

District 6900 Newsletter

September 2010



Casey's Calendar

Watch for sightings of Governor Casey this month as he travels the roads of District 6900. And check out events around the district in red.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Vinings (lunch)
- 2 South Cobb (lunch)
- 7 Thomaston-Upson (lunch)
- 8 Harris County (breakfast)
- 9 North Atlanta (lunch)
- 11 Vinings "Race for the Kids" fundraiser
- 14 North Columbus (lunch)
- 15 Columbus (lunch)
- 15 Ferst Foundation fundraiser
- 16 Muscogee-Columbus (lunch)
- 17 October newsletter deadline
- 20 Buckhead (lunch)
- 21 Rockmart/Polk County (lunch)
- 22 LaGrange (lunch)
- 23 Griffin (lunch)
- 25 Harris County Clay Shoot (see p. 7)
- 30—October 3: Zone 33/34 Institute

OCTOBER

- 5 Bainbridge (lunch)
- 6 Cairo (lunch)
- 7 Quitman (lunch)
- 8 Global Scholarship app deadline (p. 3)
- 12 Paulding County (lunch)
- 13 Brookhaven (lunch)
- 14 Peachtree City (lunch)
- 16 November newsletter deadline
- 19 Quitman County (lunch)
- 20 Dawson (lunch)
- 21 Fayette Daybreak (breakfast)
- 21 Emory-Druid Hills (dinner)
- 24 RunDunwoody fundraiser
- 26 Cuthbert (lunch)
- 28 Blakely (lunch)

NOVEMBER

- 1 Atlanta (lunch)
- 2 Moultrie (lunch)
- 4 Albany (lunch)
- 9 Americus (lunch)
- 11 Thomasville (lunch)
- 12 Pelham (lunch)
- 15 December newsletter deadline

It's New Generations Month!

"Youth is the opportunity to do something and to become somebody," is a quote phrase that author Theodore T. Munger uses to sum up the potential we have as a youth. It is fitting that Rotary celebrates September each year as New Generations month, as the new school year begins for earlyactors, Interactors and Rotaractors. RI President Ray Klinginsmith has youth programs as one of his three presidential



DG Casey with the Rotaract Club in Petionville, Haiti, DG classmates Janet McViegh, Cyndi & Barry Covington, and RI Directors Tom Thorfinnson and John Smarge.

emphases for this Rotary year. Earlier this year, the Council on Legislation made New Generations our Fifth Avenue of Service, indicating its significance to Rotary. Our future ranks will hopefully be filled with these young adults as they progress in their careers.



DG Casey (really it is Casey) with Barnesville President Mark Stone.

At this writing, we have completed one half of the official club visits in the District. I'm encouraged and overwhelmed by the level of service activity that's taking place in our clubs. The hospitality that we've been treated to has spoiled us. Our District 6900 clubs are simply the best! Thank you.

In District 6900, we have a strong history of supporting New Generation programs Inter-nationally and locally. We have a tremendous number of Interact Clubs around the District and a good sampling of Rotaract clubs as well. Our first multi-district Interact Conference is scheduled for Saturday October 2 at Lanier Technical College. This will be a joint conference between our District and District 6910.

Keynote speakers like Rev. Ben Mathis of Rivers of the World will be part of the agenda for the day. More information will be available on the District Database and website for those that would like to attend. I attended my first Interact Conference earlier this year and it was an amazing time.

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DG Casey with Roswell Mayor Jere Wood at his visit to the Rotary Club of Roswell.

It's never too early to begin planning, and I hope you've reserved April 29 to May 1, 2011 as your Rotary Getaway to Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA for our District Conference. With the Conference theme of "Rotary Field of Dreams", we will be celebrating Rotary in our District with ample opportunities for Family of Rotary and Fellowship. Conference Chair PDG Al Lipphardt has assembled a "Think Tank" committee from around the District that has a broad diversity of Conference attendance experience to help determine what attendees look for in a Conference.

