



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Rotary Speech Contest

Rotarian of the Day
Ed Weimer

LAST WEEK



Dr. Jim Wolfgang, Director of Digital Innovations at GCSU, updated the club on the Baldwin 20/20 retreat recently held in St. Simons. He was a facilitator at the retreat and is also a leader in the virtual and digital movement in Milledgeville.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Beverly BlakeMacon
Seth RionKeith Barlow
Richard GrodzickiJohn Ferguson
Jo GrodzickiJohn Ferguson

ABSENTEES

Aycock, Becker, Buice, Burke, Coleman, Collins, Cox, Dahanayake, Dyer, Eberhardt, Gandy, Ghesling, Grant, Holmes, Murphey, Noel, Parker, Perrin, Peters, M. Roberts, Seymour, Stephens, Strickland, Strom, Thornton, Tyson, Watson, Yearwood

MAKE-UPS

Lionel WatsonOnline

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$23⁰⁰ TOTAL: \$2,002³⁹

50/50 CLUB
43 Cards Left
Pot: \$276⁵⁰

LOCAL CLUB NEWS

Rotary donates to Cub Scouts

The Milledgeville Rotary Club recently made a donation of flag poles and stands to Pack 316 of the Cub Scouts in memory of former Rotary President Lamar Fields. Not only was Lamar a Rotarian but he spent countless hours with the Cub Scouts of which his son, Caleb is a member.



Pictured is current Rotary President Keith Drinkwater with several other Rotarians as they present Lamar's family with name plates for the flag stands.

FOUNDATION FACT

Bill Gates visits Nigeria to boost global effort to end polio

During a recent visit to Nigeria, Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said he was confident that the country can eradicate polio if it capitalizes on commitments from its state and federal governments.

"He extolled the virtue of Rotary and gave a strong voice to our cause," said Olubusuyi Onabolu, chair of the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee. "It was a great honor for me to present him with a yellow Rotary cap, which he immediately put on, and to say, 'Thank you, Mr. Gates.'"

"We need this type of success to work on malaria, respiratory and diarrheal diseases, and meningitis," he said. "The delivery structure, the message, and the quality that comes from polio will be the foundation for other work."

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 26
Tom Carty
Head baseball coach
GCSU
April 2
Carolyn Spanjer
American Red Cross
April 9
Tina Hollcroft
(travelling with Rotary)

DISTRICT 6920 NEWS

District Conference

An exciting group of presenters will attend the 52nd District Conference May 15-17 at Marriott Augusta Hotel & Suites in Augusta.

You do not want to miss the Friday opening luncheon when Joe Dittmar will share his experience when he was on the 105th floor of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Joe will share with you how delay meant death on 9/11. Joe's statement on The Always Remember Initiative will help keep the voices, spirits and memories of the 3,000 vanquished victims that day as he tells his story so that perhaps history does not have to repeat itself.

Mary Evelyn Warren was stricken with polio as a seven month old child. However, she remained a true inspiration to her family and community as she developed into a leadership role in her home, community, and vocational endeavors. Miss Warren will share her enthusiastic life without disabilities or restrictions to become successful in all her achievements. You will leave her Friday evening presentation with an uplifted spirit as she shares her passion for Rotary International's promotion to End Polio Now!

The Augusta Children's Chorale will perform Saturday night under the leadership of Linda Leslie Bradberry, founder of the Chorale in 1991. This children's choral group has inspired more than 375 young singers to develop aesthetic interests, musical growth, and character development. Annually, the Chorale extends singer training, education, and cultural awareness through travel opportunities to festivals and clinics, nationally and internationally.

Registration for reduced fees for the District Conference will change after April 30, 2009. You can register on-line and make on-line hotel reservations at the District website: www.rotarydistrict6920.net.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rotary forms new alliance for water, sanitation projects

By Janis Young
Rotary International News — 18 March 2009

Rotary International and USAID have launched a collaborative effort to implement water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in the developing world.

The International H2O Collaboration was formally announced yesterday at the World Water Forum in Istanbul, in conjunction with World Water Day, 22 March.

Focusing on Africa, Asia, and Latin America, the alliance will develop its inaugural projects in 2009-10 in Ghana, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic — countries where Rotary clubs and districts and USAID missions have the demonstrated ability to carry out effective water and sanitation projects. After the initial phase, the alliance will evaluate its work and strategically consider expanding into other countries.

The Rotary Foundation and USAID will share the project funding. Each organization will distribute funds separately and independently, keeping budgeting, expenditures, and reporting mechanisms separate.

Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants will support Rotary club and district involvement with these projects. Both Rotary and USAID will provide technical expertise and on-the-ground support.

Rotarians help reignite Nigeria's end-polio effort

By Dan Nixon
Rotary International News — 17 March 2009

Rotarians in Nigeria are playing a key role in their country's revitalized battle to become polio-free, including helping to overcome resistance from families who are against having their children immunized.

During Immunization Plus Days (IPDs) held 31 January-3 February, a community in Nasarawa State initially refused vaccination efforts because the government hadn't removed garbage from a local dump.

"In order to get the kids immunized, I promised to clear the site personally, if they allowed us to carry out the immunization, and they agreed," said Chuks Anthony

Anyigbo, a member of the Rotary Club of Lafia City. "I partnered with the state urban development board, [and] they gave me a truck with a few staff. I paid for logistics and laborers, then mobilized some Rotarians and youth to clear the site."

When families in a group of settlements in Katsina State opposed immunization, Rotarians immediately helped conduct a

community dialogue. Residents said they would not allow their children to receive the oral polio vaccine because other pressing needs — health care, clean water, and education — weren't being met. Local officials addressed these issues at a subsequent meeting, resulting in 120 children being immunized with the residents' consent.

In Anambra State, the Rotary Club of

Awka aired public service announcements on state radio and sponsored community-based town criers to urge mothers to bring their children to immunization posts. During the IPDs, no cases of noncompliance were reported there.

Rotarians in Enugu State helped monitor the IPDs and handed out soap, school supplies, and other premiums to children who were immunized. They also hired vehicles to

transport the vaccination teams and provided snacks, water, and soft drinks.

One of the keys to ending polio in Nigeria is accountability, according to Nigeria PolioPlus Committee Chair Busuyi Onabolu. Noting that "operational challenges have compromised the quality of vaccination campaigns," he said that renewed state and local government commitment to immunization has led to marked progress in many areas.



Nigeria PolioPlus Committee Chair Busuyi Onabolu (second from left) and District 9120 PolioPlus Subcommittee Chair Godwin Atiah (far left) join state health officials in Kano for the ceremony officially launching the country's Immunization Plus Days.
Rotary Images/Joseph Lorenzo

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