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## DISTRICT 6920 NEWSLETTER

February, 2023

Dear Georgia District 6920 Rotarian {%FName%},

**This is: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month**



What is YOUR club doing to IMAGINE ROTARY this month?

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## February Message from Governor Heather;

**Greetings, Jim, - and all D6920 Rotarians !!**

"What's So Funny About...Peace, Love and Understanding?" Even though nothing seems remotely 'funny' about longing for peace, love and understanding, in this era in which we are living, still, the title of this old Elvis Costello song has been rolling around in my head as I have been contemplating the message this month. The Rotary International focus for February is Peace and Conflict Resolution, and that it's also the month most associated with LOVE...seemed appropriate.

I believe many of us, myself included, think about peace and conflict resolution as something far removed from us. We might believe it's an exercise for world governments or organizations like The United Nations, World Peace Council or Peace Corps. We're concerned, but we feel helpless and believe our small efforts won't make a difference in achieving what seems to be an unattainable goal...WORLD PEACE.

I've always loved the story about the old man walking along the seashore. He finds the tide has gone out and the beach covered with starfish as far as the eye can see. In the distance, he notices a young boy picking up the starfish and throwing them back in the water. As he approaches the young boy he asks him, "What are you doing?" The young boy looks up and replies, "Throwing starfish in the ocean. The tide has washed them up onto the beach and they can't return by themselves. When the sun comes out, they will die unless I help them." The old man responds, "But there are tens of thousands on this beach. I'm afraid you won't really be able to make much of a difference." The boy bends down, picks up another starfish and throws it as far as he can. "It made a difference to that one."

What is our role in peace and conflict resolution? First, we start in our own homes, then move on to our workplace, and then to our communities. Some of us might take on larger roles and make an impact in our country or around the world, but for most of us it's quite simple...just be nice! Start throwing some starfish in the ocean. Let's be considerate of

other's opinions and ideas. We may not agree with one another. We may not like what someone is wearing or how they're acting. We may disagree with who they love, or who they follow as their leader. We don't have to agree on those things to resolve conflict and create peace. Let's strive to live with our differences and find common things to believe in... health, family, love, peace. Do your part in building peace!

Leaving you with a few of my favorite quotes:

*"There is always light. Only if we are brave enough to see it. Only if we are brave enough to be it."* —**Amanda Gorman**

*"I truly believe the only way we can create global peace is through not only educating our minds, but our hearts and our souls."* —**Malala Yousafzai**

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."* —**Martin Luther King**

**Perhaps more than any other month this Rotary year, THIS month - Let's all IMAGINE what we can do TOGETHER !!!**

Yours in Rotary,



### **DG Movie Picks:**

Academy Award nominations, for the 2022 movie season, were announced January 24th. If you would like to challenge District Governor Heather and guess the winners, click on the link below and download the ballot. Send your votes to her before the awards presentation on March 12th.

<https://www.thegoldknight.com/2023/01/blog-post.html>

**Sec. A. TOP PRIORITIES District News & Events**



## **DISTRICT 6920 ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH**

### **Jan Horadan of the Milledgeville Rotary Club**

District Governor Heather is happy to announce the District Rotarian of the Month for

January is Jan Horadan of the Milledgeville Rotary Club. Jan is currently serving as the District's Interact Chair and was presented the Sledgehammer "Elevator" award for her efforts in elevating Interact in our District by assisting in creating new clubs and reinvigorating those that were overlooked during the pandemic.



### Club Focus for February:

- Dedicate a Peace Pole in your community [LEARN MORE HERE](#)
- Schedule a Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Program. Here is a great YouTube video that could be used featuring Rotarian, Dr. Todd "Bowtie" Jenkins [WATCH HERE](#)
- Feb 12th Super Bowl LVII Arizona: Hold a fun "SOUPER BOWL" Club Social and collect canned food items for your local food pantry.
- Feb 14th Valentine's Day: Recognize Club Rotarians who "Have a Heart" for Rotary and are doing amazing things in your community.
- Feb. 17th National Random Acts of Kindness Day
- Feb 21st Fat Tuesday: Hold a fun Mardi Gras Club Social using the 22-23 purple, green, and white theme colors.(They just happen to be Mardi Gras Colors too!!)
- Feb 23rd Rotary's Birthday: Celebrate 118 years of service!!!

