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DISTRICT 6920 NEWSLETTER

September, 2022

Dear Georgia District 6920 Rotarian Leslie,



This is: Basic Education and Literacy Month Month How will YOUR Club IMAGINE ROTARY in September?



September Message from Governor Heather;

Greetings, Leslie, - and all D6920 Rotarians !!

It hardly seems a coincidence that Rotary International has selected Basic Education and Literacy Month to coincide with the United Nation's International Day of Peace. Is it possible to build peace in a community where many can't read or write? It's hard to imagine one without the other.

In his speech entitled, Literacy: A Prerequisite for Peace, former Secretary-General Kofi Annan had this to say, "Literacy is essential to the development and health of individuals, communities, and countries. It is a condition for people's effective participation in the democratic process. It is the basis for the written communication and literature that have long provided the main channel for cross-cultural awareness and understanding. And, at the same time, it is the most precious way we have of expressing, preserving, and developing our cultural diversity and identity. Literacy, in short, is a prerequisite for peace."

Studies have shown that education and literacy promotes independent thinking, problem solving, and builds communication skills. IMAGINE the impact a literacy project could have in your community? The ancient Chinese philosopher, Confucius, said it best, "Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace."

Rotarians are changemakers. We CAN make a difference and change the course of a child's life. Ultimately, Rotarians can change the course of a community. When we give a child a chance to learn and grow, we give them hope for the future. Confident children become confident adults. Confident adults become wise and strong leaders. Those leaders build and strengthen families, communities, countries... the world. Can you see a path for peace in our future?

Imagine all the people livin' life in peace. You may say I'm a dreamer. But I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will be as one. –John Lennon.

IMAGINE what we can do TOGETHER - THIS Month!!!

Yours in Rotary,



<u>District Governor September Movie Picks:</u>

To Sir with Love: Recently receiving his degree in engineering, Mark Thackeray (Sidney Poitier), cannot find work and finds himself teaching at a rough London school populated with troublemakers.

The students see him as just another teacher and are merciless in their ridicule and bullying. His calm demeanor and desire to see them succeed gradually earned him their respect.

One of the best songs in movie cinema is "To Sir with Love."

The Princess Bride: While home sick in bed, a young boy's grandfather reads him the story of a farm boy-turned pirate who encounters numerous obstacles, enemies, and allies in his quest to be reunited with his true love.

Sec. A. TOP PRIORITIES District News & Events

DISTRICT 6920 ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

DG HEATHER is HONORED to ANNOUNCE: Michael O'Neal is the August Rotarian of the Month

Savannah West Club President, Michael O'Neal, was honored with the District Rotarian of the Month "Sledgehammer Award" for his efforts in breaking down barriers and building the future of the District and Rotary International. Michael is serving his second year as club president with the club doubling in size over the past year.



September is Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month.

Now is the time to review what your club is doing in this area of Community Service. We believe that reading is important for children from all parts of our community because it leads to a lifetime of opportunity. Children who learn to read early in life

become avid learners in school, skillful workers on the job, and informed citizens in the community. *Imagine* the impact you can have with a basic education and literacy program in your own community!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has become the preeminent early childhood book-gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation mails more than two million high quality age-appropriate books each month to registered children from birth to age five in Australia, Canada, The Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom and the United States. That's a total of nearly two hundred million free books. Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading, inspiring children to dream. The impact of the program has been widely researched and results suggest positive increases in key early childhood literacy metrics. CLICK HERE for information on how to become a Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Affiliate.

The Dictionary Project is a popular choice for District 6920 Rotary Clubs. The goal of the Dictionary Project, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is to assist all students in completing the school year as good writers, active readers, and creative thinkers, by providing students with their own personal dictionaries. The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home for years to come. The Dictionary Project gives 95 cents of every dollar donated toward the purchase of dictionaries.

Read more by Clicking HERE

The Four Way Test Coloring Book was created by members of the Rotary Club of Millen, GA, along with primary school teachers and school board officials during the 1991-92 Rotary year. This fantastic coloring book teaches children all about the virtues of The Four-Way Test with stories to which they can easily relate. The target group is first or second grade students. It's best to provide these coloring books to the same grade every year. Teachers love them! They are available from Russell Hampton. CLICK HERE

For more ideas for basic education and literacy projects, see the suggestions of former District Literacy Chair Jeanette Caneega on the **District 6920 Literacy webpage** CLICK HERE.

Need help getting started? Collaborate with a nearby club. Apply for a District Grant: <u>CLICK HERE</u>. Call or email me: I am available to speak with your club about what it can do to further the future for the children of your community. *Imagine!*

Dennis

Dennis W. Marks Literacy Chair Rotary District 6920 https://www.rotarydistrict6920.org/literacy.php

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September 21st International Day of Peace

A PIECE OF PEACE ... PEACE CLUBS AND A PEACE CONCERT

The International Day of Peace, also known as World Peace Day, is a United Nations-sanctioned holiday observed each year on September 21. Rotary was present at the start of the United Nations in 1945 and Rotarians have continued to serve as members and consultants to their nations' delegations.

That said, this month is a perfect time to consider making YOUR club a PEACEBUILDER CLUB! Promoting Peace is Rotary's seventh area of focus and the Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP) "Peacebuilder Club program encourages clubs to learn about peacebuilding and initiate dialogue and peace projects in their communities." There are many opportunities for peace projects and many of our current club projects, such as literacy, are also excellent tie-ins for promoting peace.

