Subject: READ NOW: YOUR April 2023 DIST. 6920 NEWSLETTER

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# **DISTRICT 6920 NEWSLETTER April, 2023**

Dear Georgia District 6920 Rotarian Jim,

This is: **ENVIRONMENT** Month





### **April Message from Governor Heather;**

Greetings, Jim, - and all D6920 Rotarians!!

### **DG Message**

Spring is here! At least that's what the calendar says. According to the thermometers and Punxsutawney Phil, we still have a few more weeks of winter. Spring is a glorious time of year. Flowers are blooming, the days are getting longer, the grass is turning green, and everything seems new again.

It's also a transition time of year for Rotary International as club presidents, assistant governors, governors, and the Rotary International President all prepare for a new Rotary year. It hardly seems logical for an organization, as large as Rotary, to change its leadership every year. But haven't you all felt the excitement? It's new energy, new ideas and a continued promise to serve each other and our communities.

Finish the 2022-2023 Rotary year strong but let's also assist the new leadership coming in. Build on what we've accomplished this year. Meet with your clubs current and incoming leadership. Discuss your club and area strategic plans. Learn together, lead together, serve together. When we leave egos at the door our clubs are stronger, and our district is stronger.

Here are a few things to focus on in the next three months:

- Are you coming to District Conference? This will be a Conference to remember. Be sure to read the recent email "EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CONFERENCE 2023."
- APRIL 7th District Awards Citation is Due by midnight. Most clubs have completed the items on the list please fill this out so your club will get the recognition it deserves this year. Reach out to your Assistant Governor's for assistance.

https://rotarydistrict6920.org/district-awards/

- APRIL 13-16th GRSP Weekend in St. Mary's. Reach out to your club's trustee for additional information
- APRIL 19th: Paul Harris Birthday <u>Click here for some fun history</u> about our founding father
- APRIL is ENVIRONMENT Month. This is a NEW Focus for Rotary and one of great and growing priority world wide. <u>Click here</u> to see what Rotary is doing around the world during this month.

What is YOUR Club doing to IMAGINE ROTARY in April? IMAGINE what we can do TOGETHER - THIS Month!!!

Yours in Rotary,

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Sec. A. TOP PRIORITIES District News & Events

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

DG HEATHER is PROUD to ANNOUNCE: The Rotarian of the Month "Sledgehammer Awards" for March, April, and May







March: Beverly Trainor serves as Area 5 Assistant Governor as well as the District MAP and District Human Trafficking Chair. She was presented the Sledgehammer "Legislator" Award for her common sense and ability to maintain composure and make tough decisions in difficult situations.

April: Joe Leek serves as the District Webmaster. He was presented the Sledgehammer "Collaborator" Award for his ability to work with the District leadership team and is constantly looking for ways to improve the website. Joe has changed how the District is seen by the public through updated graphics and information on our new website.

May: Terry Adkins (who hasn't yet been photographed with his Sledgehammer - so an equally impressive <u>fish</u> will have to do for now) serves as the District Service Chair and will be taking on the roll of District Governor in 2025-2026. He was presented the Sledgehammer "Consolidator" Award for his role in organizing and planning for the future of the District. He has provided his time and personal resources to do that.

### THE ACADEMY OF DISTRICT 6920

Have you heard of the Academy Awards? Did you know "The Academy" is made of up actors, directors and movie professionals who vote to determine the top awards for The Oscars. Guess what? You're all part of the District Academy and YOU get to help choose the ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR.

Each month, District Governor Heather has given the "Sledgehammer Award" to a Rotarian that has broken molds and gone above and beyond to serve our District. The Rotarian of the Year will be chosen from those monthly winners. If you would like to vote for the Rotarian you think should be our District's Rotarian of the Year, please submit your top three choices to DG Heather by August 7th <a href="mailto:hakellen@gmail.com">hakellen@gmail.com</a>. The winner will be announced at District Conference.

