



ROTARY DISTRICT 6900



September 2009 - Issue 3 Roy Strickland, District Governor

Dream Big, Have Fun, & Serve Meaningfully

Rotarians and Family of Rotary,

The club visits continue and what a great experience this has been! The good works of the Rotary clubs in the District are amazing! We will be sharing more of these good works in the Newsletter throughout the year.

I hope you all have read Rotary International President John Kenny's October message in Rotarian magazine. It speaks so well to our purpose that I have asked to have it included, in its entirety, elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Only a few weeks into our year, The Rotary Foundation has advised us that the Matching Grants budget has been fully committed for RY 2009-2010. There are no more matching dollars for our projects.

How will we respond?

We'll proceed with our partnerships and our commitments to serve. Our projects will go forward- without the match. We'll do this making use of District Designated Funds returned to the District as a result of previous giving to the Annual Programs Fund.

The good works will continue because you are among the most giving, caring, Rotarians in the world. District 6900 truly makes a difference for others. That we can undertake these projects without the Foundation match speaks to the strength and integrity of our proud District. We will not take a year off . . . we will serve others.

Remember, please, to make a gift to the 2009-2010 Annual Programs Fund and continue to enable the good works. Our District has set an ambitious goal of \$1 million to the APF this year.

I was Dreaming Big this morning. I dreamed that we announced to Rotary Foundation Chairman Glenn Estess, at our SuperConference, that District 6900 has surpassed \$1 million to the APF. We can do this. It will take all of us to make it happen.

One way to help get there is through the Paul Harris Society. I encourage District 6900 Rotarians to sign up for our PHS. The Paul Harris Society is special to me, and ours is the largest PHS in the Rotary world. Information on how you may become a member is available here. http://rotarydistrict6900.org/media/PHS_2009_Pledge_Form.pdf

I like to think that all Rotarians will choose to become a Rotary Foundation Major Donor in time. We all take pride in the good works – polio eradication, water projects and literacy efforts. It's our continued giving that enables our Foundation's humanitarian good works. I invite you to become a Major Donor this year. We will help you with the arrangements.

There is much to do. There are opportunities to serve. There are ways we can make a difference for others. Let your Rotarian heart lead you because *The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands*.

Thanks for all you do!

Best Rotary Regards,
DG Roy
Smyrna Rotary-Investment Properties
my e-mail preference is dgroy0910@comcast.net

A Special Message from DG Roy

Communities in our District are hurting from the flood. Rotary clubs in the affected communities are working to help others. We are working to help the local Rotary clubs serve.

We have established a District Disaster Relief Fund and are seeking donations. All the money collected will directly benefit victims of the flood.

Rotarians are coming together and making a difference. Here are a few things I know are happening: Our club presidents are meeting with other community leaders to assess needs and determine appropriate response. Rotarians are volunteering their manpower. Douglas County Rotary President Ron Scroggy is heavily invested in disaster recovery work. President Mac McDougall and Vinings Rotarians are delivering food and water to victims and workers in the flood area. Carrollton Rotary President Steve Davis, a minister, conducted funeral services for a 2-year old child swept away by the flood waters. Her family had no church home.

We must respond with donations. Then, we'll respond with supplies and manpower as requested by the local Rotary clubs. All money will go to the clubs in the affected areas and will be spent by Rotarians as the clubs determine. Rotarians will oversee the expenditure of every dollar.

Here's the Disaster Relief Fund information:

Make your check Payable to: [Rotary District 6900](#)
In the "for" line write: [Disaster Relief - Flood 09](#)

Send the checks to the District Treasurer

Cheryl Greenway
935 Forrest Street, Suite C
Roswell, GA 30075
Thank you for your help.

DG Roy





Vinings Rotary Club Rotarians at work.

Vinings Rotarians and Vinings Civic Association members gather for a group shot before fanning out over Vinings to give out hot Chick-fil-A lunches provided by Rotarian Marshall McCabe to flooded out Vinings homeowners.



Vinings Rotarians Scott Sigler and Jim Polk offer hot Chick-fil-A lunches to a flooded out Vinings homeowner who until hours before had been getting to his house via the canoe on the left.



Vinings Rotarians Jane Trinkle, Lisa Dobbs, and Debby Bolt (LtoR) carry water bottles down Cochise Drive in Vinings to hand out to homeowners and flood disaster workers on Saturday, September 26. Had they been at that location on Monday, September 21, they would have been under 12 feet of Chattahoochee water.



