



Celebrating the Second Year of the Second Century of Rotary

District 6900 Newsletter

February 2007

Calendar

**Multi-District PETS ... March 9/10 ...
Peachtree City, Georgia**

**District Assembly ... March 24 ...
Columbus, Georgia**

The District 6900 Assembly offers motivation, inspiration, Rotary information and new ideas for club officers, directors and key committee chairmen of each club. Some of the most experienced district leaders conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects. The Assembly gives all participants valuable new ideas to make their club more effective and interesting. Usually 8-15 delegates from each club are invited to attend the training session.

Another important feature of a District 6900 Assembly is a review by incoming District Governor Bill Woulfin of the program theme and emphasis of the new RI President, Wilfrid J. "Wilf" Wilkinson from Ontario, Canada, for the coming year. District goals and objectives are also described and plans are developed for their implementation. Clubs can register now at www.rotarydistrict6900.org.

**Who wouldn't say:
"Weekend in
Paradise!" with a
smile ... District
Conference in
Sandestin
April 27-30, 2007 ...
see page 2of this
newsletter and the
district web site for
registration info.**



**Email your news to
rotascot@bellsouth.net
by March 2 for March**

We plan to publish the March newsletter by the 9th with interesting stories about the District, a "Rotary Rookie of the month," unique Club projects, Rotarians, fundraisers and important Family of Rotary events . Pictures of your unique projects are particularly

Thoughts About District at Mid-Year

Hello everyone – it has been a first half that is for sure. We finished all of our club visits with a great visit to the Atlanta Club on January 22, but it has been non stop since then. Jeannie and I just returned from San Destin finalizing the District Conference agenda, food, etc. Trust me when I assure you we will have a great time!

What I really want to do is give you an overview of how your District is doing at mid-year. This will be in general terms as we have the statisticians assembling the numbers as this is being written.

Foundation giving at mid-year is at a high and this could be the year the District exceeds \$1M in giving – keep it up! What a great effort by everyone.

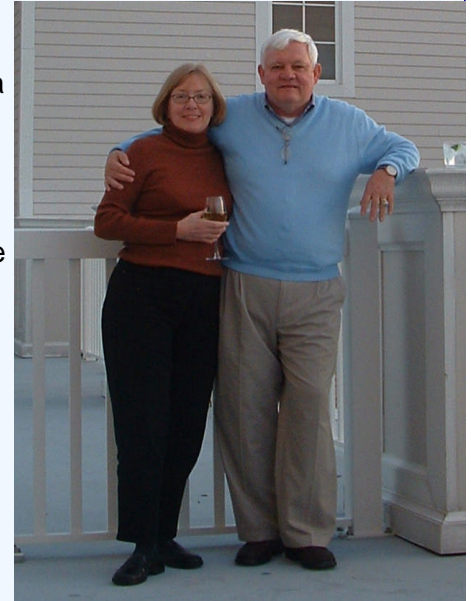
Membership is up about 50 members District wide and I know that it is more than that – we need to be plus 70 to be plus 1 for all the clubs. If you haven't entered new members at RI then use the website and enter them there. Club President's – remember your last day to report plus one for the RI President's citation is April 1. Don't forget, April Fool's Day.

The truck raffle is running behind and we need your help to make this thing break even or make a profit – please try to buy two tickets per member -- \$10 each on the website www.rotarydistrict6900.org using PayPal or print the paper ticket and send it in with \$10 per chance. Remember the profit comes back to the club in District Simplified Grant money.

The District Conference should be a lot of fun – first night menu Cheese Burgers in Paradise or Grouper Sandwiches grilled on the lawn – plenty of tables and chairs and the Landsharks Band will play. Saturday lunch is a hot Italian pasta buffet. Sunday is breakfast and the final awards. Door prizes change a little and there is only one each day – all flat screen TVs – small, bigger, and biggest. You must be present to win.

Club Presidents – remember your awards are due the end of March and there will be other requests at the same time – you community service hours, budget, and projects list (an email to follow with specifics), club photos on a CD and pictures, names and dates of Rotarians from your club that have passed away since the last Conference to be used at the memorial service.

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By late April, you shouldn't need the sweaters Jeannie and District Governor Steve were wearing at the District Conference planning meeting earlier this month. Read more about District Conference on page XX..

More from Governor Steve

Please congratulate Blake McBurney, Rotary Club of Atlanta, when you see him – he is one of 150 recipients of the Service Above Self Award from Rotary International – worldwide.

There will be more in early March but I wanted to share this much with you as early in the month as possible.

Thanks,

Steve

6900 Leads the Way!

Time To Sign Up for District Conference!

It's 5 o'clock somewhere — just as it is on the clock in Sandestin — and time to sign up for a Weekend in Paradise ... April 27-29, 2007. Online registration is now open at www.rotarydistrict6900.org for a fun-filled weekend in Sandestin. Visit the District web site now (if you're not already here reading the newsletter) to:

- ◆ Hear a message from District Governor Steve about what will make this year's conference special
- ◆ See the schedule of events ... including a special Friday night presentation by best-selling author Ronda Rich and dancing to the sounds of the Landsharks
- ◆ Register simply ... online — by the March 15 early bird deadline.



