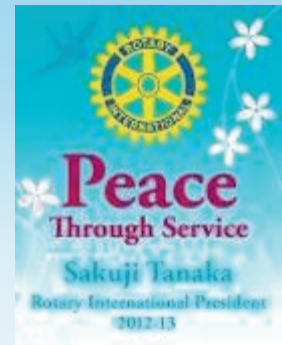


District 6900 news

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New Generations and Our Future

September is New Generations month and what a wonderful month it is. New Generations is our fifth Avenue of Service and is vital for the future of Rotary and for the good work that Rotarians do.

So what is New Generations? It is the polio vaccinations which help to ensure that our future generations will be polio free. It is the literacy work we do to educate children, the projects we do to improve maternal health and to help families. But it also refers to the youth and young adult programs that we have such as Rotaract, Interact, RYLA and GRSP. If we do not educate our youth on the value of Rotary and the accomplishments of our service projects, then how is Rotary going to survive in the future?

For our Rotary clubs to grow in membership and support the service projects they perform, we must recruit young people. Why not start with them in the schools so that when they are ready to join a service organization, they think of Rotary? Why not keep track of them when they finish high school so that you can invite them at the right time to become members of a Rotary club?

I am proud to be a second generation Rotarian and I have met many other Rotarians that are second and third generation Rotarians. Don't forget about your own children. Take them to your meetings when you can. Include them in a hands on service project. Teach and show them the value of Rotary.



The future of Rotary will be determined by our young members. We must identify the right ones and get them involved. The future possibilities for Rotary are incredible.

Cheryl Greenway
District Governor 2011-12



DG Cheryl visits *Dougherty County*.

WHERE IS CHERYL?

September

4	Thomaston-Upson	25	Meriwether County
5	Griffin Daybreak	26	Harris County
6	Griffin	26	LaGrange
10	Sandy Springs	27	West Point
11	North Fulton	30	Applications due for GSE Team - Taiwan
12	Brookhaven		
13	South Cobb		
15	Interact Fall Conference		
15	Oct. newsletter deadline		
18	Zone Meeting - Hilton Head		

October

1	Windward	23	Americus
2	Stone Mountain	24	Dawson
4	Camilla	25	Albany
5	Pelham	30	Cuthbert
9	Midtown Atlanta		
11	Fayette Daybreak		
11	Peachtree City		
15	Nov. newsletter deadline		
16	North Columbus		
17	Columbus		
18	Muscogee		

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Celebrating District Treasures

Congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Quitman County** for receiving a Significant Achievement Award for the Rotary Foundation! At right: PDG Margie Kersey and Dennis Montgomery.

Muscogee Rotary celebrates a membership drive has moved out Muscogee up to a Category II Club. What an awesome achievement!



Sam Massell, **Buckhead Rotarian** and President of the Buckhead Coalition, has been designated as 2012 recipient of the coveted "Four Pillar Award" by the Council For Quality Growth. An Emory graduate (Class of '48), Sam follows such dignitaries as Charlie Loudermilk and Arthur Blank. The Council promotes balanced and responsible growth in the state. The award recognizes Massell's contributions to the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia. It will be awarded Oct. 4 at Atlanta's World Congress Center.



The **Rotary Club of Atlanta** Legends Award is given to people who go above the normal definition of success

bring honor to Atlanta and Georgia. Past winners have included Hank Aaron, Andrew Young, Arthur Blank, Shirley Franklin, Ted Turner, among a short list of others. In June, Natasha Trethewey of Emory University was named US Poet Laureate by the Library of Congress. She is the 19th person to hold that position and the second from the South. Bob Hope and Steve Hennessy of Atlanta Rotary presented her with the award.




IN SEARCH OF:

Qualified Global Grant Scholars Applications Due Oct. 15


Get 2012-2013 Global Grant Scholarship information and application on the District Website, and contact Kathy Brandt at Kgbrandt1@comcast.net with any questions.

Rotary Club of Buckhead

Rotary Club of Roswell




BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF



RYAN REDNER
(Son of Roswell Rotarian Ron Redner)

Sunday, September 23
11AM – 4PM
at our Companions for Heroes partner

Urban Pet Project
720 B 14th St.
Atlanta, GA 30318



Come give blood, save lives, eat cookies, drink juice, socialize with friends and HUG adorable dogs and cats!!!