I hope you will continue reading our District Newsletter and learn about all of the wonderful projects our Rotary clubs here in District 6900 are participating in as we are "Building Communities Bridging Continents."

Your Friend in Rotary Service,

Casey Farmer

Ann Johnson History Center at Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute to Recognize Rotary's Efforts in Eradicating Polio

At a luncheon held on August 11, it was announced that Rotarian Lamar Johnson has pledged to raise \$250,000 to build the Ann Johnson History Center to pay tribute to his late wife and our beloved PDG Ann Johnson. The Center will recognize the significant role that Rotary International has played in the fight against and treatment of polio. During her tenure as Governor, Ann led the campaign to raise funds for the Rotary International Tennis Courts at the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute campus.



PDG Ann Johnson



Left to Right - PDG Steve Stanfield (Americus), Lamar Johnson (spouse of PDG Ann Henderson Johnson) and Greg Smeig (CEO of The Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute)

"She was a pioneer," said Lamar Johnson of his wife. "Ann loved the Institute, and she would be delighted to see the addition of this history center."

The Center will be located in one of the historic cottages on the Institute's grounds. It will house a variety of artifacts from the Institute's history. These items will include leg braces, corsets, and rehabilitation devices used by its first polio patients. Most noteworthy of these artifacts is an iron lung which was vital to the treatment of polio-related muscle failure in patients during the facility's early days. The Ann Johnson History Center will additionally contain

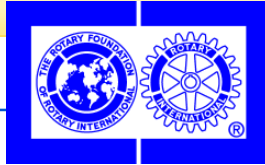
pieces from the "What Ever Happened to Polio?" exhibit that the Institute displayed on loan from the Smithsonian last year.

Part of the center will be devoted to Rotary's long-standing commitment to polio eradication and treatment. For the past 20 years, Rotary International has contributed financial and volunteer resources to stopping this disease, making polio the focus of its service and fellowship function. Unsurprisingly, the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute has enjoyed a strong relationship with Rotary International rooted in their shared history of polio work. The Ann Johnson History Center will document this relationship and celebrate the courageous work of Rotary International.

The Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute hopes to complete the center well before the 2017 Rotary International Convention, scheduled to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, in hopes to attract Rotary members from across the globe to Warm Springs to celebrate the work both the Institute and Rotary have contributed to the fight against polio. If you are interested in making a donation to help reach the \$250,000 goal, please contact the RWSDP Planned Giving Department at (706) 655-5666.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony opened the Smithsonian "What Ever Happened to Polio" exhibit



They say, "Time Flies When You're Having a Good Time..."

I hope this year is moving by quickly for you and all the Rotarians of District 6900. We have been processing your grant applications for District Grants, and as would be expected, the support of the clubs for your local communities will enrich the lives of thousands of Georgians. If you, as a club, have not yet applied for YOUR District Grant, get on the stick. We still have about 20 clubs that have not applied; however we have also allocated over \$110,000 to District Grants on the applications we have received. We will cut off these local grants as of August 31st. We must have your application before that date. Please submit any outstanding applications to Frank or Irene Simon at fjsimon@bellsouth.net. This is YOUR money, you have earned it; don't pass it up. Also, after August 31, we will also provide instructions to the clubs to apply for additional District Grant funds if there are any funds remaining.

We have also been receiving and processing Global grants from the clubs. We have six grants in process involving the countries of Uganda (3), Kenya, Honduras and Liberia. We need more clubs and more projects and I have confidence that the Rotarians of our District will respond. We are well aware of numerous Global Grant requests in process and encourage you to join

with other clubs to fulfill the needs of our world community.

