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District Leadership Team

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District Committee Chairs

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Rotary District 6920 Conference Returns to Jekyll Island

Great fellowship, great food, great workshops, great speakers, great entertainment, great fun, great convention center, great location, great time, great weather (well 9 out of 10 ain't bad!)

Three hundred Rotarians and guests gathered for the annual District 6920 Conference and were welcomed to the beautiful Jekyll Convention Center by Conference Chair Wally Forsythe with the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island.

If you were unable to attend the conference, look inside this month's newsletter to catch up on all that you missed.



District Conference Highlights

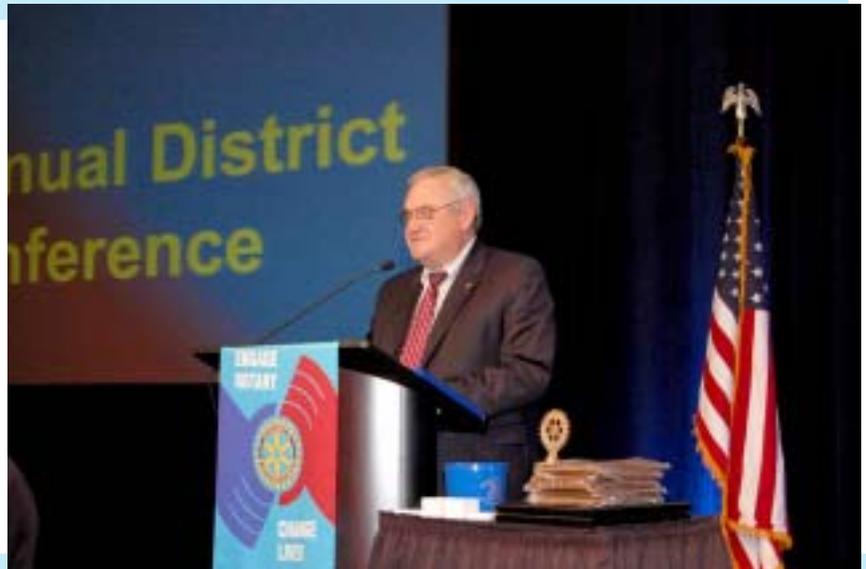


Speech Contest Winners

Friday lunch goers had the opportunity to hear 4 very good speeches from the 4 Zone Speech Contest winners. Each of the 4 winners received a \$1000.00 check from the district.

President's Representative Issues Challenge

Guests also received a welcome from our RI President's representative David Stambaugh and his wife Jan from Washington State. Although separated from one corner of our country to the other in excess of 2700 miles, they were congenial, fun loving, hospitable Rotarians just like us. David challenged our district to increase membership and to become involved at higher levels of Rotary.



Evening Entertainment



Friday evening's entertainment featured the Stephen Lee band from Lawrenceville Ga. They were certainly a favorite of the crowd from Tennille. – Groupies!



District Conference Highlights



GRSP

Our GRSP was well represented with our students and State GRSP Chair Terry Gordon and Vice Chair Bert Guy as they presented RI Rep David a Will Watt Award and wife Jan a GRSP throw.



Information Presented During Plenary Sessions



Saturday's plenary's provided information on the Council on Legislation activities and process, the 2017 Atlanta Rotary International Convention, Interact and Rotaract, our CART project, update on Meningitis Awareness, Membership, Global Grant Projects, and Local Grant Projects.

Leaving a Legacy



Foundation Plenary leaders Ron May, Bert Guy, and Gary Lear discuss ways to give and ways and reasons to leave a legacy and later recognized recent Bequest Society members.



Silent Auction

The Silent Auction sales provided \$3,690 for the Annual Fund and \$1,085 for Polio Plus with the winning bidders receiving recognition points equal to the value of their winning bid.

District Conference Highlights



District Raffle

District Raffle comes to a close with drawing at Conference. But only after Raffle Chair Helen Harper advertises that there are still tickets for sale. Checks for the 50 - \$500 winners will shortly be in the mail. The raffle netted approximately \$26,000 toward the Meningitis Awareness Campaign.

For more photo highlights from this year's District Conference, visit our website at www.rotary6920.org



Passing the Torch

The torch has been passed! District Governor Gary presents torch to incoming District Governor Ted so that he can "Light Up Rotary"!

Polio Update

Commander Derek Ehrhardt who serves as the Center for Disease Control's Polio Team Lead for the Eastern Mediterranean Region shared up to the moment updates on Polio eradication and presented a yet to be released video from the CDC featuring the efforts of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative highlighting Rotary's involvement. This video will be added to our district website.



Perry Club Recognized for 25 Years of Giving Out Door Prizes



Rotary Club of Perry recognized for 25 years of service to District 6920 Conferences for giving out door prizes.

