

District 6900 Newsletter

April 2011



Casey's Calendar

Watch for sightings of Governor Casey this month as he travels the roads of District 6900.

APRIL

- 9 District Assembly, Columbus
- 8-10 Interact Conference - Rome, GA
- 15 May newsletter deadline
- 15 Photo deadline - see p. 2
- 16 District 6900 Interact Rally - North Fulton YMCA - 12:30 - 5 pm (see p. 4)
- 28 - May 1 District Conference

MAY

- 7 Rotary Leadership Institute (Roswell (see p. 2)
- 6-7 Smoke on the Lake (music and BBQ sponsored by North Cobb (see p. 7)
- 22-25 RI Convention - New Orleans

JUNE

- 25-28 RYLA (see p. 2)

April is a Time to Celebrate

April is a time to enjoy the beautiful Spring time in Georgia, along with the time to attend our Annual District Conference. This year we have combined the best of both worlds with Spring time and Rotary at Callaway Gardens. In just a few short weeks, Rotarians from around our Great District will descend upon Pine Mountain, Georgia for a weekend filled with Fellowship and Family of Rotary. The Conference Committee has been working hard behind the scenes to produce a District Conference unlike any we have experienced in District 6900. I hope you have made plans to attend.



District Governor Casey Farmer

April is also recognized as Rotary's Magazine Month. Of course, as Rotarians, we receive the Rotarian Magazine monthly in the mail or online. The purpose of designating a month to the magazine is to draw attention to what we do as Rotarians in our communities and around the world. At the club level, we're asked to produce bulletins, either electronically or the old fashioned way, in order to better communicate with our members and let them know what's going on within their own club or around the world of Rotary. Many clubs have websites to further broaden their communication reach. At the District we have much the same with a District newsletter, in which this article is being published, along with a website that is chock full of Rotary information.

Another way we ask clubs to publicize what they've accomplished is to produce an Annual Report for their club. These reports archive records of the achievements and successes the club has had thus far this year. We asked that these reports be submitted to the District for consideration for recognition. As I write this article, we have received 45 reports from our 69 clubs. In reading through these, I'm humbled by the scope and magnitude of what these clubs have accomplished. It only makes me more excited to attend the District Conference, because we truly have much to celebrate.

As we enter the fourth quarter of this Rotary Year, we must be proud of the things we've done as Rotarians in a very challenging environment. Pressures for one's time, talent and treasure have never been in more demand. The Rotarians in District 6900 continue to amaze me. No matter what challenges you are faced with, you tighten up your shoe laces and tackle them head on. I am proud to be a Rotarian in District 6900 and serve as your District Governor this year!

Yours in Rotary Service

Casey Farmer

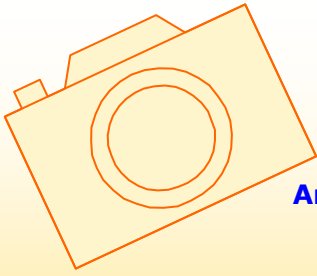
District Governor 2010-2011



Don't Miss Out on Callaway Gardens in all its Spring and Rotary Splendor!

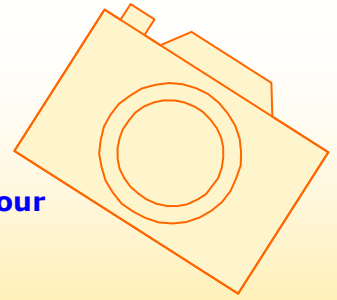
District Conference Callaway Gardens April 29 - May 1, 2011





ALL CLUBS...Urgent!! Needed by April 15:

**Pictures (either 3.5x5 or 4x6 size)
Any news clippings of the Governor Casey's visit to your club.**



Mail Pictures to:

**Michelle Deraney
950 Eagle's Landing Pkwy., Suite 305
Stockbridge, GA 30281**

RYLA - June 25-28 in Americus

D6900's annual Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp is right around the corner! Has your club reserved their spot? Now is the time to register for this event. If your club has not already reserved a spot for a worthy student to attend this program, please do so now! Space is limited to the first 96 students. The 4-day program, designed for students finishing their sophomore year, will take place at South Georgia Technical College and Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus. The program is designed to further demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth by encouraging, assisting, and training selected youth leaders and potential leaders in responsible, effective leadership. We focus on leadership skills, team work, career goals, discussion techniques, and understanding themselves better. The program has evolved into an alumni-led event with 20-25 former RYLA Students returning as counselors to work with the students. Help change the lives of children in your community and nominate them for this year's RYLA camp. Club selection forms can be obtained through the Rotary District Website under new generations or by contacting Susan Ruckman, Co-Chair, at 229-924-3864 or at susanruckman@att.net.