October 2009

My fellow Rotarians:

There are many service organizations in the world today, but none so old or so successful as Rotary. There are many reasons for that, and Vocational Service is one of them. This year, I wish you to place a special emphasis on Vocational Service, which is sometimes the forgotten Avenue of Service in Rotary.

High ethical standards in business and personal life are still as important today as they were in 1905. Indeed, many of the problems our world is facing today have been caused by the failure to observe such standards in business affairs.

Vocational Service, in Rotary, means that we are committed to honest business and unassailable ethics, and that we are equally committed to using our vocational skills and advantages to help others. The idea is simple enough – but it is unique to Rotary.

Many service organizations are open to anyone who wishes to join. That has never been the case in Rotary. Rotarians only seek out as members those who are qualified – those who have the character, the ability, and the resolve to make a real contribution to their club.

I have long believed that the bedrock of Rotary is our commitment to ethical behavior. It has been putting what's right above what's convenient – and Service Above Self – that has made Rotary different from the rest. That is why we must always remember that whatever we do, we are each the public face of Rotary. We are each the standard-bearers of our organization. What one member does, for good or for ill, reflects on all of us.

So much of what we've achieved as an organization has come about because of the trust the world has in Rotary and in Rotarians. That trust has been a major part of our success in polio eradication – the fact that we are known in every community, and known to be people of goodwill and good hearts.

If we wish to see our organization grow and prosper, we must keep Vocational Service front and center in our minds and actions. We must seek out skilled and determined men and women of character. We must do what is right, even when it is inconvenient. And we must always, always, put Service Above Self.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International



Thirty-eight Rotarians from two Georgia Rotary Districts completed Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) classes with eight becoming RLI graduates on Saturday, September 26, in Stockbridge, Georgia. The Henry County Rotary Club sponsored the Institute at the Henry Medical Center with nine Discussion Leaders from Florida and Georgia representing three Rotary Districts. Rotary District 6900 Governor-Elect Casey Farmer gave welcoming remarks and an update on "Rotary Future Vision" which Rotary District 6900 will pilot next Rotary year.

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Urgent DSG (District Simplified Grant) Alert!!

To All Club Presidents and Club Foundation Reps: We need your help!

Last year all Clubs applied for and received District Simplified Grants. This year, so far, we have had only a few Clubs apply. WE HAVE MORE MONEY THAN EVER for District Simplified Grants. This money can be used in your local community so don't miss out! Deadline for applying is October 15, 2009. Please apply ASAP so that you can receive these Grants. If you need assistance please contact Frank Simon at fjsimon@bellsouth.net.

PDG Bill MacDonald
DRFC

Literacy is one way to apply DSG funds. There are SO many opportunities!
Consider talking to your public library to get ideas for a literacy based DSG for your community.
I will be happy to help in any way I can... brenda.c.erickson@gmail.com.

When libraries and Rotary work together, literacy happens!

The Rotary Club of Peachtree City has been involved for the past three years in a literacy program for children and mothers at the International Rescue Committee's branch in Decatur, Georgia. This program, using the Souns materials, has been sought after by the IRC and is working for both adult and children. Jessica Walker has taken two Counterpane Interact students to the site each and every Tuesday to work with the refugee families. This is no small task...and her commitment and passion for this work is to be commended.



Saturday evening, Brenda Erickson and Norman Hough went to the yearly fund raising dinner for the IRC. The evening presented a great opportunity to speak with the President of IRC, George Rupp, and the head of the Georgia Branch of the IRC, Ellen Beattie. As a result of those conversations, Jessica (Club Literacy Chair), Brenda (District Literacy Coordinator), and Rachel Shin (Counterpane Interact President) will be having lunch with Ellen Beattie soon to discuss Service Above Self opportunities for Rotary and Interact Clubs to support the work of the IRC. Project opportunities are varied enough to fit comfortably into any club's community service program. 📧

RYLA Student, Gadson Shares Camp Experience

Each year the **Rotary Club of Bainbridge** provides scholarships for selected students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp. This year's participants were Bainbridge High School InterAct Club members Nicole Gadson and Morgan Ulm.

RYLA, held at the South Georgia Technical College campus and the Georgia Southwestern State University campus in Americus, was held June 27-30. Nicole was at the Rotary Club Tuesday to tell of her experiences and thank the club for their sponsorship. Morgan was unable to attend.

RYLA, gives young people from different home backgrounds, educational backgrounds, religions the experience of working together through various activities and discussions. Nicole explained some of these leadership and communication focused activities to the Rotary Club. She stated that while she was sometimes out of her comfort zone she did complete them and felt good about the experience.

