



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Carolyn Spanjer will address the club about the American Red Cross

Rotarian of the Day
John Ferguson

LAST WEEK



Head GC&SU Baseball Coach Tom Carty was the guest speaker at Rotary on March 26. Carty is in his 2nd year as head coach for the Bobcats but is in his 4th year with the program. He was previously serving as assistant coach with Marshall University before finding his way to Milledgeville. Everyone enjoyed his speech and plans are to have a Rotary night at the ballpark soon! The Bobcats are currently ranked 9th in the country and 1st in the Peach Belt conference.

April Showers... Bring Robin Diapers

On April 30, we are asking all Rotarians to bring diapers to help celebrate the birth of Robin Becker's new baby Rotarian. Please bring youth diapers of any size. Mark the date on your calendar and let's help Robin and her husband Tripp get ready for their first bundle of joy.

District Conference

May 15-17, 2009
Marriott Augusta Hotel & Suites
Augusta, GA

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

None

ABSENTEES

Black, Brandt, P. Brown, Collins, Cox, Dyer, Ennis, Fontenot, Gandy, Gheesling, Hall, Kennedy, Leavitt, Matthews, McRee, Mullis, Parker, Peters, Pope, Seymour, Sibilsy Jr., Sibilsy III, Yearwood

MAKE-UPS

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RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$10³¹ TOTAL: \$2,032⁷⁴

50/50 CLUB

41 Cards Left

Pot: \$319⁵⁰

FOUNDATION FACT

**Hat auction nets
US\$17,600**



The hat Bill Gates wore at the 2009 International Assembly in San Diego while announcing a new US\$255 million challenge grant to Rotary netted \$17,600 in an eBay auction to support eradicating polio. A winning bid of US\$17,600 was received for the hat that Bill Gates wore and autographed at Rotary's 2009 International Assembly. The signed baseball cap was sold on eBay through an auction that ended 12 February, with proceeds going to help support Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication. Gates also wore the hat in India while he was immunizing children against polio.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 9

Tina Hollcroft
(travelling with Rotary)



Hopefully you've already registered for the Rotary International Convention. The deadline was Tuesday, March 31.

If you haven't been back to Birmingham since the 1984 convention, you may not recognize this former industrial town. Now a lively canal city known for its outstanding shopping and dining, Birmingham — or Brum, as the natives call it — underwent a dramatic facelift in the 1990s. The transformation resulted in a modern, more pedestrian-friendly city that retains traces of its medieval and Industrial Age roots.

Visit www.rotary.org to download the convention booklet for more reasons to come to Birmingham in 2009. This 24-page booklet also contains registration, hotel reservation, and Host Organization Committee forms.

All housing changes/inquiries must be made directly to the Birmingham Convention Bureau until 8 May 2009. Birmingham Convention Bureau will handle all individual and group housing requests. Reservations are fulfilled on a first-come, first-served basis.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Past district governor recalls experience with polio

By Jennifer Lee Atkin
Rotary International News — 1 April 2009

For Past District Governor Joe M. Whittemore, of the Rotary Club of Hartwell, Georgia, USA, the polio eradication effort is about more than meeting Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.

To Whittemore, polio is personal.

In 1941, a six-year-old Whittemore was brought to the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation in Georgia in a wheelchair. Named after its most famous patient and benefactor, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd president of the United States, the facility was a five-hour drive from Whittemore's home in Athens.

He spent the next seven summers at Warm Springs, undergoing two surgeries each stay. "Back then, surgery was a big

deal, and it was a tough thing to go through," Whittemore recalls. Each operation, he says, consisted of "three days of intense sickness, two weeks in bed, then two more weeks in a wheelchair, followed by two to four weeks of rehab."

Ultimately, the treatment was a success. At 13, he could walk without braces. In high school, he pitched for the varsity baseball team. After college, he started a successful career as an accountant and played tennis.

Whittemore joined Rotary in 1962, was elected governor of District 6910 in 1987, and received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 1992.



Past District Governor
Joe M. Whittemore
Photo courtesy
Whittemore

Documentary on polio debuts on HBO

Rotary International News — 31 March 2009

The Final Inch, a 38-minute film that chronicles the challenges health organizations and government face during the final stages of polio eradication, aired on HBO last night at 8 p.m. Commissioned by the philanthropic division of Google, the film was nominated for an Academy Award in the documentary short subject category.

Director and producer Irene Taylor Brodsky captured workers immunizing children in the poorest slums of India and Pakistan in 2007. In several scenes Rotarians were filmed working during a National Immunization Day on 22 April. Led by M.S. Jain, past governor of District 3100, NID volunteers administer polio vaccination drops to children in Meerut Samrat, Uttar Pradesh, India.

On 30 March, RI President Dong Kurn Lee spoke at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. He was joined by Tom Grant, a producer on The Final Inch.

HBO will hold a screening event tonight in New York. Past RI President James L. Lacy will serve as a discussion panelist, which includes Brodsky, Ann Veneman, executive director of UNICEF, and Dr. Larry Brilliant of Google.

"The Final Inch"
on



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