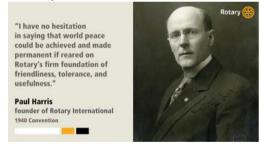
The Rotary Club of Valdosta became the first Peacebuilder Club in Georgia two years ago under the guidance of DG Steve Barnes and the process is really quite simple ... Recruit two (or more) like-minded Rotarians to form your club's

Peace Committee. Have at least two members join Rotary Action Group for Peace (\$20 annually per member). Then do a bit of reading: the RAGFP Peacebuilder Club Standards and the Peace Primer, both at rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org. Lastly, complete and submit the Rotary Peacebuilder Club Application form on the website and submit to RAGFP.

Your Rotary Club will receive a Rotary Peacebuilder Club Certificate from RAGFP and will be recognized on the Global Peace Map!

RAGFP says Peacebuilder Clubs play a vital role in sparking passion and a direction for peace within their own Rotary clubs, districts and communities. Clubs are encouraged to take action, become a Peacebuilder Club, and contribute to creating a more peaceful world.

Let's inspire more clubs in our district to become Peacebuilder Clubs and follow the lead of Paul Harris!



RAGFP OBJECTIVES FOR ROTARY PEACEBUILDER CLUBS:

- 1. To provide Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution resources for Rotary Clubs worldwide
- 2 To Educate, Engage, and Empower Rotarians in Peace initiatives
- Educate: Enhance Rotarian Peacebuilder skills (Conflict Prevention/Resolution & Positive Peace)
- Empower: Support Rotarians (and others) to demonstrate their passion for Peace, with purpose
- Engage: Encourage Rotarians (and others) to directly engage in local Peace initiatives and beyond
 - 3. To support Rotary Peace Centers (including Rotary Peace Fellow Candidates and alumni)
 - 4. To Connect with fellow Peacebuilders locally and globally

Coming up ...

One of the RAGFP's current global peace initiatives, led by Alison Sutherland of Wales (Past Chair) together with RAGFP members from the Tuesday RAGFP Zoom meeting, is the Concert for Peace on Sept. 18. (Please see flyer.) Dirk Lustig from Ukraine, a RAGFP Director (whom I had the pleasure of working with at the Rotary International Convention in Houston), is organizing Ukrainian musicians to perform at the free virtual concert. World renowned Maestro Karim Wasfi will perform as a special guest artist. Donations will be welcomed and will go toward removal of landmines in Ukraine. The concert is at 1700 London time, which translates to noon in Georgia!! Please register on the red registration line at: https://events.eventgroove.com/event/Concert-In-Support-Of-Ukraine-66948

Nancy DeRuyter Warren Rotary Club of Valdosta Peace Committee

2022 Theme: End Racism. Build Peace.

For information on this year's theme and how you can Observe the day - and be an influence in your community, Click on the link below

https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace

What's a Peace Pole?

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. To Learn more, click on the Peace Pole Project link below:

https://www.worldpeace.org/peacepoleproject/









Become a Peace Builder Club Learn how by clicking on the link below. IMAGINE how your club can help change your community! https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/peacebuilder-clubs-2/



What could YOUR club do to promote Peace?
Check out this Billboard Project sponsored by the Centerville, Byron, Perry and Warner Clubs last year to celebrate International Day of Peace.





Nancy Warren, a member of the Valdosta Rotary Club, and member of the Rotary International Action Group for Peace with DG Heather Kellen at the RI Houston Convention



Community and Club Service Opportunities:

- Initiate an Anti-Bullying campaign "Be The Voice" https://www.be-the-voice.org/
- Recognize a Student or Teacher of the Month from local schools
- · Reinvigorate or initiate an Interact Club
- Attend a local HS Football game as a club social. Throw out "Rotary Footballs" to the crowd with club information and invitation to Rotary.
- Start a literacy project at your local elementary school.
- Support GED scholarships. Volunteer for a local GED program
- Donate the 4-Way Test Coloring Books to local elementary schools. Did you know it was the Rotary Club of Millen who initiated this project in 1992? https://www.bestclubsupplies.com/The-Four-Way-Test-Coloring-Book-Program/productinfo/R67123/
- September 21st World Alzheimer's Day: Participate at an event in your community

- Have a CART program and make a push to increase CART donations. Have you seen the fun Car-CART cups?
 Have you thought about adding a QR Codes to your CART Buckets to make it easier to donate at club meetings?
- International Day of Peace September 21, 2022: Start planning to install a Peace Pole in your community or participate in another Peace initiative.





A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America

September 21st World Alzheimer's Day. Make a push to increase CART donations. Add the QR Code on your buckets. http://www.cartfund.org/cart/donations/

Message from District CART Chair Glenda Kessler:

IMAGINE...Imagine a world without Alzheimer's Disease.

- . In 2022 more than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's
- . 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia
- . Over 11 million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias

The goal of Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) is a world without Alzheimer's. 100% of all donations go to cutting-edge Alzheimer's research. As of May 2022, CART has awarded 64 research grants for a total of \$11.5 million.

CART's new Executive Director, Tiffany Ervin, often speaks of The Power of One. She has prepared a video of just over four minutes that explains CART from its beginning with one man, and one club to what it is today with participation in 23 Rotary Districts with 960 clubs. Click here to view the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1VS-B8uZGE It would be an excellent presentation for your Rotary Club.