The purpose of RYLA is to demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth, provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders, encourage leadership and recognize them for their service to the community. Approximately 80 students attended this year's Georgia RYLA.

PHOTO: Left is Nicole Gadson with fellow Interact Club member Amber Johnson. Bainbridge High School Principal and Rotarian Tommie Howell introduced Nicole.



FIRST QUARTER 2009-2010- Paul Harris Fellows, Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Paul Harris Society Members, Governor's Circle, 200% Sustaining Member Club, and 100% Paul Harris Club

From the Rotary Club of Albany

Donna McKenzie - new Paul Harris Fellow

From the Rotary Club of Carrollton DawnBreakers

Club will be 100% Sustaining (as always) at the end of the Rotary year

From the Rotary Club of Cordele

Suzanne Harper - new Paul Harris Fellow

From the Rotary Club of Coweta-Fayette

President Cynthia Monsour – new Paul Harris Fellow

\$200 gift for APF in honor of DG Roy during his official club visit

From the Rotary Club of Dawson County

Dr Brenda Hodge-Tiller - new Paul Harris Fellow

From the Rotary Club of Dunwoody

Foundation 100% Sustaining Member Club 2009-2010

New Paul Harris Fellows from RC Dunwoody

Linda Lomax Bounds, Elena Jackson Forsyth, Harrison Robert Hall, Holden Thomas Hall, Riley McKenzie Hall, Sarah Kathleen Hall, Sieger Davis Hall, Kelly M. Hundley, George Anthony Jackson, John Robert Lovelace, William Michael Lovelace, Hugh K. Marshall, Mary Elizabeth Jackson Norton, John Calhoun Wise, Jr., Min "Jasmine" Zhou

New Major Donor Level II from RC Dunwoody

Robert L. and Charlene J. Hall

New Bequest Society Level I from RC Dunwoody

A. Sidney Browning, Robert L. & Charlene J. Hall, Lorrie Christopher

From the Rotary Club of Fayette Daybreak

Frank Harris – new Paul Harris Society member

From the Rotary Club of Fayetteville

Carol and Hector Colon – new Governor's Circle

From the Rotary Club of Griffin

Robert Sullins - new Paul Harris Fellow

From the Rotary Club of Griffin-Daybreak

New 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

From the Rotary Club of Henry County

James D. Withers – new Paul Harris Society member

From the Rotary Club of Marietta Metro

Steven F. McNeel - new Paul Harris Society member

From the Rotary Club of Meriwether County

\$250 Gift for APF in honor of DG Roy during his official club visit

From the Rotary Club of North Cobb

Jeff Bass - new Paul Harris Society member

Also, for this year, 2009-2010, North Cobb is already a 100% Sustaining Member Club and 100% EREY.

From the Rotary Club of Newnan

Kim Higgins – new Paul Harris Fellow

David Galloway and Clayton Hicks - new Paul Harris Society members

From the Rotary Club of North Atlanta

First New 100% PHF Club in District 6900 for Rotary Year 2009-10

New Paul Harris Fellows RC of North Atlanta:

Lou Alvarado, Cherie Cookorinis, Marc Fitten, Kent Gipson, Hans Idfors, Harriet Isenberg, Tore Knos, Bill McLaughlin, Tracy Paterson, Ryan Provence, Tim Ramsey, Ralph Sims

From the Rotary Club of North Fulton

New Paul Harris Fellow - President Joyce Abernathy

This club is both a 100% Paul Harris Club and for a number of years is a 100% Sustaining Club. And while we have not yet reach 100% Sustaining Member Club this year we plan to achieve that goal in this Rotary Year.

From the Rotary Club of Peachtree City

\$1,000 gift for APF in honor of DG Roy during his official club visit

New Major Donors RC Peachtree City

Tom and Kathleen Rolka, Drs. Matthew & Traci Autera

New Paul Harris Fellows RC Peachtree City

Sydney Powell (grandchild of Rotarian Wilder Davis)

New Multiple Paul Harris Fellows & Paul Harris Society RC Peachtree City

George Martin, Carolyn Wilkinson, David Moore, Ed Outlaw, Virginia Gibbs, Brenda Erickson, Marcy Williams

