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# District 6900 news

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## Rotarians ... in the business of making a difference

While most organizations designate a month to focus on a single item, Rotarians multitask! October is both Vocational Service month AND Polio Awareness Month. Only Rotarians have enough energy to handle them both!

### Polio Awareness Month

In October, we observe both World Polio Day (Oct 24) and the birthday of Dr. Jonas Salk (Oct 28), who developed the world's first safe and effective vaccine against this crippling and sometimes deadly disease. We also celebrate the fact that the world



is on the verge of eradicating one of the most feared diseases of the 20th Century.

When Rotary launched its push to end polio in the 1980s, the wild poliovirus crippled nearly 1,000 people every day. Since then, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have reduced the incidence of polio by 99-percent. And the push continues: This

year, India has had only one case of polio (Jan 13). We are indeed "this close" to ending polio once and for all.

Over the past 26 years, Rotary's 1.2 million members in 200 countries and regions have contributed more than \$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries. Rotary also reaches out to governments worldwide to obtain vital financial and technical support. Since 1995, donor governments have contributed in excess of \$8 billion to polio eradication, due in part to Rotary's advocacy efforts.

I will be wearing the End Polio Now scarf during all of my October club visits. You too can get an End Polio Now scarf or tie for a \$200 donation. Contact District Polio Plus chair, Steve Stanfield or Zone Polio chair, Robert Hall today.

### Vocational Service

The Second Object of Rotary is: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

In a business round table at the 1916 convention in Cincinnati, Paul Harris made a very important statement – that Rotary is primarily business people and if we focus our energies on ethics, productivity and ingenuity in business, we create a world where everyone

*"I think that Rotary's fundamental purpose will be with business; that civic and charitable activities should not be discouraged, but should be given secondary consideration, not because of any lack of importance, but because there are specialized organizations to take care of their needs. Civic and charitable activities seem to me by-products."*

*Paul P. Harris  
Business round table  
1916 convention in Cincinnati*

benefits. Many of you have heard me talk about Vocational Service during my visits and know that I feel we have lost some of our vocational focus over the years. Rotary is indeed a service organization, but we were created on a vocational foundation. This distinguishes us from other service groups around the world. From the very beginning, Rotarians have been expected to set the standard for ethical business practices.

Today is no different. Vocational service can be so much more than awards and career days at the local school. We can offer mentoring services to entrepreneurs, mastermind sessions for club members, publish member to member directories or have monthly outings at local businesses. Be creative! In a tough economy, we can make the difference in our communities by being great business leaders.

*Margie Kersey  
District Governor 2011-12*



## October Rotary Birthdays

- ◆ **Rotary Club of Dallas - 8 years old:** sponsored by the Rotary Club of Paulding County on October 30, 2003
- ◆ **Rotary Club of Emory-Druid Hills - 2 years old:** sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Lake Spivey and Sandy Springs on October 21, 2009
- ◆ **Rotary Club of Marietta - 92 years old:** sponsored by the Rotary Club of Atlanta on October 1, 1919



President Stephanie Windham of the **Rotary Club of Griffin** was thrilled to accept the donation of the 1966-1967 Rotary Scrapbook. The scrapbook was presented to the club by Nan Jolly Moore, daughter of 1966-1967 President V. Frank Jolly. Griffin will celebrate its 88th anniversary in March 2012.

## Rotary's 'long time' member passes RAYMOND SINGLETARY, 1912-2011

A legend in Rotary and District 6900 has passed away. **Raymond Singletary** of the **Blakely Rotary Club** died on Sept. 15 at age 99. Of his 99 years, 79 of them were spent as a Rotarian, as Mr. Raymond joined Rotary at the age of 20 in 1932.

As his health would allow, Mr. Raymond continued to come to club meetings up until the last month. Though his vision and his hearing had faded, his spirit continued to charge ahead. During the last year, he spoke up during a program on Polio to note that one of the first projects of the Blakely Club was to provide an iron lung for a local victim.

Having served as a president of his club in 1948 and having inspired his fellow Rotarians through his long dedication, Mr. Raymond was honored by his club in 2009 with the RI Four Avenues of Service Award. The day of the award was a club meeting specially held in his honor and was accompanied by the proclamation of Raymond Singletary Day in Blakely, the town he helped to build!

