

April 3, 2008

Compassionate Care Clinic - March 20



Pictured left to right: Jerry Easterwood, Rick Hollis and Stephanie Welch. The three spoke to the club during our March 20 meeting about Compassionate Care – a free, non-profit, faith-based, medical clinic for low-income persons.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- 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

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

April 2008 Rotarian Birthdays

Scott Brown
David Jackson
Larry Kenyon



Roy Moore
Tara Peters
Michael Truelove

MEMBER PROFILE Nick Prezioso



Nick joins the Milledgeville Rotary today, after being a member of the local community since August 2006. He moved here from Boca Raton, Florida where he was Vice

President of Educational Services for Gulfstream Goodwill Industries and responsible for the development and maintenance of several Charter Schools. Nick and his wife, Connie, have been actively involved in the community since their move. Connie was instrumental in the remodeling of the cafeteria at Oconee Regional Hospital, and Nick has served as Director of Baldwin Connect and is currently Director of the YES afterschool program for Baldwin County. They now both work for Georgia College & State University.

Nick is originally from the Buffalo, New York, area, where he was the co-founder of a family construction business and worked for 14 years. For a career change, he entered the world of education to pursue his BS in Education from D'Youville College and an MS in Educational Administration from Niagara University. He taught at the elementary, middle and high school levels and served as an administrator and principal for 12 years before moving to Florida. He coached high school baseball, football, softball and bowling as well as serving as an advisor for several afterschool programs.

Nick is an avid sportsman and enjoys hunting, fishing, playing softball, golf, bowling, water skiing, downhill skiing, kayaking and an occasional poker game

His passion and goal is to work with young people in the community. Nick says, "I hope my membership in Rotary will enhance the lives of our children by providing members with a better understanding of the needs of our youth and encourage and promote the philosophy and charge of Rotary to meet those needs."

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

Rotary reaches out to Kenya's orphans

After a disputed presidential election in Kenya in December caused riots and a national emergency, Rotary clubs in Nairobi, along with clubs in Sweden and the United States, increased their support for projects that help orphaned children.

The Rotary Club of Stockholm International has contributed more than US\$5,500 to the Phyllis Wambui Memorial Children's Home and School near Nakuru, Kenya. Since December, the number of orphaned children there has increased threefold.

"Some of the children are coming to the home on their own looking for somewhere to escape the violence," says Jacinta Njoroge-lahti, founder of the facility, which she named for her mother. "We also found children ... on the roadside not knowing where to go. And some of the children are being brought to the home and school by guides or children's departments in Kenya." An expatriate now living in Sweden, Njoroge-lahti regularly returns to her native country.

The Stockholm International club, which attracts expats and diplomats, is particularly interested in projects that address poverty, health, and children's rights in developing countries, says Nicholas Thompson, the club's president-elect. "This cause fits well with what we stand for," he says.

Less than 100 miles from Nakuru, a joint effort of the Rotary clubs of Dayton, Ohio, USA, and Muthaiga (Nairobi) is helping children orphaned by AIDS in the Mathare Valley. The Maji Mazuri Education Center Project relocates children from an overcrowded slum that has a 70 percent AIDS-infection rate to a self-supporting farm and education center near Kiserian.

The center is supported by clubs in District 6670 (Ohio, USA) with help from a \$25,000 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, according to Jim Beerbower, the Dayton club's international service chair.

This article will appear in the July 2008 issue of Rotary World.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to speak at presidential peace summit

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will speak to Rotarians about environmental concerns and world peace during a keynote address this month at The Presidential Peace Forum in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

The conference will take place 25-27 April and is aimed at increasing awareness about Rotary's role in promoting peace. It will include a parade of international flags, an ecumenical faith service, a concert, and panel discussions centered around the forum's theme, "Peace Is Possible." RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson will speak at the opening ceremony.

Kennedy was named one of Time magazine's "Heroes for the Planet" for his success in helping Riverkeeper lead the fight to restore the Hudson River. The group's achievement helped spawn more than 160 Waterkeeper organizations across the globe.

Other keynote speakers for the the peace summit include Former UN Ambassador Allan Rock, Jordanian UN Ambassador HRH Prince Zeid Ra'ad and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Lloyd Axworthy.

"We're shining the light on what we do to make the world a more peace-filled place," says District Governor Jennifer Jones, who came up with the idea for the conference. "Rotary clubs initiate thousands of humanitarian projects every year. Each child we teach to read, every adult we help learn a trade, and every community playground we build is another step toward bringing the world together."

Jones, governor of District 6400 (Ontario, Canada; Michigan, USA), is planning on attendance of 4,000 and has reserved a quarter of those slots for youth participants. The cost is US \$175 for adults and \$100 for youths. You can register on the summit's Web site: www.rotary-peacesummit.org.

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

Rotary Programs

This Week - Jingran Zhou - China Today
Rotarian of the Day - Robbie McNeil
Last Meeting - Dr. Doug Bailey - Horticulture in Georgia
Rotarian of the Day - Rod Theus

Last Meeting March 27

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Doug Bailey



Dr. Doug Bailey from the University of Georgia Horticulture Department gave a very good talk to the club about horticulture, which simply put is garden cultivation. He spoke on several topics that included the value of horticulture in Georgia and where we rank nationally on the list of several different crops produced. He sees a promising future for horticulturists and asked everyone to encourage their kids and grandkids to get outside and play in the dirt.

Visiting Rotarians

None

Guests

Denise ChambersRenee Fontenot
Dick CarneySam Watson
Bill KentLamar Fields
Pete ShieldsMerritt Massey

Absentees - March 27

Anderson, Becker, Bell, B. Brown, Buice, Burke, Cleveland, Collins, Cox, Dahanayake, Davidson, Dyer, Gandy, Geeter, Gheesling, Grant, Gray, Griffith, Jackson, Kirkwood, Matthews, McMillan, Prezioso, Reese, Saturley, Scott, Thornton, Weimer, Yearwood

Makeups

Renee FontenotGray
Renee FontenotSandersville
Jeff GrayOnline
Robert HaneyOnline



Rich Bertoli CART Fund:
\$33.21 - TOTAL: \$1096.13

50/50 Club - 50/50 Club -
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Wes Owens had the winning ticket.
He was unsuccessful in his draw.
35 Cards Left Pot: \$505.00

