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District Sets Record with Six 100% PHF Clubs

Rotary District 6920 has seen an unprecedented record set this year: six 100-percent Paul Harris Fellow clubs. The latest clubs to reach this distinction were Kings Bay and Blackshear, thanks to the efforts of Ellis Lovett and Paula Goodnow. Previous clubs to attain this status this year are Augusta South, Dublin, Pooler and Sandersville.

Rotary clubs in which all dues-paying members are Paul Harris Fellows can be certified as a 100-percent Paul Harris Fellow Club and are eligible to receive a one-time special recognition banner from The Rotary Foundation. The latest Rotary International figures indicate that this is a distinction earned by only 1,650 Rotary Clubs in the world. Keep in mind that there are nearly 33,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas, with more than 1.2 million members worldwide.

Donors of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, or the Humanitarian Grants Program, or people who have that amount contributed in their name, can be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. Each new Paul Harris Fellow receives a commemorative certificate and a pin.

Congratulations to all of our district clubs who have achieved this outstanding 100-percent Paul Harris Fellow status. You have much to celebrate!

Conference Was Fun-Filled

An estimated 280 people enjoyed this year's District 6920 Conference in Augusta. The conference began Friday and extended through the weekend, as Rotarians and their family enjoyed a Western-themed affair Friday night, complete with a mechanical bull to heighten the fun factor. After a weekend of breakout sessions, award presentations and informational workshops, the event drew to a close on Sunday, with Rotarians vowing to continue providing "Service Above Self" in their communities and beyond.

See the inside of this newsletter for picture highlights from this year's conference and begin making plans now to attend next year's District Conference, slated for May 18-20 in Savannah.



THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Friends, it is hard to believe, but our year together is almost at an end. What a year it has been!!! Last year I challenged our clubs to share the gift of Rotary with more family members and to bring more fun to Rotary. Throughout the year, the district's clubs have done just that. Each month, our newsletter included stories related to clubs that were hard at work sharing the gift of Rotary with their family of Rotary and their communities. Because of the leadership and hard work of club leaders throughout the district, we have had one of the best years ever!!!

Consider for example that in April, our districtwide giving to the Foundation was up by 3% over the same period last year, and we already had three clubs qualify as 100% Paul Harris Clubs. Today, our district has six clubs that have attained this pinnacle of 100% Paul Harris members. During district conference, we celebrated the hard work of the Dublin, Sandersville, Augusta South and Pooler Rotary Clubs achieving this exceptional distinction. Today, I am proud to report that the Rotary Clubs of Blackshear and Kings Bay have also achieved the very exceptional distinction of becoming 100% Paul Harris Fellow clubs. Great job Blackshear and Kings Bay!!!!

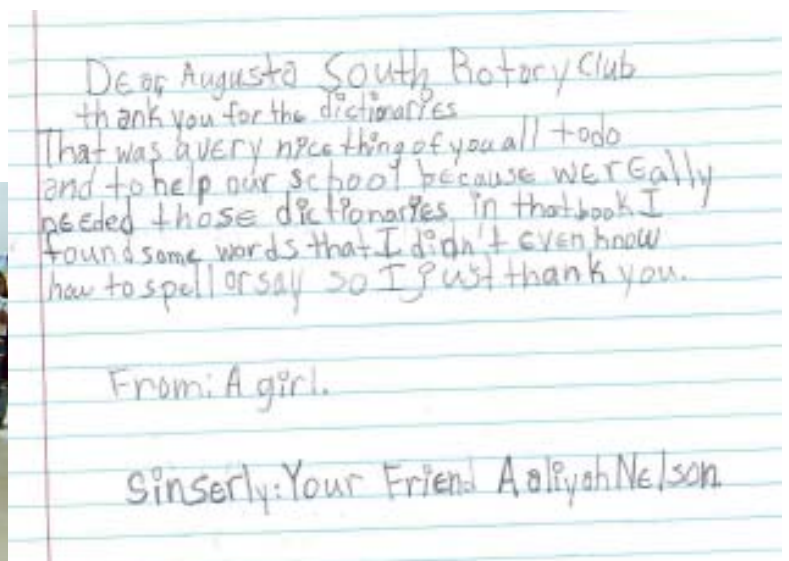
Additionally, 21 clubs were recognized for earning the Rotary International President's Award and four other clubs won this award with distinction! Last summer, the district leadership worked with club leaders to update the district awards and recognition process. The outcome of that work was the new Gold Club award program that allowed more clubs than ever before to be recognized for their work in support of their communities and within their clubs. So, how did that process turn out? During district conference, a total of 43 clubs were recognized for their hard work and support of their communities by earning recognition at either the bronze, silver or gold levels of performance. These clubs all did a terrific job of working with and supporting the needs of their respective communities, showing once again, that Rotary truly is Service above Self.

