

Rotary Programs

This Week - Compassionate Care – Free Clinic
Rotarian of the Day - Tara Dyer
Last Meeting - Dr. Jerry Miller, visiting professor at GCSU: "Eastern Europe"
Rotarian of the Day - Tara Peters

Last Meeting

March 12

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jerry Miller



Dr. Jerry Miller, a visiting professor at GCSU, gave an interesting talk on Eastern Europe to the club this past Thursday.

Visiting Rotarians

Glen Schliebarr..... Gray

Guests

Pete Shields Merritt Massey
 Glen Schliebarr Gerald Adkins

Absentees - March 13

Anderson, Barlow, Cox, Davidson, Dyer, Gandy, Grant, Griffith, Jackson, Jefferson, Kenyon, Kirkwood, Matthews, Neely, Noel, Reese, Saturley, Settle, Tyson, Williams, Zarkowsky

Makeups

James Miller Online
 Gerald Adkins Jones



Rich Bertoli CART Fund:

\$36.69 – TOTAL: \$1035.48

**50/50 Club – 50/50 Club –
 March 13, 2008**

Jimmy Eubanks had the winning ticket. He was unsuccessful in his draw. 37 Cards Left **Pot: \$430.00**



What is the Georgia Rotary Student Program?

Since 1946, Rotarians in Georgia have promoted world peace through understanding by offering scholarships to international students for one year of study in Georgia colleges and universities. Georgia Rotary Clubs sponsor students recommended by a Rotary Club in their home country. The students become adopted members of a Georgia "host family," but live on-campus at the school they attend. This is a scholarship program, not an exchange! Each year, about 80 students from all over the world make friends in the United States and other nations and learn about differing cultures and life styles. Georgia Rotarians believe "Peace is Possible" and through GRSP promote international goodwill through the bonds of friendship and understanding. The scholarship covers one scholastic year, from August to May, and is for study in colleges and universities located in the State of Georgia.

Visit www.grsp.org for more information.
We are no longer accepting applications for the 2008-2009 school year.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 27, 2008

Dr. Doug Bailey: GA Horticulture
 Rotarian of the Day: Rod Theus

April 3, 2008

Jingran Zhou China Today
 Rotarian of the Day: Robbie McNeil

April 10, 2008

Heather Langston, Oconee Greenway
 Rotarian of the Day: Gerald Adkins

April 17, 2008

Roy Moore, Conflict Resolution
 Rotarian of the Day: Jeff Gray

April 24, 2008

Shadow Day
 Rotarian of the Day: William Black

**2008 ROTARY DISTRICT 6920 CONFERENCE
 APRIL 18-20, 2008**

Ramada Plaza

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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 EVENTS

April 18-20, 2008

District Conference, Macon, GA

June 5-8, 2008

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference
 South Georgia College,
 Douglas, Georgia – Chaired by
 Charles W. Johnson, PhD

June 7, 2008

District Assembly
 Heart of Georgia Tech, Dublin, GA

June 15-18, 2008

Rotary International Convention
 Los Angeles, CA

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.

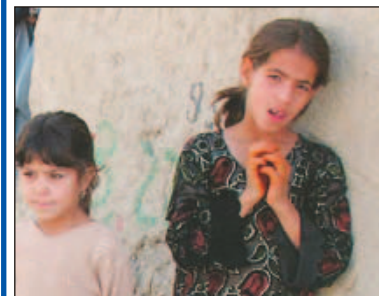
RI Mission Statement

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

Empowering girls, women in Afghanistan



Girls in the village of Deh'Subz, near Kabul, Afghanistan, anticipate the opening of a school for girls and an adult center for women.

Girls living in and near the village of Deh'Subz, outside of Kabul, Afghanistan, heard school bells ringing closer to their homes for them for the first time this March.

Rotarian Razia Jan, a native of Afghanistan, visited her homeland in 2001 after the Taliban's reign (1996-2001), and in 2002 she began working with the orphanages in the area. It was during her visits that she decided the girls who walk more than two miles each way on a dirt road to school and those who have never had any formal education needed a school closer to where they live.

"A whole generation of girls have never been to school because of the Taliban's rules prohibiting girls from attending school and the destruction of the schools," said Jan, a member of the Rotary Club of Duxbury, Massachusetts, USA. "But that is about to change."

Seeing firsthand the need for girls and women to be educated and productive in her homeland, Jan became inspired to build a school for girls that also will serve as an adult education center for women.

The year-round school is now open with about 200 girls, ages 4-18. The adult education center is expecting 20 to 30 women, many of them widows with children, to come to learn a trade or how to start a business. By the time it's completed, the school will cost more than US\$150,000, and additional funds will be needed to sustain it.

Canadian Rotaractors' award-winning project aiding Nicaraguans

Communities in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, are witnessing significant improvements to sanitation and school conditions, thanks to Project Nicaragua, a technological initiative launched in 2004 by the Rotaract Club of University of Calgary, Canada.

Nicaragua, one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere, lacks the resources to remedy serious health and sanitation issues. This has caused disease and starvation in many communities. Frustrated by what she saw during a volunteer mission, Rotaractor Lyndsey Rosevear returned home to Calgary and encouraged her club to take action.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Calgary, Rosevear and fellow Rotaractors organized Project Nicaragua, a multifaceted initiative focused on improving the quality of life in underdeveloped communities through sustainable technology and resources.

The first phase is aimed at improving sanitation and educational conditions. Traditional open-fire stoves are replaced with concrete-and-brick eco-stoves, which use 50 percent less wood for fuel and reduce smoke inhalation. Biosand water filters are used to create a safer drinking water supply, and composting toilets, which do not contaminate underground water systems, are installed. School buildings in need of repair are also renovated.

The second phase focuses on health care improvements. A local doctor and dentist visit the community four days twice a month to address health issues such as fever, diarrhea, and dental problems. More than 150 people are treated every month.

The club seeks to raise US\$50,000 for the project. Members have been garnering funds by hosting an annual Battle of the Bands night, putting on bake sales, and petitioning funds from clubs, businesses, and independent donors.

At the 2007 RI Convention, Project Nicaragua was named the international winner of RI's 2006-07 Outstanding Rotaract Project recognition.

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