Rotary Leadership Institute - Sunshine Division

**Upcoming Session: May 7, 2011
8 AM - 3 PM
Holiday Inn,
Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Roswell, Georgia**

Visit <http://www.rlitraining.org> or contact **Fran Farias** at franjfarias@comcast.net or 404-625-4741, or **Dean Free** at deanfree@alum.mit.edu or 229-246-8720.





Here's To February and March!

February was a great month. Annual giving increased to a very good level with support from many of the clubs. March should also be a good month, as you all should have remitted any gifts you want counted towards awards at the District Conference. The following information will give you a better look at Annual Giving for this year. With four months to go, these are the totals and the District profile of where we stand.

Per capita giving	# of clubs
Less than \$10	22
\$10.001 - \$49.99	10
\$50 - \$99	13
\$100 - \$199	16
\$200 - \$300	8
Over \$300	1

While I am not going to list all the clubs this month, I will in the future as all of the clubs in the \$100 and above certainly deserve special recognition, and will be recognized at the Foundation meeting in August. While these figures show a distinct increase in giving since December, they also show there is a lot of room for improvement. I would hope that many of the clubs are sending in funds in March and that our last quarter will be our strongest. Also, for those clubs that have had global projects approved; remember, you must send in your moneys to Annual giving when the project is approved. The District will then send in the District Designated Funds to get The Rotary Foundation matching funds.

I would like to remind you of several issues that will arise in the near future.

1. You must turn in final reports for any outstanding District Simplified Grants from Governor Roy's year. If you have an outstanding final report, you will not be considered for any grants during 2011-2012.
2. You should have turned in your final reports for your District Grants from Governor Casey's year by March 31. There will be a few exceptions, but if your report is outstanding, you may not be considered for a District Grant in 2011-2012.
3. If you want to apply for any grants in 2011-2012, you must have returned your Goal Sheets and MOUs at PETS.
4. If you want to apply for a Global Grant in 2011-2012, you must attend a Grants Seminar. This will be available at District Assembly and should include anyone you feel will be involved with the grant preparation and administration.
5. Lastly, remember we will possibly have to prioritize Global grants in upcoming years. This will be done using several parameters one of which will be per capita giving.

Do your best, that's all we ever ask. Try to make your clubs EREY clubs. It's easy and it's important to those people we support with our projects. Thanks again for the great support in February and I look forward to seeing all of you at the District Conference.

Bill Woulfin
District 6900 Foundation Chair

Governor Casey's Club Becomes 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

It might be viewed as uniquely appropriate that the **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain** reached 100% participation as Paul Harris Fellows in its 46th year and with 46 active members. Under the leadership of Club President Durl Jensen, with a team chaired by Past DG and Past President Al Lipphart, the Club finally reached the goal realized by less than 5% of the world's 33,000+ clubs. Even in highly supportive Rotary District 6900, less than 10% of the Clubs have able been able to reach this goal.

Fully aware of and agreeing with the goals of the Rotary Foundation of helping to eliminate hunger, improve world health, increase world education and therefore literacy, and to eradicate Polio, the Club had strived to achieve being a 100% Club for several years, a success they especially sought before their upcoming 50th Anniversary. As it is now a lifetime achievement, they are already seeking new goals and looking to break new ground for their community and Club.



You Asked for It...You've Got It!
The D6900 Interact Spring Rally
Save the Date: Saturday, April 16, 2011. 12:30-5:00 PM

Location: The YMCA Campus
 3655 Preston Bridge Rd
 Alpharetta, GA 30005
 (for accurate directions, Google the address above)

Admission for Interact Club members: FREE

Featuring:

Leadership and team-building activities.

A "mystery" service project.

T-shirt and Scrapbook contests.

A dynamic and entertaining guest speaker, Greg Pyne.

LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL!

An information letter to Rotary Club presidents and Interact Club advisors will follow separately with an agenda and registration form.

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 D6900 Interact Chair
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Henry County Has Its First Interact Club!

The **Henry County Rotary Club** recently helped establish what could be the county's first Interact Club. The club was created at Woodland High School in Stockbridge, by 16-year-old Ahkilah Weems, a junior at the school and also its club president. It has 15 members currently.

