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# Rotary District 6920 Newsletter

GARY SMITH, DISTRICT GOVERNOR

## REMEMBER OUR DISTRICT FUNDRAISER?



**Goal - Each Rotarian sell 2 tickets @ \$20 each.**

**Prizes - 50 - \$500 cash gift cards will be drawn at District Conference.**

**Do not have to be present to win.**

**Proceeds will support District 6920 Meningitis Awareness Campaign and other district activities.**



**Proceeds for sold tickets and stubs should be sent to:**

**Helen Harper, 426 Barbee Pond Road, Dublin, GA 31021 ASAP. Please keep and sell your unsold tickets!!!**

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**Meet Your 2013 - 2014**

**District Leadership Team**

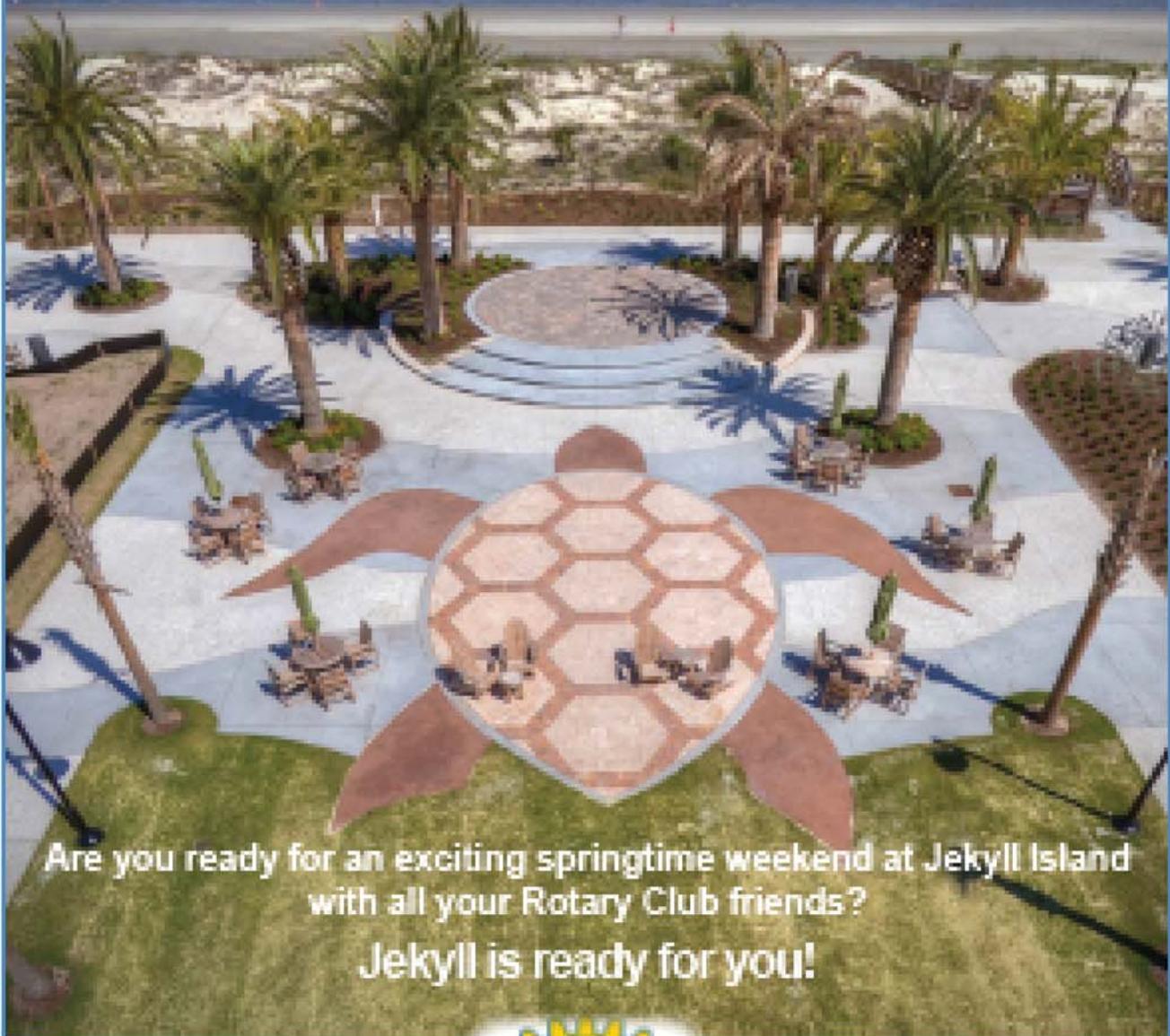
Go to: [http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net/Organization/2013-14%20District\\_Team.php](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net/Organization/2013-14%20District_Team.php)