Needless to say, this would not be a Foundation update if I did not ask you to GIVE. The Foundation is in need of Annual Giving (Paul Harris Fellowships), Paul Harris Society members and Major Donors. We need to emphasize our Paul Harris Fellowship support this year in order to replenish our District reserves for the future. If you can give more, please do. If you can't give this year due to the economic issues we are all facing, don't. Rotary should never become a financial hardship to our Rotarians. It is an honor to be a Rotarian, not a hardship. It is a privilege to give, not an obligation.

I recently heard a brief story about the bumblebee. We all know that many tests have been run studying the flight of the bumblebee. Technically, we know it can't fly; yet in reality, we know it does.

WHY? It hasn't been told it can't do it.

Do your best, and I am sure, as always District 6900 will shine in the World of Rotary.

Bill Woulfin
District 6900 Foundation Chair

Call for Applications: 2011-2012 GLOBAL GRANTS SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

As a Future Vision Program Pilot District, District 6900 will be funding scholarships through the Rotary Foundation Global Grants process. With Future Vision, **at the time a candidate applies** for the scholarship:

- ◆ S/he must already be accepted or have conditional acceptance to a graduate level program in another Future Vision Pilot District
- ◆ Host Counselor in that district must already be identified at the time of application
- ◆ S/he must be studying in one or more of Future Vision's defined Six Areas of Focus, and must outline a service project in the study country that fits within the Six Areas of Focus and will be completed during the scholarship time.

Students must submit the Global Scholarship Grant Application to a Rotary Club within District 6900 and follow additional requirements set forth in the District 6900 information pamphlet. Global Scholarship Grant Applications and list of Future Vision Districts are available on line at www.rotary.org. The pamphlet and additional information is available from Frances Parker, fmp@rose.net, cell phone (229) 402-0771.

Future Vision Six Areas of Focus

- ◆ Peace & conflict resolution
- ◆ Disease prevention & treatment
- ◆ Water & sanitation
- ◆ Maternal & child health
- ◆ Basic education & literacy
- ◆ Economic & community development

District 6900 Application Deadline: **October 8, 2010**

District Scholar Interviews (Atlanta): **November 6, 2010**

District Chooses ONE scholar to submit to Rotary Foundation: **November 10, 2010**



Building Communities: Rotarians Help Refugees with Literacy

School is back in session but **Northlake Rotary** kept its focus on **literacy** clear over the summer by supporting the Fugees Academic Boot Camp with a \$15,000 grant. The Fugees are group of 72 boys (ranging in age from 7 to 18) who are all refugees from around the world. Their group was founded by Luma Mufleh who brought these boys together with a common thread called "soccer" but the program has led to so much more. The boys and their families face so many hurdles as refugees (culture shock, language barriers, housing and jobs) but one of the biggest is education and that is exactly what the Fugees Academic Boot Camp is focused on.



Camp instructors created projects to enhance the kids experience with the books. For example, after reading *Three Cups of Tea*, the boys used computer software to create a movie trailer sharing what they learned while reading the book. Other boys created models of the twin towers and learned to walk on a tight rope just like the one Phillippe Petit used in the book *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*.

At the camp's End of Summer Showcase, the boys created stations that showcased what they learned from the books they read over the summer. They performed a one-act play, displayed their models, story boards and videos. The Fugees

Academic Boot Camp was a great success and more than 400 members of the local community came out to help Northlake Rotary celebrate the very eventful summer.



This camp ran the entire month of July and was held on the Agnes Scott College campus. Like most camps, the boys had a lot of fun swimming, cycling and playing soccer, but the real focus was to increase

their reading proficiency. They read three books while at camp: *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*, *Three Cups of Tea*, and *The Toothpaste Millionaire*.



Bridging Continents: Students Helping Students



For the last two years, the **Milton High School Interact Club** has provided school supplies for the children at the La Escuela Jesus de Nazareth in Barranquilla, Colombia. Barranquilla has a number of ties that are building and growing with the **Rotary Club of Alpharetta** and the Milton High School Interact Club:



- ◆ Interact Advisor Sonya Breaux has a former student involved in the Por Amor A program in Colombia
- ◆ Lyman Louis, our Interact Liaison has a former youth exchange student (Rutland Vermont Rotary Club) living and working in Barranquilla, and
- ◆ Our 2010 – 2011 GRSP student Marcela Cotes is from Barranquilla.

