



MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - APRIL 9, 2009



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Tina Hollcroft
(travelling with Rotary)

Rotarian of the Day
Fielding Whipple

LAST WEEK

Carolyn Spanjer, Red Cross Donor Recruitment Representative, was the guest speaker at Rotary on April 2. Ms. Spanjer seemed unyielding in her strive to make everyone understand the amount of blood that is needed, especially in Georgia. She also explained how more blood is needed around holidays such as 4th of July and Christmas. The donation of blood is crucial as there is never enough.

Ms. Spanjer challenged every member to donate blood to the upcoming blood drive scheduled for April 25 at the Milledgeville Mall. She also solicited hosts for future blood drives in our area.

President Keith Drinkwater offered a free make-up for anyone who gave blood on the 25th.



Pictured left to right is Rotarian Laura Thompson and Carolyn Spanjer.

April is Magazine Month

It's time to celebrate the global network of Rotary's official magazines, which provide valuable information to more than 1.2 million Rotarians. As a tribute to Rotary's flagship publication, check out a photo gallery compiled from recent Up Front features from *The Rotarian* on the Web at www.rotary.org.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Andy Cartee Brad Oliver

ABSENTEES

Adkins, Coleman, Collins, Cox, Dahanayake, Davidson, Dean, Dennis, Dyer, Eberhardt, Gandy, Gheesling, Gray, Hall, Kenyon, Matthews, McRee, Miller, Mullis, Neely, Noel, Parker, Peters, Seymour, Sibilsky III, Stewart, Thornton, Tyson, Weimer, Williams, Yearwood

MAKE-UPS

Robbie Hattaway Online

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$17⁶¹ TOTAL: \$2,050³⁵

50/50 CLUB

40 Cards Left

Pot: \$346⁰⁰

UPCOMING MEETINGS Special awards meeting scheduled for April 16

Next week, April 16th, will be a special meeting for the club. We will have the District Governor present the Paul Harris Fellow to 26 of our members. You are invited to bring family and guests to the meeting.

Bert Williams will be awarding the scholarships to the high school students as well.

Three Blue Badges will be awarded to our three newest members. This will be a special meeting and we would like a good attendance.

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



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 USA NEWS

Foundation honors Pennsylvania couple

Rotarians Karen and Fred Teichman, of Lewisburg, Pa. were inducted recently into the Arch C. Klumph Society, which honors people who give at least \$250,000 to the Foundation. The ceremony took place at RI headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, where their portrait now hangs in the Arch C. Klumph Gallery.



Karen and Fred Teichman of Lewisburg, Pa.
Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee

Karen, past governor of District 7370, is a second-generation Rotarian, following in the footsteps of her father, Paul. A Rotarian since 1993, she helped charter her club, the Rotary Club of Lewisburg Sunset, in 2007.

She has led humanitarian missions in Mexico and Nicaragua, and recently traveled to India, where she staffed a National Immunization Day.

Fred, a physician, joined Rotary in 1993 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Lewisburg (Sunrise). In 2007-08, he chaired District 7370's Youth Exchange Committee, which he has served on since 1998. He recently traveled to Ecuador, where his district helped implement several Matching Grant efforts.

U.S. leads nations in support for ending polio

For more than 20 years, the United States has been the leading public-sector supporter of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, contributing more than \$1.6 billion — about a quarter of all funding.

A major component of the country's support is the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC), including more than \$101 million in funding for the agency in 2009.

Along with the World Health Organization, Rotary International, and UNICEF, the CDC is one of the spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Walking to beat polio

Bad weather and loneliness couldn't keep Hans Wiesner from completing his Walk to Beat Polio.

The Canadian Rotarian encountered headwinds of 15 miles per hour and near-freezing temperatures during the toughest part of his recent 620-mile journey along the Via de la Plata, part of an ancient network of trails in northwestern Spain used by pilgrims to reach the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela.



Wiesner arrives at the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, the end of his Walk to Beat Polio.
Photo courtesy of Hans Wiesner

Quadriplegic yachtsman circles Great Britain, plans trip across the Atlantic — all by himself

After becoming the first quadriplegic yachtsman to circle Great Britain solo, honorary Rotarian Geoff Holt is already planning his next epic journey: an independent sailing voyage across the Atlantic.

Holt completed the 1,445-mile, 109-day journey around Great Britain on 5 September 2007, exactly 23 years after he became paralyzed.

In 2008, Holt wrote *Walking on Water*, a narrative of his life interwoven with tales from his voyage. He describes the contributions that 45 British Rotary clubs made to the trip, and how clubs in almost every port volunteered their services and logistical

support to him and his support team.

In December, he plans to set sail to become the first quadriplegic yachtsman to independently cross the Atlantic. He will make the journey in a specially adapted catamaran that uses push-button technology. Although he will do all the sailing independently, a personal assistant will help with day-to-day tasks like showering and getting in and out of his chair.

Holt will use the journey to support the Ellen MacArthur Trust, which provides sailing opportunities to children with cancer.

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