**Meet Your 2013 - 2014**

**District Committee Chairs**

Go to: <http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net/Organization/2013-14%20District%20Chairs.php>

Rotary District 6920 Conference  
May 2-4, 2014  
Jekyll Island, Georgia



Are you ready for an exciting springtime weekend at Jekyll Island  
with all your Rotary Club friends?

Jekyll is ready for you!



*Visit our District website at [www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net)*

# Here's what the District Conference team has in store

## INSPIRING SPEAKERS

- ◆ David Stambaugh, Rotary International President Representative
- ◆ Rotary Speech Contest Winners
- ◆ Derek Ehrhardt, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Polio Progress Report

## AWARDS

- ◆ Bronze, Silver and Gold Club Awards
- ◆ Clubs of the Year

## ENTERTAINMENT

- ◆ A rockin' evening with The Stephen Lee Band from Atlanta
- ◆ An evening of laughs as Bill Oberst Jr. plays Lewis Grizzard, the most popular syndicated columnist in American newspaper history

## ACTIVITIES FOR WHEN YOU'RE NOT IN MEETINGS

- ◆ Golf
- ◆ Georgia Sea Turtle Center
- ◆ Miniature golf
- ◆ Dolphin tours
- ◆ Beach walks
- ◆ Historic District tours
- ◆ Cottage tours
- ◆ Biking on 20 miles of trails

## GOURMET MEALS

◆ Mouth-watering Georgia favorites like grilled pork chops with sauteed apples and Vidalia onions ... Southern cornbread ... Georgia peach pie ... chicken breast topped with Georgia Wild Shrimp ... bourbon pecan pie ... grilled filet of beef with mushroom sauce ... red velvet cake .. all topped off with a Georgia On My Mind Sunday brunch!

## FELLOWSHIP

- ◆ With all your friends - old and new - in Rotary!
- ◆ It's all at the gorgeous Jekyll Island Convention Center - one of only two ocean-side convention centers on the East Coast!

## HOW TO REGISTER

- ◆ Go to <http://www.rotary6920.org>

## SOME DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ April 1 - Last day to register at \$225, including all meals
- ◆ April 2-25 - Registration fee for adults, \$245
- ◆ April 25 - Registration deadline

*NOTE: There are special menu fees for children, plus individual meal pricing for non-Rotary spouses/guests of registered members.*

**ALL registrations MUST be made on-line for members, spouses/guests. There will be NO on-site registration. Additionally, there will be NO individual meals sold at the door for spouses/guests.**

**Cut off for Conference registration is Friday April 25th at 6:00 p.m. as we must provide a head count for all meals to the caterer.**

**There is a \$6.00 Entrance Fee to Jekyll Island State Park.**

For Registration questions contact the District Conference Chair Wally Forsythe.

# NOTICE

In accordance with District 6920 Suggested Operating Guidelines Part 1, notice is given that the following modifications will be presented for consideration and approval:

1. Related to Part III District Leadership Plan, Section V Administration, Item C District Committees.

a. There shall be added a standing committee to be known as "The Gary and Ann Lear Literacy Endowment Committee"

i. This committee is being established to manage future earnings from an endowment that has been generously established by Downtown Macon Rotarian Gary Lear and his wife Ann and is necessary to meet terms and conditions of their estate plan.