Awards Presented at District Conference

A number of awards were presented at the District Conference earlier this month. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Clubs of the Year

Small – Savannah Sunrise
 Medium – Vidalia
 Large – Milledgeville
 Extra Large – Dublin



Gold Clubs of the Year

Augusta	Augusta West
Brunswick	Camden County
Centerville	Claxton
Downtown Macon	Dublin
Eastman	Glennville
Hawkinsville	Hinesville
Jesup	Kings Bay
Metropolitan Savannah	McRae
Milledgeville	Perry
Richmond Hill	Sandersville
Savannah	Savannah East
Savannah South	Savannah Sunrise
Savannah West	Skidaway Island
St. Simons Island	Tennille
Valdosta	Valdosta North
Vidalia	Warner Robins

Silver Clubs of the Year

Augusta South	Blackshear
Downtown Statesboro	Effingham County
Hazlehurst	McIntosh County
Metter	Macon North
Reidsville	West Chatham
Wrightsville	

Bronze Clubs of the Year

Cochran	Effingham Sunrise
Millen	Statesboro
Swainsboro	Sylvania
Waynesboro	

Rookie of the Year

Jeremy Chick – Rotary Club of Valdosta

Highest Contributors to CART Fund

Highest Contributions

1. Rotary Club of Augusta - \$10,900
2. Rotary Club of St Simons - \$3,638
3. Rotary Club of Macon - \$2,699

Highest per member contributions

1. Rotary Club of Augusta - \$70.32
2. Rotary Club of Ashburn - \$65.79
3. Rotary Club of Wrightsville - \$61.82

Largest % increase – Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

Scrapbook Winners

Small – Savannah Sunrise
 Medium – Claxton
 Large – Brunswick
 X Large – Dublin
 E version – Savannah East



Golf Awards

Closest to Pin

Hole 3 – John David Smith
 Hole 17 – Gary Smith

Winning Team

Doug Powelson
 Andy Smith
 Horace Hudgins

Best Dressed Team

Jason Gamage
 Andy Smith
 John David Smith
 Gary Smith



The District Conference: Caught on Camera



Polio Points Match Continues

Want another opportunity? Lightning Round. Recognition Matching Points for Paul Harris Award are available for new contributions 1:1 up to \$500.00 until June 15, 2014.

If you are interested contact Paula Goodnow.

Hinesville Rotarians Mark Storm Drains



Hinesville Rotary Club members donated their time Saturday morning to mark storm drains throughout the city. The drains that were marked carry water and runoff through Bryant Commons to Peacock Creek and North Newport River, club President Marcus Sack explained.

Rotary member and Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission Director Jeff Ricketson told the local newspaper about the purpose of the project.

“Clean water and literacy have long been a focus of Rotary International,” Ricketson said. “We have chosen this project to promote community awareness of how our daily activities affect water quality from Hinesville to the coast. Contaminants from everyday life in downtown Hinesville — like (gas, oil and brake linings), detergents, (animal feces), pesticides, fertilizers — find their way into our ditches, culverts and streams via 400-plus storm sewer drains.”



Mobile Blood Bank Is Delivered

This brand new, custom built, fully equipped mobile blood bus has recently been delivered to the leading hospital in the Adana area of Turkey, a region of 8 million people.

The beneficiary, the University of Cukurova, will provide trained personnel and maintain the bus. The mobile unit will be fully accessible for collecting and preserving blood and for providing public education.

This mobile blood bank is a result of a global grant partnership with the Guney Rotary Club, District 6920 and the Rotary Club of Valdosta. The two clubs began developing a strong relationship in 2012-2013 when they hosted GRSP student Can Canbolat, whose father is a past president of the Adana Guney Club.

Richmond Hill Rotarians Learn About Project Smile



At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill, Dr. Steve Acuff gave a presentation about the work done by the charity Project Smile. Seventeen Rotarians from both the Savannah area and Columbus, Ohio, travelled to Belize for their annual trip to turn an unused school room into a dental clinic to provide dental care to the families in this region. This project is part of the Rotary matching grant program.



Paul Harris Fellows Awarded

Rotary, formed by one Paul Harris of Chicago with three other business men, was organized at first “in friendship and fellowship,” but realized Rotary could serve a greater purpose not only in the United States but on a global scale. Through the Rotary Foundation, Rotarians contribute funds that are used throughout the world to battle disease, hunger, and lack of fresh water, to name a few, and are also awarded for their giving by being honored as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Recently, The Rotary Club of Milledgeville awarded 26 Rotarians with awards, 10 of which were new Fellows, and 16 were awarded with multiple Fellows by contributing \$2000 plus since becoming a member. Our District Governor Gary Smith and Assistant Governor Ron May helped President Laura award the Rotarians.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS! Recognized were April Bragg, Billy Matthews, Justin Jones, Terri Burner, William Black, Bert Williams, Deborah Marsh, Laura Poyner, Michael Cleveland and Robin Becker; PH+1 to Bobby Murphey Jr, Greg Tyson, Laura Thompson, Melvin Usery, David Probst, and Wes Owens; PH+2 to Brad Oliver, Bobby Murphey Jr, Jimmy Eubanks, Laura Thompson, Melvin Usery, and Sam Watson; PH+3 to Keith Barlow, Lyn Chandler, Fred Van Horn, John Ferguson, Renee Fontenot, and Sam Watson and PH+4 to Lyn Chandler.



Fitzgerald Rotary Club Hosts Color Run

Mother’s Day weekend featured more than pink or red flowers as runners donned yellow, blue and green paint in the annual 5k fundraiser. The 5k is an annual event but club organizers decided to add paint this year. The nearly 200 runners seemed to enjoy the day and helping the Fitzgerald Rotary Club raise funds for its Top Ten Banquet.




The Blackshear Rotary Club is now proud to be carrying on the patriotic local tradition of displaying our American flag at homes, businesses and strategic locations around the community. If you'd like “Old Glory” to wave beautifully at your home or business, please send your donation of \$25 to the Blackshear Rotary Club; c/o Ellis Lovett; 2901 Lovett Rd.; Blackshear, GA 31516. Shown are Rotary members, (l-r) Danielle Ray, Ken Koos, Dan Tanner, Cheryl Williams, Dr. Brent Waters, Sharon McPherson, Tom Bragg, Frank Tanner, Dr. Don Waters, Rebecca Palmer and Abe Pallas.