From the Rotary Club of Roswell

A gift for APF in honor of DG Roy during his official club visit

New Governors Circle RC Roswell

Robert W. (Bob) Hagan

New Major Donors RC Roswell

Bucky Cook, Elwyn Gaissert II, Jeff Scroggin

New Paul Harris Society RC Roswell

Mickey Deaton, Jacque Digieso, David Early, Jerry Gresham, Rudy Lind, Tony Monico, Dave Schmit, Walt Woliver, Dave Young

New Paul Harris Fellows RC Roswell

Dotty Etris, Dave McCleary, Lou Tabickman, Steve Dorvee, Lisa Spencer (wife of Rotarian Richard Spencer)

New Paul Harris Society RC Sandy Springs

Betty Ferdinand

From the Rotary Club of Windward

2nd level Paul Harris, Elizabeth Fogartie

New Bequest Society, Bob Pepali

New Major Donor, Joie Hain





GRSP Students Converge on Southern Crescent Maynard Memorial Weekend

Marc Boyd looked concerned as the minutes ticked down to when he would have to board the "Sexy Lil Kiwi," a boat made from cardboard and duct tape, during a Rotary Club gathering of foreign exchange students from across the state.

There were 15 minutes left until the vessel had to be completed. As the Livingston, Scotland native, and student at North Georgia College and State University, looked down at his team's boat, he saw two pieces of cardboard that resembled more a rag-tag, barely assembled raft, than a boat.

"You've created the Titanic for me to pilot!" Boyd said to Lauren Reilly, his old friend from Livingston, boat-race teammate, and the designer of what was supposed to be a rowboat.

Forty-eight college, foreign exchange students, who are being hosted by rotary clubs across Georgia, converged on Clayton County this past weekend for the 2009 Maynard Memorial Weekend event. The students, who hail from countries such as Scotland, Colombia, Sweden and Lebanon, are participating in the Georgia Rotary Student Program, where rotary clubs around the state host visiting college students from around the world, for a year.



The Maynard Memorial Weekend event, named for deceased Henry County Rotarian Maynard Knestrick, has been an annual event in Clayton County since the early 1980's. Knestrick, who died five years ago, was an active participant in the Georgia Rotary Student Program, said Ron Corbin, the organizer of the weekend event.

This year marked the first time the Rotary Club of Clayton County invited its counterparts in Henry County, and the Lake Spivey community (in eastern Clayton County) to participate as co-organizers, Corbin said. "It's a great family of Rotary event," he said. "Really, the purpose of this event, though, is to provide an informal way of getting the kids together, and relaxing."

The Rotary Club of Clayton County handled registration of students participating in the weekend: a joint meeting of the three clubs on Friday night, and activities at Clayton County International Beach on Saturday morning and afternoon, Corbin said.



Vibha Singla, the Lake Spivey Rotary Club's treasurer and representative in the Maynard Memorial Weekend planning process, said her club sponsored a pizza lunch for the students on Saturday. This is the first time the Lake Spivey club has participated in the event, she said.



The Rotary Club of Henry County sponsored a dinner for the students, followed by an American Idol-inspired competition and overnight dance at Clayton State University, Corbin said. Henry Rotarians, as well as Clayton Rotarians, also hosted some of the visiting students for the weekend. Corbin said Henry Rotarians had been informally involved in the event in the past by hosting participants during the weekend.



Georgia Rotary Student Program participants, who took part in the weekend festivities, said they enjoyed the atmosphere because it was different from the program's first conclave that was held two weeks earlier in Rome.

"Everything was so structured at the first conclave, whereas [on Saturday] we got to hang out, relax and just have fun," said Lauren Reilly, 18, who is attending Shorter College in Rome.



Michael Campbell, a Clayton State University student from Edinburgh, Scotland, who is being hosted by the rotary clubs in Clayton and Henry counties, said he enjoyed a vegetable car race that took place on Saturday afternoon at the Beach, "just because it was fun. Our car sucked, but it was

Assignments were made to those manning the drink machines and those working the storage chests filled to the brim with hamburgers and hot dogs already individually wrapped in aluminum foil. President Charles took over the popcorn-popping machine while others prepared to fill trays of nacho chips and melted cheese. Several people were designated to take orders. One person received monies from the order-takers and made change from the cash tray.

Meanwhile Kelly headed to the west concessions stand with Andrew Eagan, Stuart Fleming, Dale Covington, Ben Worley and Ben's youngest son Pierce. Pierce brought four of his friends to help, Andrew, Ryan, Davis and Jack. The energy level of these young men electrified everyone. Jim Fleming, Dawn McEachern, John Knox and Fred Beloin joined the west team a little later.