Use your imagination and organize a fundraiser for CART. Smash Alzheimer's originated in the Augusta Club. The Camden County club members pay to have names of friends or loved ones on a banner carried in the Alzheimer's Walk. Proceeds are split between CART and the local Alzheimer's organization. A club in North Carolina took pledges for a treadmill marathon and raised thousands of dollars.

It's now easier than ever to make a donation to CART http://www.cartfund.org/cart/donations/



Members of the Camden County Rotary Club

A VERY IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP - RLI - MESSAGE





Although this is the VERY last possible moment - there is still a bit of time for Rotarians to sign up for the RLI session on September 10th in Savannah (Pooler, GA – GA Tech Campus).

To be honest - We are a few short of our numbers to have good discussions - so YOUR participation would not only be great fun for your and a huge gift to your Club and your District - - it would be a great joy for us to welcome you to the group.

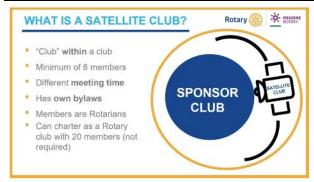
To learn more, Please contact Ed Davis Right this very moment!!!

Ed Davis

Rotary District 6920 District Trainer 2022-2023 RLI - Sunshine Division - Discussion Leader (478) 361-9855

FOR IMMEDIATE AND IMPORTANT RLI INFO GO TO: https://www.rlitraining.org/

SATELITE CLUBS ARE ALL THE "RAGE" --



Have you heard of them? Are you wondering how they can possibly 'work'?

Do your current members CHERISH their noon or evening meetings with meals and programs?

BUT is your club struggling to get the young 'movers and shakers' involved in Rotary - because they just don't have the time...

-- READ ON - and LEARN MORE.

Satellite Clubs are ALREADY happening with ENORMOUS SUCCESS Around the Globe! Its a Proven FACT: They are STRENGTHENING Clubs. They are creating more volunteer strength for Club Projects.

They are reaching out to the FUTURE Rotarians in their communities.

Bottom line: If you want/need to grow your club - - THIS Could be a GREAT way to DO IT!!!

Read on - - below is EVERYTHING you need to explore this exciting option.

To View a GREAT GUIDE TO SATELLITE CLUBS CLICK HERE

and CLICK HERE for an OVERVIEW & ANSWERS TO YOUR SATELLITE CLUB QUESTIONS





IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER -- -

Prepare NOW for World Polio Day: October 24th, 2022

You'll find Lots of ideas and information to plan for an event and post on Rotary International CLICK HERE

Do you need some 'visual inspiration' to get you moving?

Rotary has a Great website to see updated information on eradication efforts and what has happened since last October.

CLICK HERE

World Polio Day Proclamation (template). Contact your local or state elected officials and have them format a proclamation that can be presented at a City Council or legislative meeting to honor the work Rotary is doing. To see and use a template for the Proclamtion - CLICK HERE

Become a Polio Plus Society Member or even better become a Polio Plus Society <u>Club</u>. DONATE HERE



Bring attention to Human Trafficking NOW

Many clubs in our District are focusing on the HORROR of Human Trafficking - taking place across our State, Our District - and in every single city and town.

Red Sand Project is a unique way to bring awareness to human trafficking.

Club members can participate in a temporary community art project that creates opportunities for people to question, connect, and take action against vulnerabilities that can lead to human trafficking and exploitation.

To shine a light on those who have fallen through the cracks. To learn more and find ways you and your club can make a difference - CLICK HERE

How About a Trip with new or old friends - to AUSTRALIA!!!

MEBOURNE AUSTRALIA - and over 3,000 Rotarians from around the world Await YOUR arrival! You've never attended a RI Convention? You're in for a trip you'll never forget - and will want to repeat every year!

For More INFO and to start planning NOW - - Click on the image below

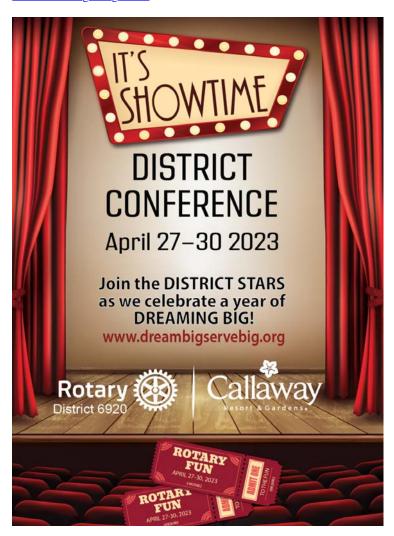


NEXT APRIL - - A FANTASTIC ADVENTURE -- AT <u>CALLOWAY GARDENS</u> AWAITS US ALL.....

Every year, the Rotary District 6920 Conference brings together Rotarians from all over the district to celebrate our shared values and achievements. This year, the convention will be held at Callaway Gardens from April 28-30. We are encouraging our Rotarians to bring their families and make a fun family vacation while also attending the convention. Callaway Gardens is a beautiful resort with many activities for families, including hiking, biking, golf, and more. Rooms start at just \$179 per night, and Callaway Gardens is graciously extending the above rate for 3 nights before and 3 nights after the conference to allow attendees to enjoy the resort before and after the conference. We hope you will join us at this year's conference and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to relax and reconnect with fellow Rotarians.

The website www.callawaygardens.com has all the information you need to plan your visit. You can also find information on the Conference websitewww.dreambigservebig.org. Keep checking the website for updates on the conference and for registration information. We expect to open registration before the end of September. So, mark your calendars and start planning your trip today!