That same year he was also featured in the Rotarian magazine, in an article that celebrated his contribution along with those of other early Rotarians. Visit <http://www.earlycountynews.com/news/2009-10-28>. "Long time" may be an understatement the article noted, as Rotary International believed Singletary, 97 at the time, may be the longest serving Rotarian in the country.

In Rotary, we honor generous members who become Paul Harris Fellows. We can also further praise some special Rotarians, those who have modeled the ideals of



In this October 2009 photo, Assistant District Governor Don Robinson places a gold Rotary pin on Mr. Raymond's lapel as daughter Ann Hammack and son Marvin look on.

## November Newsletter Deadline: October 15, 2011

Send stories, pictures (keep the electronic files small) to share what you and your members are doing. Include your Foundation projects!

## MARGIE WATCH

Where you'll find Margie plus Key District Dates.

October		15 Newsletter deadline	November
4	Moultrie		1 North Fulton
5	Columbus	22 RLI—Jasper, Chattanooga Technical College	2 Johns Creek
6	Albany		3 Camilla
10	Coweta-Fayette	25 Meriwether County	4 Atlanta Airport
11	Bainbridge		8 Thomaston-Upson
12	Vinings	26 Harris County	10 Quitman
13	Fayette Daybreak	27 Thomasville	15 Newsletter deadline
		31 Windward	18 Pelham
			29 Stone Mountain

# Consider the Power of Annual Fund Giving

... PDG Bill Woulfin, District 6900 Foundation Chair



It's hard to believe, but the first quarter of the year is behind us. We have been processing grants and have issued or set aside the funds for many of your District Grants and several significant Global Grants. I encourage you to continue your efforts to do good in your communities and the world at large. As a friendly reminder, keep up with your paperwork. You must close all of your grants on a timely basis or you will not be eligible for a grant next year.

District 6900 always responds to Rotary's priority needs and we know we will lead the way again. We cannot forget the needs of those less fortunate people in places like India, Honduras, Kenya, Haiti, etc. We must remember that giving to the Annual Fund is of paramount importance if we are going to help them. The Annual Fund supports all of the literacy projects, all of the water projects, all of the projects that are affecting the lives of millions of children worldwide, our GSE teams, our scholars, and the list goes on.

Giving to the Annual Fund is following the trend we set last year. This is not enough. I ask all of you to try to give a

little more and to encourage those Rotarians who gave nothing last year to help us become an EREY district. Our giving through September is down about 10% from last year. These are difficult economic times and I know you are doing all you can do. I ask you to consider the importance of giving to



*Because of your gift to the Annual Programs Fund, District 6900 and The Rotary Foundation can make a difference in the life of this child and many more like her around the world.*

**CONGRATS** ... to Muscogee for this great Foundation idea: create a one page "Stat Report" showing how many Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, Benefactors, etc you have in your membership. Don't forget to show how much your club donated to the Foundation last year in total.

the Annual Fund. Remember that your gifts to the Annual Fund provide the matching funds we use for our projects. Our ability to do these projects will be significantly impacted in the near future if we do not get back to past levels of Annual Fund giving.

We still have plenty of money this year for Global projects and I encourage you all to apply. This is due to the carryover of some of our DDF from 2010-2011. We simply could not get all our grants processed, but we are moving forward a lot faster this year. We are also placing some of our funds in reserve for future years. Without these reserves, we jeopardize our future to do meaningful projects at the level at which we have become accustomed.

Please make giving to the Annual Fund a priority this year. Our focus near term should be to ensure that our Annual fund is restored to a level that allows us to continue to do good in the world in future years.

I hope you are all having a great year and I am looking forward to speaking at several clubs during Foundation month.



*Past Club President Cecil Cheves and his wife Bettye of the Rotary Club of Columbus were recently honored as Major Donors for their generous contribution to The Rotary Foundation for the PolioPlus in honor of portrait artist Rossin (see why on page 4). Pictured L-R are: TRF Major Donor Advisor Debra Lowe, Bettye Cheves, Rotarian and past Club president Cecil Cheves, and Club president Jimmy Elder. Photo credit: Jim Cawthorne, Camera 1, Columbus*

## Register for Member Access & Win Recognition Points

Between now and October 14, Rotary club members are eligible to win 1,000 extra Rotary Foundation recognition points simply by registering on Member Access at <https://www.rotary.org/en/selfservice/Pages/login.aspx>. Registrants will be entered into a drawing; the winner will be announced after mid-October.

