DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR DECEMBER, 2019

From Our District Governor

Wishing You the Blessings of Peace and Joy This Holiday Season

By Jim Squire

As I sat Thanksgiving morning reflecting on all the blessings I have had since last Thanksgiving, like most of you I'm sure those wonderful times involving family are first and foremost. But a close second for me are the extraordinary experiences I have had as District Governor Elect and now District Governor interacting with the fantastic class of 2019-20 club Presidents, AGs and other District Leadership, and visiting Rotary clubs across the District. First Lady Donna and I have now had my official visit with 64 clubs, and it is almost overwhelming to see how each and every one of the clubs are having such an enormous positive impact on their communities in their own unique way. Truly our clubs' Service Above Self is on steroids in District 6900! And I know the remaining seven clubs will mirror my experiences to date.

As we approach the Christmas, Hanukkah, and other religious holiday seasons Donna and I wish you and your families a time of love, peace and joy, and may it follow you throughout the coming new year.

Thanks for all you do. [more]

The Rotary Club of Americus used a District Grant to donate computers to the local Boys and Girls Club. See the story in this newsletter.

Our Rotary Foundation

Consider Giving the Gift of Peace

By Cheryl Greenway

December is our time to give to others. Doesn't it feel great to give someone a gift that makes them smile and their face light up with joy? You feel good because you made someone so happy. Let's work together to help bring that peace, smile and happiness to those in need. No, we will not get to meet them or see them smile but our good ... [more]

GRSP Update

Holiday Planning, Student Selection, Endowment News and More

By Lynn Clarke

GRSP IN DECEMBER

By the time you receive this newsletter, many students will already be out for the Christmas holidays. For those of you who hosted students during the Thanksgiving holidays, you will remember it always, as many students cooked dishes from their countries to share with your families. My extended family ... [more]

GRSP Student Perspectives

Broadening Horizons, Enjoying Southern Hospitality

By Lynn Clarke

I don't know how I can sum up this truly amazing and unforgettable year in just one page but I'm going to try!

I know everyone says that the best part about GRSP is the friends you make but that's because it's true! I've had wonderful times on the GRSP weekends away where all 46 of us students got to spend time together and I've learnt so much about the world and really how similar we all are to each other. I know I've now got friends around the world and I can't wait for the adventures I know I'll have in the future with the special people I've met.

[more]

District Governor Nominee Designate

George Granade, Rotary Club of Griffin

By Jim Squire

I am pleased to announce Assistant Governor **George Granade of the Rotary Club of Griffin** has been selected by the District Nominating Committee as your D6900 2022-2023 District Governor! The committee's decision was announced at a recent Griffin meeting - with PDGs and your upcoming leaderhip team in attendance. Congratulations to George - we look forward to you joining our leadership team. [more]

Membership

Leap Into Rotary

By Jaclyn Donovan

"Leap Into Rotary" is a Rotary Social Event on Saturday, February 29th (or as close to that date as possible) where all of Rotary Zone 34 will be hosting individual Club parties for prospective Rotarians. The year 2020 happens to be a Leap Year, so this gives us a great opportunity to have a fun theme for a party that helps us bring ... [more]

District News

District 6900 Participates in January Rotary Friendship Exchange

By Bob Hagan

Rotary Friendship Exchange is Rotary's international exchange program for Rotarians and their families. Friendship Exchange provides participants the opportunity to experience other cultures by staying in the homes of Rotarians in other countries. The program aims to advance international understanding and peace through personal contact across borders ... [more]

President Carter and Roslyn were on hand for the RC Americus presentation of nine Chromebook computers to the Boys & Girls Club of Albany

Club News

Americus Donates Computers to Boys & Girls Club

By Angela Smith

The **Rotary Club of Americus** made a special presentation of nine computers at the Carter Unit of the Boys & Girls Club of Albany in Plains, Georgia.