## Important Rotary Events:

- Club and Zone HS Speech Competitions: [Click here for more information](#)
- 2023-2024 Assistant Governor Training: Feb 4th located at Board of Education Annex 1600 Macon Road, Perry, GA
- PeachState President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) March 3-5th located at Renaissance Concourse Hotel One Hartsfield Center Parkway, Atlanta, GA [Click here to register](#)
- Want to get a head start on Club President training? [Click here](#) for awesome learning modules in the RI Learning Center.



### THE “DREAM BIG SERVE BIG” DISTRICT CONFERENCE IS COMING SOON!!

If you've ever wanted to attend a District Conference this is the one. You don't want to miss it. Hotel rooms are filling up so if you are planning to stay on the Callaway property you need to make reservations NOW. There are also cottages available that have 2-3 rooms and a kitchen area. The ROTARY RATE can be used three days prior to and three days after our event so bring your family and plan a fun vacation in the Georgia Mountains. To Learn More or Register: [CLICK HERE](#)

### Here is a list of activities and fun to be had at DISTRICT CONFERENCE

- Bring your new or vintage car to display at the [Fast & Furious Car Show](#)
- Enjoy a world class Callaway golf course with PDG Ed and other District Rotarians at the [Caddy Shack Golf Outing](#)
- Participate in a morning [Chariots of Fire Fun Run](#) with your favorite DGE Felix.
- Trace the steps of President Roosevelt and many other polio survivors on a tour of [Warm Springs and the Little White House](#)
- Hike, Bike, Kayak, to explore Callaway and the surrounding areas of Pine Mountain
- Learn about the [Secret Gardens](#) of Callaway with a Master Gardner

- Kids can learn about **ShelterBox** and participate in a fun reading afternoon with DGE Heather
- Kids can experience what it was like to be inside a real **Iron Lung** at the District “History of Polio” display
- You don’t want to miss the **Academy of Rotary Awards** Saturday evening event



[Click Here to see the fun activities available at Callaway Gardens](#)



**MAKE SURE AND APPLY FOR END OF YEAR CLUB AND INDIVIDUAL ROTARIAN AWARDS.**

[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT DISTRICT AWARDS](#)

**ATTENTION ALL CLUBS and PRESIDENTS:**

**Let's Go for the Gold!**

The annual District Award spreadsheet for 2022-23 has been revised and is ready for **YOU** and **Your CLUB**.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view and download the **NEW** District Awards Spreadsheet in EXCEL for your Club

District 6920 wants to recognize the hard work your club accomplishes throughout the year!  
Use the Awards spreadsheet to track your achievements !

Don't wait to the last minute. Stay on top of your goals to achieve maximum points.

**HINT FOR SUCCESS:** Delegate sections to committee chairs and board members. Ask Chairs to review progress at your board meetings. Ensure your club receives all the cheers it deserves!

Reach out with any questions.

Joy Hurst  
Awards and Citation Chair 2022-23  
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### What we do:

#### Our Mission

Serve as a resource to Rotarian districts by supporting the peace worldwide.

#### What if?

What if we started thinking about collection of service clubs and ourselves as a global peace bu

Just imagine, Rotarians building... Learn more about our organiza us as we wage peace.

### Things you can do:



## Welcome to the Rotary Action Group For Peace Things You Can Do

Join Us

Gift a Membership

Donate

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Gift a Membership

Donate

Follow Us

### ARE YOU READY TO BE A PEACEBUILDER?

Enroll now in the FREE Rotary Positive Peace Academy and, in just two hours, you'll receive the foundation you need to be a peace builder in your club and your community. <https://www.positivepeace.academy/rotary>

### Become a PEACEBUILDER CLUB.

Find out how your individual club can help build the road to PEACE.

<https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/peacebuilder-clubs-2/>

Did you know an **International Peace Conference** is going to be held in our backyard? Our RI President, Jennifer Jones, along with over 1,000 Rotarians and Peace Fellows from around the world, will come together in Birmingham, Alabama on May 4-6th to talk about building pathways to speech.