### **NOMINEES FOR ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR ARE:**

JULY: ED DAVIS, "ED-UCATOR"

District Trainer from the Downtown Macon Club

**AUGUST: MICHAEL O'NEAL, "MOTIVATOR"** 

Incoming Assistant Governor and current Savannah West Club Pres

**SEPTEMBER: PAULA GOODNOW, "PAULA-NATOR"** 

District Administrative Director and current President from King's Bay Club

**OCTOBER: LESLIE MATTINGLY, "COMMUNICATOR"** 

District Newsletter Editor, RYLA Chair, RI Convention Chair from St. Simons Club

**NOVEMBER:** STEVE WILLIAMS, "REINVIGORATOR" District Membership Chair from Warner Robins Club

**DECEMBER:** SHRAD AMRIT, "ERADICATOR"

District PolioPlus Society Chair from Perry Club

**JANUARY: JAN HORADAN, "ELEVATOR"** 

District Interact Chair from Milledgeville Club FEBRUARY: ERIN ANDREWS, "ORCHESTRATOR"

District Conference Chair and incoming President of Milledgeville Club

MARCH: JOE LEEK, "COLLABORATOR"

District webmaster from St. Simons Club

APRIL: TERRY ADKINS, "CONSOLIDATOR"

District Service Chair, DGND from Brunswick Club

**MAY: BEVERLY TRAINOR, "LEGISLATOR"** 

Assistant Governor, MAP Chair, Human Trafficking Chair from St. Simons Club

JUNE: \_\_\_\_, "TERMINATOR"

Can you guess who is going to get the "Terminator" award??



### Q: CAN ANY ROTARIAN GO TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE CONFERENCE?

A: YES! <u>All members of District 6920 are invited to attend the District Conference</u>. Check with your local club to see if they will cover any portion of your costs.

### Q: CAN I STILL REGISTER FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE?

A: YES! But the hotel block ends on March 31st and rooms will be turned back over to the lodge so call asap. Register for the conference here: <a href="https://dreambigservebig.org">https://dreambigservebig.org</a> /registration/

### Q: IF THE ROOMS ARE SOLD OUT, CAN I STILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

A: Yes, you can find your own lodging and come to the conference. There are several Airbnb's and spots for camping, so come join in the fun.

## Q: WHAT ABOUT GRSP STUDENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMING FOR THE SPEECH COMPETITION PRESENTATION?

A: Host clubs are responsible for booking hotel rooms for their GRSP and Zone HS speech winners. Please make sure these are booked by March 31st.

### Q: WHAT SHOULD I WEAR FOR THE GENERAL SESSIONS?

A: Most of the sessions are like what you'd wear to club meetings. Friday evening, we are celebrating DGE Felix Smith on the patio. The movie theme for Friday evening is "BIG." Come celebrate your inner child and wear a PEACE t-shirt or something fun and comfortable along with some fun-themed COLORED sneakers. Saturday evening is the Academy Awards of District 6920. This is a dressy event...be as dressy as you like, or try 'black tie casual'..... We are having a red carpet so have some fun!!

### Q: ARE WE PARTICIPATING IN A SERVICE PROJECT?

A: TWO actually! <u>One</u> will be a continuation of <u>the canned food drive</u> between Lions/Rotary. Bring anything you can to help us finish strong! Cans brought to conference will be donated at a local food bank in Pine Mountain.

<u>The second project</u> is <u>collecting old sneakers</u>. We're helping an organization called "<u>Got Sneakers?</u>" They refurbish and donate them to those in need.

### Q: WHAT TIME ARE THE SESSIONS?

A: You can find the most up-to-date agenda and speaker information on our District Conference website <a href="https://www.dreambigservebig.org">www.dreambigservebig.org</a>.

