

HOT NEWS: Fun in the Sun



Who is ready to have some *Fun in the Sun*? The <u>District 6910 Conference</u> isn't at Jekyll this year, so we are bringing the beach to you! Your conference committee has been working hard to plan a wonderful *Virtual District Conference* event to include Rotary fellowship, fun activities with in-person options, excellent speakers, and a Pack-A-Backpack Service Project.

In this newsletter, you will find valuable information about registration, our virtual conference platform <u>Whova</u>, conference activities, our virtual House of Friendship, and Club Hospitality Suites. We hope you will plan to participate in all the activities offered throughout the two-day event. The entire event is designed to be a fun time to interact and network with other Rotarians within your Clubs and across District 6910.

AGENDA:

Friday, April 23, 2021 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Saturday, April 24, 2021 10:00 am - 11:30 am 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

General Session 1 It's 5:00 Somewhere HOF Scavenger Hunt Club Hospitality Suites General Session 2

General Session 3 Wine Tasting / Education Beach Bash Club Hospitality Suites General Session 4

REGISTRATION:

Registration will be open and available by March 10 through DacDB! **COST:** \$25.00 per Rotarian, \$15.00 for Guests/Rotaractors/Interactors **WHERE:** <u>https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77520155</u>

WHY: Each registrant will receive virtual registration gift(s) and a chance to win excellent door prizes. One lucky person will win a grand door prize valued at \$1200!

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So. are you ready for some FUN IN THE SUN?

Your District Conference Committee Chairs

Tina Fischlin -District Governor *-Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties*

Mike Berg -District Governor Elect -Rotary Club of Dawson County

PDG Dianne Cammarata -Chair -Rotary Club of Hall County

Shannon Osborne -Co-chair -Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties

Prizes Include:

- \$700.00 Gift Certificate Barnsley Gardens
- \$700.00 Gift Certificate Chateau Elan
- \$200.00 Home Depot Gift Card
- \$100.00 Starbucks Gift Card
- \$100.00 Amazon Gift Card
- \$100.00 Target Gift Card
- \$500.00 Best Buy Gift Card
- \$200.00 Target Gift Card
- \$100.00 Starbucks Gift Card

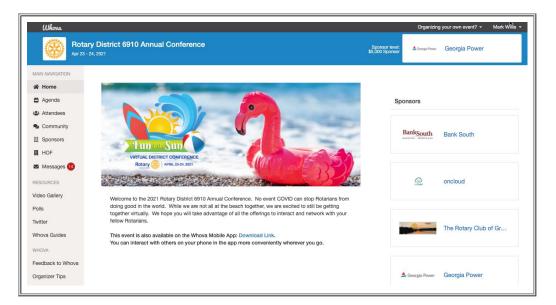


GRAND PRIZE: \$1,200.00 Gift Certificate for The Westin Jekyll Island--3 night stay includes dinner.

Additional Opportunities for Door Prizes: Special drawings and gifts will be presented during General Session 3--TRF Major Donor Recognition.

*Only those who register for the conference are entered into the drawings. Must be present to win.

WHOVA



This year s District Conference will be through an event platform called Whova, chosen to create a much more engaging and interactive experience for you while attending sessions, interacting with other attendees, and visiting the virtual House of Friendship. Connect and network with your fellow District 6910 Rotarians and remember to vote in our Beach Blanket Photo contest!

Attendees will be able to experience the conference from either a computer or from the Whova Mobile App on an iPhone or Android device. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the event. We'll have opportunities for you to learn more about the platform and test your access before the event.

Renee Carden -Activities -South Hall Rotary

Pete McDonald -Audio-Visual -Rome Rotary Club

Gerry Taylor -Awards -Classic City of Athens Rotary Club

PDG Alan Smith -Chaplain -Rotary Club of Thomson

Peter Gleichman -Consultant -Rotary Club of Canton

Carla Abshire -Decorations

Judy Wright -District Office

Tricia Stoeckig -District Office

Jeffrey Wells -Entertainment Coordinator

Steve Harrold -GRSP -Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties

PDG Bruce Azevedo -Foundation -Rotary Club of Madison County

Jessica Fleetwood -House of Friendship -Etowah Cartersville Rotary

Jennifer Hendrickson -Master of Ceremonies -Rotary Club of Gwinnett County

Mark Willis -Master of Ceremonies -Rotary Club of Gwinnett County

PDG Shane Burr -Presenter Coordinator -Rotary Club of Canton

Phil Ciccone -Production -Rotary Club of Towne Lake

Laura Dent -Public Relations -Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties

Micki Tanner-Baird

-Registration -Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties

Bobby Hildreth -Sergeant at Arms -Rotary Club of Morgan County

Donna O'Neal -Service -Rotary Club of Greene and

ACTIVITIES

It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere

It's always 5 o'clock somewhere, and on **Friday**, **April 24 from 5:00 to 5:30 pm**, you can join us at your favorite dive bar or in the comfort of your home as we learn from one of the best Mixologists, Freddy Ramirez from Reynolds, Lake Oconee. Get ready for some great cocktails and great fun at our virtual happy hour!

If you don't drink, don't worry! Non-alcoholic versions of these drinks can be enjoyed by everyone.

We'll prepare you in advance by emailing drink recipes to you when you register.