A brisk business had already started in both concessions stands when the two football teams and their bands took to the field shortly after seven. From that point through most of the third quarter, the concessions business proceeded at a hectic pace. There was absolutely no time for chitchat. Focus was everything. Those pre-game assignments blurred as servers scrambled to handle orders and to catch or dodge hotdogs and bottles of sports drinks and water sailing through the air with inherent accuracy while making change, filling bags of popcorn and trays of nachos and taking the next order. Fantastic! Although Marietta's football team lost their opener 20-7, this special service project will long be remembered as a premier example of "Service Above Self" for the Rotary Club of Marietta.



Rotary Club of Marietta



What a great day at the 2009 Annual Charity Golf Tournament held on a beautiful Friday at Flat Creek Club in Peachtree City. **The Rotary Clubs of Fayette Daybreak, Coweta-Fayette and Fayetteville** collaborated to make this a successful tournament for some of their favorite organizations in the Fayette and Coweta communities.

We owe our success to our many sponsors and golfers and to the Rotarians of the three Rotary Clubs.



Tony Fritz of Harris Fritz & Associates (our title sponsor) with his team. Tony is President of the Fayetteville RC



Team of President Frank Harris of the Fayette Daybreak RC along with AG David Galloway



Tournament Director, Sheryl Watford of the Fayette Daybreak RC having a great time after months of planning this great tournament.

Below - Winning Teams of the Mix Team, Ladies Team and Mens Team.



The **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** donated an automated external defibrillator (AED) to the Peachtree City Youth Football Association (PTCYFA) during a recent luncheon . The PTCYFA provides the opportunity for boys (ages 5-14) and girls (ages 4-12) to participate in the Peachtree City Packers football and cheerleading programs. Practice and game fields for the Packers are at Riley Field Park located on Wisdom Road, west of Peachtree City Elementary School. Close to 400 kids are currently registered for football or cheerleading and on any given day there are 200 - 1,000 people at the park. Similar to other parks that already have an AED, Riley Field Park handles a large number of people for extended periods of time, especially athletes exerting themselves in a high contact sport.



"Having an AED on site will provide another level of safety for the players as well as spectators at the park and we are so appreciative to the Rotary Club for their generosity and support of local youth sports," said PTCYFA president, Randy Vest. The PTCYFA's mission is to provide: a safe instructional environment focusing on both basic and advanced football / cheerleading skills, structured team play, sportsmanship, character building and positive leadership. In addition, PTCYFA has qualified football coaches that are certified through The National Youth Sports Coaches Association. These certified coaches are trained through the Association's structured training clinics that are provided by seasoned high school coaches. The football program is based on a comprehensive park system manual that was developed in conjunction with the local high school football program to ensure that all players are taught the same proper methods of running, tackling, blocking, passing, footwork and other skills that are needed to become a successful football player. For more information about PTCYFA go to: www.peachtreecityfootball.com



In one of the special events of the year, on Tuesday evening, August 11, 2009, at the Golf Club of Georgia, **The Rotary Club of North Fulton** hosted a dinner reception

Janine and Ian Maxwell, founders of the North Fulton based non-profit organization Heart for Africa (photo right). Janine spoke to the Club about the dire needs of orphans in Africa and what Heart for Africa is doing to address them.

The Rotary Club of North Fulton is now actively pursuing a trip next year to Swaziland, location of Heart for Africa's largest project, to work with it and the orphanages they support. Some members of the Club have already committed to the trip. A possible foundation grant is also being explored. Also in attendance at the event were new Georgia Rotary Scholarship Program student Saashya Rodrigo from Sri Lanka and her parents (photo left); Lee Hollingsworth, Rotary Foundation Chair for District 6900 (not in photo); and Katy Glenn, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

applicant (photo third from right), who will be studying and doing research in Zimbabwe next year and hopes the Rotary Scholarship will act as a way to extend her study.

The Rotary Club of North Fulton was formed in January 2001. The Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the North Point Diner on Mansell Road in Alpharetta. Meetings are open to prospective members. For more information about the club or to

Cultural Scholar Jacquelyn Toliver

District 6900 Cultural Scholar, Jacquelyn Toliver, has recently arrived in Zanzibar, Tanzania, to begin her three-month study of Swahili and cultural immersion on that island off the African coast. Jacquelyn's experiences can be followed by visiting her blog at www.townietuesday.wordpress.com. Before she left she composed and posted a wonderful poem about her preparations, in which she invites D6900 Rotarians to be in touch with her in Africa. There is a link on her sponsoring club's, North Atlanta, website.