### Q: CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE CAR SHOW OR GOLF TOURNAMENT?

A: Register for the Conference, the "Fast & Furious" Car Show, and the "Caddy Shack" Golf Tournament here: <a href="https://dreambigservebig.org/registration/">https://dreambigservebig.org/registration/</a>

### Q: WHAT IS THE ADDRESS FOR CALLAWAY GARDENS?

Be aware the address for the Gardens is different than the address for the Lodge and Conference Center.

The Lodge is located at:

4500 Southern Pine Dr, Pine Mountain, GA 31822

### Q: WHAT IS THERE TO DO AT CALLAWAY GARDENS AND IN PINE MOUNTAIN?

Staying at the lodge or in a cabin gives you a free pass to the gardens and all the activities. You can rent a bike at Callaway but must stay on the property. There are also places in Pine Mountain to rent bikes that can be ridden all over. You can also rent a golf cart that can be taken all over the property.

HINT: This might be a fun way for some of our Rotarians, unable to take a long stroll, to see the gardens.

### **<u>Click HERE</u>** for *GREAT* information about Callaway Gardens:

For more information about attractions and additional lodging in the surrounding area, visit <a href="https://pinemountain.org/">https://pinemountain.org/</a>

### Q: WHAT DOES MY CLUB NEED TO BRING TO CONFERENCE?

- 1. Bring your club banner to help decorate the House of Friendship and hallways.
- 2. Bring at least two door prizes. These can be fun swag from your club or community.
- 3. Bring at least two items for the silent auction.

This can be anything from a weekend in a members vacation cabin to an Art piece or fun item you found at a street fair.

Maybe even an experience like a ride in a small airplane or dinner for 6 in your gourmet kitchen. Lots of ideas here.

4. Bring a display for the House of Friendship that highlights a project your club did this past Rotary year.

<u>DUBLIN ROTARY CLUB OFFERS \$2000 Scholarship to a graduating Senior (anywhere) in District 6920</u>

DUBLIN ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 6920-CLUB NUMBER 4195 P. O. Box 1074 DUBLIN, GEORGIA 31040



### Dear Fellow Rotarians and Clubs in District 6920;

On behalf of the Dublin Rotary Club, I am pleased to pass on to you some very good news. Due to the generosity of the Davis-Hilburn Foundation, the Dublin Rotary Club is offering a \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating senior. Any senior in Rotary District 6920 is eligible to apply for the scholarship, and it is not limited to one nominee per school or per club.

The deadline for applications is Friday, April 14, 2023. The applications must be received by 5 PM that day or they will not be considered. Winners will be selected by a committee comprised of the Dublin Rotary club and representatives of the Davis-Hilburn Foundation. The awards will be presented at the Dublin Rotary club meeting on Friday, May 5, 2023 at noon at the Dublin Country Club. The recipients and parents will be guests of the Dublin Rotary Club that day.

You will notice on the application that extra points are given if a parent of an applicant is a Rotary member.

All we ask is that EVERYONE reading this - please make sure your entire club membership is aware that the scholarship is available and pass along the attached application to them. <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a> to access and download or print the application.

Completed applications should be sent via email to Meg Greer Evans, Chair Youth Recognition & Scholarships, Dublin Rotary Club:

Email: mgreer@warrengreerlaw.com

If an email address is provided, I will acknowledge directly to the applicant that we have received the application. I will make appropriate notification to the winners. Thanks very much for your help. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Meg Greer Evans. 478-272-2885

Youth Education and Scholarships Chair

**Dublin Rotary Club** 

## Did you know:

**ROTARY** is hosting an International Peace Conference in our backyard?

.... AND YOU'RE INVITED!!

Birmingham, Alabama May 4-6th, 2023

Click here for more information <a href="https://www.peaceconference2023bham.com/">https://www.peaceconference2023bham.com/</a>

## 2023 International Peace Conference

IPC 2023 will bring together people from across our nation and the globe to highlight the pursuit of peace at all levels of society.



