



MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - FEBRUARY 11, 2010



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Classification Talks
Sandy Baxter, Jerry Adkins,
and Henk Brandt
Rotarian of the Day
Jim Fain

FEB. 4 PROGRAM

President and CEO of Oconee Regional Medical Center, Jean Aycock, visited our club last week and presented some astounding facts on our local medical situation and the future to come.



Jean Aycock and President John Ferguson

The club donated \$1000 to the Oconee Regional Healthcare Foundation at the last meeting.



President John, Jean Aycock, and Connie Pitirri-Wilson

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Connie Pitirri-Wilson . . . Brian Aycock
Brenda Wiggins Brian Aycock

ABSENTEES

P. Brown, Dean, Drinkwater, Dyer, Eberhardt, Hall, Kennedy, Massey, Mullis, Parker, Tyson, Watson, Zarkowsky

MAKE-UPS

Massey Morning Make-Up
Watson Morning Make-Up

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$11⁴⁸ TOTAL: \$2,533⁶⁰

50/50 CLUB
23 Cards Left
Pot: \$752⁰⁰

Upcoming Programs

Feb. 18
Couples and Friends NIGHT
(no noon meeting)

Feb. 25 - Rotary Peace Day
(at Courthouse)

March 4
Rotary Student Speeches

March 11
Greg Kaufman
Public Achievement Program

March 18
Camille Daniel-Tyson
Early College Program

THIS Saturday, February 13... Rotarian Social Event at GCSU

We will meet for a GCSU basketball game and have a reserved seating area as well as refreshments at halftime. The girls' game starts at 1:30 with the boys' to follow.

NEXT Thursday, February 18... Couple's Night (NO LUNCH MEETING THAT DAY)

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! See you there!

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 RAFFLE

We need to sell a few more tickets for our club before the District Conference... Please see Laura Thompson for tickets... 1 for \$25 or 5 for \$100

CLUB BLOG

Please check out the club's blog and FEEL FREE TO MAKE COMMENTS or use the site to find information about past meetings and view many photos of past events.
<http://milledgeville Rotary.wordpress.com>

DISTRICT 6920 UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13-14
PeachState PETS, Atlanta

April 23-25
District Conference, Jekyll Island, GA



Jekyll Convention Center



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS Wheelchair ramp project strengthens club

On a hot day about 13 years ago, as the mercury hit 100 degrees Fahrenheit, Rotarian Roy Gandy delivered an air conditioner to a polio survivor.

As Gandy was leaving, he saw the man crawl across his lawn to get to his truck and realized that without a wheelchair ramp, the man had no other way to leave his house on his own.

Moved by the sight, Gandy, a member of the Rotary Club of Madison County, Georgia, USA, returned a week later to build the man a 24-foot-long ramp that met Americans with Disabilities Act specifications. Since then, Gandy and other members of his Rotary club have built more than 400 wheelchair ramps.

"You can't imagine

how some of these people are really hurting," says Gandy of the recipients, most of whom would be isolated without a ramp. Even if recipients have a spouse, the spouses are often elderly and are not strong enough to lift them out of the house on their own.

A wheelchair ramp can cost as much as \$1,500 to have a contractor build, and many of the people in Gandy's rural community can't afford that. In the United States, if someone is not a war veteran, that person may not be eligible for federal funds for a ramp. And Gandy said state and local funds are typically unavailable in the Madison area.

At a cost of just \$300 to \$600 for materials, Gandy and his fellow club members build

ramps for those who don't qualify for federal funds. The recipient pays nothing, although some decide to make small donations.

At first, Gandy didn't think his club would be building so many ramps, because the community only has about 25,000 people. But as word spread and the local newspaper printed an article on the effort, Gandy's club received more and more requests.

By necessity, club members have become more efficient. What once was an all-day project now takes a crew of 20 members less than two hours. The club owns a trailer loaded with everything needed, including a generator.

"It's gotten so we've done enough of them that we pull the trailer up

and everyone knows what to do," Gandy says. "I'm so pleased with the program. It's a wonderful way to serve the community."

But the program has

done more than help the community: It has also strengthened the club by attracting younger members who want to be part of the ramp-building effort, Gandy says.



Members of the Rotary Club of Madison County, Georgia, USA, christen a new wheelchair ramp built by the club.

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