



MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - JANUARY 28, 2010



TODAY'S PROGRAM

DuBose Porter
State Representative
Rotarian of the Day
Fielding Whipple

JAN. 14 PROGRAM

Kenyon Thweat and Erin Oxford Park of the Clean Air Campaign, which partners with both georgiaair.com and GA DOT in order to "improve air quality by reducing the number of single occupant vehicles on Georgia roads." The campaign offers commuters cash awards for carpooling, telecommuting, or using another form of transit for travel.



L-R: Kenyon Thweat, Erin Park, President Ferguson, and Renee Fontenot

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Jim Strom Mark Strom

ABSENTEES

Aycock, Baxter, Black 2, Chandler, Cooper, Cox, Davidson, Eberhardt, Ennis, Fain 2, Gandy, Hall, Langston, McRee, Miller, Parker, Peters, Pope, M. Roberts, S. Roberts, Sibilsky III, Zarkowsky 2.

MAKE-UPS

Massey Morning Make-Up

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$18⁹⁴ TOTAL: \$2,509⁷⁵

50/50 CLUB
25 Cards Left
Pot: \$702⁰⁰

Upcoming Programs

Feb. 4
Jean Aycock - ORMC
Feb. 11
Classification Talks
Feb. 25 - Rotary Peace Day
March 11
Greg Kaufman
Public Achievement program

Rotarian Social Event at GCSU Saturday, February 13

We will meet for a GCSU basketball game and have a reserved seating area as well as refreshments at halftime. Contact Renee for more information.

Couple's Night Thursday, February 18

Look forward to a humorous night with Bruce Goddard, author of "View From a Hearse — Lighten Up!" This is sure to be a another wonderful social event for our club! Why not invite a prospective member? See you there!

CLUB BLOG

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

RELOCATED VETERANS PROJECT

Let's not forget about the veterans project that needs items for these veterans displaced from their homes. Please contact Gerry Adkins or Jason Miller for item donations or further information.

DISTRICT 6920 NEWS GRSP Students Carry Olympic Torch

Georgia Rotary Student Program students passed the Olympic torch for the Vancouver Winter Olympic Games in Winkler, Canada, over the Christmas holidays. They also experienced snowboarding and sledding and

thoroughly enjoyed their time in another country. Among those enjoying the trip were Beth Wellsbury, Rotary clubs of Bainbridge, Cairo, Camilla and Pelham; Jandre Grobler, Rotary Club of Roswell; Katie Pugh, Rotary clubs of Cochran, Eastman and Hawkinsville; and Sarah Pugh, Rotary clubs of Hinesville, Savannah Sunrise, Skidaway Island and Richmond Hill.

DISTRICT 6920 RAFFLE

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

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

Updated January 20, 2010

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide are mobilizing resources to deliver urgently needed relief to the millions affected by Haiti's devastating earthquake.

District 7020, which includes Haiti, has flown in 55 planes filled with more than 50,000 pounds of medical equipment and supplies into the cities of Pignon and Port-de-Paix to bypass logistical problems in the hard-hit capital of Port-au-Prince.

The United Nations estimates that more than half of the buildings in the capital have collapsed. About 200,000 people are dead and millions more homeless.

"Rotary had an

incredible infrastructure established before the quake, which has made our relief efforts very effective," says Dick McCombe, past district governor and Haiti liaison chair. "We're flying in supplies through backdoor channels and doing things a lot of agencies can't do."

The district's Haiti Task Force, set up two years ago to administer all financial aid to the nation, is working with local clubs to deliver aid to Port-au-Prince and those who have taken refuge in the countryside.

McCombe says Rotary was in a good position to help in Haiti, with 33 projects already underway to provide water, sanitation, medical care, and education.

Clubs in the district have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for short- and long-term recovery.

Rotarian Claude Surena, head of the Haiti Task Force and president of the Haitian Medical Association, is sheltering more than 100 injured people in his damaged home in Port-au-Prince. His house has become a makeshift hospital and medical distribution center.

Within the next two weeks, McCombe says, a barge will be hired to transport 20 to 30 tons of clothes, blankets, folding beds, and other items to Haiti from Nassau, Bahamas.

ShelterBox has already delivered to

Rotarians focus on Haiti relief

Haiti more than 3,300 containers each with a tent for 10 people, a stove, blankets, and other essential items, with another 1,000 or more scheduled to be deployed.

The Rotary Foundation has established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund primarily for U.S. Rotarians who want to donate toward recovery efforts. The fund has raised more than \$100,000 so far.

A one-time \$5 donation to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund can be made by texting ROTARY to 90999.

Other Rotarian relief efforts in Haiti include:

- The Rotary Club of Tocoa, Colón, Honduras, has chartered three flights to

send 25,000 to 30,000 pounds of food to Haiti.

- A six-person team from the Rotary clubs of Inwood, Manhattan, and New York is working with Comprehensive and Response Service to establish a staging area in the Dominican Republic for bringing medical supplies into Port-au-Prince.

- Past District Governor Alfonso Leppes launched a campaign asking each of the more than 4,500 Rotarians in Chile to donate \$50 to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.

- Five Rotarian doctors from Venezuela are in Haiti as part of a search-and-rescue team established by their government.

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.milledgevillerotary.org District 6920: www.rotarydistrict6920.net Rotary International: www.rotary.org