In closing this final newsletter, I would like to thank all of our club and district leaders for a great year and for their never-ending support of both Jan and myself. One of the wonders of Rotary is how varied it is and how successful it is because of its diversity. No two clubs are exactly the same, nor should they be. As I prepare for the next opportunity to serve our district, I ask that each club continue its great work of servicing the needs of their respective communities, and to continue making Rotary fun for all, and to remain focused on sharing Rotary with the family.

Thank you for your never-ceasing efforts to make Rotary bigger, better and bolder in all that we think, say and do. The Rotarians of District 6920 are the greatest!!! It has truly been my honor to serve as your District Governor for 2010-2011.

Lloyd Horadan, District Governor
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Augusta Area Students Receive Dictionaries



COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST

by Kathy Tuckey, District CART Chair

More than \$57,000 has been donated by District 6920 Clubs to CART for the time period May 20, 2010 to May 5, 2011! Thank you to DG Lloyd for making CART a priority!

DG Lloyd Horadan, along with PDG and CART Grants Chair Jim Puryear, attended the CART Executive Board meeting in Columbia, SC, on May 4 where three CART grants totaling \$400,000 were awarded. Grants for cutting-edge research were awarded to Dr. Brad Hyman of Massachusetts General, Dr. Gary Landreth of Case Western University and Dr. Kurt Bruden of the University of Pennsylvania.

Each Rotarian who has dropped coins and dollars into the blue buckets should be extremely proud that 100% of their donation has now reached the hands of researchers who may find the piece of the puzzle that will one day lead to treatments and a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Sixty-three grants were submitted – 10 finalists and only three could be awarded!

Recognized at the District 6920 conference CART plenary session were those clubs within our district that led the way. They included:

1st place in both dollars raised and the highest amount per member was the Augusta Club with \$14,600 and \$85.38 per member.

2nd place in funds raised was the Macon Club with \$5,774.89. Per member was the Ashburn Club with \$71.43 per member.

3rd place in funds raised and per member was the Milledgeville Club with \$4,745.53 and \$65.91 per member.

4th place in funds raised was Savannah South with \$2,542.70. Per member was the Blackshear Club with \$52.31 per member.

This devastating disease does not stop, nor can we! Contributions must continue in earnest!

All District Club Contributions should be sent to our District Treasurer, Bruce Montgomery. Your checks should be made payable to CART and mailed to CART c/o Bruce Montgomery, 102 E. 44th Street, Savannah, GA 31045.



Dr. Gary Landreth, second from left, and Dr. Carlo Ballatore, center, accept CART grant awards from D6920 Governor Lloyd Horadan, D6920 CART Chair Kathy Tuckey and D6920 PDG and CART Grants Chair Jim Puryear. Dr. Ballatore accepted the grant on behalf of Dr. Kurt Bruden. Dr. Brad Hyman, not pictured, was also awarded a CART grant.