Start by using a valid email address to create an account. You may be asked to provide additional information to help Rotary International determine your relationship with RI and match you with your record in the RI database. Within 24 hours, you will receive a verification email with a hyperlink that will connect you to a Member Access screen to complete your registration. If you do not see the email in your inbox, check your spam/bulk/junk folder. If you have questions, e-mail the Contact Center at [contact.center@rotary.org](mailto:contact.center@rotary.org) or phone 866-9-ROTARY (866-976-8279) toll-free (within North America).



### Join the North Cobb Rotary Ride for Haiti - October 15

The **North Cobb Rotary Club** is partnering with HERO (The Health and Education Relief Organization) to sponsor a motor cycle race to help the children of Haiti. The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual North Cobb Rotary Ride for Haiti Charity

Poker Run will take place October 15. The ride is a poker run with a card given out at each stop and the winning hand will receive \$500. Extra cards may be purchased and there will be a 50/50 raffle.

Proceeds will help build a home and classrooms for the Children of Jesus Orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where 83 children have been living in tents since the January 2010 earthquake.

The ride will start at WOW Motorcycles at 509 Cobb Parkway North in Marietta. Riders can register starting at 8am. The race will go to Harley Davidson of Cartersville and then to Elijah, with a stop for lunch at Poole's BBQ, and finally to Hooters on Cobb Parkway and Old 41 in Kennesaw. Riders may also start at Harley Davidson of Cartersville. Cartersville registration starts at 9am and the riders will leave at 10am from Cartersville.

Bruce Goddard, International Chair for North Cobb Rotary and the Vice President of HERO, said "The route is beautiful and they expect to have over 100 riders for their first year." He went on to say, "The end of ride party at Hooters will have awards, door prizes and lots of fun for the riders and their friends joining them at Hooters."

The cost to participate is \$30 for riders and \$10 for passengers. Additionally, corporate and individual sponsorships are available. To register or for further information go to the HERO website at [www.herononprofit.com](http://www.herononprofit.com) or contact Bruce Goddard at 770-973-6304.



### Portrait for Polio

Atlanta Rotarian and world renowned portrait artist Ross Rossin's 5X6 foot portrait of Paul Harris was created to auction to the highest bidder with proceeds going to PolioPlus. **The Rotary Club of Atlanta**, including family and friends, was the high bidder and donated it in honor of Rotarian Wilton and Martha Looney for the Looney's leadership and dedication to the eradication of polio. The portrait will hang in the Rotary International headquarters building in Evanston, Illinois. The unveiling of the portrait was Monday, September 19 at during the Trustees meeting.

### Celebrating 65 Years of GRSP

#### Carrollton Welcome s Back GRSP Alumni

##### Carrollton Rotary

**Club** welcomed back former GRSP student, Antti Saarinen, at last Tuesday's meeting. Saarinen is from Helsinki, Finland, and was sponsored by Carrollton Rotary Club in 1959-60 to attend West Georgia College for one year.



After returning to Finland, Saarinen attended the University of Helsinki, where he earned a M.A. in Social Sciences. Saarinen was the head of the Finland office of the Project Advisory Services, whose main tasks involve internationalization of and network building of Finnish enterprises, until he retired in 2003 at age 63. He is pictured with Carrollton Club

### Quitman Earns an A<sup>+</sup> from Kindergarteners...

Gaylon Amerson presented **Quitman County Rotary Club president** Dennis Montgomery with a certificate from Quitman County school kindergarten. It says "Thanks for all you do for us-- You deserve an A+." The Club is helping the school with its literacy program. Dennis

President Dennis presented Principal, Joseph Williams with two checks in the amount of \$250.00 for last year's Valedictorian and Salutarian. Both student are attending college. We also presented school with supplies to pre K and Kindergarten, which included back packs.

### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Off to a Great Start with An Evening at Oakton

Cobb Landmarks and Historical Society was thrilled to kick off this year's Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Series with An Evening at Oakton. This unique opportunity was the idea of Rotary Club of Marietta's President Will Goodman. The Club is seeking to give back to historically-minded groups by hosting fundraisers during Goodman's tenure.

The "win-win" evening included both CLHS members and Rotarians – with approximately 180 guests enjoying the unexpectedly cool August breeze. Rotaract of Kennesaw State University also participated – providing four hard-working volunteers for the gathering.



