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DISTRICT 6920 NEWSLETTER

September, 2021



Message from Governor Ed;

Dear Rotarian Jim,

Welcome to YOUR 2021-2022 District Newsletter!

First, let me take a moment to introduce myself. I'm Ed Presnell, and I am TRULY honored to serve as your Governor this year.

I'm a Proud Rotarian and a member of the Augusta Club - (and yes, I love golf...and football. Oh yeah. I love football.)

Like you, I am amazed by the year or so we've all endured! From no meetings, to ZOOM Virtual Meetings, to Hybrid Meetings - and everything in between - together - we've proven **ROTARIANS DON'T GIVE UP!**

Still - I know its been hard to keep going, projects have temporarily 'stalled', fundraising proved daunting, future plans can't be made easily!

So, I just want to say THANK YOU to everyone for believing in Rotary Fellowship and all we do in our communities and around the Globe as we [SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES.](#)

Over the coming months I'll be on the road visiting every club in our District. That's over 60 Club visits! Remember, our District is large, so for MANY of you and its a very big deal to me to visit your Club.

So - when you get word that your club Program for the week is 'The District Governor's Visit' , - I hope you'll make a special effort to attend. Let's make it a point to introduce ourselves to one another. When I say 'I want to meet every Rotarian in our District" - - I REALLY MEAN IT!

The Governor's visit has several purposes, Governors meet with the board and officers of each club to be sure they have everything they need for a successful year.

The Governor also can use that time to focus on just one club - in order to help them with anything and any way possible.

Most importantly, the Governor uses the program time to share with the club things going on around the District and hopefully encourage every single Rotarian to be involved not only in their own Club, but also in the District: Bringing Clubs and Rotarians closer together.

We're actually all part of a District Family of almos 3000 Rotarians! That's alot of energy, fellowship and **FUN** potential!

Please watch for these Newsletters and take a few minutes to read through the information contained here.

Be sure to note the links and contact info at the bottom.

Oh, and one more thing at the top of an AMAZING District Team, I'm very excited to be working this year with our District Governor Elect, the very Brilliant, Heather Kellen.

Heather is already working on plans for NEXT year, so keep an eye out for her as well.



See you all SOON!

Yours in Rotary Service -

SEC. A. TOP PRIORITIES: DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Rotary International has assigned a THEME to every month of the year.

These almost never change - and they help clubs plan their programs and focus for each month.

September Is:

Basic Education and Literacy Month

Does your club have a project focusing on Basic Education and Literacy?

IF SO, this is YOUR month to SHINE!

Contact your local Media outlets and tell your community How YOUR Club is ['Serving to Change Lives'](#)

IF NOT 'YES' , Now is a GREAT time to have that conversation in your Club. Do your members feel club energy is already stretched thin? Then how about calling a neighboring club, and offering to partner with them on THEIR Project?

That way your members (and your Club) Can *Change Lives* while making the load lighter for those in the Partner Club! Its a Win-Win , and a great opportunity to network and socialize with those in another club.

Here is just one 'SPOTLIGHT' example of a great Project - - Now in its THIRD Year!

The Black Tie *IMAGINARY BALL* benefiting **Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY**

Sponsored by the **Valdosta Rotary Club**

Take a second to read through this incredibly clever (and lucrative) Invitation!

*On behalf of Valdosta Rotary Club,
you are cordially invited to the
Third Annual Black-Tie
Imaginary Ball
to benefit Dolly Parton's Imagination Library*

This event will NOT take place on September 9, 2021.
Refreshments will NOT be served at 6 p.m.
Dinner will NOT be served at 7 p.m.
NO program will be held at 8 p.m.

You will be saving yourself:

Tuxedo rental:	\$150
New Dress:	\$200
Hair and Nail Salon:	\$150
Babysitting:	\$100
Cost of Dinner:	\$ 50
Cash Bar:	\$ 25
<u>4+ Hours of your Time:</u>	<u>Priceless</u>
Total Expense	\$675+

The purchase of this ticket entitles you to stay home and relax. Spend time with your family. Read to your children or grandchildren. If you do not have children or grandchildren, read to someone else's!

Tickets are \$125 per person or \$250 per couple.

By hosting this Imaginary Ball, we are not spending money on a venue rental, catering charges, room décor, or entertainment. This allows us to use 100% of the funds from your ticket purchase to directly benefit the Lowndes County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The purchase of one ticket for \$125 will fund enough books for one child to receive a book every month from birth to fifth birthday.

To purchase tax-deductible "tickets," please mail a check made payable to Valdosta Rotary Foundation, with Imaginary Ball in the memo line to:


Valdosta Rotary Club
PO Box 517
Valdosta, GA 31603


Please take photos at your Imaginary Ball and post them on social media with the hashtag, **#DPIImaginaryBall2021**.

