



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Classification Talks

Rotarian of the Day

Arthur Gunn

LAST MEETING

Longtime Rotarian Brad Oliver was the guest speaker last week. He gave a really good talk about the history of the Milledgeville Rotary Club and why Rotary means so much to him. He has a really touching story about how Rotary impacted him as a youth and helped form him into the man he is today. Thanks for a job well done, Brad!



Brad Oliver is pictured with past president Karen Brooks.

Foundation Fact

Every Rotarian, Every Year Club

Beginning in 2005-06, this recognition is awarded to clubs that achieve 100 percent participation in the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative, with at least US\$100 donated per capita to the Annual Programs Fund. Every active member must have contributed some amount to the fund during the Rotary year. This annual banner recognition is awarded after the Rotary year ends.

Rotary shirts for sale

We still have some Rotary polo shirts for sale: 2 large and 1 XL in ladies and 1 XL in men. Price is \$30 each. Contact Jason Miller (jmill@johnmilledge.org) if you are interested.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Laura ThompsonHenry Pope
Ann and Frank Thompson . .Henry Pope
Jim MillsJim Johnson
Mark ArcherKeith Barlow
Paba Amarakooa . . .Ajantha Dahanayake

ABSENTEES

Black, B. Brown, Burke, Collins, Cooper, Cox, Davidson, Dean, Dennis, Drinkwater, Dyer, Gandy, Grant, Gray, Hattaway, Holmes, McRee, Mullis, Parker, Reese, Seymour, Strom, Thornton, Van Horn, Williams, Yearwood

MAKE-UPS

WhippleMacon

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$18⁷⁹ TOTAL: \$1,926⁹⁸

50/50 CLUB
47 Cards Left
Pot: \$128⁵⁰

Upcoming Programs

Our Feb. 12 meeting will be held at the new Baldwin County jail. Jim Thomas with Alliance for Integrity will be our Feb. 19 speaker. And Rotary Peace Day is Feb. 26; our meeting will be offsite. Future meetings TBA.

LOCAL CLUB NEWS

Newest Rotarian also one of youngest in club history

Laura Thompson from Exchange Bank became the newest member of the Milledgeville Rotary Club Jan. 29. She is the Executive Director of Exchange Investment Services for the bank and is also one of the youngest members ever of the Rotary Club. Please welcome Laura to the club as we are excited to have her.



Above, Henry Pope introduces Laura Thompson to the club during the Jan. 29 meeting.

Below, left to right: Rotarian Henry Pope (Laura's Rotary sponsor), Frank and Ann Thompson (her parents), Laura and Rotarian Tommy Jefferson.



ROTARY USA NEWS

Memorial fund set up for shooting victims

By Ryan Hyland, Rotary International News - 29 January 2009

The Rotary Club of Clackamas, Oregon, USA, and Rotary International District 5100 (parts of Oregon and Washington) have established memorial funds after two Rotary Youth Exchange students were killed and five others wounded in a shooting outside an underage nightclub Jan. 24 in Portland.

The two victims, Ashley Lauren Wilks, 16, of Happy Valley, Oregon, and Martha Paz De Noboa, 17, of Arequipa, Peru, were at the club to celebrate a birthday with nine fellow exchange students. The five injured students have all been released from the hospital.

Investigators of the Portland Police Bureau described the shooting as "a random act of violence," and said that the victims did not appear to be targeted and did nothing to provoke the 24-year old gunman, who later died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

District 5100 has established a fund to help defray some of the medical and travel costs incurred by the victims, their families, and the host families. Any funds remaining after paying these expenses will continue as the Martha (Tika) Paz De Noboa Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Portland Rotary Charitable Trust for Youth Exchange
Attn: January 24 Fund
619 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 123
Portland, OR 97205

The Clackamas Rotary club has set up a memorial scholarship fund at Clackamas High School, where Wilks was a student. The club's foundation will define the criteria for applications with Wilks' interests and motivation in mind. Wilks, a straight-A student, was hoping to spend her senior year in France or Spain. Contributions to the Ashley Wilks scholarship fund can be sent to the following address:

The Clackamas Rotary Foundation c/o Thomas Joseph
PO Box 601
Clackamas, OR 97015

Read the complete story online at www.rotary.org.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Matching grant helps leprosy patients in India

By Peter Schmidtke, Rotary International News - 3 February 2009

Leprosy patients in India have regained the use of previously paralyzed eyelids, fingers, wrists, and ankles through a project funded in part by a US\$21,000 Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary clubs of the Hague-Metropolitan, The Netherlands, and Lucknow, India, partnered to provide reconstructive surgery to 106 leprosy patients in Uttar Pradesh, India.

The surgeries, completed in March, corrected conditions caused by leprosy, a bacterial disease that affects the skin, nerves, and mucous of the upper respiratory tract and eyes.

Although the disease had permanently damaged specific nerve fibers in some of the patients, doctors were able to restore movement by connecting tendons from muscles with healthy nerve tissue to joints in the affected areas.

Dispelling myths about leprosy, such as how the disease spreads, was another goal of the project. According to the World Health

Organization, leprosy is not highly contagious. The 137,000 new cases in India last year — more than half of the total global cases in 2007 — were transmitted through close and frequent contact.

Read the complete story online at www.rotary.org.



Rotary Club of Lucknow, India
Leprosy patient Phool Kumari (right) consults with a physical therapist prior to receiving surgery to repair her foot.

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