Augusta South Introduces Nine New PHFs

Augusta South Rotary Club introduced nine new Paul Harris Fellows last month. They are Andrew Jefferson, Wallace White, Keisha Williford, Angie Rogers, Michael Salazar, Kevin Belanger and Chris Kenney.



THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

by Jeff Kublin, 2010-2011 District Membership Chair

WHAT IS THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS?

As another Rotary year is quickly coming to an end, it is clear that this has been a very good year. Under the leadership of District Governor Lloyd, we have made great strides. Significant contributions have been made to the Rotary Foundation. METS has provided desperately needed medical supplies and equipment to impoverished nations. The CART Fund has raised a lot of money for Alzheimer's research. GRSP has made the world a better and safer place through the creation of dozens of goodwill ambassadors who have returned to their home countries with a greater appreciation for the United States and the homelands of their fellow students. On the club level, District 6920 has conducted fund-raisers and has done community and world service projects. We awarded scholarships. We gave to libraries and hospitals and food pantries and orphanages and schools. The list goes on and on. You could not help but come away from the tremendous District Conference that we had in May with a great sense of pride for what we have accomplished this year.

Yet, I worry. I worry because I want us to continue to be able to do all this and more, year after year – and I question whether we will be able to do that. No, I'm not a gloom and doom person. Quite, the opposite, I am an optimist. But, being able to continue to achieve the level of success that we have attained will require a specific resource that has been in decline for many years. Specifically, I'm referring to membership. The North American membership in Rotary has been freefalling since the mid-1990s. Most of our clubs have not paid a great deal of attention to this because they still have had sufficient resources to continue their exceptional work. Much like the cobbler whose children walk around with holes in the soles of their shoes, Rotarians have been so busy tending to the needs of others, that they haven't taken care of their own needs.

They've gotten away with this for a long while, but they can't neglect their own needs indefinitely. Some clubs are already reaching the point where the decline in membership numbers has caused them to eliminate projects or has reduced the income they previously generated in their fund-raisers. They cannot do as much community service work with fewer workers. They cannot sell as many tickets to fund-raisers when they have fewer ticket sellers. They cannot obtain as many donations when they don't have as many people to donate or to seek out donations. Simply put, they have been so busy taking care of today's needs that, in many cases, they haven't made sure that their tomorrow will be as bright.

Let's begin to solve this problem before it gets a lot more serious. Let's make the 2011-2012 Rotary year the year that we make membership recruitment and retention a high priority. The clubs that took this task seriously in 2010-2011 succeeded in increasing their numbers. All it took was commitment to the goals that they set when that new year began.

Project Serve



The Augusta West Rotary Club recently teamed up with United Way for Project Serve. Club members joined up with Countersync, Inc., a counter top business owned by Augusta West Rotarian Bill Phillips, to clean the outside of the Salvation Army Offices that are located behind the new Kroc Center in Augusta. Participating members spent 10 hours pressure washing, replacing shutters, and completing other needed repairs, all in an effort to improve curbside appeal.

Taps at Twilight

DG Lloyd Horadan attended the Twenty-First Annual Taps at Twilight program sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island on Memorial Day. The featured speaker was General Carl Mundy, former Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps. Mundy was a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1991 until his retirement in 1995.

Taps at Twilight is an event that honors the men and women who have fallen in the service of our Country. The U.S. Marine Corps Security Forces, Kings Bay, performed the Posting of the Colors. The program ended with the solemn notes of TAPS.



The Marine Security Forces posted the colors during the annual program.

Rotary Club of St. Simons Island President Wally Forsythe and DG Lloyd are pictured with Gen. Mundy, center.

METS



Lyn Kenny, Assistant Governor from South Carolina District 7750, loads medical supplies collected by South Carolina Rotarians onto the METS truck as it returns from a pick up in Greenwood, SC. We are working with both South Carolina District 7750 and 7770 to develop an alliance which will provide more resources for METS and expand our base of financial support. The Rotary Club of Aiken, SC, recently sent METS a check for \$2,000!