Applicants Welcome for GSE Trip to Taiwan (D3460)

Each year the Rotary Clubs of Georgia sponsor an international experience through Rotary's Group Study Exchange (GSE). This fall, four young professionals from South and West Georgia and the metro Atlanta area who are NOT Rotarians will be selected to travel to Taiwan along with a Rotarian Team Leader. In a departure from past practice, this year's exchange will concentrate on one of Rotary International's six Areas of Focus: Basic Education and Literacy. As always, the exchange is based on building relationships one-on-one and it offers special cultural experiences in addition to the opportunity to experience how another culture provides the critical element of education to its youth. All District 6900 Clubs are encouraged to nominate Rotarians as potential Team Leaders, and Non Rotarians (including Rotaract members) in the Club area as potential Team Members. **Applications are due September 30.**

The trip is for four weeks during March 2013 to Rotary District 3460, the area in and around the second largest city, Taichung. While some limited personal expenses are expected, the major travel expenses are provided by The Rotary Foundation, with the food, housing, and local transportation provided by Rotarians and their families in Taiwan. For more information, see http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/160en.pdf

Team Member Qualifications

- ◆ US citizen, ages 25 – 40 who lives or works within District 6900
- ◆ Employed full-time and intending to stay in workforce
- ◆ Not a Rotarian or a Rotarian's relative
- ◆ Ability to speak Mandarin a plus
- ◆ Open minded, tolerant, good communication skills

The Rotary Foundation: Doing Good in the World

By Ray McKemie, District Foundation Co-Chair



It's hard to believe that two months of this Rotary year have passed. Wow! Time does really fly when you are having fun!

August was another wonderful month for Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. At the Rotary Foundation Seminar in Columbus, we recognized new Major Donors, Bequest Society members and outstanding PolioPlus clubs. Clubs completed submission of their applications for District Grants on August 31st. A numbers of clubs continue their work on a total of twelve Global Grants. And the Group Study Exchange (GSE) and Scholarship committees are moving toward interviewing team members and scholars respectively in the near future.

District Grants give districts and clubs the flexibility to carry out small relatively short term projects to support the mission of the Rotary Foundation. District Grants are funded with up to 50% of the DDF available in a given year. In the current year, they will be available to fund at least one grant per club to support programs and activities in their local communities, one GSE team, and disaster relief as necessary during the year. Districts must submit an application to the Rotary Foundation for approval prior to receiving the DDF disbursement for the year. Typically, our District applies for these funds in September. The Foundation normally reviews and approves the application and sends us the DDF in October.

As mentioned previously, District Grant fund our GSE team each year. GSE is a long-standing program of Rotary International to promote international understanding through one-on-one relationship building. The teams spend about four weeks in the other country as guests of clubs in the District. Team members are hosted by Rotarians in their homes and escorted to various locations and events where they can have first-hand experience with the local culture, history, politics, and business practices. This year's team will travel to Taichung, Taiwan and have the opportunity to see how education policy impacts teaching practices and methods in Taiwanese schools and how the educational system in that country has produced outstanding results, especially in science and math.

Global Grants support large international activities with sustainable high-impact outcomes in one or more of the six areas of focus and have a long-term impact. Global grants must be sponsored by two Rotary clubs or districts: a host partner in the country where the activity takes place and an international partner outside the country. At this moment we have seven grants in process in the countries of Honduras, Botswana, Serbia, Swaziland, Ecuador, Nigeria, and Guatemala with three others being prepared. We have funds available to support additional



Fundraising workshop at August Foundation seminar

Global Grants are be used to fund Scholarships. The intent of these graduate-level scholarships is to fund sustainable, high-impact outcomes in one of Rotary's six Areas of Focus: peace and conflict prevention/ resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, economic and community development. Our 2012-13 scholar, Erika Larson of Atlanta, departs this month to pursue a Master of Science in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Having observed the devastating effect of HIV/AIDS during her childhood in Botswana, Erika would like to return to public health area and design programs that take advantage of the best-practices learned at the London School.

But, none of this happens without your contributions to our Foundation. Rotary's strength lies in its members. Members who since 1905 have donated over \$2 billion to help people in need around the world. Members who have volunteered their time and money to help immunize billions of children against poliomyelitis. Members who have cared enough to take the risk to make a difference in the world. Members to whom we owe our deepest gratitude for what they have done and for what they will continue to do to help others have a better quality of life. Please make time in the near future to evaluate how you might help Our Foundation to continue doing good in the world with your time, your talents, and your resources. Then act to share those with people in need in your community, in our state, and around the world. Together we can make a difference!



Making new friends; catching up with old friends at Foundation Seminar.

Global Grants this year. How would your club like to make a difference in the lives of people in need? Think about it and contact our Global Grants chair.

CLUB NEWS AND NEWS FOR CLUBS

Supporting Education in Griffin



Griffin Rotarians, (left to right above) George Granade, Doris Christopher and Jim King help give out supplies to teachers at the "Free Store for Teachers" on August 8. The store furnishes supplies to teachers for students who can not afford them. Right: Rotarian Chuck Copeland loads a box of composition books.



HELP ANIMALS HELP PEOPLE



The **East Cobb Rotary Club** hosted its seventh annual Dog Days 5k Run in August ... it was the biggest and best ever! They raised a record \$52,000+ and had 727 runners (not counting the dogs). East Cobb Rotary set a record for both the most money raised and the number of runners

which is a major accomplishment in the down economy. This year's major sponsors included WellStar, Hanna and Associates, PetSmart, Scanna Energy, and Bank of America to name just a few. Most of the funds that were raised will go to local charities in East Cobb. With food, drinks, face painting, music, and bouncy houses, a great time was had by all. We look forward to seeing you next year!!