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ITS <u>ROTARY NIGHT</u> AT THE FAIR !!!! -- SAVE THE DATE, & BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

and here's a GREAT opportunity for fun - on your own and with District Rotarians - - -

The Georgia National Fair will be held at the Perry National Fair Grounds from October 6-16th.

The District is able to purchase group tickets at a reduced rate of \$10 each.

Let's all meet up on Monday October 10th eat some fair food and watch John Michael Montgomery perform in the outdoor area.

Contact Blair Train (midgettrain@gmail.com) or DG Heather (hakellen@gmail.com) to reserve tickets. Wear your Rotary shirt. Need to know by September 19th.



Rotary and Lions Districts are working TOGETHER to serve communities in Georgia

September 11-17, 2022 Rotary International Initiative "Celebrate Community"

https://www.rotary.org/en/kiwanis-lions-optimist-rotary-join-week-service-celebrate-community

Service organizations around the world are joining together to increase the social impact of our organizations and promote a spirit of worldwide volunteer collaboration..... and Our DISTRICT IS TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY!!!

District 6920 has a unique opportunity to collaborate with the Lions Clubs as our own District Rotarian, Shellie Smith, is serving this year as the Lions District Governor.



Attn ALL CLUBS! - OUR ENTIRE DISTRICT is conducting a YEAR-LONG FOOD DRIVE!

AND.....ITS A COMPETITION!

Rotary District 6920 Governor, Heather Kellen and Lions District 18-N Governor, Shellie Smith are working together (and competing) to collect <u>food</u> to fill food banks, feed first responders, and serve their communities' food insecurity needs.

The two governors are holding a "friendly competition" to see which service organization can donate the most items of food - Cans, jars, packages, boxes, pizzas delivered to nurses or firemen - you name it!

To be VERY clear: the food drive is more than just collecting cans. It's also about keeping track of ALL the food (in any form) that clubs are donating.

Whether it's meals to the local fire department or to night nurses at the hospital.

We are <u>calculating</u> food donated in terms of "cans" so that it is easily measured - but a "CAN" can be pretty much ANYTHING....

A spaghetti dinner, bread, and a cookie might be considered 2 cans. Be as fair as you can - - its all about the 4-Way Test - we don't want to exaggerate, but we can DEFINE pretty creatively.

Individual Clubs from around Georgia will be keeping track of their donations and the losing governor will be required to concede at the other's end of year District Conference celebration.

This is a GREAT opportunity to "Celebrate Community" and join forces to stock up local food panties, fill stomachs - and share some love.

Terry Adkins: (of "We Are ROTARY" fame) is our District Services Chair

- please call or email him with any questions, any time: <u>912-258-3900 terryadkins.rotary@gmail.com</u> Send your food donation item count to Terry - - we recommend Once every Month!

Shout out to KINGS BAY Club -

for their "FAST OUT OF THE STARTING BLOCK" efforts --



VETERANS VILLAGE BRUNSWICK COMES TO LIFE!





Heather Kellen is at Golden Isles of Georgia.

What an incredible project the Golden Isles Rotary Club has initiated! The Veterans Village Project, now supported by all the Glynn County Rotary Clubs, will provide 30 tiny homes and a community center for homeless veterans. Homes are currently being built, in another location, by a construction mission team at the South Newport Baptist Church. The tiny homes will be brought to the site once the property has been prepared and utilities installed. The compact homes are being built and secured to withstand the coastal hurricanes and will serve as temporary housing for veterans learning to integrate back into the community.

Thank you to Golden Isles Club members, Lorene Reid and John Bartosh for their leadership in this project. To learn more and offer support for the project visit their website www.goldislesveteransvillage.org

FOUNDATION NEWS:

Dear Rotarian Friends and Family,

Thanks to Augusta Rotary Club's generous support to defray the cost of shipping a container load of classroom furniture from Claxton to a Catholic School in the village of Verrettes, Haiti. In addition to funds raised by the Claxton Rotary Club, funds donated by PDG Gary Smith and PDG John Neely will be used to pay for shipping expenses from Claxton to Port Lafito in Haiti. The Verrettes School will pay for costs associated with receiving and moving the classroom furniture from Port Lafito to Verrettes school. Rotary Club of Claxton donation signage will be posted in the classroom. Claxton Rotarians are planning to ship a second container load of classroom furniture from the Claxton Rotary Club to the Verrettes school in Haiti and/or another school in Puerto Rico later in the year. The classroom furniture project in Haiti is an excellent example of D6920 Clubs working together to expand their impact from a local to a global level. My deep appreciation and personal gratitude to Rotarian Marty Waters (Evans County Charter Schools System, Rotarians Alfie Cofield, and Terry McCorkle of Claxton Rotary Club for imagining and implementing the project.

In Rotary Service,

Hamsa Thota District Governor 2017-18 DRFC 2022-23 District 6920







Claxton Rotary Club helps Haitian students

By Julie Braly

Last December, two members of the Claxton Rotary Club came up with a unique way to help students in Haiti. The Club approved and financially supported the venture, which is now well on its way to fruition.

Claxton Rotarian Marty Waters, who is the superintendent of Evans County Charter School System (ECCSS), reached out to fellow Rotarian Alfie Cofield and advised the district had an excessive amount of surplus furniture.

