

July 24, 2008

District 6920 News Annual Foundation and Membership Seminar

On Saturday, August 16, 2008, at 9:00 AM, District 6920 will present the Annual Foundation and Membership Seminar for our 65 Rotary clubs throughout District 6920. This annual seminar provides the most valuable information related to The Rotary Foundation's programs, goals, and activities. Specific presentations will be offered to assist club presidents, club officers, and Foundation committee members in their planning for the 2008-2009 Rotary year. During this seminar, each club will receive Club Summary Reports which will provide specific historical contribution results from the club as well as individual club members. This CSR is one of the most valued items for clubs in their attempts to identify Paul Harris Fellow prospects from their club's membership. It will also provide club and member recognition point availability which is most desirable in bringing new Paul Harris Fellow members into the club's recognition.

Special presentations will center on Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY), for the 2008-2009 Rotary year. In addition, we will also feature the latest information regarding Our Gift to the World: Polio Eradication. Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge for 2008 to 2010 is actively helping end polio from our world. We also have the great support of Bill and Melinda Gates.

President D. K. Lee has set a goal of an overall 10% increase in Rotary membership worldwide and to have the support of every District Governor throughout Rotary International. District 6920 hopes to have a net gain of at least 10%, too. Please bring your membership committee club members to this important opportunity for learning how we can achieve greatness and support President D. K. Lee's membership goals. Register online at www.rotarydistrict6920.net.

SURVEYS FOR PROGRAMS AND ROTARIAN OF THE DAY

Today at each place setting we have a survey asking members to sign up for Rotarian of the Day. We're also passing out a survey with program ideas. Leave your completed survey with the Sgt-at-Arms or call Ed at 452-0262 or 454-4088 or email to Lamar at fco@alltel.net or Ed at harvey.weimer@agedwards.com.

UPCOMING DISTRICT 6960 EVENTS

August 16, 2008
Rotary Foundation & Membership Seminar
Southeastern Tech, Vidalia, GA

August 22, 2008
GRSP Conclave, Americus, GA

2008 Conclave Americus, Georgia August 22-24, 2008



Conclave events are planned at several locations throughout Americus. The atmosphere you experience on the plains of Southwest Georgia will inspire you throughout the weekend.

Lodging at the Historic Windsor Hotel offers spacious rooms and will be at the hub of activity for Saturday evening. Located in the heart of Downtown Americus, southern hospitality will surround you with shopping, eateries, and beautiful turn of the century architecture.

The Conclave begins with a Trustees meeting on Friday. Students first register at the Student Success Center on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW). Here they will meet their host families for the weekend. All Rotarians are encouraged to join students on Friday evening for a "formal" welcome and buffet dinner catered at Convocation Hall (the Storm Dome) of GSW. As the name implies, excitement will be in the air.

Saturday meetings will be held in the conference rooms of the GSW Student Success Center. Student meetings cover a variety of topics such as local laws, customs, and courtesies. After lunch served on campus, students spend the afternoon assembling and rehearsing their entertainment for the evening. Students, host families, and Rotarians gather Saturday evening at Windsor Hotel Grand Dining Room for a meal that is sure to please all! After dinner, the show will begin at the historic Rylander Theatre, conveniently located two blocks from the Hotel. The highlight of the evening is uplifting entertainment by the students in their traditional/native dress.

Sunday morning, the students will meet their rides back home at 9:00 a.m. and begin the exciting year ahead as a GRSP student!

For more information and online registration visit www.milledgeville Rotary.org.

Rotary Foundation Fact:

As Rotarians, we join our brothers and sisters around the world to promote world peace and goodwill through the RI Foundation. The Foundation accomplishes this by supporting projects that improve health, support education and alleviate poverty around the world.

Definition of Rotary

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians, members of 31,936 Rotary clubs in 166 countries.

Rotary is not a political organization, but all Rotarians are vitally concerned with everything pertaining to good citizenship and the election of good men and women to public office.

Rotary is not a charitable organization, yet its activities exemplify the charity and the sacrifices that one should expect from people who believe that they have a responsibility to help others.

Rotary is not a religious organization, but it is built on those eternal principles that have served as the moral compass for people throughout the ages.

Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise through the development of acquaintance as the opportunity for service, the promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions, through service in one's personal, business, and community life, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace.

RI Mission Statement

The mission of Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary by:

- Fostering unity among member clubs;
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world;
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
- Providing a system of international administration.

International News

Cedar Rapids Rotarians fill in gaps

Downtown Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA, once flourished with small businesses, entertaining residents with its many restaurants, theaters, and museums.