### Time & Location

May 04, 4:00 PM CDT – May 07, 6:00 AM CDT Birmingham Jefferson Convention Center, 1160-1582 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N, Birmingham, AL 35203, USA

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

## **MEMBERSHIP:**



**ATTENTION MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS:** 





### Time to Reach Out

If your club hasn't seen about 25% of your members recently, you're not alone: The Wall Street Journal reported last month that attendance is down 25% in movie theaters, work sites, and numerous other activities.

As we approach July 1, the end of the Rotary year, engaging all of our members is a high priority. The essence and the benefit of Rotary is our life-long relationships. If any member is inactive, then we are not feeling the benefit of the relationship and we miss out on the very essence that they bring to the Rotary family.

If you haven't heard from a member, reach out to them. Don't just email or leave a voicemail. Make sure someone has talked to them in person or on the phone. Let them know they are truly missed.

Learn more about Member Care at this month's MAP webinar:

- "Member Care"
- · April 10, 6 PM (Eastern Time)

You can register for MAP webinars, find resources, and listen to prior webinar recordings at the link, below:

https://www.rizones33-34.org/membership-action-plan/

## **Grow More to Do More**

### Grow Your Impact

### 2022-23 Growth as of

March 31, 2023

District	Members 7/1/23	Members 3/31/23	Net Chg	% Chg	New Clubs
Zone 34	30643	31360	717	2.3%	12
6890	1536	1536	0	0.0%	0
6900	3897	3932	35	0.9%	1
6910	2990	3182	192	6.4%	0
6920	2792	2805	13	0.5%	0
6930	1378	1407	29	2.1%	1
6940	1983	2004	21	1.1%	1
6950	1706	1803	97	5.7%	2
6960	2352	2376	24	1.0%	2
6970	3068	3130	62	2.0%	0
6980	1540	1514	-26	-1.7%	1
6990	1764	1829	65	3.7%	1
7000	764	765	1	0.1%	0
7020	2529	2624	95	3.8%	1
7030	2344	2453	109	4.7%	2



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### **FOUNDATION NEWS!!**

### **Dear Rotarians:**

Several have reached out about matching points for the Rotary Foundation. I am happy to say we do have points, but it will be a half-match. If you give \$100.00, you will only get 50 points. So, whatever you give, you will only get half the points. This is for Polio Plus only.

If you don't know where you stand as far as a Paul Harris Fellow, or your next level, email me and I will let you know.

If you are interested, make your check payable to The Rotary Foundation and mail to me at:

Paula Goodnow 120 N May Street Kingsland, GA 31548

I will do the necessary paperwork. This is for a limited time only.

Yours in Rotary
Paula Goodnow
District Chief of Staff

Sec. C. CLUBS & MEMBERS: News & Events

<u>Warner Robins Club</u> is hosting a Fundraiser 'Roast' - to raise financial support for education initiatives in Houston County. School Superintendent, Dr. Mark Scott - is the 'Honoree' of the night!! April 20th is the Date!!!



<u>Glynn County Rotary Clubs</u> - - including Brunswick, Golden Isles, Jekyll and (spearheaded by) St. Simons Island Club - came together to hold an amazing Human Trafficking Event last week. Over 120 local residents, officials, Home Owners association officers, and first responders attended the public info event on Tuesday evening - followed by two training sessions held on Wednesday and attended by over 300 local officials, teachers, health care reps, etc etc etc. IT WAS AMAZING!!!



