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Over the Transom #5

By Donald W. Martin (District Governor) on Monday, December 23, 2019

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Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Season's Greetings, & Happy New Year! At our home Merry Christmas is the appropriate greeting, but however you are celebrating these mid-winter nights, I hope you have a safe and happy time gathered with your friends and families celebrating the events of 2019 and planning for the amazing adventures that await us in 2020. As the rest of the world prepares to greet a New Year, the Rotary Year barrels right past its half-

way mark and on into the 2nd half filled with more service projects, training opportunities, Family of Rotary gatherings and, of course, *Rotary Family Vacation* at the Crowne Plaza Resort in beautiful Asheville, NC, from April 23-26, 2020.

I am happy to report that I have completed my official visits and now I can concentrate on visiting clubs for service projects, award presentations, and just to say Hello. If your club has an event that they want me to attend, please email me and get on my calendar sooner rather than later. Having had the opportunity to sit down with all the Boards of our clubs, I remain absolutely amazed at all that you are doing for your communities, in our District and for the Rotary World. You have proven over and over that you are truly Connected at home and around the world.

We are still 3 months away from our earliest required reporting dates for most goals and 6 months from our final accounting for the 2018-2019 Rotary Year, but I want to give you a brief update on your documented success so far. In Membership we are up 62 members as of today, with 34 clubs showing net growth and only 18 down at this point. The 18 Clubs are down a total of only 35 members, so a net positive year is well within reach for them and an outstanding year within reach for the entire District. On Polio Plus most clubs hosted special events as requested and club giving for End Polio Now is up over \$9,000 over this time last year. Total Foundation giving outside Polio is up over \$50,000 above last year indicating that clubs are fulfilling the generous pledges they made. On the Service front I am happy to report that, with many more projects unreported than reported at this point, over 1800 Rotarians have donated over 9,000 service hours and clubs have contributed over \$278,000 to service projects in our District. I have asked each club President, as a personal favor to me, to be certain to report all your service projects, member participation, hours worked, and funds donated this year. Be sure to make sure your Club is reporting; I am looking forward to reporting to you the astounding numbers at the end of the year.

Since our last issue we had many Polio events, participated in an outstanding Zone Institute, named a new District Governor Nominee for 2022-2023, held some outstanding service projects, dedicated a new Peace Pole in Lawrenceville, and participated in a lot of great Family of Rotary events. You will find some of them reported on in the articles that follow. If you want your events and service projects reported in Rotations, please email me at don@therotarymartins.com.

For now - have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. See you in January 2020.

Let's go do Rotary,

Don Martin

District Governor, 2019-2020

"Its Official" Gerry Taylor to Serve as DG for 2022-2023

By Donald W. Martin (District Governor) on Monday, December 23, 2019

The Rotary District 6910 Nomination of Gerry Taylor to serve as District Governor in 2022-2023 is now official. The 14 day nomination challenge period required by RI By-laws has now passed and Gerry is

officially the District Governor Nominee Designate.. Gerry has been a Rotarian since 1996 and is currently a member of the Classic City of Athens Rotary Club. Gerry is the current District 6910 Training Vice Chairman and the District Awards and Recognition chair.



Gerry is a Paul Harris Fellow PHF+2, Paul Harris Society Member, GRSP Will Watt Fellow, Benefactor, and a Bequest Society member. He was also Past President 2012-13, Past Assistant Governor for Area VII 2015-2018, a member of the District 6910 Board of Directors 2017-2019, and District 6910 Conference Committee member for 2019 and 2020, Rotary Leadership Academy (RLA) Graduate 2011, RLI Institute Graduate in 2013, RLI Graduate Course in 2016, RLI Discussion Leadership Graduate in 2018, and selected by District 6910 to attend the Rotary Zone 33-34 Emerging Leader Training in 2019.

Gerry is a retired Vice President of Resources Development for United Way of Northeast Georgia. He has served United Way for over 30 years. He was responsible for United Way of Northeast Georgia's Annual Campaign and Planned Giving program. During his United Way career he was responsible for raising more \$250,000,000 in annual campaigns and over \$15,000,000 in Planned Giving assets.

Gerry and his wife Lisa have been married for 35 years. They have two sons, Chris and Ryan.

Gerry's nomination has been reported to Rotary International where his name will be placed in nominatin in Hawaii at the 2020 Convention. Gerry has already met with the current Governor chain and will begin performing official functions as required immediately. Please congratulate Gerry when you see him.

District 6910 sends 17 to Zone Institute

By Tina D. Fischlin on Monday, December 23, 2019



The Rotary Zones 33-34 Leadership Summit was held in November 21-24, 2019 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Atlanta, GA. District 6910 was well represented with 17 District leaders participating including our very own Rotary International Director David Stovall. RID David and PDG Kim Waters, along with other Zone committee members delivered an amazing and energetic ♦Beach Bash♦ themed Summit. Zone, District and Club leaders were in attendance representing 31 Districts spread across 28 countries. Zones 33 and 34 include Mid-

Atlantic and Southeastern USA and 27 Caribbean countries, literally stretching from Pennsylvania in the north to the coast of South America making it one of the most diverse Director posts in all of Rotary.