"The purpose is to build future leaders," said Henry County Club President Kerry Arnold. "The key to making this work is that you have to have somebody in leadership at the high school with a passion for something like this."

The Woodland High Interact Club is led by faculty advisor, Vicki Loess, a biology and physical science teacher at Woodland and Henry County Rotarian Wayne Lowrey.



This April, District 6900 welcomes the incoming Group Study Exchange team from District 4915 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Watch for them in places around the District and be sure to say hello at Callaway Gardens when they join us for District Conference! Take a minute here to get to know the team.

Carlos Menguez, GSE team leader

Carlos is 52 years old and married with two children. He was born in Buenos Aires capital city, where he attended primary and secondary school. Carlos graduated college as a Doctor in Economics. Carlos built his administration career at a Provincial Hospital where he serves now as Administrative Chief.



In 1995, Carlos became a Rotarian at Ituzaingó R.C. (ex-District 4900) where he stayed until joining the Gerli Este club in 2000. He is the current President of the Rotary Clubb of Gerli Este.

One of his hobbies is to sing in a choir, in Avellaneda city, with the register of tenor. He never traveled to the USA before, being Atlanta the first city he wanted to know since he was a child because his favorite soccer team in Argentina is also called "Atlanta Athletic Club". He loves traveling to everywhere and in his youth he practiced all kinds of sports especially soccer, basketball, and swimming which is the only one he still practices. He is very fond of all music, especially classic, jazz, pop and classic rock.

Ernesto Barritta

Age 29, Ernesto lives with his parents in Lanús, the Southern area of Greater Buenos Aires. He plans to move with his fiancée to Buenos Aires Capital city. Ernesto graduated from *Universidad Tecnológica Nacional* as Electronic Engineer. He works in *Movistar*, a mobile communications company that belongs to Telefónica Group, a Spanish firm considered the fifth greatest company in the communications world. Because of his work, he is interested in visiting AT&T Mobility and GSM or any other companies specializing in tele-communications like CNN (mainly to learn more about the infrastructure needed to broadcast TV programs online for cellphone users). He also would like to visit Georgia Tech.



Sabrina Rodriguez

Sabrina is a 27-year-old married lawyer with no children. She is the youngest of five siblings who were raised in a small city in Buenos Aires province called Avellaneda. Sabrina graduated from one of the most prestigious state universities in Argentina: *Universidad Nacional de Buenos Aires* (UBA) where she acquired particular interest in helping people - especially adolescents facing hardship. By age 23, she coordinated a program in a nearby shantytown called "*Patria Grande*" to encourage illegal immigrants to regularize their situations in Argentina. In her spare time, Sabrina enjoys cycling and camping as well as taking yoga classes to balance her body and soul.



María Acosta

Single and 31, Maria grew up in Tapalqué, a small town in Buenos Aires province. After finishing High School she moved to La Plata city, capital of Buenos Aires province, to attend the English Public Translator course of studies at *Universidad Nacional de La Plata* (UNLP). Currently, she works as an English translator and teacher in public schools and private institutes and as an OPI (Over the Phone Interpreter). She also works as an assistant for *Grupo Argentum*, a leading multidisciplinary group of medical research specialized in the study of Neuroendocrine Tumors. Maria is looking forward to visiting museums, parks, historic buildings, churches and any other interesting place. Maria loves animals and currently she shares her home with her two cats. She enjoys walking, reading, interacting with other people, trying new types of food and dancing.



Soledad Clar

Soledad is 36 years old and is from La Plata where she currently lives with her fiancé. She has an Electronic Engineer degree from *Universidad Nacional de La Plata* (UNLP) and a Master degree in Sustainable Tourism Administration from UNLP & *Universitat des Illes Balears* (UIB). Her job experiences started at a physics research center (CIOP), and then she worked in different telecommunication companies (Movicom, BellSouth, AT&T Latin America, Gemalto) where she built her career mainly in the area of Product Marketing and Project Management. She has a genuine interest in visual arts. She paints and she is learning to make art frames. She enjoys travelling, meeting people, getting to know them, experiencing the local life, and being in touch with nature and people. She practices ski and yoga.





**Building Communities ...
Henry County Rotary Club Recognizes People Who Have Made a Difference**

The **Henry County Rotary Club** awarded two new community service awards this year.