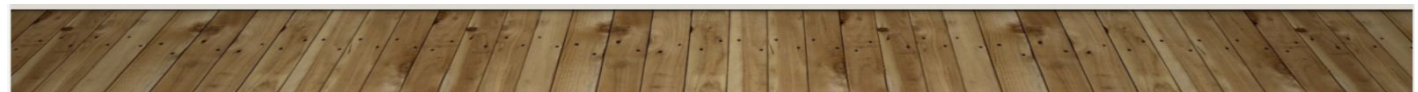
For more information on Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, please visit www.imaginationlibrary.com

For questions about the Imaginary Ball, please contact Deanna Smith at 229-561-1048 or dsmith@investwithtic.com

Valdosta
Rotary
Club







Club Secretaries - Heads Up !

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

We need your help!!!!

Gov Ed is asking EVERY CLUB to conduct a MEMBERSHIP AUDIT. ASAP

By that he means we need every club to go into DACdb (our District Database) and compare the members listed there - with your club Roster.

We KNOW that in MOST cases the two DO NOT match! We need to fix that.

There are many reasons why this vital, just one example being that in some cases Clubs still list as members those who have left, moved, and even died.

This results in problems for District Reporting - but also in practical issues, such as Rotary Mailings going out

to those who've passed away, often to the distress of their loved ones.

We need your help!

AND while you are there (IN DACdb) - **please check to be sure that your current officers and committee chairs are accurately identified - USING THE OFFICIAL TITLES FOR OUR DISTRICT.**

THAT is important so that various officers and Committee chairs can be identified for every club (as a group) and contacted by email etc for important matters.

To give you an example - - some clubs have Public Relations Chairs while others call it 'Community Image Chair' or "Publicity Chair" - - this means - we cannot locate ALL Public Relations Chairs as a group.

IT IS VITAL that all clubs identify their officers and Committee chairs in DACdb USING THE CORRECT TITLES.

If you need any help with this - contact Paula Goodnow (and very soon we hope to have a team of DACdb specialists to help).

When you have COMPLETED your audit - please shoot Gov Ed an Email confirming "the Rotary Club of _____ has completed their membership Audit in DACdb"

His email is: edpresnell@gmail.com



ANNOUNCING: Rotary First Friday LIVE with the Governor

DID YOU KNOW???

Our District now sponsors a once a month conversation through Facebook Live called "Rotary First Friday" Each month Rotarian Marjorie Young (Dist. Comm. Chair) will lead a live discussion of things happening around our District and the world in Rotary with Gov. Ed and other special guests from around our District.

Last Friday Marjorie had a great conversatio with DG ED to kick off this new program.

Click [HERE](#) to watch a Video Recording of the September 3rd Conversation (you do NOT have to be a facebook user to watch - its set to 'public').