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Rotary Peace Scholar Linh Vo reports on her summer in Kibera Slum

By Peter Gleichman on Monday, December 23, 2019

Editor's Note: Linh Vo is our Keynote Speaker at the Rotary Family Vacation Foundation Luncheon and will be with us all weekend.

What I have learned from my summer in Kibera Slum

-LINH VO- Rotary Peace Fellow, Duke University.

Before coming to the US, I believed that I had to be something big (such as working for the UN) in order to make some changes for my country. As time passes by, I realized that a lot of changes have to start from the ground, and I have to make some changes first in order to be something big.

Perhaps, that was the reason why spent my time in Kibera slum ♦ where I believed would give me a chance to interact with people and understand what was happening on the ground.

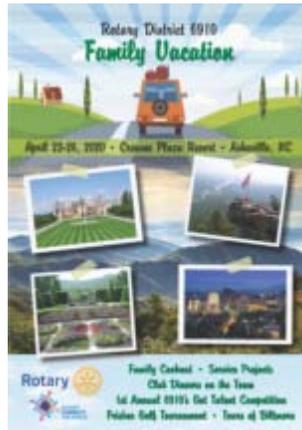
The first day I showed up at Cheery Education Centre to help with a fundraising project, Emily, the head teacher, asked me how I got there. ♦By walking.♦ I said. ♦You walked? Are you kidding me?♦ Emily responded in surprise. LINH VO



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2020 District Conference/Family Vacation Registration is OPEN!

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Monday, September 16, 2019

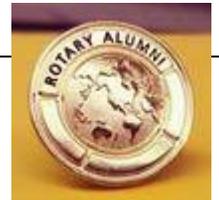


To register, go [HERE!](#) For more info, go [HERE](#).

District 6910 Alumni Association

By Francisco Javier Lozano-Soto on Monday, December 23, 2019

Renewing Rotary Alumni Connections



Dear District 6910 Rotarian,

We are currently working to refresh and renew the connection of Rotary Alumni to our Rotary District 6910. Who are considered Rotary Alumni? Anyone who has participated in programs such as Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP), Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotary Peace Fellowships, Ambassadorial Scholarships, etc.

Would you be so kind to help us with the following items please?

1. **Alumni Data:** If you keep in touch with alumni, could you please email me their contact information, complete the form below or ask them to submit it themselves? The information will be used exclusively by Rotary District 6910 and the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP), when applicable:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1vMMjNDbv1ctAiy5iqFNmTAXrgGbKV_v_Atez3vcwAMU

1. **Spread the Word:** Would you please also share our contact information for alumni, invite them to like and follow our Facebook page? Here is the address:
[fb.me/rotaryalumni6910](https://www.facebook.com/rotaryalumni6910)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you so much for your help!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Francisco Lozano
District 6910 Alumni Chair
Webmaster, Rotary Club of Canton
GRSP Scholar, 2002 - 2003

Rotary Club of Jefferson Flag Project

By Tommy Toles on Monday, December 23, 2019

JEFFERSON ROTARY CLUB FLAG PROGRAM

Clubs throughout Rotary District 6910 might wish to emulate the Jefferson club, which accomplishes two purposes:



allowing citizens to show their patriotism and raising money for the club's projects. More than 200 flags are distributed each patriotic holiday and the number is growing.

It is both a service project and a fundraiser that honors and memorializes all veterans, POWs and active duty military personnel. Ron King is chairman and founder of the program. King and other club members install U.S flags on patriotic holidays at residences and businesses in the Jefferson area. Residents lease the flags and King makes sure the flags are always clean and have a new appearance each time. The are stored at American Legion Post 56 in Jefferson so they

remain vibrant and untorn.

Rotarians place a sleeve in yards to hold the metal pole with the 3 X 5 flag. The sleeve is short and doesn't interfere with mowing or other yard maintenance, King noted.

Businesses also lease flags from the club at \$40 for six months and \$45 for a year.

Club President Jon Howell praised King and his dedicated committee for their year-round efforts on behalf of veterans and the club itself. For just \$35 a year, Rotarians deliver the flags to the leased locations several days prior to five patriotic holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Patriots Day and Veterans Day. In addition, the club also donates a flag to be flown at the family home of an active duty soldier or Marine for the duration of his duty.

A side-effect and benefit of the project is that other residents see what their neighbors and Rotarians are doing and decide to buy their own flags.

For more information contact Club Project Chair Ron King

Short Takes #5

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RI President to visit Georgia in April 2020.