Rotary Club of Savannah

Rotary Club of Savannah President Trey Cook presents a check for \$1,000 from the club's third quarter raffle proceeds to Tom Kohler, coordinator and executive director of Chatham-Savannah Citizen Advocacy, and Mike English, treasurer of the non-profit organization. Chatham-Savannah Citizen Advocacy is a 32-year-old community based organization that recruits, matches and offers support to over 125 local citizens in voluntary citizen advocacy relationships.

Sandersville Becomes 100% PHF Club

The Sandersville Rotary Club presented nineteen Rotarians with their first Paul Harris Fellow on April 28. In addition, two members received a PHF+1 and two others received a PHF+3.

On July 1, the first day of this Rotary year, Sandersville Rotary Club had approximately 30 PHF members. Today, with a membership of 60 members, they have 60 Paul Harris Fellows. To thank this club for its dedicated service and commitment to excellence in reaching this high standard, the "Excellence in Service" award was presented to Club Foundation Director Eddie Moyer. The award recognizes Moyer's untiring service and dedication to make this club a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.

DG Lloyd Horadan, PDG Kenan Kern of the Savannah South Rotary Club, AG Eddie Moyer, along with Club President Ted Thompson took part in making the presentations. PDG Jeanette Caneega, Wrightsville Rotary Club, also attended.



Pictured front (L-R) : Jeffrey Smith, Wade Register, President Ted Thompson, DG Lloyd Horadan, PDG Kenan Kern, Mitch Sheppard, back row (L-R) Danny Levie, DD Ron May, John Harden, Ree Garrett, Ronnie Dorman, Benjie Tarbutton, Brian Wright, Chris Hutchings, Stan Wiggins, Tony Veal, AG Eddie Moyer, Jason Prince, Stan York, and Marlon Lastinger. Not pictured: Chico Harden, Ben Tarbutton III, Steve West, Jackie Holton, Alan Pryor and Pete Booth.

Centerville Rotary Club Sponsors David Pierce Memorial Luncheon

Centerville Rotary Club recently sponsored the 5th Annual David Pierce Memorial Luncheon to benefit Macon Regional Crime Stoppers and raised \$19,000 to solve crime in their community. The speaker for this event was former Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue.

The Macon Regional Crime Stoppers program, encompassing eight counties, goes far toward keeping the level of crime in their area as low as possible. That low crime rate is one of the reasons many live in the area and is a major reason that many people move to the area. It typically costs the law enforcement community about \$150 per arrest facilitated by the Crime Stoppers program. It can easily cost thousands of tax dollars to locate and arrest someone without Crime Stoppers' assistance, or worse yet, give a criminal time to strike again before they are caught.

The Centerville Rotary Club and its current president, Mark Waters, initiated this annual fund-raising luncheon in 2007. Since that time, just over \$72,000 has been raised to support the Macon Regional Crime Stoppers. The luncheon is named the David Pierce Memorial Crime Stoppers Luncheon in memory of the late David Pierce, a former judge, Perry Rotarian, and Rotary Assistant District Governor for District 6920 who passed away



Members of the Rotary Club of Centerville present a check for \$19,000 to Mr. Warren Selby (far left), Crime Stoppers Chairman of the Board.

while serving as assistant district governor. Centerville Rotary proudly sponsors this event and encourages others to contribute because the funds raised could literally pay for the tip to Crime Stoppers that solves a crime in your community.

RYLA Annual Meeting Slated

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards will hosts its annual meeting June 23-26 on the South Georgia College campus in Douglas.

RYLA is a once in a lifetime experience, including stimulating seminars and lectures by



top professionals in various fields. Past speakers have included Secretary of Labor Michael Thurmond, Carl

Swearinger of BellSouth, Dave Weber of Weber Associates and many, many more!