Jacquelyn has been active as a volunteer since her graduation from UGA, working with children in Atlanta impacted by HIV/Aids, and plans to work with charitable groups doing similar work in Zanzibar.



The Rotary Club of Marietta's Interact Club serving at The Extension. This is a non-profit, community-supported organization serving Cobb County and the entire metropolitan Atlanta area. They provide addiction recovery services through a comprehensive Residential Recovery Program for homeless men, outpatient counseling and various outreach initiatives. They are currently developing a residential program for homeless, addicted women. Interact Service at the Extension. 27 Aug 2009

The Rotary Interact Club of The Walker School hosted Thursday's supper at the Extension . This superb public service project filled grateful stomachs and made everyone proud. To kick-off a new school year, Sherwan Saraf, Inkyu Kim, Ryan Selvaggio, Zach Lamers, Ashwin Muthiah, Abby Hollenstein, Alex Moyer, Claire Golden, Evie Khytan, Jessie Sohn and Jaemin Yoon—all outfitted in bright red Interact aprons—masterfully took charge of shopping for groceries, cooking the hot entrees and serving an outstanding meal for over 40 guests. The meal included chicken fingers, tater tots, mixed vegetables, applesauce with cinnamon and hot biscuits with assorted pies for dessert. Rotarians Chris Gruehn, Brian McNair, Bret Tyler, Brad Leskoven, and Dale Covington were present to answer a question or two, however this supper was a complete, Interactor triumph from start to



The 31st Annual Aubrey Greenway Golf Tournament

The Roswell Rotary Club held its fund raiser, The 31st Annual Aubrey Greenway Golf Tournament, on Monday September 14, 2009 at the Brookfield Country Club in Roswell. Under the direction and leadership of the golf chairman, Cliff Rhodenizer Jr, an army of Rotary volunteers and 256 golfers enjoyed a perfect day of golf. The first flight of golfers to tee off at 7:30 am were treated to a cheerful check in, coffee from Starbucks, Chick-fil-a chicken biscuits, a goodie bag and golf shirt. At noon we had a ball drop, a raffle for a 42" HD TV and lunch was served to the first and second flights of golfers. Outback Steak House, Slopes Bar-b-q and Rhodes Bakery provided an outstanding lunch. Some of the children Roswell Rotary supports throughout the year came by to thank the golfers and Rotarians for their generosity. The second flight had a tee time of 1:30 pm and all day long the golfers could participate in the silent auction items in the club house. Chairpersons for the auction were Nancy Diamond and Kris Flood with the help of a wonderful committee. The evening ended with our fall social dinner for all participants, announcements of the golf winners, a live auction, a raffle for another 42" HD TV and the completion of the silent auction. Roswell Rotary was able to add over \$110,000.00 to its charity fund to help meet the needs in our community in the Rotary year 2009-2010. Our sincere thanks go to our supporters and Rotarians who make this all possible



Past President Buddy Stamps



John Mcmillan, Dennis Leonard, Larry Dye, Bruce Smith



John Mcmillan, Dennis Leonard, Larry Dye, Bruce Smith



Uncle Sam with some of the children

North Atlanta Rotary Club Achieves Elite Status

The North Atlanta Rotary Club officially became a 100% Paul Harris Club on September 1, 2009. What does this mean, you may ask? That, in addition to the extraordinary community service of regular Rotary members, every single member of North Atlanta Rotary has made the extra commitment of contributions necessary to receive the honor of the Paul Harris Fellow designation. Pictured are eleven of thirteen individuals who received their awards at a recent Rotary meeting. And who was Paul Harris? Paul Harris was the founder in 1905 of Rotary, an international service club organization whose members volunteer locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide increased literacy and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto – “Service Above Self”.



Your next question most likely is, “How can I help or get involved?” Come to a North Atlanta Rotary meeting to find out. North Atlanta Rotary has distinguished itself as an elite local Rotary club with its 100% Paul Harris Fellowship designation, and welcomes visitors and prospective members to its weekly lunch meetings. The meetings are from 12:15 – 1:30 pm every Friday at the Ravinia Club, located just north of the I-285 and Ashford Dunwoody intersection. Please come join other business and professional leaders for lunch, fellowship, and an opportunity to hear a dynamic speaker, and find out for yourself how you can help further Rotary's noble cause. Contact Mike Emanuele at 404 625-3991 or memanuele@horizonstaffing.com for more



Bainbridge Rotary Club – Hands On Learning

On August 1st, area professionals and parents learned about a new tool in the building of early literacy. The workshop, Building Literacy Zero to Five, also provided attendees with education and training on the Souns program.