Waters explained the items, located in the old Claxton High School and other storage areas throughout the district, were removed from inventory between January 2021 and August 2021. The district worked with online auctions to sell the surplus materials but Waters said many useful items, including mismatched elementary student desks and children's chairs, did not sell and have been in storage over six years. He inquired if the local Rotary Club might have a connection in another country that could use the school furnishing, which are in good condition.

Seeking advice, Cofield reached out to Hamsa Thota, District Rotary Foundation Chair, who has been very active in Rotary for more than 40 years and has an abundance of experience working on international projects.

Based on its significant needs, the Club chose Haiti as the country to assist and, through its Rotary contacts, a local school at Verrettes village in Haiti was chosen. They also determined a way to have the furniture shipped to the village school and have members of a Rotary Club in Haiti meet the shipment at the port to help ensure the furniture reached its destination.

The service project idea was presented to the Claxton Rotary Club, which wholeheartedly agreed to move forward with and fund the estimated \$8,000 - \$9,000 venture. Since that time, funds to cover the expenses of the transportation and delivery of the donated school furnishings were donated by Claxton Rotary Club, Augusta Rotary Club, past District Governors and the District 6920 grant program.

In the past nine months, numerous hurdles have been addressed throughout the process just to get the surplus furnishings on a ship to transport them to Haiti. Hurdles including specifications for the type and size of the shipping container to be used, customs requirements and others caused organizers to change plans completely on several occasions.

Thanks to the continued determination and encouragement of Hamsa Thota, the Haiti school furniture project continued forward. According to Thota, the project is the first club-originated international project in District 6920.

Through the partnership between Claxton Rotary and ECCSS, the shipping container arrived in Claxton Monday, August 15. Bright and early the next morning, a handful of ECCSS district maintenance and central office employees began loading surplus furniture into the container. A group of students also joined the group and helped load the gamut of school furnishings including student desks, tables, chairs, cork bulletin boards, filing cabinets, and more. It took the small group just two hours to fully load the shipping container. A short time later, the container was transported to the port in Savannah where it began its journey to Haiti.

Each aspect of the journey involves local Rotarians participating in either overseeing and/or direct involvement to increase chances of total success with the delivery to the Verrettes School. A team of Haitian Rotarians is to be involved in that final delivery.

Claxton Rotary Club is awaiting confirmation the shipment was received at the port in Haiti and the school furnishings have been received by the Verrettes School. If this venture proves to be successful, the Club intends to send additional shipments of surplus school furnishings to another school in Puerto Rico.



ATTENTION MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS: Rotary International has set a goal for female membership at 30% by 2023. District 6920 is currently at 26%.

30% is a goal we can reach - -and we have 6 months to get it done!!!

To REACH this GOAL - EVERY Club needs to meet or exceed 30% - - and if your club is ahead of this goal - YOU are critical to our District Average! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! TAKE YOUR CLUB UP A FEW MORE NOTCHES!!!

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Congratulations District 6920 Presidents and Clubs! We are on our way to 3000 members!

District 6920 is growing every week! We are excited to see and hear of all of the growth, service projects, and publications about our clubs throughout the district.

I have had the pleasure of attending the Milledgeville, Perry, and Warner Robins Club meetings in August and witnessed new member inductions and new member approvals. I have received area update reports from several clubs and several areas.

AG Sam Eskew

Savannah West is lighting it up. Richmond Hill has added two members and has three prospects in the pipeline. Savannah South has two prospects in the pipeline. John Evans has stepped up as membership Chair. Savannah East has nine red badges and intends to induct five members by Sept 9th. DG Heather is coming to Savannah early November.

PDG Steve Barnes ICA

We have inducted two new young ladies in VRC and we will be inducting two more young ladies in VRC very soon! We are working hard on our membership goals. I have been in discussion with a couple of Clubs about the Impact Club Model and one possible Satellite Club.

The Milledgeville Club added a corporate member (Kinetic). The Perry Club added two new members. The Warner Robins Club approved two new members.

We are very excited about the unlimited possibilities that all of our clubs have this year. Any club can start a Satellite Club with as few as eight members. The possibilities are limitless. Let your creativity manifest in your community.

Share your Rotary story and your Club's history and activities with someone today!

Serving at the highest, Steve Williams

DMC

HERE is a GREAT Membership Resource for Clubs and Membership Chairs:

Our District is one of many up and down the East Coast and the Carribean - making up Rotary Zone 33/34. Our ZONE is sponsoring Monthly ONLINE Webinars - with ideas, 'best practices' and frank discussion of challenges.

The next webinar is this coming MONDAY at 5pm EDT

To visit the website and see past programs or register for the next - CLICK HERE



Grow More to Do More



AND WE'RE OFF!

The first few months of the year are crucial to set momentum. New leadership can spark that momentum in your club so you *Grow Your Impact*. That's what Membership is all about.

We're helping by providing monthly webinars with simple best practices to help you add new, interesting members, and to engage them.

The first webinar gave 3 ways to come up with a great prospect list. If you missed it, you can find the recording here: https://www.rizones33-34.org/membership-action-plan/

The next webinar, on Monday September 12, at 5 pm EDT, will lay out how to hold a Rotary Information Hour so your prospects know all the opportunities that Rotary gives, along with the responsibilities. It's kind of like a "Quick Start" guide so your new Rotarians begin their journey well. You can register for the webinar at the link, above.

There will be 11 monthly webinars, each 45 minutes long, that give you specific ways to build a stronger club. They also help you to achieve the Zone Membership Award for your club at the end of the year. See you on September 12!