A pass of the hat generated more than \$120, enough to bring the smiles on the faces you see in the Children's Day Celebration



photographs. The Rotary Club of Alpharetta is very proud of the great spirit exhibited by the Milton High School Interact Club is supporting the Rotary theme of Building Communities, Bridging Continents.



Atlanta Area Council presented a record 525 Eagle Badges to deserving Boy Scouts at the "Court of Honor" ceremony at Georgia Tech. For the 17th year, the **Rotary Club of Buckhead** funded the cost of the badges and assisted in the ceremony, which honored scouts from the 13 metro Atlanta counties covered by the Atlanta Area Council. Buckhead Rotarian Lane Harrison (seated front row left) is the club's chair for the program. The council was formed in 1916 by members of the **Atlanta Rotary Club**.

Go Back to School with Junior Achievement

Across District 6900 Rotarian volunteers are going back to school as JA volunteers, leading classes that "prepare and inspire young people to succeed in a global economy." Have you considered expanding your club's New Generations service impact through partnering with JA of Georgia in your local schools?

A recent survey showed that more than 8 out of 10 JA alumni (former JA students now in the working world) agree that their JA experience connected what they learned in the classroom with real life.

What do JA Volunteers do?

Volunteering with JA is easy. JA will provide you with a kit containing materials and guides for facilitating the lessons, and you will be trained on how to use these materials provided to you. The time commitment is small; only four to seven 45-minute sessions with the classroom.

Depending on the school's needs, the sessions are either completed in one half day (JA in a Day) or over the course of several one-hour visits to the school (JA in a Semester).

JA offers a turnkey opportunity for a New Generations Project and expands your club's relationship with local schools. Several Clubs have invested for years in the future of local students by partnering with JA. Why not bring this valuable learning opportunity to the students and teachers in your community?

What is Junior Achievement?

Since 1943, JA of Georgia has worked across our state/ Using fun, hands-on curriculum, business community volunteers lead JA programs designed to help K-12 students build their knowledge and skills in financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and workforce readiness. Last school year, JA of Georgia reached 130,000 students. This year, JA is pushing to reach at least 140,000 students statewide. JA of Georgia always need volunteers to facilitate its classroom programs. They bring the JA materials to life, giving students a better understanding of the connection between school and the world of work. Evaluations indicate that students remember their interaction with the volunteer long after their JA experience.

How can we bring JA to our partner schools?

- Please consider becoming a JA partner through volunteerism. To get involved, or for more information, you may reach out in the following ways:
- ◆ See the JA of Georgia website at www.georgia.ja.org for more information
 - ◆ Contact Rotary District 6900 JA chair Kathy Brandt at 404-797-0705 or kbrandt1@comcast.net
 - ◆ Contact JA of Georgia directly by reaching out to Parky Rogers at (404) 257-1932, extension 202 or progers@georgia.ja.org. Please indicate that you are with Rotary to help JA tailor its follow-up to your needs.

JA ... a Way of Life for Dunwoody Rotarians

Dunwoody Rotarians are getting ready to go back to school - as they help partner schools bring the JA experience into the classroom. Club JA Chair Patti Bunker told the club how much she benefited from JA in her youth. Patti and Past President Kathy Brandt are meeting with JA staff and the leaders of the club's partner schools — Dresden Elementary, Dunwoody Elementary and Peachtree Charter Middle Schools - to identify needs for the coming school year. Dunwoody has been involved with JA for many years.



Sara Rywe



The **Rotary Clubs of Clayton County and Henry County** welcomed their 2010-11 Georgia Rotary student to the Peach State in late July. Her name is **Freja Fornander**, and she is from Sweden and a student at Clayton State University in Morrow, GA. Pictured are Rotarians and family members of both clubs, along with Freja in the center.

