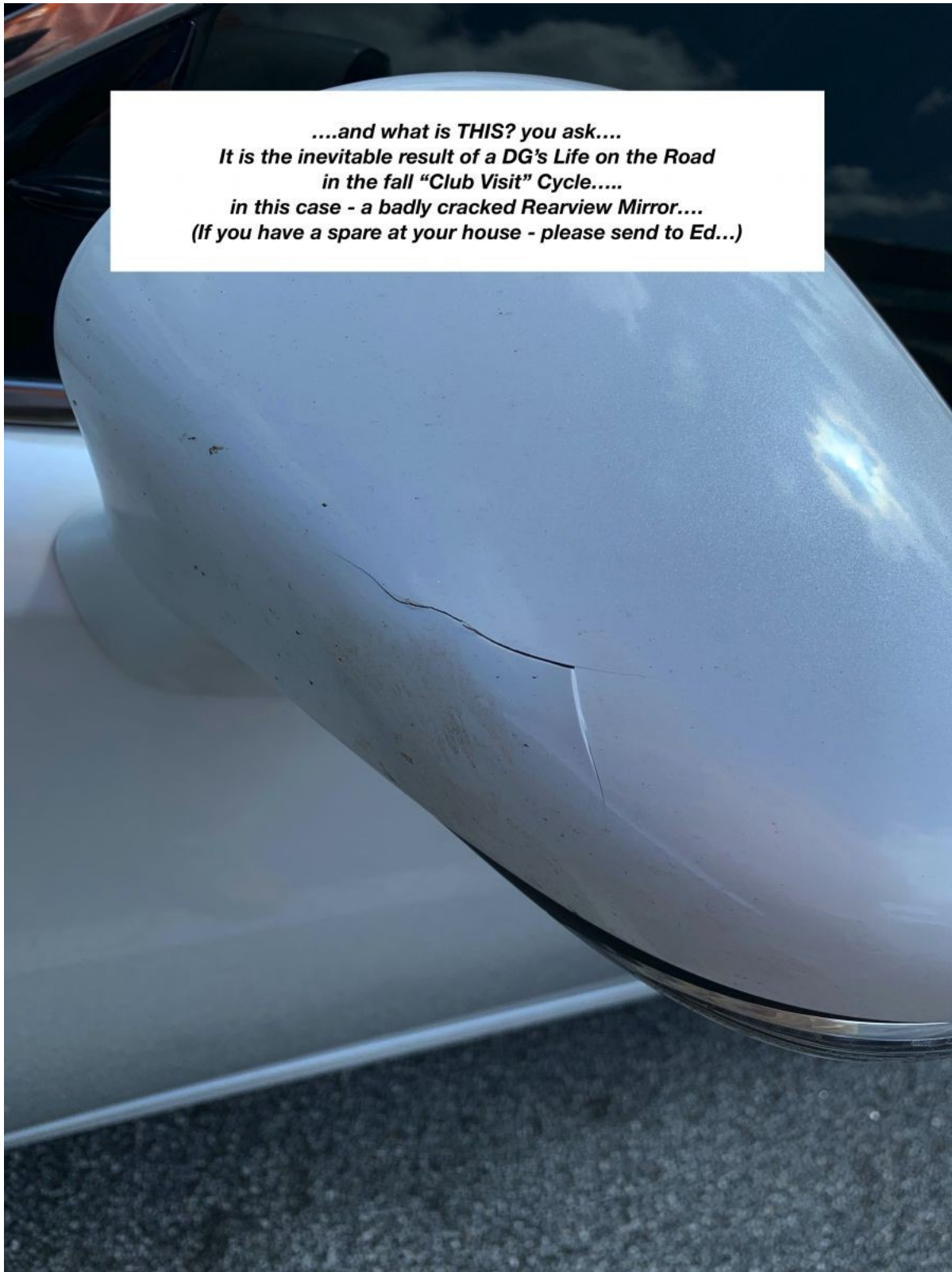


...and for a bit more of "Gov. Ed's Life on the Road"

**Gov Ed says one 'benefit' of his travels around the District
— finding our "Georgia State Tree" to be 'flourishing' -
...and in great abundance...**



*....and what is THIS? you ask....
It is the inevitable result of a DG's Life on the Road
in the fall "Club Visit" Cycle.....
in this case - a badly cracked Rearview Mirror....
(If you have a spare at your house - please send to Ed...)*



**Gov. Ed's Official Travels in September even took him to D.C.
(where he was able to photograph this stunning view of the U.S. Capitol.)
and YES - OF COURSE! There are many Rotarians in THIS building - & all across D.C. !)**



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

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR STORIES AND PHOTOS!!! PLEASE
SHARE YOUR NEWS AND SEND IT IN!!!**

SEC. E. TOOLS: CITATIONS, RESOURCES, FACEBOOK, RI NEWS, CONTACT US, & LINKS

Talking TECHNOLOGY:

1) Do you Zoom your club meetings - So members & guests can attend

in person or also on zoom ?

It's not JUST about Covid !!! ZOOM allows Rotarians traveling or not able to attend in person - to stay connected and "in the loop"...

TIP of the Day: - when zooming a "Hybrid" meeting - it helps GREATLY for someone on zoom and someone "in the room" to be in contact - texting by phone.

That way, if the people on Zoom can't hear, or if they want the camera moved a bit, or if they want to ask a question or make an announcement - the request can be sent by text to their in-room contact for best (and fastest) help.

2) Do you (and all your fellow Rotarians) Read this Monthly Newsletter?

FYI - - WE know the answer to that question!

This Newsletter is sent via our District Database - DACdb. DACdb keeps track of all the details.

We know exactly who RECEIVED each email - and of those, exactly WHO read it - and who didn't....

We even know how much time they spent reading it.

AND - DACdb makes it easy to RESEND an email to those who haven't opened or read it.

Currently - the "Read Rate" of the District Newsletter is around 33%. Believe it or not, in the world of statistics - - that's a pretty good number!

But our newsletters are FULL of truly IMPORTANT info - - so **we have set a goal of EXCEEDING 50% READ RATE !**

We're going to PUSH the Newsletter!

It WILL be resent each month to those who haven't read it within a few days.... and we ask ALL of you reading THIS - to talk it up in your clubs - and explain why we have a District Newsletter - and why its important that EVERYONE read it!

Remember - - We are not ONLY Rotarians in our own Clubs - - we are part of our Rotary District, and Zone - and Rotary INTERNATIONAL !

READ - and LEARN and CELEBRATE ROTARY

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO AND LINKS:

Contact DG Ed: (706) 373-0007? Email: edpresnell@gmail.com

Your Club & District on-line Database DACdb: <http://www.dacdb.com> or [CLICK HERE](#)

Our District Website: <http://www.rotarydistrict6920.org/> or [CLICK HERE](#)

Our District Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Rotary6920> or [CLICK HERE](#)

Our District Twitter Account: <https://twitter.com/RotaryDist6920> or [CLICK HERE](#)

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

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

My Rotary: <https://my.rotary.org/en/> or [CLICK HERE](#)

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

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