Souns is an informal early learning program for infants and toddlers that allows the child learning experience to be fun, incidental and natural. The program provides hands on learning and gives the child the sound associated with the letter and not the name of the letter. An initiative of the Rotary Club of Bainbridge and co-sponsored by

Bainbridge College and the Bainbridge-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce, the workshop provided important information for those who teach or work with young children, those with learning disabilities and illiterate adults. Information about the components of literacy; speaking, listening, reading and visual, were presented by several professionals. Local pediatrician Dr. Alicia Estillore spoke about typical and atypical development in children ages 0-5.

Coleen Stinson discussed communication strategies and the importance of early intervention for building communication skills. Bainbridge College Assistant Professor in early childhood spoke about the brain development in babies and also presented strategies for early literacy.

Following lunch, participants were able to see first hand how the Souns program works. Brenda Erickson, Rotary District 6900 Literacy Chair, and community children gave a live demonstration on how playing with letters and hearing the sound of the letter can foster literacy in young children. According to Erickson, if you can give a child the actual sound of a letter instead of the name of the letter it gives them the most real information.

The Rotary Club of Bainbridge is one of 5 Georgia clubs actively involved in improving literacy both in the United States and Africa. They are part of the IRARA, International Reading Association and Rotary International literacy project.

Above Photo: Presenting valuable information on child literacy development and the Souns program left to right are: Dr. Alicia Estillore, Valley Rogers, Brenda Erickson and Coleen Stinson.



Rotary Club of Dunwoody Serves in Dunwoody Schools

The Rotary Club of Dunwoody pursues community service in local schools via programs that allow volunteers to augment the efforts of the schools themselves. Character Education at local elementary schools, Junior Achievement at the high school level, Quiz Bowl tutoring at Peachtree Charter Middle School, assisting with Special Olympics at Peachtree Charter Middle, and career day presentations at Dresden are among the programs that bring Rotarians out in large numbers throughout the year.



For example, on September 23, Dunwoody Rotarians helped with the DeKalb County Special Olympics Softball Skills games. Recent soaking rains forced the competition into the gym; however, this did nothing to dampen spirits. Approximately 100 children from eight DeKalb County schools participated in four events: hitting, throwing, fielding, and base-running. Rotarians administered and judged the events, while student and PTA volunteers escorted the Special Olympians through each station. Smiles and laughter abounded throughout the day, and everyone left feeling like a winner. Participating Rotarians included Rick Otness, Jennie Stipick, David Gordon, Deb Cameron, Jamie Kresl, Larry Hart, Roy Ethridge, Paul Franco, Billy Grogan, Bill Woulfin, Shawn Hardister, Jack Daly, and Charlie Augello. At season's end, the Challenger Baseball picnic will be organized by Rotarian Shawn Hardister in May 2010.

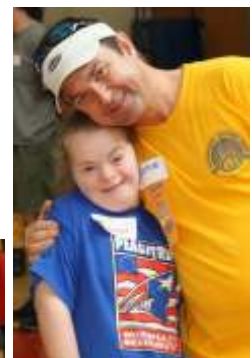
Character Counts is part of the curriculum, taught by Rotarian volunteers, at Austin (grades K-3), Dresden (grades 4-5), Hightower (grades 4-5), and Dunwoody Elementary (grades 4-5) schools. Students learn the meaning of having respect for others, displaying fairness, citizenship, compassion, perseverance, courage, self-control, honesty, and self-respect. This program is headed up by Roy Strickland and currently has 22 Dunwoody Rotarians teaching Dunwoody students.

The Peachtree Charter Middle School Quiz Bowl team defeated Westminster in the recent competition, according to teacher, Carol Dunn. Rotarian Rick Otness has organized 8 members who work with this competitive team each Thursday afternoon at Peachtree, practicing timely responses and learning answers to information from every curricula subject.

Don Griffing has six Rotary Club of Dunwoody speakers who are ready to inspire students to stay in school and prepare for a career via classroom presentations upon request. They spoke at Dresden recently and were a hit with both students and teachers.