The program is open

to rising juniors and seniors who are selected and sponsored by their local Rotary clubs and brings together individuals from different cultures, educational levels, and work experience with noted community professionals to interact, learn, and discuss strategies for dealing with future challenges and opportunities.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



At left, PDGs Dallas Simon, center, and Clyde Taylor enjoyed the conference, along with Mrs. Sue Taylor.

PDG Jim Puryear received the Best Dressed Award for his attire during Friday night's Western-themed festivities.



Phil Thacker of Dublin was presented the Best Cowboy Award by Kelli Simon.



Sarah Davis - Best Line Dancer

Ride
'em
Cowboy
... and
Cowgirl!



The "Augusta Mafia" hang out in the hospitality suite hosted by Augusta, Augusta South and Augusta West. Having a good time are Augusta Rotary Club President Frank Mulherin, Past President Bob Evans, Assistant Governor Pam Lightsey, GRSP Valerie Restrepo (hosted by Thomson, GreenePutnam, and Washington Rotary clubs), GRSP Dilini Dias (hosted by Augusta South and Augusta West Rotary clubs), President Elect Kevin Wade, GRSP Liisa Kemppainen (hosted by Augusta Rotary Club) and GRSP Rebecca Keachie (hosted by Martinez Evans, Columbia County and Columbia County West Rotary clubs).

DISTRICT AWARDS

District Conference is always a time for clubs to be recognized for their year-long achievements. Awards presented at this year's conference included:

Gold - Augusta, Augusta South, Augusta West, Brunswick, Centerville, Claxton, Downtown Macon, Downtown Statesboro, Dublin, Kings Bay, Sandersville, Savannah Sunrise, Savannah West, Skidaway Island, St. Simons Island, Valdosta, Warner Robins, Waynesboro, Wrightsville

Silver - Camden County, Eastman, Fitzgerald, Jesup, McIntosh County, Milledgeville, Pooler, Savannah, Savannah East, Savannah South, Vidalia, Wrightsville

Bronze - Cochran, Effingham County, Effingham Sunrise, Hazelhurst, Marshes of Glynn-St. Simons, McRae, Metter, Perry, Sylvania, Tifton, Uptown Macon

Presidential Citation with Distinction - Augusta, Augusta West, Dublin, Wrightsville

Presidential Citation - Augusta South, Brunswick, Camden County, Centerville, Claxton, Downtown Statesboro, Eastman, Fitzgerald, Hazelhurst, Kings Bay, Marshes of Glynn, McIntosh County, McRae, Pooler, Sandersville, Savannah Sunrise, St. Simons Island, Tifton, Valdosta Sunrise, Waynesboro

Presidential Citation - Interact Clubs - Brentwood Interact, sponsored by Sandersville; East Laurens High School Interact, sponsored by Dublin; South Effingham County Interact, Valdosta High School Interact, Valwood Interact, Washington County High School Interact, sponsored by Sandersville.

Presidential Citation - Rotaract Clubs - Middle Georgia College (Dublin Campus) Rotaract, sponsored by Dublin Rotary; Sandersville Technical College Rotaract, sponsored by Sandersville Rotary; Valdosta State University Rotaract; Augusta State University Rotaract, sponsored by Augusta South.

Scrapbook - Wrightsville (small club); Waynesboro (medium club); Sandersville (large club), and Dublin (extra large club)

Best Bullriding - Collie Williams

Best Western Dress - Jim Puryear

Best Cowboy - Phil Thacker

Best Cowgirl - Diane Richardson

Best Line Dancer - Sarah Davis



Diane Richardson - Best Cowgirl



Waynesboro Rotary Club scholarship winners Hillary Frazier and Elizabeth Quick are pictured with Waynesboro Rotarian JD Smith. Each student was presented with a \$1,500 scholarship.

Club of the Year



Club of the year awards went to Augusta South, small club; Savannah West, medium club; Augusta West, large club and Dublin, extra large club.