Douglas Frey, author of CLHS' latest publication, *Marietta, The Gem City of Georgia*, was on hand to personalize his lovely coffee table book. Oakton is featured prominently in Frey's book which covers everything from architecture to ownership to décor of 50 of the city's historic homes. Forty books were sold during the fundraiser. Additional copies may be purchased at The Root House as well as several retailers on or near the Square.

Guests were invited to tour the first floor of Oakton, home of Michelle and Will Goodman, and were informed by docents in each room. Will also led tours of the home's beautiful gardens. After a delicious dinner catered by Chicken and the Egg, Marietta's newest eatery, Will gave an engaging power point presentation on the history of Oakton.

Many delighted in the informal nature of this special evening which celebrated community, history and preservation while raising nearly \$2,200 for Cobb Landmarks. Hats off to the The Rotary Club of Marietta for supporting this event and to the Goodmans for opening their home and all of the preparation that went into this memorable night!

### Still Keeping Dunwoody Beautiful

Members of **The Rotary Club of Dunwoody** and City of Dunwoody officials (who are also members of Dunwoody Rotary!) gathered to dedicate a new sign for a major community location. The triangle area across from the Dunwoody Library was the first "Adopt a Spot" accepted in the Keep DeKalb Beautiful campaign in 2002. After nine years of regular gardening maintenance by The Rotary Club of Dunwoody, Dunwoody Rotarian Don Griffing designed a new sign and negotiated with the City for its acceptance.



*The August 30 unveiling was attended by (from left to right) Dunwoody Rotarians Don Griffing, Past District Governor Bob Hall, Fred Bounds (who currently oversees maintenance of this "park" for the Club), former Dunwoody Rotarian Monroe Brock who chose the triangle as an environmental project for the Club in 2002, Dunwoody Rotarian and Mayor of Dunwoody Ken Wright, Immediate Past President Sidney Browning, and Dunwoody Rotarian and City Manager Warren Hutmacher.*

### District Tree Project Update

As of mid- September, we have ordered **8,750 trees** for planting. The following seven Rotary clubs have confirmed orders with the Georgia Forestry Commission Nursery (GFCN): **Atlanta Airport, Carrollton, Dunwoody, Griffin, Pelham, Rockmart and Roswell**. The GFCN recently conducted a computer upgrade and the nursery is approximately 10 days behind in processing orders. For those clubs expecting to plant trees who have not submitted an order, place your orders as soon as possible.

If your club is having problems determining the types of trees to order, requires assistance in completing the order form or maybe just some suggestions on where your trees could be planted, please contact the District Tree Project Chair, Cam Sutherland, Sr., 404-295-1067 (cell) or 678-771-5657 (home), [cbsutherland@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbsutherland@bellsouth.net). Remember; place your club's name at the top of the order form in **BOLD LETTERS**.



## CLUB NEWS AND NEWS FOR CLUBS

### Vinings Run for the Kids Sets Records for Race Time, Runners & Fund-Raising



Rotarian Shawn Bendig, DG Margie Kersey, and Vinings Rotary Club President Debby Bolt congratulate five-year old Eva Armstrong who left her dad Ray and family in the dust to get to the finish line before they did in the One Mile Fun Run.



DG Margie Kersey fires the starting gun for the one mile fun run around Vinings after the end of the 5K race.

The **Rotary Club of Vinings** held its annual 5K race and One Mile Fun Run in the heart of Vinings in September and set records for the winning time at 15:46, the number of runners, and the amount of money raised for the Vinings Rotary Charity Fund. Backed by Presenting Sponsor Printpack Inc., and Gold Level sponsors Costco Wholesale and The Vinings Jubilee, the Rotary Club of Vinings had over 1000 runners enjoy the downhill 5K race and over 100 children run through Vinings in the One Mile Fun Run.



Vinings President Debby Bolt and DG Margie welcome One Mile Fun Runners Hudson Crowe and dad/trainer Matthew Crowe

CONGRATS

... to Polk County for a unique service project – the Reality Fair! Does your community need a project to help keep kids in school and help them understand the Real World? Talk to Polk County about the Reality Fair...

## Rotary Leadership Institute Coming Your Way!

Registration for **RLI classes** in August is now open at [www.rlitraining.org](http://www.rlitraining.org). Here are the classes scheduled in District 6900 for this Rotary Year:

- ◆ January 21 – Thomasville, site coordinator – PDG Fran Milberg
- ◆ May 19, 2012 – Roswell, site coordinator – Danny Tompkins

There are also classes in Jasper (Oct. 22), Gwinnett County (Feb. 11) and Savannah (March 3).