## Congratulations to Shelby Novak!

And congratulations to her very proud mother, Heather Jones Novak. Savannah Sunrise Rotary Club is very proud to have sponsored Shelby's application for Norway Scholarship. The Norwegian Rotary Advisory Board annually invites three (3) young Georgia students (one per district) to study in Norway for the summer. This is offered in reciprocation for all of the support that the GRSP has afforded Norwegian students. Shelby has been selected as the District 6920 student to study at University of Oslo in Oslo, Norway from June to August of 2014.



Shelby is a junior, majoring in Marketing, at the University of Georgia. She was selected among countless of applicants to represent District 6920. She will serve as a student ambassador of Georgia and District 6920, share our culture and learn about them.

## Rotary Club of Valdosta Holds Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner

The Rotary Club of Valdosta hosted its 7th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner at the Rainwater Conference Center Thursday night. The Valdosta Police Department and Lowndes County Sheriff's Office honored their own with special presentations of "Officer of the Year" for both departments.

"We just saw a need to say thanks to these officers and show some kind of appreciation for what they mean to the community. And I know that's seldom ever done", says James Dominey, with the Rotary Club.

Dominey says they put the money from events like this one into a fund for local law enforcement. If they have outstanding medical bills, a fire, or anything urgent, they can request money from the rotary at any time.

For more information on the Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner, visit [leaddinner.com](http://leaddinner.com)

## Hawkinsville Club Celebrates 75th Anniversary, 100% PHF Status

Rotary Club of Hawkinsville celebrated their 75th anniversary at their regular meeting on March 5 (admitted February 11, 1939), with humorous and historical stories from Sam Way, Hugh Lawson, and Johnny McCune. District Governor presented the club with a certificate recognizing their 75 years from RI President Ron Burton.

In November the Hawkinsville club achieved 100% Paul Harris Club status. Pictured below with their 100% Paul Harris Club banner are (l-r) President Elect Mike Penn, DG Gary Smith, President Paul Williams.



**Are we making a difference in the world?  
Are we Engaging Rotary and Changing Lives?  
Are we conquering POLIO?**

**Case breakdown by country:**

Countries	Year-to-date 2014				Year-to-date 2013				Total in 2013	Date of most recent case
	WPV 1	WPV 3	W1 W3	Total	WPV 1	WPV 3	W1 W3	Total		
Pakistan	24			24	5			5	93	14-Feb-14
Afghanistan	3			3	1			1	14	31-Jan-14
Nigeria	1			1	3			3	53	01 -Feb-14
Cameroon				0				0	4	30-Oct-13
Somalia				0				0	194	20-Dec-13
Syria				0				0	25	17-Dec-13
Ethiopia				0				0	9	5-Nov-13
Kenya				0				0	14	14-Jul-13
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>406</b>	
<b>Total in endemic countries</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>160</b>	
<b>Total outbreak</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>246</b>	

Data in WHO as of 05 March 2013 for 2013 data and 04 March 2014 for 2014 data.

**YES WE ARE!**

## Reminders

- **Recognition Points** for New contributions to Polio Plus up to \$500.
  - ◆ Approximately 25,000 of the 40,000 points have already been claimed
- **Club Awards**
  - ◆ Less than 1 month remain for this year's Club Awards determinations.
  - ◆ Awards sheet **MUST** be submitted to your AG by midnight April 1, 2014.
  - ◆ Awards will be presented at District Conference.
  - ◆ If the activity involves submission of moneys, remember to submit it in time (3/24/14) for it to be received and counted.
  - ◆ Questions – Contact District Awards Chair Ben Harvill
- **Governor's Citation Special Award for 2013 - 2014**
  - ◆ **By March 17, 2013 PETS**
    - Membership Chair appointed by 2013 P.E.T.S.
    - Foundation Chair appointed by 2013 P.E.T.S.
    - Grants Chair appointed by 2013 P.E.T.S.
  - ◆ **By March 31, 2014**
    - President sponsor new member
    - President achieve EREY at minimum of \$100 for the year
    - President achieve either Benefactor or Bequest Society
    - Club contribute to PolioPlus
    - Club sponsor a RYLA candidate
  - ◆ **By December 1, 2013**
    - Club has President-Elect