**YOU'RE INVITED. Sign-up here:**

<https://www.peaceconference2023bham.com/>

For more information about creating peace go to the Rotary Action Group for Peace website <https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/>

### WHAT ARE PEACE POLES?



A Peace Pole is an internationally recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each Peace Pole bears the message *"May Peace Prevail on Earth"* in different languages on each of its four or six sides. There are estimated over 250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world dedicated as monuments to peace. [Click here for more information](#)

### 2023-2024 PRESIDENTIAL THEME IS ANNOUNCED



Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally revealed the 2023-2024 presidential theme, Create Hope in the World, during the International Assembly in Orlando, Florida. McNally, asked members to restore hope by helping the world heal from destructive conflicts and create lasting change within ourselves. McNally, told attendees he plans to make mental health a focus and emphasized continuity in advancing the goals of previous leaders, including empowering girls and eradicating polio. [Learn more about the presidential theme](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) - and enjoy, (greatly), a very personal 3 min. video by RIPE Gordon - explaining the meaning behind our 2023-24 Theme and Logo. **It will DELIGHT YOU!** (and if you are an artist -- you'll be 'especially' inspired by this !!)





Rotary District 6920 includes 60 clubs and over 2,800 members in Southeastern Georgia

## **DID YOU KNOW? ... WE HAVE A NEW DISTRICT WEBSITE**

Have you seen & explored our *beautiful* new **RotaryDistrict6920.org** Website?

District Webmaster, Joe Leek, has done an incredible job updating and re-designing our District website.

Do not confuse our Official site - with the OLD district6920.org website which is an unsanctioned District site.

Please remove the old address from your bookmarks and 'favorites'.

The NEW Website is fully integrated with DACdb - giving us a wealth of new tools and possibilities.

[Click here](#) to see all OFFICIAL, accurate, and up-to-date District information.

<https://rotarydistrict6920.org/>

**You Can REGISTER NOW**  
**For the RI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**In Melbourne, Australia**



## **IMAGINE WHAT'S NEXT**

Plan a GREAT adventure - and Register for the 2023 International Convention in Melbourne, Australia.

[Click here for links to hotel and registration](#)

Are you planning to attend ? - Are you even just *considering* this adventure?

Please let our Dist. Convention Chair know with a quick email.

We want to keep a running list - *ONLY* for those who might like to connect, travel together, meet up, or just ASK QUESTIONS.....

**This is not a commitment - - its a resource!** Email Leslie Mattingly

[LeslieDMattingly27@gmail.com](mailto:LeslieDMattingly27@gmail.com)

**Sec. B. DISTRICT PROJECTS: Initiatives & Plans**

**Rotary**  
District 6920



**Rotary District 6920 & Lions District 18-N: CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

Are you counting your food donations throughout the year?

Rotary District 6920 Governor, Heather Kellen and Lions District 18-N Governor, Shellie Smith are having a “friendly competition” between Districts to fill food banks, feed first responders, and serve their communities' food insecurity needs. Please keep track of food and monetary donations and prevent your District Governor from getting a pie in the face at District Conference.

Many of you routinely clear your cabinets or buy non-perishables - to leave at your places of Worship for their outreach.

**THAT COUNTS TOO!** You gave and you are a Rotarian. Simply report to your ROTARY CLUB what you gave and when - with a description of cans/containers for them to report.

**IDEA:** How about your club holding a fun “SOUP-ER” Bowl event on February 12th and have everyone bring canned goods for the cause.

**- -AND BTW:** this could DOUBLE as a New Member opportunity - - invite a friend to the SOUP-ER Bowl party!

**Terry Adkins: is our District Services Chair**

- please call or email him with any questions, any time:

[912-258-3900](tel:912-258-3900) [terryadkins.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:terryadkins.rotary@gmail.com)

Don't forget to report your can count to Terry!



**DISTRICT 6920 FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE RETREAT**

The 2023 Friendship Exchange Team had a retreat at Magnolia Springs State Park in January. As with any Rotary get together, fun and fellowship was had by all. Food, weekend mascot, ice breaker games, discovering each other's gifts (thanks Gordon) and discussion of the upcoming March trip was full of learning and laughter. Everyone is invited to put participation in the **Friendship Exchange** on YOUR bucket list! - Dana Park





## LITERACY: A Pathway to Peace

We are Excited to be able to share our District's new "**Literacy: A Pathway to Peace**" video. Thank you to District Literacy Chair, Dennis Marks, for his input and all the District Rotarians who have a starring role.

To watch this wonderful 3 minute video - - [CLICK HERE](#)

For more information on how YOU and/or YOUR CLUB can focus on Literacy in your community, [CLICK HERE](#)



## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING REPORT

Our District Goal for Rotary Foundation giving goal is at least \$333 per Rotarian. Congratulations to the **Perry Rotary Club** for reaching that goal halfway through the Rotary year with **98% EREY** (Every Rotarian Every Year)

**Total giving: \$200,935**

**District Rotarian Per Capita: \$58.96** (\$\$ given District wide *divided by* the total number of Rotarians in our District.)

