



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Jim Wolfgang brings us an update on Baldwin 20/20

Rotarian of the Day
Lionel Watson

LAST WEEK

Pat T. Black and Megan T. Bowen from Creative Expressions Studio and Gallery were the guest speakers at the Rotary meeting on March 5. Creative Expressions promotes creativity and expression for performing and visual artists with developmental disabilities through the use of music therapy, horticulture, visual arts, and performing arts.



Pictured is Pat, Megan, Dee Weimer (one of the Studio's artists), and Rotarian Ed Weimer.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Dee WeimerEd Weimer

ABSENTEES

Coleman, Collins, Cox, Davidson, Dyer, Eberhardt, Fuller, Gandy, Grant, Gray, Gunn, Kirkwood, Matthews, Mullis, Murphey, Neely, Oliver, Parker, Sibilsky Jr., Sibilsky III, Strom, Van Horn, Watson, Yearwood

MAKE-UPS

11 members - Chick-fil-A monthly meeting
Jeff GrayTennille
Mark StromTennille
Scott BrownOnline

**RICH BERTOLI
MEMORIAL CART FUND**
\$23⁷⁸ TOTAL: \$1,970⁰²

50/50 CLUB
45 Cards Left
Pot: \$232⁵⁰

MEMBER PROFILE

John Thornton



John Thornton is the principal of Georgia Military Preparatory School. John has a Bachelor of Science in History and Political Science from

Georgia College and State University. He also obtained his Masters of Education in Administration and Supervision from GCSU. While working on his college degree, John played baseball at Dekalb College, now known as Perimeter College.

John's wife, Sheri, is a teacher at Creekside Elementary. John and Sheri have a 10 year-old daughter, Reagan, who is a 4th grade student at Creekside.

In his spare time, John enjoys golfing, hunting, and watching Florida Gators athletic events.

John joined Rotary because of his desire to serve and associate himself with others who feel the same way.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 19

Rotary Speech Contest

March 26

Tom Carty
Head baseball coach

GCSU

April 2

Carolyn Spanjer
American Red Cross



ProjectLINK is a searchable database that lists Rotary club and district community service projects in need of support and completed projects that can be used as examples of best practices. For additional details on community service projects contact: pro-grams@rotary.org.

FOUNDATION FACT

Ice fishing derby raises money for PolioPlus, local charities

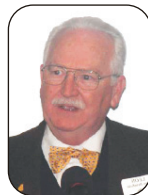
Ice fishers, their family, and visitors crowd around derby headquarters during the Rotary Club of Meredith's Great Ice Fishing Derby. Nestled in huts dotting the frozen surfaces of Lake Winnepesaukee and smaller lakes throughout New Hampshire, participants cut holes in the ice, dropped their lines into the chilly waters, and tried their luck at snagging one of the thousands of rainbow trout that had been tagged and dropped into the lakes over the years. Roughly \$62,000 in prizes was at stake, awarded to those who caught the heaviest fish and who won the raffles held throughout the weekend. About 5,500 tickets were sold to this year's derby, raising roughly \$68,000 for scholarships, local projects and charities, and The Rotary Foundation.

Before each competition, the club, in consultation with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, drops 1,000 tagged rainbow trout into Lake Winnepesaukee and another 200 tagged trout into each of five smaller lakes and ponds throughout the state.

This year's top prize, an 18-foot fiberglass boat valued at \$25,000, was won by Regis Mazerolle for hauling in the heaviest tagged rainbow trout, a 1.8 pounder measuring just over 16 inches in length. There was also a second and third prize for the second- and third-heaviest tagged trout.

Benefield is new RLI director

PDG, Leon Benefield has assumed the position of Director for District 6920 Rotary Leadership Institute. See his bio info and class schedules at www.rotarydistrict6920.net.



ROTARY USA NEWS

Dolly Parton and Rotary partner to promote reading

Edited from a story by Ryan Hyland, Rotary International News - 9 March 2009

Country music legend Dolly Parton and Rotary International have announced a collaborative relationship to promote early childhood reading.



Clockwise from bottom left: Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ, District Governor Ted J. Propes, Dolly Parton, district literacy chair Shauna von Hanstein, District Governor Kenan J. Kern, and District Governor Gary C. Moore. Photo by Holly Sasnett

Under the agreement, Rotary clubs in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States are encouraged to support the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library, which provides a book each month to children from birth until age five.

"This partnership is a marriage made in heaven," says Parton. "Rotary does such good work around the world. This is a big deal for us. We feel proud and honored to be working with such a prestigious organization."

In a public ceremony March 6 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ joined Parton onstage to make the announcement in front of more than 500 people.

"Our partnership with Parton's foundation will bring tremendous improvement in children's literacy," says Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee. "Dolly is the perfect spokeswoman for promoting early childhood reading."

Parton's impoverished childhood and her father's illiteracy inspired the country singer to create a literacy program in 1996 for preschool children in her native Sevier County, Tennessee.

The Imagination Library spread quickly. Today, it serves 47 states, along with parts of Canada and the United Kingdom, and has provided children with more than 15 million books.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Canadian filmmaker explores Rotary in Tanzania

Edited from a story by Donna Polydoros, Rotary International News - 10 March 2009

Rotarian Deneka Michaud, 26, is screening her first feature-length documentary about her experience on a Group Study Exchange sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tsawwassen (Delta), British Columbia, Canada.

Along with four other Canadian women, Michaud, a reporter and producer for Canada's Delta Cable, was selected to travel to Tanzania in the fall of 2007. She brought a camera and other equipment to document the experience.

Michaud, who joined the Rotary Club of North Vancouver after she returned from the exchange, says that before the trip, she had a general concept for the film, which features slices of life in Tanzania, images of nature and wildlife, and several Rotary club projects.

See a trailer for her film, "Friends We Haven't Met Yet" online at www.rotary.com.



Michaud gets ready to shoot footage for her documentary, Friends We Haven't Met Yet. Courtesy of the Tsawwassen-Tanzania Group Study Exchange team.

Scotland hosts polio photo exhibit

Edited from a story by Rotary International News - 5 March 2009

The opening of a photo exhibit showcasing the work of a London polio survivor was a highlight of an End Polio Now promotion week in western Scotland. The exhibit, held in the foyer of the Mitchell Library in Glasgow, was open to the public from 25 February through 4 March. It depicted the fight against polio through the photographs of London polio survivor and advocate Gautam Lewis, who recently returned to his birthplace of Kolkata, India, to immunize children against the disease.

The exhibit also included the images of photographer Jean-Marc Giboux, who has documented the battle against polio in its remaining strongholds of Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan throughout the past decade. See www.rotary.com for the complete story.

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