**What some recent District 6900 RLI participants have had to say:** “Every new member ought to attend this venue. It would **explain Rotary** like no other”

“I liked **Membership** the best – it was an important category and topic. We had great sharing and great ideas”

“Discussion **Leaders were knowledgeable, enthusiastic and very experienced.**” “It was a **Good Use of my time**”

“Today’s Rotary Leadership institute broadened my understanding of the scope of our Rotary clubs, **how we fit not only in our community but in our global community.** It also showed me how important my role as a club member is”



## Introducing the Cliff Dochterman Award (CCDA)

The Cliff Dochterman Award is an honor available to recognize an individual Rotarian or Rotaractor who acts as a role model and renders distinguished and dedicated service to Scouting through active service, leadership or other exemplary contributions to the Scout Association of his or her home country. The award is administered by the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR) as its premier recognition award for Rotarians. It is named for a distinguished Rotarian, 1992-93 RI President and dedicated Scouter, Cliff Dochterman of Moraga, California.



Cliff's professional career in higher education administration included 20 years at UC - Berkeley and 20 years at the University of the Pacific. He was honored with the George Washington Honor Medal

of The Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge for his contributions to the American way of life. Cliff earned the Eagle Scout award in 1939 in the Central Ohio Council just before he reached his 14th birthday. He was President of the 49er Council (now the Greater Yosemite Council) from about 1975 to 1980. His son is also an Eagle Scout.

For additional information on Cliff and the CDA, check out [IFSR-net.org](http://IFSR-net.org). If your club has Rotarians who work diligently for the Scouting program, nominate them for the CDA. One individual may be nominated by a local club per Rotary year (July 1-June 30), except where a Rotary Club continuously has more than 50 members in any one year, then one additional Rotarian or Rotaractor may be nominated by the club that Rotary year. If a club nominates a Rotaractor, membership in that individual's Rotaract Club may be used to determine eligibility for a second nomination. Rotary District Governors may nominate one Rotarian each Rotary year in addition to nominations from the District's clubs. If you have questions, please contact Cam Sutherland, District Boy Scout and IFSR Coordinator, at 678-771-5657(home)/404-295-1067(cell) or via email: [cbsutherland@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbsutherland@bellsouth.net).

## Starting the School Year Right!



When local school children need help with school supplies, the **Rotary Club of North Fulton** responds with enthusiasm. The Club kicked off its new Rotary year with the tradition of a service project that is a great support to the local North Fulton community. Rotary Club Member Cliff Wilcox coordinated the gathering and delivery of school supplies including notebooks, pens, pencils, bags, and bag tags with the Rotary "4 Way Test" to four Roswell area schools:

- ◆ 75 bags to Mimosa Elementary
- ◆ 25 bags to Hillside Elementary
- ◆ 25 bags to Esther Jackson Elementary
- ◆ 25 bags with supplies to River Eves Elementary

The Club raised more than \$1,900 for book bags, school supplies and literacy programs. Bags and supplies are valued at \$1,400. All told, 150 students in need of supplies were helped by the efforts of Rotary Club of North Fulton.

## Cooking Up a Storm for the Community in Marietta ...



The **Rotary Club of Marietta** has been busy cooking for the local community. In August, they teamed up with the Interact students from The Walker School to serve supper at the Extension, featuring David Strother's tortilla soup. Sheldon Michaels was in charge of procurement, while Interactors Stephanie and Jaemin

set tables and acted as sous chefs alongside Rotarian Beth Pence and husband Lee. This is a monthly Rotary-Interact event.

In September, Master Chef Dawn McEachern had Rotary chefs Bill Brumby, Judd Smith and Fred Saavedra fully engaged in preparing eight large serving trays of Shepherd's Pie for Rotary's lunch at MUST Ministries. Meanwhile, diners were lining up outside when servers Linda Rodriguez, Randy Rice, Doug Haynie, Jim Trapnell and Dale Covington arrived. Over 30 of the 125 diners returned for seconds. Shepherd's Pie made Rotary's meal a hit!



UGA President Michael Adams was a featured speaker at the **Brookhaven and Griffin Rotary Clubs** this summer. He is pictured here at Brookhaven. In Griffin, the Club presented him with a souvenir copy of the 100th Anniversary Collector's Edition of the Rotarian Magazine.