But after a record-breaking flood in June destroyed much of the area, it's now a virtual ghost town, populated mainly by garbage trucks overflowing with debris and large humming vents airing out office buildings and storefronts.

After a month of heavy storms, the Cedar River crested to 31 feet on 13 June, engulfing more than 9 square miles of Cedar Rapids. The floodwaters left at least 25,000 residents homeless and more than 5,300 houses and 1,000 businesses damaged or destroyed.

As Rotarian Ken Kolek walked through the eerily quiet downtown streets, he said the city hadn't quite come to grips with the vast devastation that reached deep into surrounding neighborhoods.

"While the government is doing the best it can for flood victims, it's up to Rotary to fill in the gaps they miss," said Kolek, a member of the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids-Daybreak and a past governor of District 5970. "We're not looking for a miracle -- just a little help consistently spread around to give this city the support it needs to rebuild."

Read the complete story online at www.rotary.org.



Above, Rotarians and volunteers at a Salvation Army depository in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, unload a semitrailer full of relief aid for flood victims. Below, a homeowner uses a power washer to clean flood water stains from his house.

Rotarian-owned gym helps wildfire victims

When a Rotarian-owned fitness center housed evacuees and firefighters during the blazes in and around Paradise, California, USA, the overwhelmed local government was able to provide cots but not much else.

Members of the Rotary clubs of Chico and Chico Sunrise stepped in to address basic needs, donating hundreds of blankets and pillows, cases of water, and days worth of food.

The facility took in about 250 evacuees after other emergency shelters had reached capacity during the first wave of the fires. Many of those evacuees lost their homes.

A Rotarian who had lost his own house in a fire a few years earlier went to every store in town to buy enough blankets and pillows for everybody staying at the athletic center, and Rotary club members throughout the area showed up with cases of water and nonperishable food.

After the evacuees left, DeLuca and Scott Navarro, general manager of the fitness center and a member of the Rotary Club of Chico, donated the blankets, pillows, and leftover food to a local homeless shelter. But less than a week later, the winds picked up and fanned the flames, quickly destroying much of the nearby city of Concow.

DeLuca called the county government to see whether it needed to use his business as a shelter again. He learned that this time, the need was for a rest spot for firefighters coming in from all over the country to battle the flames.

Once again, Rotarians heeded the call for donations, bringing in more blankets, pillows, water, and organizing teams to cook dinners for the firefighters. Club members dropped everything to work the phones and otherwise volunteer.

"I can't tell you how proud I am to be a Rotarian right now," said Navarro. "To see the way everybody has stepped up, it puts a smile on my face."

Rotary Programs

This Week - Recognition of Perfect Milledgeville Rotary Attendance
Rotarian of the Day - Ed Hall
Last Meeting - New Director of Lockerly Arboretum addresses the Club
Rotarian of the Day - Robbie Hattaway

Last Meeting • July 17, 2008



James Garner, the new Executive Director of Lockerly Arboretum spoke to the club about Lockerly's rich history and his plans for the future of one of Milledgeville's nicest attractions. Pictured left to right: Rotarian Robbie Hattaway, James Garner and President Lamar Fields.

Visiting Rotarians

None

Guests

Mark StromMike Holmes
Jim CunninghamJohn Collins
Shawn Roberts . .Bo Sibilsky/William Black
Linda LayneClub
Jeff WilliamsJason Miller

Absentees

Anderson, Barlow, Becker, B. Brown, P. Brown, Burke, Cox, Davidson, Dennis, Drinkwater, Dyer, Gandy, Gheesling, Griffith, Gunn, Kirkwood, Matthews, McNeill, Mills, Moore, Nelson, Nichols, Noel, Parker, Peters, Pope, Prezioso, Roberts, Romines, Saturley, Sibilsky Jr., Theus, Trammell, Watson, Young

Makeups

Brad OliverDowntown Macon
Tommy JeffersonDowntown Macon (2)
Fred Van HornThomson



Rich Bertoli Memorial CART Fund:
\$34.19 TOTAL: \$1500.48

50/50 Club – July 17, 2008
Wes Owens had the winning ticket.
He was unsuccessful in his draw.
20 Cards Left Pot: \$1149.00



ONGOING MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

- (1) Earn a make-up for sponsoring a new member.
- (2) Earn a make-up by volunteering at a local school.
- (3) Earn a make-up for visiting another Rotary Club.
- (4) Earn one make-up per quarter by visiting the e-club at www.rotaryclubone.org and taking the "test." Print the receipt and give it to the Club Secretary (Halsey Leavitt).

ROTARY WEBSITES

Rotary International: www.rotary.org
District 6920: www.rotarydistrict6920.net
Milledgeville Club: www.milledgeville Rotary.org