Grow Your Impact

2022-23 Growth as of September 1, 2022

Check this out - Our District has 'netted' a gain of 10 members since July 1!

Many other Districts are ahead of us - - so let's keep recruiting - - but we're on the ROAD to success!

DISTRICT	Members 7/1/22	Members 9/1/22	Net Chg	%chg
6890	1536	1546	10	0.7%
6900	3897	3910	13	0.3%
6910	2990	3039	49	1.6%
6920	2792	2802	10	0.4%
6930	1378	1392	14	1.0%
6940	1983	1986	3	0.2%
6950	1706	1763	57	3.3%
6960	2352	2376	24	1.0%
6970	3068	3103	35	1.1%
6980	1540	1551	11	0.7%
6990	1764	1807	43	2.4%
7000	764	765	1	0.1%
7020	2529	2572	43	1.7%
7030	2344	2373	29	1.2%
ZONE 34	30643	30985	342	1.1%

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Giselle Holder ARC-Rotaract giselleholder@hotmail.com +1 (868) 781-5317 (Trinidad) Aug, 29, 2022, The Rotary Club of Savannah welcomes Rotarians from Serbia; Vladan Mijailovic, DG 2024/25, ADG 2018/19 Serbia & Montenegro and Charter President RC Bor D2483 and his wife Jasna Mijailovic.



On August 30th the Team also visited the St Simons Island Rotary Club - Co-Sponsor of the Exchange. PDG Hamsa Thota served as official Host. The Club, which traditionally begins each meeting by singing a patriotic song - - sang God Bless America - and The Serbian National Anthem (both songs having very similar messages). The Club and Visitors were provided lyrics to both songs in both English and Serbian. Let's just say it was a very FUN moment of camaraderie and a good bit of laughter!

In May the Rotary Club of Savannah visited Belgrade, Serbia. Mbot/robots were delivered to an elementary school. This Global Grant will help 48,000 students learn how to code. Special thanks to the Past District Gov of 6920 Hamsa Thota for having the vision to make this happen.

HEADS UP!!! THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS UPON US!

September 9, 2022 -- STOP - THINK -- CALL GEORGE TO ASK QUESTIONS!!!

THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME AWAITS!!!!

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

Hosted by: District 6920 Georgia, USA & District 4895 Buenos Aires, Argentina

HAVE YOU DREAMED OF TRAVELING TO ANOTHER COUNTRY?

The Rotary Friendship
Exchange program provides
a means through which
Rotarians in one part of the
world can experience life in
another country or culture.
The goal is to advance
international understanding



District 6920 is currently accepting applications to join the Friendship Exchange traveling to

and goodwill, build enduring friendships, and establish a foundation for peace and service.

BUENOS AIRES ARGENTINA MARCH 20-30, 2023

For more information and to request an application contact: George Peake 10kdiver@gmail.com



Dear Fellow Rotarians of District 6920.

I'm delighted to Chair the Rotary Friendship Exchange Committee for this upcoming Rotary year.

The deadline for applications is fast approaching for the Rotary Friendship Exchange.

<u>Rotary.org</u> states "Rotary Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allow participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and Clubs. The benefits of an exchange:

- -Broaden international understanding
- -Explore a profession or job in a different country
- -Build enduring friendships
- -Establish a foundation for peace and service
- -Gain opportunities for active project involvement and support
- -Learn about a region's people, food, languages, customs, and history
- -Find partners for grants"

And I will add, this will be a lot of fun!!

So, we arepartnering with Rotary District 4895, which is based in Buenos Aires, Argentina! This District has a lot of experience with these Exchanges, hosting Districts from other Latin American, European, and North American countries. And they are very excited about hosting 6920!!!

We will be traveling to Buenos Aires on March 19, or 20, 2023, depending on the best prices for flights... Delta non-stop leaves Atlanta at 8pm and arrives the next morning in Buenos Aires. And as of this writing, the best prices appear to be for a March 19 departure.

We will return on March 30, 2022. And then, we will host the representatives from Buenos Aires from April 20 to 30, 2023.

If you are interested in traveling to Buenos Aires for this exciting adventure, please see the attached application. We ask you to fill out the application and return to me as soon as possible.

We have set a deadline of September 9, 2022, for receiving applications, but I encourage you to send these early, if you can... We must, by necessity, limit the group to 10 travelers, and I think the spots will go quickly!

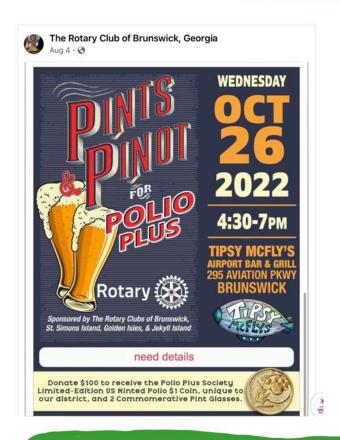
Each traveler will be responsible for their own airfare (current round trip on Delta is approximately \$1150,) and incidentals while traveling. Our meals and lodging (in the homes of Rotarians) will mostly be covered by our hosts.

Although only a limited number will be able to actually travel for this Exchange, I hope that many of you will support those who travel, and also be willing to help us host the Rotarians from Argentina when they come next April.

HERE IS THE APPLICATION LINK: Application Link1.pdf

Please email me your applications at 10kdiver@gmail.com
In Service above Self,
George Peake
Rotary Club of Perry Past President
Chairman, District 6920 Friendship Exchange
478 972 2971

Sec. C. CLUBS & MEMBERS: News & Events



MACON BEER FEST!