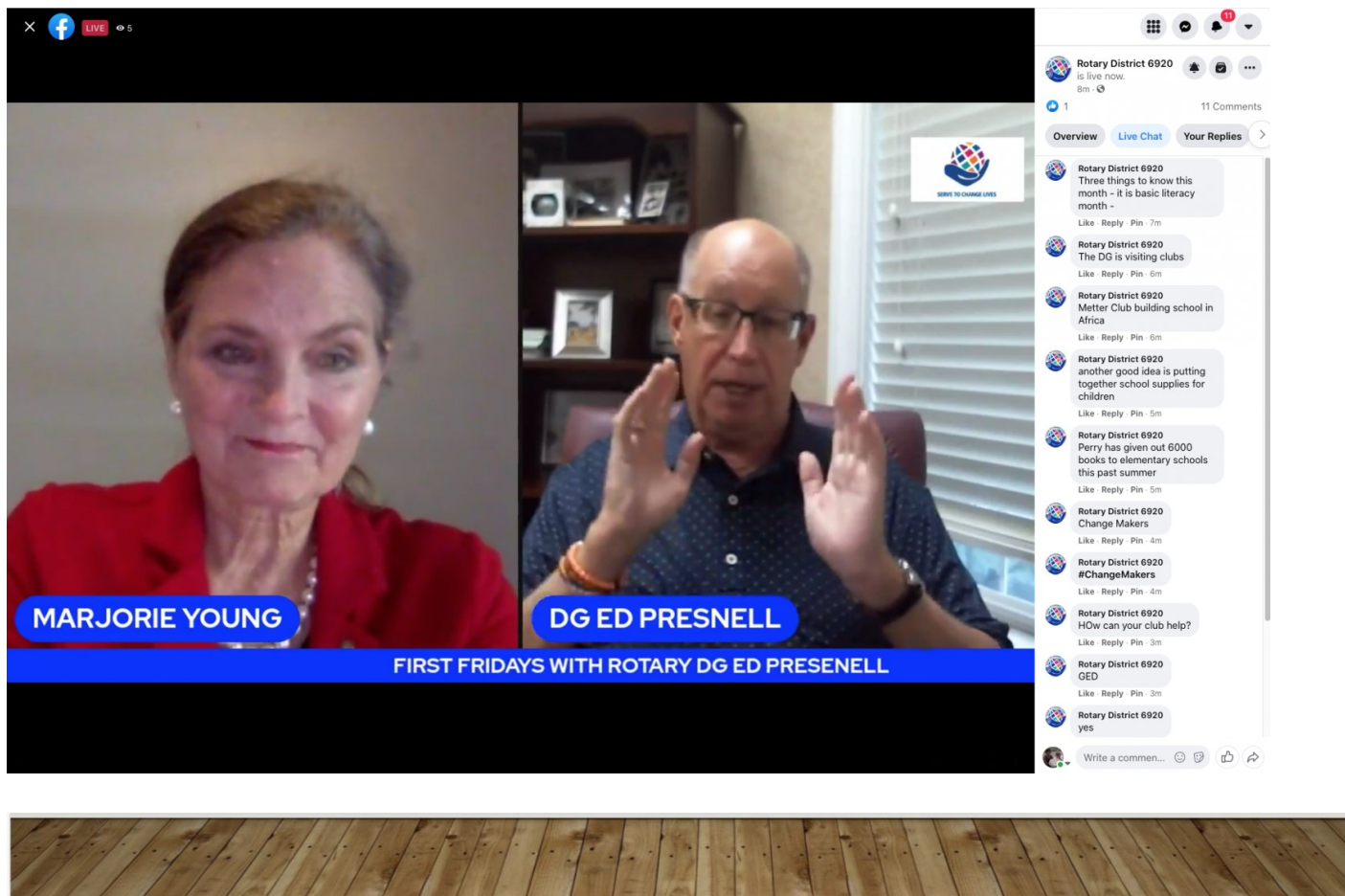
NEXT MONTH - be sure to Join us!

To be sure you NEVER miss: On YOUR favorite calendar - - add an event called Rotary First Friday - on October 1st (the first Friday in October).

For the Location copy/paste THIS: [Facebook](#) [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: Watch for the link each month in the Newsletter - - OR just go to our District FACEBOOK Page: [CLICK HERE](#) and scroll down to First Friday - each first Friday of the Month - it will be near the top - just waiting for you!



LET'S TALK MEMBERSHIP !

- We all KNOW this
COVID has taken a toll on our Membership!!

EVERY Club needs to focus on MEMBERSHIP in September - - let's all re-build our Volunteer Strength - by Building up our Membership!

Here is your Challenge:

Ask Every member of your Club to commit to bringing ONE guest to club (or to Zoom) during September.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM PDG Steve Barnes:

To all members of Rotary District 6920,

In accordance with the Bylaws of Rotary International this email serves as Official Confirmation that Dr. Felix Smith, a member of the Rotary Club of Perry, will serve as District 6920 Governor for the 2023-24 Rotary year.

Please join the College of Governors in congratulating DGN Felix and thank him for his commitment to serving our Clubs...our District and Rotary International.

Together, We've Got This!

***all the best,
Steve***

Governor

2020-2021

District 6920

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AND ONE MORE THING.....

While Visiting the Valdosta Rotary Club - - Gov Ed was joined by our own PDG Steve Barnes!
Ed took full advantage of the opportunity - by conveying on Steve the **'DISTRICT 6920 EVEREADY BUNNY AWARD'**
PDG Steve, we are all FOREVER grateful to you for your fearless service in the midst of Covid - and your unlimited loyalty and friendship through Rotary!



SEC. B. DISTRICT PROJECTS: INITIATIVES & PLANS



MAP INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP WITH DISTRICT 6920



In August, Our Partners at MAP International in Brunswick hosted part of our Leadership Team for a Tour and a discussion with Executive Director (and Rotarian) Steve Stirling.

The Group included DG Ed, DGE Heather Kellen, PDG Mike Muldowney and PDG Hamsa Thota and (new) District 'Saving Lives Through Medicine' Chair Beverly Trainor.

As many are aware, our District, thanks largely to PDG Hamsa Thota - has fostered a close partnership with MAP Intl to supply critically needed medications to Clinics in Georgia. This Groundbreaking

program is now entering its 5th year!

Good News! We Videotaped MUCH of the day spent at MAP.

The Video Tour of the Offices and Warehouse - giving a great history of the Organization - as well as a peak into (the astounding) daily operations - is linked below.