Top left and bottom left. **Bremen Rotary, Carrollton Dawnbreakers and Douglas County Rotary** greeted **Matilda Lantz** from Sweden at the airport and then took her to dinner on the way home (top right). **Carrollton and Newnan Rotary** (bottom right) greeted **Sara Rywe** from Sweden at the airport. All Rotary Clubs welcoming students were entertained by Don, an official greeter in the Arrivals Lobby of Hartsfield Jackson International Airport (bottom middle). We all know that his first job is a stand-up comedian, but he talked about the Rotary students arriving all week to everyone who would listen in the airport. WAY TO GO ROTARY!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sponsoring Visits to Study Island

Leading with their passion for education, the **Windward Rotary Club** used a District Grant to help sponsor an educational project at Webb Bridge Middle School. Several Club members - including Webb Bridge Principal Elizabeth Fogartie, President Margi Urquhart, Past President Bob Pepalis, and Cady Gray-Murray visited with the students to learn how the Study Island program has helped them. Every student said using the program, which includes "rewards" in the form of educational games at the end of each section completed, has resulted in improved grades and understanding of the subjects.



District Interact Leadership Conference

Saturday, October 2 - 9 AM to 2 PM (registration: 8:30 AM)

Ben Mathis, Rivers of the World, Keynote Speaker



Lanier Technical College
Building 300

2990 Landrum Education Drive
Oakwood, GA 30566

This seminar will be very beneficial for ALL Interact Club members, Interact Club Advisors, Rotary Club Sponsors, New Generations Directors, Rotary Club New Generations volunteers, parents of Interact Club students. This event is provided by Rotary International District 6910 and 6900 at NO CHARGE.

PLEASE RSVP YOUR CLUB'S NUMBER OF ATTENDEES BY SEPTEMBER 24TH TO Cyndi Plunkett - District Interact Chair, High School, Harpplunk@aol.com or Sid Disher - Interact Chair, Middle School at Siddisher@bellsouth.net



Walking on the Wild Side

DG Casey Farmer, his wife Missy and daughter Ashley visited the **Dougherty County Rotary Club** in August, and celebrated with a social at Chehaw Wild Animal Park. The park is located on 800 acres of conservation land and boasts over 212 specimens, representing 55 species of wild animals. Club President Doug Porter is the executive director of Chehaw. Visit www.chehaw.org.



Could You Be the Match?

After seeing a news program promoting bone marrow matching and the new pain-free procedure for donation, **Bremen Rotarians** decided to promote bone marrow matching. Rotarians had visions of giving test kits out in the community until they found that the kits were \$175 each and you had to be under 60 to donate. Rotarians spoke



Thanks to our initial group of testers (L-R) Tom Crawford (Peoples Bank), Kelley Park (Southwire), Steve Sampler (financial planner), Lynn Clarke (attorney) and Dawn Cook (West Georgia Technical College) for making that commitment to "Be the Match".

with the Tanner Medical Foundation to see if there was a way to get the kits for less. Rotarian Kelli Weaver, who works for the Foundation, helped the Club link up with a bone marrow testing drive Tanner was doing to honor Tanner employee, Tammy Driskell, who had recently lost her fight with Leukemia. Several Rotarians sent off for the test kits and tested themselves at the Club's first meeting. Will one of us be the match that saves another person's life? Will one Rotarian make a difference in someone else's life?

Bremen Rotarians will be challenging other West Georgia Rotary Clubs to test. For more information, you may contact either the Tanner Medical Foundation or "Be the Match" directly at www.marow.org.

Blogging Anyone?

The **Rotary Club of Carrollton** is enjoying sharing the good news of Rotary through the development of a highly useful - yet easy to use - blog. Designed to communicate same-day coverage of each week's club speaker, the site is quickly evolving into a one-stop-shop for members and the public. Pages are designed to provide a brief history of the club, directions, locations for nearby make-ups, as well as a program calendar.