Pull a hundred of your favorite Rotarians together, add 6,000 pounds of ice, 3,000+ attendees, let's throw in music stages, arts and craft vendors, food vendors, let's add 150,000 ounces of craft beer and wine, representing over 100 varieties....and you have the most successful men's centric health fair in Middle Georgia. The main focus of the event is to educate people about prostate cancer and the need for screenings. Georgia is ranked fourth in the country for prostate cancer cases per capita. The disease is the second leading cause of death in cancer of men, below lung cancer. In 2021 The Rotary Club of Downtown Macon gave away \$70,000 in free blood tests to men. Now this "Health Fair disguised as a beer festival" is considered one of Georgia's Top Ten beer festivals as well as a top Octoberfest. Funds raised by the Macon Beer Fest go to Pints for Prostates, also a Prostate Cancer fund that the Rotary Club of Downtown Macon created at the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, and other community projects. Make no doubts about it, this is a Rotary event, put on by Rotarians wishing to do good in the world....and we need you! The Macon Beer Fest takes over 200 volunteers to put on and we can guarantee you you'll have the most fun volunteering that you've ever had. And to sweeten the deal, you'll get a free ticket to the event, work



CLUB NEWS:







Franklin Pate hosted the Tennille Rotary Club for lunch on Tuesday and gave us a sneak peak of his new short term rental home at 250 Briarwood Lane. The meal was fabulous and the house is stunning! Perfect for a weekend getaway, family coming in to town or a wedding night before leaving for your honeymoon!





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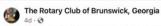


What a great club to start Governor visits! The St. Simons Club turns 72 years this year and what an amazing history of service and leadership to our District. DGE Felix Smith and I had great fun catching up with PDGs Chip Lewis, Mike Muldowney, and Clyde Taylor (we missed you Hamsa!). Look at all the new PolioPlus Society members?

Home of "Taps at Twilight," an incredible Memorial Day Event

funded solely by the sale of memorial bricks and American flags." #ImagineRotary #dreambigservebig #district6920





We were honored with a visit from our new 6920 District Governor, Heather Kellen, last week. Accompanied by DGE Felix Smith, and AG Beverly Racca Trainor, Heather spoke on the 2022-23 t... See more













Rotary Club of Richmond Hill

We have an amazing speaker and slide show presentation today at Rotary, Please welcome Dylan Edward Mulligan. He is, perhaps, best known across the Southeast as "The Georgia Sandman," for the elaborate sandcastles and sculptures which he has constructed on the Georgia and Florida coasts since the time of his childhood. In the Georgia and Flonda coasts since the time of his childhood. In addition to his own book of sandcastles, his work has been featured in many newspapers, magazines, online publications, and television news broadcasts. Mulligan is a native of Tathrail County with deep roots in Southeast Georgia. A 2015 graduate of Georgia Southern University, with a bachelor of arts in history with a minor in political science; and a 2018 graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law, with a juris doctor. He currently practices law in his hometown of Glennville in the law office of Judge Hugh J. McCullough. He is a member of Glennville United Methodist Church, where he serves as church historian and plays a very active role with the church youth. Additionally, he is a proud Rotarian and presently serves as President of the Rotary Club of Glennville. He is hosted today by





Rotary District 6920 ALL CLUBS Group Frank Spears - Aug 11 - Augusta - &

Field Trip !!!

- · Today we visited the Boys and Girls Club HQ at the new HUB Center downtown Augusta.
- · What an amazing building.
- We heard from their student of the year Mackenzie. She is in the 10th grade at Davidson. Her presentation was a real treat to listen to
- It was a wonderful lunch meeting full of Boys and Girls Club information.

Make a very special effort to attend next Thursday's meeting at Brandon Wilde. Congressman Rick Allen will be our speaker.

- at Augusta West Rotary Club













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Rotary District 6920 ALL CLUBS Group Rotary Club of Centerville, GA - Aug 11 - 🚱

PDG Bob Griggers inducted our newest member- Angela Clayton. Shown with her sponsor, Larry Warnock.





McRae Rotary Club 1h • 🚱

McRae Rotary Club President BreAnna Burton and Rotarian Robert Herndon attended the Retired Educators Luncheon today at Southern Star Grill.





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



GRPS 2022-2023 is Off to an AWSOME START!!!!





GRSP Conclave Ushers in Class of 2022-23

Imagine ... the world becomes a little smaller when 44 international college students gather for one purpose~ to build peace through understanding. The Georgia Rotary Student Program ushered in the 2022-23 academic year at Conclave with students from 21 different countries, sponsored by 96 Rotary Clubs. The group made up of 17 males and 27 females sang about peace, shared skits about their homeland and learned about the expectations as a GRSP scholar in the prestigious 76-year nonprofit organization. GRSP thanks the support of all three Georgia District Governors George Granade (Rotary District 6900), Gerry Taylor (Rotary District 6910) and Heather Kellen (Rotary District 6920) for their support along with DGN Gordon Owen (Rotary District 6900), DGE Brandy Swanson (Rotary District 6910) and DGN Todd Freesmann (Rotary District 6920). The Rotary Clubs of Forsyth, Gainesville, Hall County, Lanier-Forsyth and South Hall hosted Conclave at Lake Lanier Islands with GRSP District 6910 Director Bill St. Clair as chair for the event.