# RI President Elect Huang Speaks at PETS

More than 350 Rotarians and spouses attended the Presidents Elect Training Seminar at the Renaissance



*DGE D-6920 Ted Thompson presents RI Vice President Anne L. Matthews a Foundation Certificate of Contribution in the amount of \$250.00 in appreciation of her time and consideration for her presentation, from Peach State PETS.*

Concourse Airport Hotel in Atlanta, March 1-2. Among the guest speakers were RI President Elect Gary Huang and his wife, Corinna, Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan; RI Past President John Kenny, Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Scotland; RI Vice President Anne L. Matthews, Rotary Club of Columbia East, Columbia, SC; RI Trustee Stephen R. Brown, 2010-2014, Rotary Club of La Jolla Triangle, CA; and RI Director Elect Robert Hall and wife, Charlene, Rotary Club of Dunwoody, Atlanta, GA.



*RI President Elect Gary Huang*

Peace State PETS is an annual training event to include all three Georgia RI Districts 6900, 6910 and 6920. The Presidents Elect and Presidents Nominee attended individual district breakout sessions and multi-district breakout sessions with several topics of interest offered. PETS is a required training opportunity to prepare Presidents Elect for their upcoming year as Club President and also an opportunity to spend time with the District Governors Elect and district leadership team.

## District Training Assembly

*by DGE Ted Thompson*

The upcoming District Training Assembly is April 12, 2014, at the Oconee Fall Line Technical College in Sandersville. The doors will open at 9 a.m. with registration from 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Pastry, juice and coffee will be provided. We will adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

The District Training Assembly replaces the previous "District Assembly" and prepares incoming club leaders for their year in office. The meeting is also an opportunity for President's Elect, incoming Secretaries, Treasurers, and Committee Members to discuss leaders (the District Governor Elect, incoming Assistant Governors, and District Committees) who will support club projects and activities.

Due to changes by the Council on Legislation the District Training Assembly is now required attendance for every President Elect who will serve as Club Presidents in 2014-2015. In the case that the President Elect is unable to attend, a club representative may attend in their place. I realize that we Rotarians are members of a "volunteer organization" and may not be used to the term "required" but Rotary International gives us guidelines to follow and we try to comply.

We are planning Breakout Sessions throughout the day which will include Membership, District & Club Database plus Rotary Club Central, Speech Contest, Rotary Foundation, Public Relations - Facebook, Rotary Leadership Institute, District Grants, Packaged Grants, Global Grants, Literacy, Awards and PolioPlus.

A hot lunch will be provided. To register, go to [district6920.org](http://district6920.org) and click on District Training Assembly. The cost is \$25 per person.

I look forward to seeing you there!

## Rotary Club of West Chatham-Pooler Makes Check Presentation



*Continuing the long tradition of "service above self," members of the Rotary Club of West Chatham-Pooler distributed over \$1400 during the December meeting of the Pooler City Council. Hugh Elton accepted a check for Pooler Recreation in the amount of \$700 and Laura Hammond was presented a check for \$734.79. Ms. Hammond's name was randomly drawn as part of the club's annual 50/50 "Christmas" raffle. Additionally, the Club gave \$500 to the West Chatham YMCA as part of their annual commitment in the community.*

# Savannah East Members Assemble Tables



Members of the Rotary Club of Savannah East spent a Saturday morning assembling wheelchair-accessible computer tables for the Coastal Center for Developmental Services. The tables are part of a refurbishing of the center's Day Habilitation Computer Room where CCDS clients receive computer and other type of literacy instruction.

CCDS is a 35 year old nonprofit organization serving persons with developmental and physical disabilities in the Savannah area. CCDS offers structured day services including physical, occupational, speech, behavior, music and art therapies. The new computer tables make accessing computers by clients with limited mobility less problematic.