"The Spirit of Rotary" award was presented to a Henry County individual who "typifies Rotarian ideals of Service Above Self, demonstrates leadership, character, commitment, and community service and contributes his/her talents in helping others" in away that makes a significant impact on the community. Rotarian Adam Stanfield, Executive Director of the Henry Medical Center Foundation was our first recipient.



Left: Adam Stanfield accepts his award from President Kerry Arnold. Right: Jerry Parrett accepts an award on behalf of Wal-Mart.



"The Rotary Ethics in Business" award was presented to a local business that "exemplifies high standards of ethical behavior in their everyday business practices and in response to crises or challenges and strives to improve

the community in which it serves with honesty, integrity and benevolence." The recipient was Wal-Mart, and Rotarian Jerry Parrett, manager of the Wal-Mart in McDonough, accepted the award.

**Bridging Continents ...
Delivering Learning to the Blind Children of South Africa**



The **Rotary Clubs of Peachtree City, Coweta-Fayette, East Cobb and North Fulton** joined forces with the Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Club of Pretoria East to bring learning to the blind students of the Prinshof School in Pretoria, South Africa. There are no words to really explain the feeling of having a blind child softly, gently, but persistently ask for his /o/ and /m/ and /s/ back after the Souns materials were put away at the conclusion of one brief encounter of perhaps 20 minutes. He had learned the three letter-sound associations after just one introduction, would not give up the materials without resistance, and now wanted them back. How wonderful!

Our visit to the well known and beautifully established Prinshof School for the Blind in Pretoria, South Africa, was quite unbelievable for everyone - teacher, students, and Rotarians. We were there as a result of a literacy project funded by a Rotary Global Grant. Our purpose was to introduce the teacher of the preschool class to the Souns program. Souns was designed through consultation with Vincer Cotton of the Macon School of the Blind in Macon, Georgia. There is Braille on the face of each letter. However, this was the first opportunity we have had to train a teacher in the Souns program for a class of blind preschoolers. The teacher was tentative until she saw how immediately the children took to the materials. She was so excited to see associations being made so quickly. We were equally excited.

The children were engaging with the materials in a natural, hands-on way - touching the Braille, exploring the shapes, manipulating the three letters introduced. One child who was identified as a non-talker verbalized the sound of each letter.

Unlike a group lesson for sighted children where a different sound of those being introduced can be given to each child, each blind child was given one of each of the sounds introduced during the lesson. After thoroughly handling the three letters individually, each child placed his or her /o/m/s on the floor in front of of him or her in random order and was asked to find the /o/ or the /m/ or the /s/. None of the six children in the group made an error in choice! One even jubilantly picked up one of the letters and announced its sound!



Bainbridge Casino Night Begins Big!

The first ever Casino Night Fundraiser for the Bainbridge Rotary Club took place at the usually austere, but beautiful, Kirbo Center at Bainbridge College. With a Mardi Gras



theme, decorations were hung and tables were set. Heavy hors d'oeuvres were served and libation flowed. Games included The Big Wheel, Roulette, Craps, One Arm Bandits, and multiple tables of Black Jack.

As an aside, we all hope that DGE Margie is at fortunate in her year as DG as she was at the Black Jack table. WooWee!

At the end of the evening, the big winners had earned more tickets to place in the drawing for items such as beach or mountain getaways, a wheel barrow full of wine, etc. etc. etc. The final question of the evening was, "What is our GRSP student Maryana going to do with that shotgun she won?"

All in all over \$10,000 was raised to go towards projects in Southwest Georgia. Bainbridge Rotarians are thankful for all the support received and a big thank you goes to PDG Bill Woulfin for his attendance and encouragement!

BBQ Cook Teams Wanted
No Experience Needed
Have Fun Cookin' N' Eatin' for Charity
May 6-7, 2011



North Cobb Rotary Invites You to Take the Rotary BBQ Challenge




\$150 to enter
Tax Deductable

Show that you are the best Rotary Cook Team and win a Primo Grill worth \$1,000+ Rotary team with the highest score wins

For more information visit our website at
www.smokeonthelake.com

* All team members must be active Rotarians or spouses
 Minimum of 5 Rotary teams for Primo Grill to be awarded

A February to Remember in Barnesville



February for the **Rotary Club of Barnesville** was incredible! We held our 4th Annual Rotary FunRaiser at our local Barnesville Civic Center, with over 100 people attending, and we cleared over \$8000 that evening to support our annual community requests. Our theme was "Country-Western Hoedown" with a live band and a hayride! We invited prospective new members to this event to see Rotary in action.