Wine Tasting / Education

On **Saturday**, **April 24 from 5:00 to 5:30 pm**, "wine" down the conference with the Women of Rotary! Wine is everywhere, we'll be pouring a rare Georgia Fruit "country wine" at the virtual conference. Look no further! Join some of the ladies of Rotary from Sweet Acre Farms Winery (at 7584 Bill Wilson Rd. Alto, GA 30510) who will host a virtual tasting with some fascinating educational notes. Matt Vrahiotes, owner and operator, will also share his story about becoming the first winery in Hall County, along with what makes his wines so unique, and give us a virtual tour while we're tasting. Order your bottle(s) in advance online at www.sweetacrefarms.com

Beach Bash



Putnam Counties

PDG Diane Cammarata -Sponsors -Rotary Club of Hall County

Leo Lawrenson -Registration / Technology -E-Club of the South

Andrea McKenzie -Treasurer -Rotary Club of Dawson County On **Saturday**, **April 24 from 5:30 to 6:15 pm**, grab your beach towel, sunglasses, favorite Hawaiian shirt, and join us for our virtual Beach Bash. Join Gainesville Rotarian, Chef Mike Giles, and Gary Black, the Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture, in the Georgia Grown Kitchen as they cook a traditional Low Country Boil. We re bringing the outdoor Low Country seafood boil experience inside, sizing it for the stovetop and preparing a meal for two (or a few extra people)!

Focusing on locally sourced food, this meal is one that will satisfy your palate while you learn the history of the dish, including the farmers and fishermen who supply the ingredients.

We will provide an article on the history of this culturally important cooking tradition and a detailed list of ingredients and equipment needed to prepare everything in your home kitchen. You'll be be ready to cook along with Mike and Gary during the virtual, live Beach Bash broadcast. The recipe will be emailed to you after you register.

For those who are allergic to shrimp or other shellfish, optional ingredients will be suggested for you to enjoy the Low Country Boil experience.

House of Friendship

Plan to spend some time in the virtual House of Friendship this year. In order to have a <code>\$booth\$</code> at the HOF, clubs need to register no later than March 19 by downloading and submitting the <u>House</u> of Friendship Registration Form.

Clubs can participate in the HOF by sending in a short video, pictures, or documents of a service project or fundraising event. The videos will need to be sent in by March 31. There is no cost to submit the video and participate in the House of Friendship. Clubs will be notified once they have registered with instructions on the process of uploading their HOF materials into our Whova Virtual portal.

Conference attendees can participate by visiting the HOF room and watching the videos. While you are there, you can get the answers to the clues for the virtual scavenger hunt held on April 23. The winner will have a chance to win prizes! If your club wants to participate and has questions, please get in touch with Jessica Fleetwood at jbfleetwood1@gmail.com or Cindy Haddon at chaddonrotary08@gmail.com. Otherwise, simply complete the HOF registration form.

Pack-A-Backpack Service Project



What is the Project? Purchase backpacks and school supplies, fill the backpacks with the supplies, and distribute the backpacks to students in your community who need them. Include a note of encouragement in each backpack.

For additional information, including step-by-step directions and a suggested supplies list, <u>check out</u> the <u>full details</u>. You may also contact Donna O Neal, donnaoneal1050@gmail.com, 404.630.0427

Club Hospitality Suites

Club Hospitality Suites are a time when we rekindle friendships; many of these friendships have been built over several years of conferences. Then, there will be new and instant friendships made. We exchange Rotary experiences of how to build clubs, how to maintain enthusiasm, and how to bounce back from unforeseen drops in memberships. Each hospitality suite is a melting pot of personalities, educational levels, cultures, and shared successes and failures.

Our virtual conference platform is very user friendly and interactive. Club Hospitality Suites will be held on Friday, April 23, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and Saturday, April 24, 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm.

Club Requirements: Each club will need a Zoom account and designated club member to host a Hospitality Suite. Free Zoom accounts allow up to 40 minutes per session. For +40 minutes, a paid

Zoom account is needed.

There is no charge to have a Club Hospitality Suite--just <u>click on the link to register!</u> After registering, you will be emailed instructions for setting up and running your Club Hospitality Suite, which will be listed in the online Conference Agenda for others to "attend." The registration deadline is March 19.

So, are you ready for some FUN IN THE SUN?

We hope that we have given you a glimpse of what our *Fun in the Sun Virtual District Conference* is all about! We need you ALL to **REGISTER NOW** so you do not miss out on any *Fun in the Sun!* In the coming weeks, we will continue to update you with information about the *Fun in the Sun Virtual District Conference*.

For any additional questions about this year s conference, please contact Dianne Cammarata at <u>dlcamma@bellsouth.net</u>.



Find the latest updates and a full list of sponsors, check out the <u>Rotary District 6910 website</u> <u>conference page</u> and follow us on social media.



District Team

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<u>Gerry Taylor</u> District Governor-Nominee

Chad Bingham

District Membership Chair



David Thomas Upchurch District Communications Officer

Brandy Lynn Swanson District Public Image/PR Chair District Governor-Nominee Designate



Bruce Allen Azevedo District Rotary Foundation Chair

Committee List 2021-22

Club CART Chairs Club Community Services Committee Club Membership Chairs Club Presidents Club Public Image Chairs Club Secretaries-elect Club Treasurer District Administration District Board of Directors District Communication & Technology Committee District Finance Committee District Membership Team District Rotary Foundation Committee District Strategic Planning Committee **District Youth Service Leaders** Zone 34 & RI

Club Communications Officers Club Executive Secretary Club President-Nominees (before becoming the PE) Club Presidents-elect Club Rotary Foundation Chairs Club Secretary Club Secretary Club Treasurers-elect District Assistant Governors (see Area Icon for Details) District College of Governors District Conference Committee District Leadership Team District Public Image Team District Service Leaders (Youth Service Separate) District Training Team GdG-Presidents and Treasurers