"We felt the ability to share our program with both members and potential visitors was a key to increasing our club's profile in the community," said club president Leonard Woolsey." Currently programs are scheduled and available for review through the end of 2010."

"Research shows programs matter greatly when growing and maintaining membership," Woolsey added. "We're pleased to make this information so easily available to everyone."

Other stories posted include the arrival of a GRSP student complete with photos of her welcoming event to a visit from District Governor Casey Farmer. "Everyone should strongly consider this avenue," Woolsey said. "The service is free, easy to manage, and much more dynamic than a static website design." You can visit the site at <http://carrolltonrotary.wordpress.com>

The site is maintained and managed by Donna Lackey and her Public Relations team.

Harris County Charity Clays

Benefiting The Humane Society of Harris County and the Rotary Club of Harris County



Saturday September 25, 2010

Mark your calendar, dust off your boots and load your shotguns for the inaugural Harris County Charity Clays benefit at Big Red Oak Plantation, Gay, GA.

25 round, 5 stand warm-up

10 station sporting clays

Barbeque lunch

Prizes awarded, Lewis Class System

Trick Shooting demonstration

Great silent auction, raffle and more

Register online at HumaneSocietyofHarrisCounty.org

For more information, contact Robert Archer, HCCC Chairperson, at 706-536-5060

Learning about Our Water Supply

Nearly 50 members of the **North Columbus Rotary Club**

recently had the opportunity to visit the Columbus Water Works—North Columbus Water Resources Facility. Guided by fellow Rotarian Cliff Arnett, who is a



Senior Vice President with the Water Works, the Club learned about how water is treated for the Columbus area.

The plant can process up to 90 million gallons of water per day and provides water for Columbus, Fort Benning, and other surrounding counties in the area. The Columbus Water Works has won numerous state and national awards for the quality of water it provides to its customers. Additionally, the Club learned about the high-tech security systems that are now in place to keep the treatment facility and water supply safe.

A Community Builds a Playground

In July, **Henry County Rotarians** partnered with McDonough Wal-Mart to raise funds for the Club's signature project - purchase and installation of a playground for the children of Haven House. Club members interacted with Wal-Mart customers to explain the critical need for donations and customers responded enthusiastically - with \$850 in donations. Thanks to Club member and Wal-Mart Store Manager Jerry Parrett for helping to make this happen.



Haven House is Henry County's crisis intervention facility for battered and abused women and children. While the organization is receiving a new home through SLPOST monies, a shortfall meant in



striking the playground from the original plans. "Henry County Rotary has accepted the challenge of raising about \$16,000 to purchase and install the playground equipment" said

Club President Kerry Arnold. "This was our kick off to the fund-raising campaign and proved to be successful for us. It was a fun day and we appreciate the generosity of Wal-Mart and its customers."

Is the year going "fast" for DG Casey?

DG Casey had two firsts in his visit to the **Rotary Club of Barnesville**. On his way there, he was picked up by the community's finest, the Barnesville Police Department. The Chief of Police was convinced to release Casey to Rotarians after careful negotiation (Fried Chicken). Casey also enjoyed the very first "Fried Chicken" that he has had on his club visits.



Barnesville provided him with special clothing for its theme of "Hawaiian Beach" where he wore a grass skirt and leis for the occasion (see page 1).

Golf followed lunch and Barnesville reports Casey can hit the ball, and putt! It was a wonderful day, and they hope that Casey and Missy will return soon.

Thanking Public Servants

In August, the **Griffin Daybreak Rotary Club** presented Public Service Awards honoring the professionalism and dedication of community Public Safety personnel. The City of Griffin and Spalding County submitted selections for professional and selfless service:



(Right to Left): Captain Tyrone Coggins, SCFD; Captain Sonny Spear, GFR; Communication Officer Kimberly Freeland, SCSO and Major Terry Brock, GPD with Club Awards Chair, Raymond Ray.