Junior Achievement Fellows is a program that was invented in Georgia with an investment from Bernie Marcus. In July, 23 representative student companies met in Boston for the First Annual North American Student Company of the Year Competition. Georgia sent 5 JA Fellows, and they swept 4 of the 5 categories! One of the judges said, "If these students represent our future, then the future is looking really good." Michelle Arnett leads the JA effort at Dunwoody High School, and she is aided by many Dunwoody Rotarians. The profound impact of JA Fellows on students is being seen by JA Worldwide as a program they want to replicate.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of over 1.2 million business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all occupations, and helps build good will and peace in the world. The Rotary Club of Dunwoody meets Friday mornings at 7:15 at the Ravinia Club. For more information, visit their website at www.dunwoodyrotary.com.



Plaques commemorate Blakely Rotary's role in state park, library

Participating in the Kolomoki plaque dedication were from left, historic site resources manager Judd Smith, chief of operations for Georgia State Parks Wally Woods, Rotary president Glynda Nix, park manager Matt Bruner and Georgia State Representative Gerald Greene.

Lucy Hilton Maddox Memorial Library

The enthusiasm for the establishment of a state park began in 1936 after Mr. R.F. Burch, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Blakely. Rotary members were told a state park would be created if Early County citizens would donate 1,000 acres of land, including the Indian Mounds, to the State of Georgia. The Rotary Club was instrumental in getting donations totaling \$12,000. Approximately 800 acres was purchased from Mr. D.S. Stephenson. A 215 acre tract, including the large Indian mound, was purchased from Dr. C.C. Harrold, who sold it for his recent purchase price, less a \$50 donation to the park fund.

At the top of the list of donors were the Early County Board of Commissioners and the City Council of Blakely. Especially active in the promotion of the project were Messrs. R.C. Howell Sr., Sid Howell, S.G. Maddox Sr., R.W. Howell, R.C. Singletary Sr. and the members of the Rotary Club. In March 1938, the deed was delivered to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources by Mr. George Sparks, President of the Rotary Club of Blakely, Mr. S.G. Maddox Sr., and Early County Sheriff Sid Howell.

The vision of county and city officials and prominent citizens interested in the Rotary Club Park Project are to be commended. Today, thousands of visitors enjoy the park now known as Kolomoki Mounds State Historic Park.



Participating in the library plaque dedication were from left, June Merritt, Desoto, Trails Regional Library director Lisa Rigsby, past Rotary president Glynda Nix, Rotary president pastor Chuck Devane and Georgia State Representative Gerald Greene

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In January 1939, a new county-wide library opened in the rear of the Howell Drug Store funded by the **Rotary Club of Blakely**, City Council of Blakely and Works Progress Administration. In 1974, Rotary President Jim Richardson adopted securing a modern library building as a major project. The Rotary Club donated \$11,000 to purchase half of the property and John Wade Shepard, Jr., donated one-half undivided interest in the property. This is where the Lucy Hilton Maddox Memorial Library is located today. In 1981, the Rotary Club partnered with Great Southern Paper Company to donate \$6,300 to complete the library interior



The Rotary Club of Fayette Daybreak had a great Rotary family event with Governor Roy at the home of President Frank Harris the evening prior to his official visit.

The next morning was even better after Governor Roy's words of wisdom, he inducted our club's newest member, Chief Brandon Perkins of the Tyrone Police Dept.; President Frank presented, on behalf of the club, a check to the disaster relief fund as well as filled polio plus boxes. Governor Roy was presented an additional gift - his own PET ROCK to help him remember his conference theme, Rotary Rocks





Dream Big, Have Fun, Serve Meaningfully, Sing Joyfully

ROTARY DISTRICT 6900 CHOIR REGISTRATION

We encourage all participants to have some vocal experience. The selected mixed choir will consist of the four voice parts.

Choir is open to Rotarians and partners. Both must submit a registration form. Please return form no later than November 20th, 2009.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBERS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ROTARY CLUB _____

VOICE PART(S) _____

EXPERIENCE _____

WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO ATTEND TWO REGIONAL REHEARSALS IN YOUR AREA THAT WOULD BE HELD ON THURSDAY EVENINGS? THE TIME AND DATES WILL BE PROVIDED LATER. _____

WOULD YOU COMMIT TO A REHEARSAL SCHEDULE OF THE COMBINED CHOIR TO BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE SITE ON APRIL 22ND? THIS IS THE DAY THE CONFERENCE BEGINS. _____

WOULD YOU COMMIT TO LEARNING AT LEAST FOUR CHORAL NUMBERS THAT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU MONTHS IN ADVANCE? CD'S OF THE MUSIC SUNG BY AN ENSEMBLE AND VOICE PARTS WILL BE PROVIDED. _____