GRSP Chair J. Michael Sweigart presented Bert Guy with a proclamation naming him chair emeritus for his significant contributions to the organization. Guy, a member of the Rotary Club of Camden County, served as GRSP Chair from 2018 to 2022. Sweigart thanked Guy for his leadership and said Guy will continue to serve as a resource for the program. Guy has been active in GRSP for the past 13 years. The next event on the GRSP calendar features the Maynard Knestrick Memorial Weekend hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Lake Spivey/Clayton County, Henry County, Griffin, Griffin Daybreak and Atlanta Southern Crescent at the Clayton County International Park September 9 to 11.

Peace and blessings,

Katheryne A. Fields

Program Director 404-405-6806 (Mobile) kfields@grsp.org

Georgia Rotary Student Program

P.O. Box 61327 Savannah, GA 31420 912-961-1331 (Office) www.grsp.org





















DISTRICT 6920 IS ADDING TO OUR MENU OF AMAZING ROTARY YOUTH EXPERIENCES!!!

In ADDITION to our Signature GRSP Program - - which brings together college students from around the globe for a year of Education and life experience in BOTH an individual and TEAM setting....

DISTRICT 6920 is Announcing our participation in the famed (world wide) ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE for (BOTH) - inbound AND OUTBOUND <u>HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.</u>
Would your club like to sponsor a local High School student of achievement? Would you like to open the eyes, mind and heart of a kid with spirit and potential - - to literally change the course of their life?
YOUR CLUB can send a local student on a year long High School experience somewhere in the world - - and can host an IN-BOUND student as well.
Click on the photo below to see the brief video and learn more



District 6920 is happy to announce our participation in Rotary Youth Exchange for Inbound and Outbound High school students. The deadline for applications to participate in next year's exchange is fast approaching. Contact your local Rotary Club for more information.

#rotaryyouthexchange #district6920 #PeopleOfAction







June 8-11th College of Coastal Georgia

Its never too early to plan ahead!!!



School is back in Swing- Lets start Introducing Early Act in our Communities!

Now that school is underway in most places, this is a great opportunity to start talking to school administration about Early Act and how this program can benefit their school. This program for Elementary aged students is a stepping stone to Interact, Roteract, and later being a Rotary member. It teaches kids from K-5th grade how to identify and help needs in their school, community and internationally. In addition to service projects, it teaches the kids leadership skills, teamwork, and so much more!

Hi! I'm Sara Barron and I would love to give a presentation to your club on this wonderful opportunity. Please reach out to me with any questions or to set up a program for your club-sarabarrondesigns@gmail.com

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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:











ATTENTION ALL CLUBS and PRESIDENTS:
Let's Go for the Gold!
The annual District Award spreadsheet for 2022-23 has been revised and deadlines have been changed (extended) on lines 3, 4, 10, 16, 22, 23 and 29.
To take advantage of these newly possible additional points, check out the Revised District Award spreadsheet attached and District6920.org under Organization.
CLICK HERE to view and download the NEW District Awards Spreadsheet in EXCEL for your Club

We want to recognize the hard work your club does throughout the year!
Use the Awards spreadsheet to plan a fantastic year!
Stay on top of your goals to achieve maximum points.
HINT FOR SUCCESS: Delegate sections to committee chairs and board members then review at every board meeting to ensure your club gets all the recognition it deserves!
Reach out with any questions.

Joy Hurst Awards and Citation Chair 2022-23 joycfp@windstream.net

CALLING ALL QUILTERS:

A District quiliting group is getting together to create a 2022-2023 District quilt to be auctioned off at District Conference. If you are interested in helping with this project, reach out to Marion Curry at marion.curry@gmail.com









ZOOM - - - AHHH THOSE WERE THE DAYS, My Friends.... (we thought they'd never

SO - - Here you are - - The Pandemic is under control for the most part - and 'Zooming' all your meetings is a thing of the past...

BUT - - we've ALL been changed by ZOOM. We've learned and grown from the experience..... Here's what WE'RE hearing...

Some clubs (Brunswick Club for one) - are using their FACEBOOK PAGE to "LIVE broadcast" part of their meetings.

This accomplishes several things:

- 1) its free. -- no zoom contract.
- 2) Its easy - any phone or iPad will do - just log into your club Facebook page and click to 'GO LIVE' you're done.
- 3) FB LIVE Posts are 'public' and do NOT disappear (unless you delete them) your members or friends can watch live or any time to catch up on a missed meeting.
- 4) Its PUBLICITY for your Club: THIS is an EASY way to reach out to your community to show them how great a Rotary Membership can be!
- 5) Did we mention - its free ?????

BUT - - Can Facebook solve ALL your issues? NOPE.

Sometimes you still need Zoom. Have a board meeting not everyone can make in person? Have a program with a speaker maybe in Atlanta or beyond - and want to be able to interact via ZOOM with Q&A etc?

You have options:

1) Check with your members - - most likely at least one of your members has a personal 'paid' zoom account. They can host your meeting...
2) Reach out to your District. We have a paid account and, assuming its only once or twice a year - we would be happy to help you host an official meeting of your club - (we can't do more as we have over 60

contact Leslie Mattingly (Info in the contact section below) for help...



Talking TECHNOLOGY:





IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO AND LINKS:

Contact DG Heather: (478) 244-1714 Email: hakellen@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 an 'account' - - but Oh... what a Treasure trove of info, videos, PR materials - awaits!)

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....Paula will know....)

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