# McIntosh Club Shows Teachers Appreciation



McIntosh County Rotary Club's Annual Teacher Appreciation was held for Oak Grove Intermediate School, Principal Carolyn Smith and staff. Danny Grace coordinated the event with the principal and decided the teachers wanted supplies for their students as their appreciation gift. Each teacher received paper, pencils, tissues and hand sanitizer.

# Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions

*Downtown Macon Rotary Club*



*Bebe Reichert was recognized at the Paul Harris Fellow+5 level on February 5 by the Downtown Rotary Club. Pictured with Bebe are Club President Amy Maley and District Governor Gary Smith and his wife, Sue.*

*Camden County Rotary Club*



*Kenan Kern, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Rotary International, recognized members of the Rotary Club of Camden County for contributions to the Rotary Foundation. He recognized Bert and Jillian Guy as Major Donors. He also recognized one new Paul Harris Fellow, Jedon Lilliston, and eleven other members as Paul Harris plus donors. Recognized were Terry Adkins, plus 5; Mark Kevan, plus 3, Lynn Robbins, plus 2, and Howard Sepp, Hal Weathers, Jim Greer, Jim Lomis, Jerre Brunbelow, Pierce Abell, and Bob Houghteling as plus one.*

# Kings Bay

*Paula Goodnow had the pleasure of presenting to Anne Orr, President of the Rotary Club of Kings Bay, her Benefactor certificate.*



## Milledgeville Club Supports Blessing Bag Program



The Rotary Club of Milledgeville is happy to support the Blessing Bag program that is helping to feed hundreds of Baldwin County students on weekends as they do not have enough to eat while not in school. Our club donated funds to the Baldwin County Family Connection, who coordinates the program across the churches and community groups preparing the bags of food and supporting the program financially, while Communities In Schools determines which children are most needy in the schools, said they have the program established in every school except for one elementary school, but hope to soon have it covered as well. The churches preparing these food bags are First Baptist, First Methodist, and Northridge Christian. The Rotary Club joins several other community groups supporting the program and encourages others to support so that local children can eat on weekends.

## McIntosh Hosts Visiting Rotarian as Guest Speaker

Major John Dancer and Major Geri Dancer were invited to be guest speakers at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of McIntosh County after. Major John Dancer stopped by one Tuesday as a visiting Rotarian from Glynn County. Just as Rotary's theme, "Service Above Self", Major Joan and Major Geri both conduct themselves accordingly throughout all of their daily activities by Serving People in Need of a Helping Hand. Their presentation included a historical accounting of the Salvation Army programs of 'yesterday' and 'today'.

Pictured are Major Geri Dancer, Major John Dancer, Latrelle Peterson, Rotary Secretary and Nanci Smith, Rotary President.



Chris Aiken, Rotarian John Duren, Carol Duren and Rotarian Paul Fisher enjoy fellowshiping at the dinner.



## Savannah South Hosts Annual Dinner

As a way to build community and camaraderie, Southside Rotary Club hosts an Italian Dinner each year for its members. The delicious homemade meal takes the place of a weekly meeting and allows for more fun and fellowship with no schedule.

The leftovers from the recent event were turned into 70 boxed lunches for those in need. With the help of 45 Bistro, Reverend Brian Reese of Family Nation Church and Savannahians Lesli and Nathan Messinger, the food was packaged and delivered to the homeless community under the Truman Parkway.

This international dinner served the needs of many in so many ways. For more information, visit [www.rotarysavannahsouth.org](http://www.rotarysavannahsouth.org).

## Did You Know? ...

- ◆ That the Rotary Club of Atlanta was chartered August 1, 1913 and was the 79th club admitted?
- ◆ That the Rotary Club of Savannah was chartered February 1, 1914 and was the 95th club admitted?
- ◆ That the Rotary Club of Macon was chartered March 1, 1914 and was the 104th club admitted?
- ◆ That the Rotary Foundation will be 100 years old when we meet for the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta in 2017?
- ◆ That if we utilize ALL of our 40,000 Polio Recognition Points that \$180,000 will have been contributed to eradicate Polio?
- ◆ That Meningitis is a preventable disease?