Vinings Keeps on Running for the Kids

The **Vinings Rotary Club** had the most successful 5K race ever on Saturday, August 18, as over 1600 runners ran the 5K downhill race and over 100 children ran the one mile fun run to help raise money for the club's charities. It is estimated that over \$100,000 has been raised for the Vinings Charity Fund, the Good Samaritan Health Center of Atlanta, and the Calvary Children's Home.



Alpharetta Rotary Proudly Supports the Troops

After September 11, 2001, the **Alpharetta Rotary Club** made a commitment to support our men and women in uniform by recognizing the sacrifice they make for our nation. The club began sending care packages in 2003 and hasn't stopped since - supporting the Army, Marine and Air Force units. The units who receive care packages have been referred to the club by a member, neighbors of members and returning veterans. Sometimes the point person in the combat theater has a local Georgia connection.

The club supported parts of the Georgia 48th Brigade during its deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan and is currently adopting two combat units from the 4th Infantry Division serving in Kunar Province,



Afghanistan. One of the Platoon leaders for these units went to Sequoya High in Cherokee County and is a North Georgia College graduate as well. Care packages are usually sent starting in June and then every three or four months. The last set of boxes went out in this July.

The boxes generally include toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, and sunblock, soap and lip balm. Food is popular, so the club includes canned fruit, all kinds of nuts, candy, cookies, ready-to-eat tuna lunches, beef jerky, raisins, drink mix and slim jims. A football, playing cards and a poker set finish the package. Veterans have said that there are periods of intense pressure and boredom and the food and games help their morale.

The soldiers sometimes send thank you notes back to the Alpharetta Rotary Club as well as a US flag that was flown over a combat base. The correspondence received from the units is always from the heart. Through its fundraising efforts the Alpharetta Rotary Club has committed a good portion of its budget to support our soldiers. "We appreciate William Perkins taking charge of this very important project for our club and we plan to continue supporting our troops in the future," said club president Bill Weeks.

CLUB NEWS AND NEWS FOR CLUBS

A Summer of Service, Winetasting and Fun for Coweta County

This summer, **Coweta Fayette Rotary Club** hosted its first Wine and Beer on Main at the Senoia Coffee Company. A full house was served delicious hors d'oeuvres paired with domestic wines and beers while David Hobbs of Premier Wines and Spirits described each. In addition, an IPAD 2 and a bottle of Cakebread wine (not readily available in Georgia) was raffled off. Proceeds from this event go towards the many local and international projects that Coweta Fayette Rotary supports.



In August, the club held its first of several book and school supply drives for Eastside Elementary School located in Senoia, collecting more than 200 books, school supplies and backpacks for Eastside.

And, on three different summer days, the club participated in the Summer F.U.N. program that April Anderson of Backpack Buddies held in Senoia. Lunch was served each day and the children made sun catchers,

played volleyball, made drinking cups, watched a program put on by the Coweta County Fire Department and played Georgia History Bingo.



**ATLANTA INTERFAITH
BUSINESS PRAYER BREAKFAST**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

RICHARD ANDERSON

HYATT REGENCY – DOORS OPEN

@ 7AM - OUT 9 AM

Tickets: \$15

Table for 10: \$150

CALL 404-522-2767

Marietta Continues MUST Ministries Tradition

Bob Lewis and Hall Rigdon, Co-Chairs of The **Rotary Club of Marietta's MUST Ministries Committee** for 2012-13, arrived at MUST early last Thursday to help Master Chefs Dawn McEachern and Bill Brumby prepare lunch for 120 diners. Boxes of freshly ground beef, bags of shredded garden salad, and no. 10 cans of tomato sauce, green beans and pineapple—all for the meal—crowded almost every square inch of the kitchen's food preparation table top. Cans were opened as the grill and a convection oven heated. Hall soon had the ground beef browning on the grill while Bob mixed green beans and tomato sauce for Shepherd's Pie, the meal's popular main entrée. With Hall's timely resupply, Bob, Holly Walquist, Jim Trapnell, and Dale Covington didn't miss a serving line beat. All the while, rave accolades from the diners about this delicious meal filled the air.



The **Brookhaven Rotary Club** holds quarterly gatherings for members, spouses and prospective members. In August, they met at the Hudson Grille in Brookhaven – and were joined by Ellen Jakobsen, their incoming GRSP student.

Welcome GRSP Class of 2013-14

The **Alpharetta Club** has welcomed Christine Pedersen from Denmark (left). She is a student at Brenau University. On the right, the **Rotary Clubs of Vinings and Marietta-Metro** greet their new student, Stine Godok (right). Stine is also from Denmark, is studying at Kennesaw State, and hopes to be a pilot some day. Send us your GRSP stories.