On February 24th, we hosted our annual "Youth Leadership Day", where 20 student-leaders from the Lamar County High School shadow a community government/business leader for half a day. This is followed by a lunch together at our regular Rotary meeting location, and a program, this year featuring Mr. Phillip Bell, State Farm agent, and past President of the national Kappa Sigma Fraternity.



And, March 1st, District Governor Casey Farmer, and AG Anthony Slaughter and their families joined us for a Board meeting, regular Rotary weekly program, and later that evening for Frank Sinatra Jr. concert at our new Lamar Schools Fine Arts Center. Barnesville Rotarians secured and produced that event for our city, and it was truly SPECTACULAR!

D6900 Rotarian earns national award for efforts following Haiti earthquake and other disasters

Alpharetta Rotarian Wayne Robinson has been recognized by President Obama and ShelterBox USA with a Presidential Volunteer Service Award for his efforts during 2010 to provide shelter, warmth and dignity for survivors of natural disasters worldwide.

In the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake, many watched on the television wishing they could make a difference. Robinson knew ShelterBox, an international disaster relief charity, would be on the scene delivering its iconic green box containing a family tent, water purification, a cook set and stove along with other essentials. Through Robinson's efforts of raising awareness and fundraising for ShelterBox, the organization was able to provide more than 28,000 ShelterBoxes which accounted for one-quarter of all of the tented shelter in Haiti.



Robinson, currently serving as the ShelterBox USA treasurer, is also a ShelterBox Response Team member (SRT) who volunteers his time to deliver ShelterBoxes following disasters worldwide. Twelve minutes after the devastating earthquake hit Haiti, Robinson got the phone call to be a member of the first Response team on the ground. Less than 48 hours later, Robinson entered Port-Au-Prince and began what became ShelterBox's largest deployment to date.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a special recognition presented on behalf of President Barack Obama. The award is part of a national recognition program created in 2003 through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation for individuals of all ages who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer activities.

A Royal Thank You to D6900



In Haiti last year, more than 250,000 people received life-saving help from Shelter Box, thanks to generous donations like the more than \$100,000 from District 6900 Rotarians. PDG Roy and Suzanne Strickland recently attended a gala hosted by Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, who is President and Royal Patron of Shelter Box, celebrating Shelter Box's 10th anniversary. The picture - with an article about D6900's contributions - was featured in Britain's *Rotary Today* magazine.

LaGrange Announces STAR Awards

Lauren Randall Smith of LaGrange Academy was named Troup County's STAR Student. The daughter of Randall and Jennifer Smith, Lauren named Kristen Lockman as her STAR Teacher. The 2011 STAR students and teachers from Troup County were announced at a meeting of the **Rotary Club of LaGrange**.

The Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program was created to focus public attention on Georgia's outstanding high school students and the teachers who have been most instrumental in their academic development. Over the years, the program has honored more than 20,000 high school seniors who have in turn chosen their STAR teachers to share in this recognition.

Each year a top academic senior in each participating Georgia high school is named the STAR student for that high school. To obtain the STAR nomination, students must have the highest score in one sitting on the new three-part Scholastic Assessment Test taken through the November test date of their senior year and be in the top 10% or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average. Each high school STAR student is asked to name a STAR teacher.

Students prepared responses for the Rotary Club on their choice of topics including "my most memorable educational experience," "ways I plan to use my gifts and talents to serve others" and "the STAR Teacher I chose made a difference in my life."

Rotary in Action at Kennesaw State University



Kennesaw State University now has its own Rotaract Club sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Marietta**.

On February 23, 2011, the Rotary's 106th anniversary, the official chartering took place. This was a proud moment for the Club's advisor, Debra Day, and the club's officers: Cynthia Hosford, President; Jessica Piazza, Vice President; Kamuna Umalhotra, Secretary and Shahtaz Ahmed, Treasurer.

After these signed the charter for the KSU Rotaract Club, President Mark Barbour and our directors and officers: Will Goodman, Susan Upchurch, Dick Lewis, Irv Smith, Dawn McEachern, Kelly Maxwell and Mitzi Smith signed for the Rotary Club of Marietta. Eighteen KSU Rotaractors were guests of the Club in this extraordinary compliment of Rotary's vision of New Generations.

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. Rotaract clubs are either community or university based, and are sponsored by a local Rotary club. This makes them true "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary.