**Total PolioPlus: \$36,310**

### Top Giving Clubs

Perry \$339.22 per capita

Jekyll Island \$171.62 per capita

Metro Savannah \$164.26 per capita



## District Grants Update

Our District grants Program is accelerating towards another successful year. Take a moment NOW to review details and opportunities on our District Website at: [District Grant | Rotary District 6920](#).

With over forty clubs participating in the District Grants Program we have already seen four grants completed and paid!

However, we still have another thirty-six Approved District Grants in progress, as a reminder, when you finish your clubs grant, complete your final report and get reimbursed. There is still over 46,000 dollars yet to be reimbursed.

**Our deadline for Final report completion is 15 May, 2023.**

### Important Bullet Points:

**REPORT to GET PAID**

Grant awards will be paid on a reimbursement basis. As soon as the project is finished, clubs may submit the Final Report for Reimbursement.

Your Budget should be balanced.

List expenses separately.

Complete the Documents tab by uploading itemized Receipts/Invoices of what was purchased and cancelled checks or copies of bank statements proving expenditure of funds.

Upload pictures under Images.

Complete the Final Report tab then click Submit to District for Approval

[Final Report Instructions](#)

Questions? Contact: [Hunt.Thornhill@swflant.navy.mil](mailto:Hunt.Thornhill@swflant.navy.mil)

## **Have you read *your* District 6920 January Foundation Newsletter?:**

### **CLICK HERE**

The newsletter was emailed to all last week - - if you missed it - - be sure to check it now. It contains great information and updates.

We're linking it here for 'brevity' - - but be aware - the info in the Foundation Newsletter is VERY important.

Please take a moment to click on the link and read through.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**



### **ATTENTION MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:**

Do you need help with Ideas on How to Increase your Club Membership or Change the Culture of your Club?

Rotary International has put together some amazing resources, especially for Clubs and Membership Chairs - and committees.

Want to help YOUR club bring in new members and new energy?

[CLICK HERE](#) to see and learn and be inspired!

We also have an incredible Membership Team ready to help any Club or Rotarian in our district. Reach out, Any time!

Steve Williams, Dist Membership Chair

steve.wrrotary@gmail.com



### **Important CART Deadlines**

**March 1** – The amount of money CART has received by this date is the amount that will

be given in research grants to Alzheimer's disease researchers in May. 100% of CART donations are given for research.

**March 31** – D6920 Awards deadline- Only \$\$\$ given between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023 will count towards District recognitions.

All contributions must be given through the CART Online Contribution Portal found at <https://mycartfund.org>

Thank you to the many clubs that have contributed so generously this year.

We Strongly Urge each club in our District to contribute *some* amount to help find a prevention, treatment, or cure for Alzheimer's.

**Imagine a world without Alzheimer's !**

### Sec. C. **CLUBS & MEMBERS: News & Events**



#### **SPOTLIGHT ON: The Millen Rotary Club Club Completes District Grant Project**

Club president Jessica Suggs has made it her mission to make sure that children never have to miss a meal.

Her passion and encouragement prompted the Millen Club to create a District Grant Project they are calling their "Pancake Christmas."

The club presented *every student* at Jenkins County Middle School, all 300 students, a Christmas gift that included a box of pancake mix, a bottle of syrup, a whisk and a card from our club "whisking" them a Merry Christmas.

Once the news of the project became known to the community, others wanted to be involved.

Local teens helped the club raise \$185.00 with a Dunking Booth fundraiser.

The local flower shop donated ribbon and the grocery store donated all 300 bottles of syrup.

The nearby prison also donated \$200 to help cover some costs.

And then, of course, Rotarians came together to assemble all 300 bags and distribute them - individually - to the students in the classrooms.




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## MORE CLUB NEWS:



Rotary District 6920  
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 **Rotary Club of Camden County, GA** is at Missy's Kitchen buffet & Catering.  
January 15 at 3:28 PM · St. Marys ·

Rotary International has recognized human trafficking as a major threat to health and safety and officially joined the fight against it ten years ago. At our regular meeting on Friday, Assistant District Governor Bev Trainor described the scope of this horrific and poorly-understood plague. With a better understanding of the issue, Rotary's 35,000 clubs worldwide can join the effort to stop the suffering.



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CONGRATULATIONS MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY CLUB!!!!