- ◆ Communication Officer Kimberly Freeland, Spalding County Sheriff Office
 - ◆ Captain Tyrone Coggins, Spalding County Fire Department
 - ◆ Captain Sonny Spear, Griffin Fire - Rescue
 - ◆ Major Terry Brock, Griffin Police Department
- The individuals join 40 Public Safety personnel within the Spalding County-Griffin community who have received this award. Their selection speaks highly of their professional abilities and selfless achievements. Based on demonstrated leadership, achievements, character traits and professional service, these local heroes earned this award. When one considers the many factors each of these professionals must deal with during the daily performance of their position, each of them stands out from their peers as an exceptional "Can-Do" Professional and demonstrates the core values of Rotary.

Here's To Learning!

On May 25, representatives of the **Decatur Rotary Club** continued the tradition of awarding dictionaries to all the 4th graders at Glennwood



Elementary. This gift is made possible by the Decatur Rotary Foundation and furthers the Rotary Club's focus on programs to promote literacy.

Dog Days Run A Success!

On Saturday August 14th, the **Rotary Club of East Cobb** hosted their 5th annual Dog Days 5K Run. Overcast skies did not stop more than 400 of the East Cobb faithful, and the clouds provided a much welcomed relief from the recent summer heat. Tara Mooney finished with a time of 20:23 and Sean Hurley at 18:42. The 5K race was followed by a one mile run and the popular Tot-Trot for the community's youngest athletes.

The event's Presenting Sponsor was Wellstar. Many other local businesses provided their support including the Platinum Sponsors Frederick J Hanna & Associates and Keller Williams Realty Atlanta North, the Gold Sponsor SCANA, and the Silver Sponsors Buffalo Funds and Sun Trust Mortgage. The event was a huge success raising more than \$33,000.



Email your news for the September newsletter to cuthbert@mindspring.com by September 15.

Bringing Out the Artist in the Child ...

The Bainbridge community comes together during the summer to inspire artistically talented children. The **Bainbridge Rotary Club** (BRC) is right in the mix of this great project. Now in its third year of existence, the Summer Art Camp brings together our Rotary Club, along with the City of Bainbridge, the local Council for the Arts, the YMCA, and the local schools.



Over a period of two weeks - the first devoted to 4th to 7th graders and the second to 2nd to 4th graders - kids recognized for their artistic interest and talent are given a chance to develop that interest through mixed media. The 2010 Camp offered still-life drawing, ceramics, color and scratch art, mask painting, basket weaving, printmaking, mosaics, and photography opportunities. Most of the children who participated were nominated by their teachers, but the Camp is also open to home schooled kids. From the nominated children, the campers are selected to reflect the community's ethnic diversity. This year, 43 kids attended Camp. The only cost to the student was a very nominal registration fee - thanks to the BRC and District Grant funds. BRC also helped with teaching and shared the host duties for the celebratory reception at the end when the kids' works were on display for the

Rotarians Donate Tractor in Swaziland

Several members of the **Rotary Club of North Fulton** recently returned from a July trip to Swaziland, Africa. The purpose of the mission trip was to donate, in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Mbabane, Mbuluzi, Swaziland, **Carrollton, Carrollton Dawnbreakers** and Rotary District 6900, a large John Deere tractor to needy rural dwellers in that country. Their visit supported charity work done by Heart for Africa, an organization dedicated to helping Africa's needy children.

North Fulton Club member and Past President Joyce Abernathy said, "Words can't describe our trip to Swaziland. I think I can speak on behalf of John & PJ Bach, Catie Mudd, Ben Hunter, and my daughter and say it was the trip of a life time and a truly humbling experience! It was so good, I'm sure many of us will serve again for Heart for Africa. An amazing organization and such a passion for what they do... The people of Swaziland are awesome."