Ronda Rich is the best-selling author of **What Southern Women Know (That Every Woman Should)** will address the conference Friday. Ronda has appeared on dozens of television shows including *The View*, *The Other Half*, *Politically Incorrect*, *CNN* and appeared in many magazines including *Cosmopolitan* dispensing her hilarious anecdotes about Dixie Chicks who have succeeded in life and love by applying their Steel Magnolia principles.

The Landsharks are a legendary Beach band that has become part of Beach music history. The Landsharks have performed in Florida, California, and throughout beaches of the world for millions of fans! They've played with Jimmy Buffett in Key West, Florida and also at Margaritaville during their long association with Jimmy Buffett and Margaritaville. They've opened for The Beach Boys in concert on the Coast of Carolina. They have played at concerts, festivals, nightclubs, and also played many other places from Key West to Tokyo!



Golf on Friday!

Join your fellow Rotarians, spouses, and guests for a



challenging and fun day on the links at SanDestin Resort! Register online and a foursome is not required. All golfers

will be grouped into foursomes and the game will be low net and low gross for prizes. Tee times are from 8:04 CST to 9:29 CST (Links Course-earlier tee times filled first). Cost is \$100/player and includes cart, range balls and prizes.

You must register prior to March 27, 2007 or tee times will close!!! Limited to the first 72 players and is not restricted to Rotarians. Spouses and friends

Group Study Exchange Takes Place with Japan in 2006-2007

DGE Bill Woulfin Announces Applications for Rotary District 6900 2007-2008 GSE Team Leader and Team Members for Japan Rotary District 2730 exchange are now being accepted!

Deadline for Applications – Friday, March 16, 2007

Candidate Interview Date – Saturday, March 31, 2007(changed item)

**Outbound Japanese Exchange Dates:
Friday, October 12 – Sunday, November 11, 2007**

**Inbound Japan 2730 GSE Team Dates –
Saturday, April 12, 2008 – Saturday, May 10, 2008**

Please send mail, fax, or email applications to:

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Email or Fax Application: christopher@gwinnettech.edu;
Fax: 770/685-1250
Questions: Phone: 678/226-6316*

Wonder what it's like to be on a Group Study Exchange team? Read India Team Leader Whit Perry's remarks on the District web site.

North Fulton Celebrates Its Anniversary By Becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club!

Tuesday, January 23, 2007 was a special day in the life of the Rotary Club of North Fulton. Not only was it a celebration of the Club's Seventh Anniversary, it was also a time to recognize eleven new Paul Harris Fellows and to celebrate the Club becoming only the eighth Club in District 6900 to become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club!



Almost 60 Rotarians and guests attended this Family of Rotary event. Distinguished guests included six District officers: PDG Bill Mulkey, PDG Ann Johnson, PDG Robert Hall, PDG Bob Lynn, DGE Bill Wolfen, and DGN Ted Propes. PDG Hall made the presentations to the new Paul Harris Fellows, and presented the Club with the



100% PHF Banner. PDG Bob Lynn prepared a special program for the occasion, which he entitled the "Completing the Circle of Light." The lights in the room were dimmed, and all PHF's present in the room

held lit candles around the perimeter of the room. One by one, each of the new PHF's were called to the front of the room and after receiving their certificate, pin and medal, they were given a lit candle and stood across the front of the room, thus completing the circle of light. Club President Scott Murray then led each of the new PHF's in a recitation, followed by a response by all PHF's.

The meeting was capped by a presentation by PDG Ann Johnson who gave a history of the Club since its charter. Ms. Johnson had initiated the founding of the North Fulton Club while she was District Governor. Among the highlights she discussed were the following. This was the first

Club in District 6900 to be chartered in the new millennium. Although the Club currently has only 30 members, contribu-



tions to the Rotary Foundation are in excess of \$95,000, the Club has had 63 PHF's, 8 multiple PHF's, and 5 Paul Harris Society members. The Club has participated in the building of 8 Habitat houses locally and 3 in Guatemala. As its Centennial Project, the Club built a \$100,000 handicapped-accessible playground adjacent to the Miracle League Ballpark in Alpharetta. The Club's annual fundraiser, called a *Concert in the Park*, with the *Swingin' Medallions*, regularly nets the Club over \$50,000 for its service projects. On the National Day of Prayer, the Club hosts its annual Signature Project, an Interfaith Prayer Breakfast, held in Alpharetta.

A Two-Pronged Approach to Literacy



Optician Pablo Mercado tests the eyes of one of 400 people in the school library..

This month, the Rotary Club of Dunwoody partnered with the Rotary Club of Heredia, Costa Rica to donate school supplies to a poor public school, and to provide eye exams and classes to the children and the aged in two local communities. Optician and Dunwoody Rotarian Pablo Mercado teamed up with eye doctors from a local vision company to perform about 400 eye exams.



President Anna Leela from the Rotary Club of Heredia, and Past Dunwoody Presidents Jennie Springer and Jackie Cuthbert pose with the children receiving school