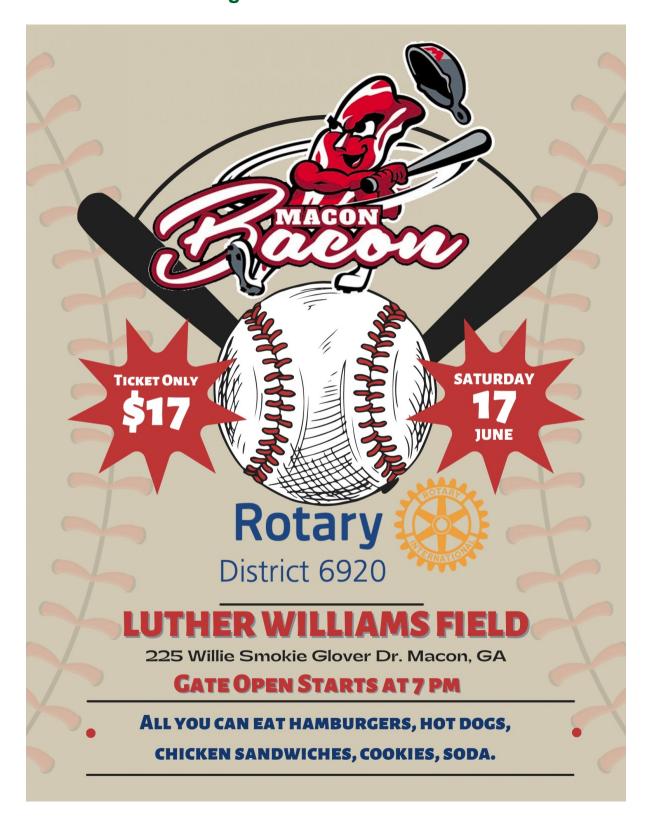
To learn more about this incredible event via a cover story in The Brunswick News: -- CLICK HERE

## SAVE THE DATE !!!!!

We're planning an exceptionally fun night on SATURDAY, JUNE 17th for Rotarians and their

### families.

It's Hawaiian Night at Macon Bacon, and we're planning on having a tremendous showing.



Tickets are \$17 each and that includes all you can eat and drink (coke, etc). We will have a section devoted to Rotarians.

Game starts at 7:00pm. By "all you can eat", that means: hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, cheeseburgers, chips, and cookies!!! Everyone also gets a Macon Bacon Signature hat.

Add to all of these "perks" our Rotarian group will also have the Group Experience- we will be able to have a group photo on the field AND a representative will have the first pitch. That is a "packed" night you won't want to miss!

This will be District Governor Heather's last big fling so let's send her out in style!!!! Please let Heather (hakellen@gmail.com) or Blair Train (midgettrain@gmail.com) know how many in your club will be attending.

We need to have a head-count and payments no later than May 22nd.

Please announce this every week at your meetings!!! It's going to be a fun night. If you have anything Hawaiian, please plan to wear.

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



RYLA June 8-11<sup>th</sup> <a href="https://rotarydistrict6920.org/ryla/">https://rotarydistrict6920.org/ryla/</a> College of Coastal Georgia - BRUNSWICK!

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS <u>Registration</u> is underway!

RYLA - is one of the most important YOUTH programs in our DISTRICT.

We anticipate over 100 students from clubs across our District will attend RYLA - - 
EVERY Club should be budgeted and planning to sponsor at least one student (some sponsor 2 or 3) - to RYLA.

DON'T let your club be unrepresented. Give a student in your community this great gift of Rotary and Leadership.

BOTH Clubs and/or Individual Rotarians MAY sponsor a High School Rising Jr. or Senior for RYLA.

As a Rotarian - you <u>may</u> sponsor your own child or grandchild - or a student you mentor! - just register them under your club's name. ( and be sure to tell your Club Youth Chair or President)

- All info and forms are ON LINE: You can register and pay on line - or print off and mail in. For details: <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a>

Beginning April 1, 2023 registration for RYLA 2019 is \$375 per student. Beginning May 1, 2023 registration for RYLA 2019 is \$400 per student.

Please everyone - also consider making a donation to RYLA. Your support keeps the cost for students and clubs manageable.

Please contact (at any time with any questions):

Leslie Mattingly, District RYLA Chair, 2023

912-222-5430

Leslie DMattingly 27@gmail.com

To Register ON LINE <u>CLICK HERE</u> or go to <u>www.rotarydistrict6920.org</u> (click on RYLA on the home page!)

