



MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - JANUARY 7, 2010



SERVICE Above Self

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Wendell Staton, Athletic Director, GCSU

Rotarian of the Day
Jim Fain

DEC. 17 PROGRAM

The Baldwin High School Chorus presented their Seasonal Music.



VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Charlene McElheney Club
Jessica Ramirez
GRSP Club/Barnesville Rotary Club
Debra Marsh Tara Dyer

ABSENTEES

Brandt, P.Brown, S. Brown 3, Cooper, Cox, Dhanayake 2, Dean, Drinkwater, Dyer, Entrekun 3, Fain, Fontenot, Fuller, Geeter 2, Grant 2, Hall, Jones, McRee, Owens, Parker, Peters 2, S. Roberts, Sibilsky Jr., Thompson, Van Horn 3, Williams 3, Zarkowsky

MAKE-UPS

Renee Fontenot . . Christmas Baskets
Laura Thompson . Christmas Baskets
Owens

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$0⁰⁰ TOTAL: \$2,475³⁷

50/50 CLUB
28 Cards Left
Pot: \$619⁰⁰

Christmas Basket Project

On December 12, the Rotary Club of Milledgeville packed and delivered Christmas baskets complete with all of the ingredients for a Christmas meal. Club members met early Saturday morning to fill the baskets and will then deliver to deserving families and individuals across our community throughout the day. Everyone was extremely appreciative to have the Christmas meal.

Upcoming Programs

Wendell Staton
Athletic Director, GCSU
Jan 14 - Nancy Mills
American Cancer Society CPS3
Jan 21 - Kenyon Thwait
Clean Air Campaign
Feb. 4
Jean Aycock - ORMC
Feb. 11
Classification Talks
Feb. 18 - Greg Kaufman
Public Achievement Program

DISTRICT 6920 RAFFLE

See Laura Thompson for tickets
1 for \$25 or 5 for \$100

Don't forget that these Raffle proceeds are available on a matching basis for Rotarians who want to make a contribution toward a Paul Harris Fellow or a Will Watt Fellow. As an example, if a Rotarian has contributed \$500 toward a Paul Harris Fellow and will make an additional \$250 contribution, they will match the contribution with \$250 from the raffle proceeds — the Rotarian becomes a Paul Harris Fellow and the club gets the credit for the full \$500 contribution!

CLUB BLOG

Check out our Rotary blog for past meeting information at <http://milledgeville Rotary.wordpress.com>.

January is Rotary Awareness Month

January is Rotary Awareness Month — a time to learn more about our organization, and a time to focus on our public image. Raising awareness of Rotary is an important part of the RI Strategic Plan: The more Rotary is known for its good work, the more good work Rotary will be able to do.

As Past RI President Robert Barth of Switzerland said, "We believe that the Rotary pin on our lapel sends a message. It says, 'You can rely on me. I am dependable, I am reliable, I give more than I take. I am available.'"

Because of The Rotary Foundation, people around the world know that they can depend on Rotary in their time of need. It is the Foundation that allows Rotarians to say yes to calls for help, when otherwise we might be forced to say, "There is nothing we can do."

As Rotarians, you are here because you believe in Service Above Self. And as Rotarians, you know that through Rotary, you can have an impact beyond what you could ever hope to have as individuals. One person, no matter how great the talents and resources, is limited. Working alone, there is only so much that can be done. But when we work together, when we pool our resources with those of 1.2 million other Rotarians around the world — and with the resources of our Rotary Foundation — we can make a difference that will be remembered for generations. It is up to all of us.

Glenn E. Estess Sr.
Foundation Trustee Chair



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Robert Opira of Uganda is a master of understatement when he calls his first job out of college "very challenging work." As a psychological counselor and project manager for World Vision, he helped rehabilitate and resettle more than 12,000 former child soldiers in northern Uganda from 2002 to 2005.

"The Lord's Resistance Army had abducted and recruited an estimated 36,000 children, the youngest being seven years old," says Opira, a member of the Rotary Club of Gulu and former Rotary Peace Fellow. "It was this kind of work that motivated me to apply for the Rotary Peace Fellowship. I thought maybe I would do something to help prevent war, rather than addressing the consequences."

While a 2005-07 peace fellow at the University of Queensland in Australia, Opira got the idea for creating a conflict resolution center in his homeland. "I realized that starting the center would enable me

to better utilize the knowledge and skills acquired from the fellowship," he says.

Opira shared his vision with another Ugandan peace fellow (2004-06) at the Queensland Rotary Center, Godfrey Mukalazi. Following their graduation, the pair founded the Great Lakes Center for Conflict Resolution in Gulu, Uganda. GLACCR is a nongovernmental organization working to address conflict and security challenges in the five-country Great Lakes region, where more than five million people have died since the mid-1990s in conflicts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, and Uganda alone.

Working with 26 NGOs and district government leaders, GLACCR is building conflict sensitivity training into development projects in northern Uganda. Opira says the effort, funded by a US\$100,000 grant from USAID, will help preserve peace in area communities by

focusing on the root causes and consequences of conflict.

GLACCR also provides expertise in peace-building and conflict resolution to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, World Vision, Self-Help Uganda, and other NGOs active in Uganda. In addition, it is designing a conflict early warning system that will link global information technologies with local social networks to help prevent conflict.

Opira is also director of St. Peter's Junior School, which he founded in 2008 with the support of Rotarians in Australia, Japan, and the United States. Designed to serve mainly children of families affected by conflict and

Gulu Walk 2009

HIV/AIDS, the school has established a nursery and aims to add one grade each year.

Opira says that "the support from Rotarians throughout the world" for his peace fellowship led him to join Rotary that same year. "I wanted to remain in the Rotary family. I realized that through this great family I could better serve my community."



Rotarian and former peace fellow Robert Opira (second from left) takes part in the Gulu Walk 2009, a peace-building campaign focusing on the plight of war-affected children in northern Uganda.

DEFINITION OF ROTARY

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians, members of 31,936 Rotary clubs in 166 countries. Rotary is not a political organization, but all Rotarians are vitally concerned with everything pertaining to good citizenship and the election of good men and women to public office.

Rotary is not a charitable organization, yet its activities exemplify the charity and the sacrifices that one should expect from people who believe that they have a responsibility to help others. Rotary is not a religious organization, but it is built on those eternal principles that have served as the moral compass for people throughout the ages.

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise through the development of acquaintance as the opportunity for service, the promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions, through service in one's personal, business, and community life, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary by:

- Fostering unity among member clubs;
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world;
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
- Providing a system of international administration.

ONGOING MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

- (1) Sponsoring a new member. (2) Volunteering at a local school.
- (3) Visiting another Rotary Club. (4) Earn one make-up per quarter by visiting the e-club at www.rotaryclubone.org and taking the "test." Print the receipt and give it to Club Secretary Halsey Leavitt. (5) Attend a Rotary Board meeting. (6) Attend monthly breakfast meeting.

ROTARY WEBSITES

Milledgeville Rotary: www.milledgeville Rotary.org District 6920: www.rotarydistrict6920.net Rotary International: www.rotary.org