

Rotary Programs

This Week - Dr. Jerry Miller, visiting professor at GCSU: "Eastern Europe"
Rotarian of the Day - Tara Peters
Last Meeting - Rotary Speech Contest.
Rotarian of the Day - Paul Dean

Last Meeting
March 6
Speech Contest



Two students from local high schools won the Rotary Speech Contest held at our March 6 meeting: Georgia Military College freshman Sean Tighe (left) and Baldwin High School senior Iris McCree. A student from John Milledge Academy was not able to attend the contest so both of these students will advance to the next level.

Visiting Rotarians

None

Guests

Phil Sams Jerry Adkins
 Linda Cowan Lyn Chandler
 Tommy Smith Jimmy Eubanks

Absentees - March 6

Bell, B. Brown, Burke, Cooper, Cox, Davidson, Eberhardt, Fontenot, Fuller, Gandy, Gheesling, Griffith, Gunn, Haney, Hattaway Sr., Jackson, Jefferson, Kennedy, Kisida, Marcott, McRee, Miller, Murphey Jr., Nelson, Oliver, Parker, Peters, Purvis, Reese, Roberts, Scott, Sibilsky III, Stephens, Trammell, Truelove, Tyson, Weimer, Yearwood

Makeups

David McMillan Online



Rich Bertoli CART Fund:
\$28.87 - TOTAL: \$998.79

50/50 Club - 50/50 Club -
March 6, 2008



Wes Owens had the winning ticket.
He was unsuccessful in his draw.
38 Cards Left Pot: \$391.00

2008 ROTARY DISTRICT 6920 CONFERENCE
APRIL 18-20, 2008

Ramada Plaza
108 First Street • Macon, GA 31201
Toll-Free: (800) 272-6232
Phone: (478) 746-146
1Fax: (478) 738-2460
Website: www.ramada.com

Room rate: **\$89⁰⁰** plus taxes

Block of rooms were no longer available as of February 28, 2008.

The hotel is comprised of kings (one bed per room), doubles (two beds per room) and/or queens (one or two beds per room). Guest rooms will be assigned based on availability.

To confirm reservations, you will need to guarantee one night's pre-paid room and tax or with a major credit card.

Reservations may be cancelled without penalty until 6:00 p.m. the day of arrival.

Home Stay

Rotarians from the Downtown Macon Rotary Club are providing complimentary lodging in their homes for up to 10 Rotarians (and their spouses) who have been in Rotary less than two years and have not been to a District Conference.

Please indicate your interest on the registration form.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

March 20, 2008
 Compassionate Care - Free Clinic
 Rotarian of the Day: Tara Dyer

March 27, 2008
 Dr. Doug Bailey:
 Horticulture in Georgia

April 18-20, 2008
 District Conference, Macon

June 15-18, 2008
 Rotary International Convention
 Los Angeles

Deadline to register:
 March 31, 2008

MEMBER PROFILE
Bert Williams



A native of Augusta, GA and a proud graduate of Davidson College and master's recipient from the University of

Georgia in history, Bert Williams follows in the long and illustrious line of Georgia Military College athletic directors and football coaches who have also had the privilege to be a member of the Rotary Club of Milledgeville.

Bert has finished his eighth season as the head coach and athletic director for the junior college GMC Bulldogs and has amassed a record of 67-19 during that span. In addition, he brought the first national championship to Georgia Military College and narrowly missed bringing two others as well while being named national coach of the year twice. Additionally, his program has developed 41 All-Americans and sent numerous young men onto four year colleges and universities to finish their education. Bert also took over as the President of the NJCAA Football Coaches Association in 2007 after serving as an officer for three years.

Bert is fortunate to be married to the beautiful and patient Cathy Williams who teaches locally at John Milledge Academy. Together they have two great sons, Parker (11) and Zach (7) who also attend John Milledge Academy. Bert enjoys spending time with his family, getting out on the lake, and spending time with friends.

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.

RI 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.

International News

Moving Kenya forward: Rotarians seek to heal wounds

Welcoming the peace deal signed last week to end their country's postelection crisis, Rotarians in Kenya met on 7 March with diplomats and civic and professional leaders to discuss practical ideas for healing the nation.

The Rotary Club of Nairobi hosted a panel discussion to talk about the role of civic society in the reconciliation and recovery process. The event, which was part of the club's annual World Understanding and Peace Day luncheon, was held at the Hilton Nairobi.

Moderated by national TV presenter Michael Oyier of KTN, the panel consisted of UN-Habitat Executive Director Anne Tibaijuka; retired Lt. Gen. Lazaro Sumbeiywo, who was the Intergovernmental Authority on Development's chief mediator in the Sudanese peace negotiations; clinical psychologist Gladys Mwiti; BBC East Africa correspondent Adam Mynott; and Vimal Shah, representing the Kenya Association of Manufacturers.

Following the disputed December election, riots reflecting ethnic divisions erupted across Kenya. More than 350,000 people fled their homes, and at least 1,000 were killed.

Though last week's reopened parliament is expected to soon ratify the power-sharing agreement brokered by former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the country will feel the socioeconomic effects of the crisis for years to come.

The panelists concurred that the political agreement is just the beginning of the necessary reconciliation process.

Tibaijuka stressed the importance of dealing with the fundamental causes of inequity, while Sumbeiywo called for a better education system and an economic recovery plan akin to the Marshall Plan and urged Kenyans to reach out to their neighbors.

According to Mwiti, Kenyans are suffering from a massive depression. "We already had HIV, road traffic accidents, robbery, and violence, and now on top of

that, the postelection violence. We should concentrate on healing and counseling," she said.

Following the panel discussion, the Nairobi club presented its Amazing Kenyans Peace Award to three citizens who had performed extraordinary actions in the period of postelection violence. The recipients are:

- Dekha Ibrahim, co-founder and chair of the Concerned Citizens for Peace initiative, which launched a national media campaign to stop the violence, sent strong messages to political leaders to restore peace, and provided a platform for citizens and organizations to coordinate peace and justice work.

- Superintendent Joseph Musyoka Nthenge, a police officer who surprised many when he was caught on camera pleading with demonstrators to be patriotic and not to destroy the socioeconomic gains that had been made. With tensions high, he put himself at risk and inspired others, exhibiting patience, wisdom, and courage

- Alice Auma Opolo, of the Faida Karanja self-help group, aided the displaced by sending gunshot victims to the hospital, raising funds for funeral expenses, and housing families until they found other shelters.



Dan Poenaru

Two hundred Rotary volunteers went door-to-door in Nairobi on 10 January, asking the public to donate for the needy. Similar efforts were made in Mombasa and Kisumu. Photo by Dan Poenaru.

Source: www.rotary.org

ONGOING MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

- (1) Earn a make-up for sponsoring a new member.
- (2) Earn a make-up by volunteering at a local school.
- (3) Earn a make-up for 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 the Club Secretary (Halsey Leavitt).

ROTARY WEBSITES

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