<u>Club Registration</u> Student Application Packet

## **GRSP Names Trio for Oslo Summer Scholarships**

A trio of college students from Georgia will spend the summer studying at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo as part of a joint partnership with the university, Georgia Rotary Student Program and Rotarians in Oslo, Norway.

Emma Mack will represent District 6900 and the Rotary Club of Alpharetta with the endorsement of Rotarian Shawn Allen. Valerie Goldman will represent District 6910 and the Rotary Club of Lake Chatuge with the endorsement of GRSP Trustee Gerry

Gutenstein. Laura Williams will represent **District 6920 and the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island** with Rotarian recommendations from SSI President Tate Simpson, GRSP Chair Emeritus Bert Guy from the Rotary Club of Camden County plus Past Rotary International Director Robert Hall.

The scholarship for the six-week summer program from June 26 to August 4, 2023 includes air fares from Atlanta to Oslo and the return trip to Atlanta, room, board, 12-credit hours of undergraduate coursework, administrative fees at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo plus an outing with Norwegian Rotary host families. The recipients of the scholarships must pay their travel expense to and from the airport, plus provide their own personal spending money.

To learn more about these 3 outstanding young adults - - CLICK HERE

Peace and blessings,

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**Bringing Nations Together Since 1946** 



Valerie Goldman

**Emma Mack** 

Laura Williams

## Oslo International Summer School 2023 GRSP Scholarship Recipients







## Pelham hosts GRSP Students for 57th International Weekend

Taking time to slow the pace and learn to say pecan seemed to be the theme for Georgia Rotary Student Program scholars who spent four days learning about rural life in South Georgia for a recent student weekend at the end of March. The Rotary Clubs of Pelham, Bainbridge, Camilla and Thomasville hosted the 40 GRSP scholars as they stayed with area

Rotarians for the Larry Frosteg Pelham International Weekend, which served as 57th annual International Weekend event.

Ana Perez of Colombia attends Georgia Gwinnett College and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sugarloaf. "It was interesting to be out of the city and experience a small town," Perez said.

Scholars toured Pelham High School and historic Thomasville for a visit to Pebble Hill Plantation, which features a stately home along with 3,000-acres including barns and a museum. Thomasville, the home of GRSP Founder William "Will" A. Watt, Sr., also featured a stop at the signature GRSP Peace Plaza and Will Watt Memorial Fountain at the Courtyard by Marriott Thomasville Downtown as Watt's grandson and namesake, Will Watt III shared history and stories about his family's legacy.

Celina Duong said she enjoyed visiting the local high school. Duong is from Vietnam, sponsored by the Rotary Club of East Cobb and attends Kennesaw State University. "I've never explored a high school in the United States," she said. "It was nice to meet the students, faculty and staff there and see the school."

While some tours included on previous years for the Pelham Weekend were not an option for this year's group, the students were able to view an expansive citrus farm.

Sarah Engonjo, who is from the Democratic Republic of Congo and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tifton, attends Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. She said she enjoyed the quick visit to the citrus farm where they learned how the staff budded trees to yield the sweetest fruit and saw the difference in color between citrus trees grown from seeds.

The weekend ended with a banquet and student talent show, featuring a lot of karaoke and laughter. Camden County will host the final student weekend April 13-16 in coastal St. Mary's before the scholars attend their respective district conferences and conclude the year-long scholarship program in May.

Peace and blessings,

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The St. Andrews School Interact Club (middle school-age participants) met with the kindergarten class on Tybee Island last week for a joint service project. It is also part of the kindergartners' "Passport to Knowledge" unit on sea turtles.

BRAVO to these wonderful young 'Rotarians' and future (kindergartener) Interactors - - It was a beautiful day to join together for service and connection between the two age groups.



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

## **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 <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a>

(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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something you can't figure out ....Paula will know....)

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