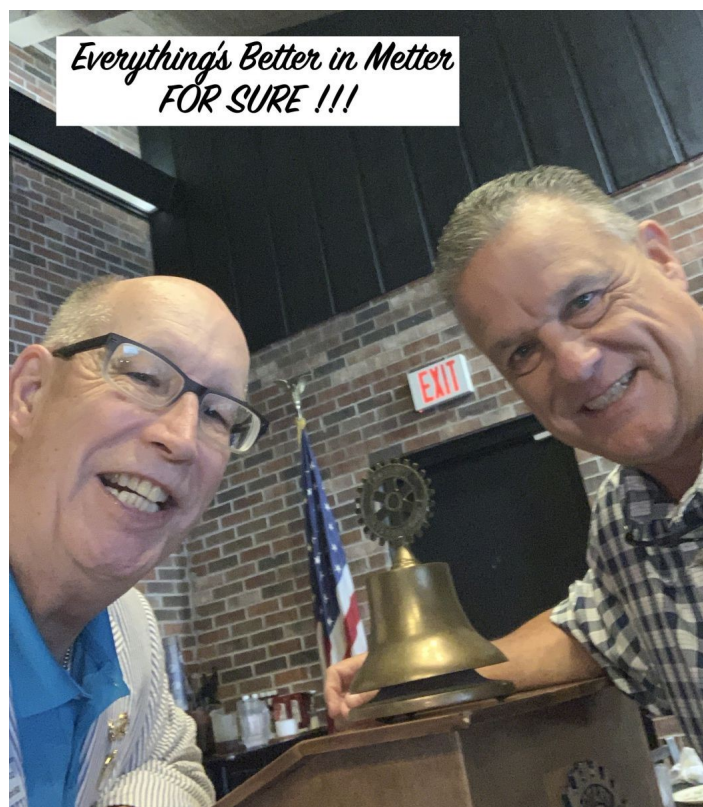
Many of our District Rotarians and Clubs have volunteered time at MAP over the years, helping package supplies for shipment across the Globe

To watch the Video of the Tour [CLICK HERE](#) (Please be patient with us - - the audio portion of this video was a challenge at times...)

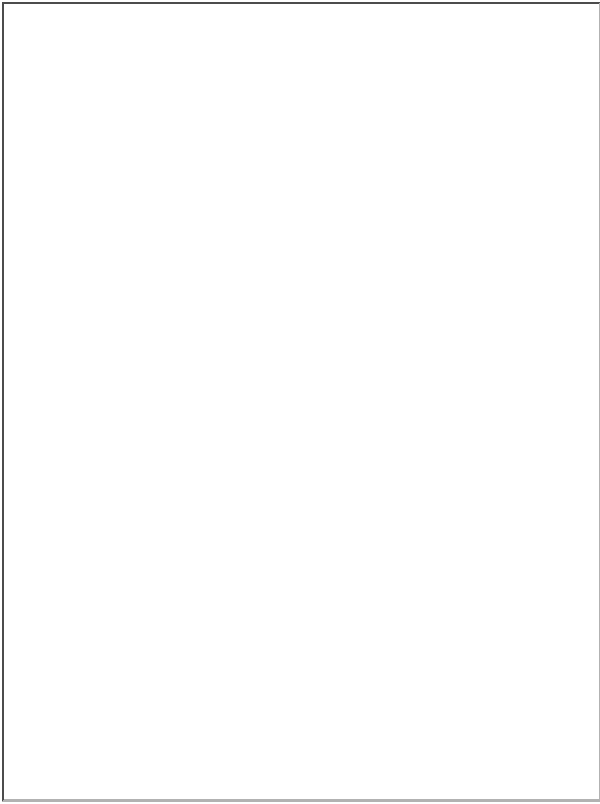
SEC. C. CLUBS & MEMBERS: CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

Governor Ed's Travels:

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









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

Attention all Interactors, Rotaractors, Sponsoring Clubs and RYLA & GRSP Folks - - - We're LOOKING FOR INFO!

For those who might not know - -

RYLA is Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - it results in a wonderful summer leadership academy program involving stand out High Schoolers from across our District.

GRSP - is the Georgia Rotary Student Program. This is an inbound exchange student experience unique to our state.

(Be on the lookout for a possible expansion of this program to include the 'traditional' Rotary Youth Exchange Program - one of DGE Heather's initiatives!

SO - to all under the age of 25 (or those helping them) - -- We want to share YOUTH info in our District News - -

Be sure to Email Leslie Mattingly LeslieDMattingly27@gmail.com with news and photos (captions included please).

We want to SHOUT your projects and endeavors to the Mountaintops!



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

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 a an 'account' - - but OH what a Treasure trove of info, videos, PR materials - you name it !)

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can't figure out email Paula!! She'll know....)

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