Club President Rene Smith shared with those attending that one of Rotary's six areas of focus is Basic Education and Literacy, and that Rotarians believe supporting youth education ... [more]

Assistant DG Rev. Dr. Mark Barbour, new Rotarian Chris Mitchell, Dan Kirk, new Rotarian Jeff Couch, new Rotarian Sandeep Kapoor, Kelly Maxwell and Richard Cope

Club News

Marietta Holds Fireside Chat

By Dale Covington

In November, Club President Chris Bethel revived a **Rotary Club of Marietta** tradition - holiding a "Fireside Chat" in his newly finished home. There were 17 Rotarians present including five new members. This venerable Fireside Chat helps acquaint members with the Club's storied past and the engaging service projects the club ... [more]

Former Clayton County Commission Chairman Crandle Bray, Clayton County Commissioner and Rotarian Felicia Franklin Warner, Sergeant Ray Morgan, and Officer G. King. Commissioner Warner is presenting Sergeant Morgan with a proclamation honoring Sergeant Morgan's service.

Club News

World War II Veteran Speaks at Lake Spivey/Clayton County

By Ron Swofford

Former Sergeant Ray Morgan of Riverdale, one of Georgia's extraordinary citizens, is a 94-year old survivor not only of World War II but also of Polio. He contracted Polio as an adult soon after returning home from the war. As the featured speaker for the November 6 meeting of the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County**, Mr. ... [more]

Rotarian Andy Redman introduces First Sargent Brandon LaShure to the RC of Columbus

Columbus Honors Vets, Community Servant, and Newest Member

By Judy Thomas

The **Rotary Club of Columbus** has a century-long relationship with Fort Benning, the Maneuver Center of Excellence, since its beginning during World War I when Rotarians lobbied Congress to establish the base in Columbus. Each week the club welcomes a military guest to join us for lunch, and each guest is presented with a Rotary Challenge ... [more]

New Cuthbert Interact Club - drawing from three local high schools

Club News

Rotary Club of Cuthbert Enjoys a Very Busy Fall!

By Wynita Cannon

The **Rotary Club of Cuthbert** has been very busy this fall. A big part of that is membership growth - with 21 new members as of this Quarter. Thanks to our Rotaract Liaison, new club member James McCoy for helping to make this happen.

The club has also sponsored a new Interact Club ... [more]

President Chris; Deborah Marshall, Rotalight Editor and local Foundation Chair for the Salvation Army, and Lt. Jose Valentin.

Club News

Marietta Supports Families Through Salvation Army

By Dale Covington

The **Rotary Club of Marietta** is out ringing bells this holiday season as a proud sponsor of the Cobb Douglas Salvation Army. At a recent club meeting, the club presented a check for $2,500 to the Salvation Army - part of the proceeds from the club's annual golf tournament - and took time to thank Salvation Army Lt. Valentin, Deborah Marshall and Michelle Miller for all their hard work. Then, with the help of the Salvataion Army Band, the club sang happy birthday to four club members - Jim Trapnell (age 91), Adele Grubbs, Jim Speed and John Knox. Jim was also recognized for 15 years of loyal service to MUST Ministries. [more]

Club News

Americus Networking Event Raises Money to End Polio Now

By Angela Smith

October 24 was no ordinary Thursday night in South Georgia. The **Rotary Club of Americus** held a Networking Event and used the event to court prospective members, as well as share information about World Polio Day and explain Rotary's involvement in the eradication of the disease. The event was a registered World Polio Day ... [more]

Upcoming Key Dates

Wednesday, December 11th, 2019	**Atlanta Brasil Board Meeting**
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Thursday, December 12th, 2019	**Forsyth-Monroe County Board Meeting**
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Saturday, December 14th, 2019	**Brookhaven Christmas Party**
Tuesday, December 17th, 2019	**Polk County Board Meeting**
Tuesday, December 17th, 2019	**Polk County Governor Visit**
Thursday, December 19th, 2019	**Thomasville Board Meeting @ Plaza**

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