In Support of Literacy

The **Rotary Club of Thomasville** contributed \$300 and fielded a team to adult Spelling Bee to raise funds for childhood literacy. team was captained by Dr. Luther Mills, a veteran of previous Spelling Bees, who was backed up by author "Smiling" John Houser and classical music aficionado Rev. Rick Buechner. According to Rotarian Nancy Tillinghast, "The guys did Rotary proud! They kept a lot of people laughing! They didn't win, but they sure gave it a good try!" The proceeds provide funding for the Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy, which provides books for children in Thomas County — from birth to age five.



Ambassadorial Scholar Makes a Difference in Singapore

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Rachel Austin, sponsored by Rotary District 6900 and the **Rotary Club of Dunwoody**, sends news of her year in Singapore. Rachel is studying in a Masters of Public Health Policy program while pursuing her career interest in bridging cultural barriers to immunization. She reports that she participated in one of her volunteer projects on St. Patricks Day - a photo auction/gallery and fundraiser for the Singapore Red Cross. This, with the support of the Rotary Club of Sentosa, she will be going to immigrant and low-income areas here in Singapore and offering free eye-exams and possibly medical check-ups.

Rotary in the Plumbing Business

The **Rotary Club of Barnesville** took on a project to replace the old, patched-up, and



somewhat inoperable plumbing in the 100-plus year old historic Women's Club building. The Rotary Club has been meeting there since 1939,

and it's something that enhances Rotary's meetings and all the other organizations that meet there regularly. The project focused on newly installed PVC piping in the kitchen and two restrooms. The local Lamar County School System partnered with Rotary to make this project happen!

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GRSP Program Works in Reverse

Sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Vinings**, Miss Clair L. Acree has been selected as the District 6900 recipient of an Oslo International summer scholarship. The Oslo program is available as a thank you to Georgia Rotarians for the GRSP program.



Morehouse Graduate Receives Blanchard Award

M. Chieoke Moore, a graduate of Morehouse College and a candidate for the degree of Master of Business Administration at Georgia State University, has been honored with a \$25,000 scholarship from the Blanchard Award for Outstanding Stewardship and Business Ethics. The award was presented at the Feb. 28 meeting of the **Atlanta Rotary Club**. About 75 students from public and private schools throughout metro Atlanta attended the scholarship presentation, along with 250 Atlanta area business leaders in Rotary.

Assisting Georgia Lottery chief executive Margaret DeFrancisco in making the award was B. Franklin Skinner, former head of BellSouth Telecommunications and the winner of this year's Blanchard Award.

The Blanchard Award is given annually to a Georgia business leader whose lifelong career demonstrates sound business ethics. The award promotes business support of education throughout the state by offering a scholarship to a graduate business student who has demonstrated exceptionally high ethical standards.

Moore was joined at the Rotary meeting by his wife, Dereka, and their daughter, Zayani Elise,

Marietta Reads – An Update on 2011 Reading Bowl Competition

The **Rotary Club of Marietta** sponsors an annual reading event that involves all elementary schools in the Marietta City School System.

Preparations are arduous with each Reading Bowl Team committing to reading over 30 books for the competition. The Rotary Club provides all the Team Trophies, Bowl Competition Reading Medallions and Reading Bowl Certificates for all participants. Club President Mark Barbour is pictured here as moderator of the competition held at Marietta Junior High School.



Interact Goes International

The Interact Clubs of Brookwood and Thomasville High Scholars Academy, sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Thomasville**, cooperated on the first joint international



activity for the two Interact Clubs in Thomasville. The event involves *Kids Against Hunger*, which has its office in Cairo, GA. Interact students from the two schools loaded 21 boxes of prepackaged food that will be sent to Nicaragua. Each box will feed about 215 people, so 4,500 children will benefit from the program. The students were so impressed by the *Kids Against Hunger* program that they want to start the program in Thomasville.

North Cobb Rotary Adopts McClure Middle School in Kennesaw

We have become an official Partners in Education with McClure Middle School. We started by helping with their annual Olympic Day at the start of the school year. Since then, the club has:

- ◆ Donated more than \$500 for the McClure Maverick Miracle Tree to provide gifts for five of families.
- ◆ Provided school supplies for the teachers to give to the students as the money allotted to teachers for supplies for their classrooms has all been used up. We have also committed to providing the school nurse with supplies.
- ◆ Collected 40 cases of bottled water for school wide CRCT testing in May.
- ◆ Planned the first Annual North Cobb Rotary essay contest for 8th Grade Students - the assignment is to write about how they can apply the Rotary Four-Way test to their lives.