The Milledgeville Club has been recognized with the Bronze Hero Award for the dedication and support of ShelterBox.



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Rotary Club of Vidalia ▶ Rotary District 6920 ALL CLUBS Group

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Last week representatives from Mercer University Holistic Health talked to our Club about the new partnership with Mercy Clinic. Medical students will perform 3 week rotations with local patients at Mercy Clinic in Vidalia. We are very excited about this partnership and welcome the Mercer students to our community!

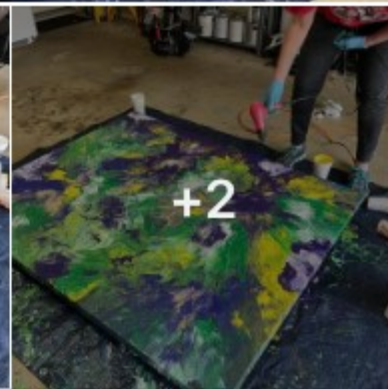


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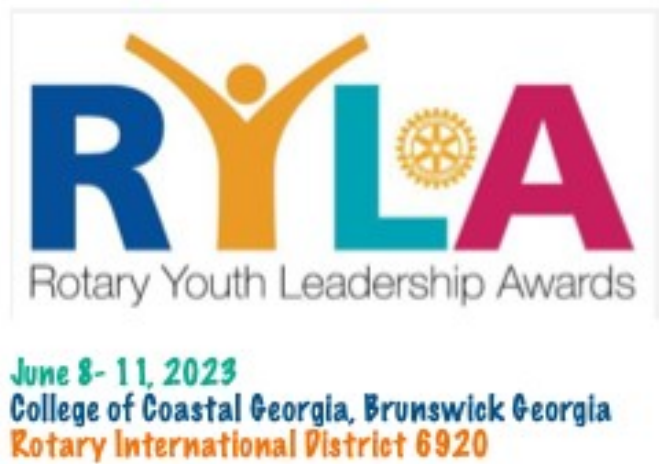


Centerville Rotarian, Erin Kitchens, is creating something fabulous for District Conference!  
#dreambigservebig #whatsyourdream



**Sec. D. YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS: GRSP, RYLA, Rotaract, Interact, EarlyAct**





## RYLA is MOVING TO THE COAST !!!

The District 6920 RYLA Program is moving to Brunswick, to The College of Coastal Georgia, to take advantage of the school, the site, and the Coast! MORE information will be coming VERY soon - in the mean time - check our District Website for more information.

To Check it out - or to Download (and print) the 2023 Fact Sheet [CLICK HERE](#)



### District 6920 Interact is Growing

The first six months of our Rotary year has seen an impressive growth in the number of Rotary Clubs sponsoring new or reactivated Interact clubs. Congratulations to the following Interact clubs and their sponsoring Rotary clubs:

South Effingham High school, sponsored by Effingham County Rotary Club

Camden County High School, sponsored by Camden County Rotary Club

St. Andrews school (middle), sponsored by Metro Savannah Rotary Club

Baldwin High School, sponsored by Milledgeville Rotary Club

Jenkins County Middle School, sponsored by Millen Rotary Club

Brentwood School, sponsored by Sandersville Rotary Club

Jones County High School, sponsored by Jones County Rotary Club (application in progress)

### District 6920 Interact Project

February 17, 2023 is National Random Act of Kindness Day. In keeping with Rotary's motto

**Service Above Self** all Interact Clubs have been invited to participate in a District Project. This project will have Interact Clubs performing a random act of kindness within their community. Projects can be anything that shows appreciation for an organization, helping disadvantaged members of the community, showing kindness to the elderly in skilled nursing facilities or any other project. Ideally, the project will be scheduled on Feb. 17 or within that week. The Interact clubs and projects will be highlighted in March's District newsletter. Please send your project and pictures to me at [janrotary1173@gmail.com](mailto:janrotary1173@gmail.com) before the end of Feb.

Jan Horadan, District Interact Chair

**Sec. E. TOOLS: Resources, Social Media, Contact Us & Useful Links**



Visit the Brand Center to create club promotions that are distinctly Rotary.  
[Click here for cool new ways to promote Rotary](#)

**IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO AND LINKS:**

Contact DG Heather: [\(478\) 244-1714](tel:(478)244-1714) Email: [hakellen@gmail.com](mailto:hakellen@gmail.com)

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

Our OFFICIAL 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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