RI President Mark Maloney and First Lady Gay will visit Georgia on April 14, 2020. The first couple will attend a Diversity Luncheon in Gwinnett County and that evening will attend a Rotary Foundation event honoring Gay at Agnes Scott in Decatur. Details on both events will be available next month.



Leap Into Membership Announced That intrepid duo of Scott Yochum and Pepper Pettit now your Zone Assistant Rotary Coordinators announce a Zone 34 wide initiative to recruit members on February 29th next year.

Complete Details on how to plan your event here: [Leap Into Rotary Details](#)

Aloha, Rotary!

Discover the true spirit of aloha and Rotary with your family, friends, and fellow Rotarians in Honolulu. It's the perfect setting for the entire family of Rotary to celebrate, collaborate, and connect while experiencing the warmth and welcome of Honolulu. The convention is one of the only times when people of action from around the world gather in one place to celebrate Rotary. Our engaging speakers will boost your passion for service and provide new perspectives on our work in the world. Make new friends and connect with old ones while you explore all that Honolulu and the convention has to offer. You'll return from our convention refreshed and inspired to continue your service and community leadership. Don't miss your chance to find and share aloha at the 2020 Rotary Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 6-10 June. 26 Rotarians from 6910 have registered so far. Come on, you know you want to go. Here is the link to Register: [RI Convention Registration](#)

District Awards It is time to start submitting your nominations for the Districts Top Awards: **The Robert S. Stubbs II Guardian of Ethics Award** and the **W. Lee Arrendale Award for Vocational Excellence**. Every club should have someone nominated for these distinguished annual awards. **The deadline is January 31, 2020.**

Join the Rotary Club of Buford/North Gwinnet for the "**Suwanee Sweetheart Sprint**" on February 15th.

Complete Details here: [Entry Form and Full Details](#)

Last Call to Study in Oslo. Details Here: [Program Details and Application Instructions](#)

CART

CART Chair, PDG Gene Windham reports that District Rotarian have contributed over \$24,000 so far this year. If you have any questions about CART, please don't hesitate to call or email PDG Gene.

Gene Windham 706-781-8176 Cell ghwindham@windstream.net

Clubs Should make their CART Contributions as follows:

Make Checks Payable: CART

Mail to: Gene Windham

164 Melon Road

Blairsville, GA 30512

Thanks for your continued support of CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust).

Rotary - Short Term Youth Exchange Summer 2020 Program Details Spain, Italy, Germany, France

I would like to share with you a very exciting program for **high school students** in District 6910. Many Rotarians are unaware of the excellent opportunities available through the **Rotary Short Term Youth Exchange Program**. This program allows for a short term cultural exchange during the summer and is open to any High School Student residing in District 6910. **This is an English speaking program. No language skills are required.** If you have a high school student or know one that would benefit from this program, please share this email with them.

The **Rotary Short Term Youth Exchange Program** exchange program could be the opportunity of a life time. Every participant that has taken part in the program rates it as one of the best experiences they have ever had.

To better understand the program, here are some key points and the Who, What, When, Where:

1. **Who?** High school students between 15 and 18.5 years old. Must live and go to school within District 6910.
2. **What?** Six-week short-term exchanges consisting of 3 weeks with a host family in another country and 3 weeks hosting in your home concurrently.
3. **Where?** The 4 most common countries are **Spain, Italy, Germany, and France**. There are 16 other countries also on the approved list. Although it is helpful to have some exposure to the language of the country you will be visiting, you do not need to be fluent in a foreign language. English is the language of the program.
4. **How?** A multi-step process beginning with a student application and local Rotary Club sponsorship. Please contact Burton Blackmar (Blackmar1@gmail.com)
5. **What does the short term program cost?** \$1,700 to \$2,200 is a good estimate. Costs include: Airline ticket for your child, insurance (medical for your child), spending money (for your child), & hosting expenses such as food & entertainment (for inbound student). There is also a small administrative fee to cover district expenses such as background checks, etc.

Application deadline is **March 15, 2020** for Summer 2020 Short Term Youth Exchange Program.

Please share this email with a high school student today. **For additional information please email blackmar1@gmail.com .**

In Rotary Service,
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Blackmar1@gmail.com

District Events & Reminders

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District Leaders

[Donald W. Martin \(District Governor\)](#)
District Governor

[Tina D. Fischlin](#)
DG-Elect



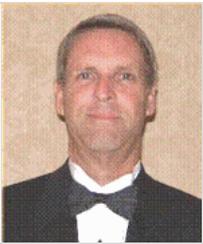
[Michael L. Berg](#)
DG-Nominee



[Bobby D. Hildreth](#)
District Membership Chair



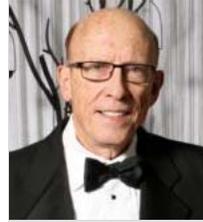
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District Communications Officer



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District Public Image/PR Chair



[Richard L. Panyik](#)
District Training Coordinator

