

Rotary Programs

This Week - Heather Langston -
Oconee Greenway
Rotarian of the Day - Gerald Adkins
Last Meeting - Jingran Zhou - China Today
Rotarian of the Day - Robbie McNeil

Last Meeting
April 3, 2008

Keynote Speaker: Jingran Zhou



Jingran Zhou, a GCSU foreign exchange student from China, spoke to the club on March 27. She gave a very witty and impressive talk she entitled, "China Today."

Visiting Rotarians

None

Guests

Darren MindemannAce Parker

Absentees - April 3

Aycock, Cleveland, Cox, Davidson, Dean, Dennis, Dyer, Fontenot, Fuller, Gandy, Gheesling, Gray, Griffith, Hall, Jackson, Marcott, Matthews, McMillan, Miller, Peters, Saturley, Seymour, Sibilsky III, Strickland, Theus, Thornton, Trammell, Watson, Williams, Young, Zarkowsky

Makeups

Nolan StephensOnline
Chick-Fil-A (15 members)
Jill's Books (6 members)



Rich Bertoli CART Fund:
\$33.21 - TOTAL: \$1129.34

50/50 Club - 50/50 Club -
April 3, 2008

Billie Brown had the winning ticket. She was unsuccessful in her draw. 34 Cards Left Pot: \$537.00



District 6920 Conference
Macon, GA April 18-20

This year's District 6920 Conference will be held at the Macon Ramada Plaza, 108 First Street, Macon, GA 31201. Reservations may be made by phone (478) 746-1461 or fax (478) 738-2460. Blocks of rooms and the prior contracted group rate of \$89 per standard room per night plus taxes are no longer available as of March 28 but rooms may still be available at non-group rates and may be secured with a major credit card. Reservations may be cancelled without penalty until 6:00 p.m. the day of arrival.

The conference will begin with a Friday luncheon featuring RI President's Representative and Past District Governor Richard Clark from Toronto, Canada. The current Miss Georgia from Fitzgerald will be present and the Mercer University Children's Choir will provide entertainment. The luncheon will be a special event and Middle Georgia Rotary Clubs will meet together on that Friday rather than at their usual meeting time.

The Conference is chaired by PDG Albert and Bebe Reichert, Jr.

Source: www.rotarydistrict6920.net

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 17, 2008

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

April 24, 2008

Shadow Day
Rotarian of the Day: William Black

May 1, 2008

Organic Gardening
Extension Horticulturist
from Statesboro
Rotarian of the Day: Bo Sibilsky III

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MEMBER PROFILE
John Collins

John Collins and his wife, Kay, have two children - Courtney Collins Cawley in Macon (married to Chris Cawley) and Kyle Collins Hitchcock in Milledgeville (married to Andrew Hitchcock). They also have four grandchildren - three boys and a princess.

John spent 20 years in banking prior to opening an Aflac office in Milledgeville 15 years ago. He has had one of the top districts and regions in the nation with Aflac, thanks to a team of goal-oriented individuals. According to John, "My greatest accomplishment professionally has been my ability to recruit people that are a lot sharper than me that have become very successful with Aflac."

Before recently rejoining the Milledgeville Rotary Club, John had been a member of Rotary for 15 years (seven years in the Milledgeville Club). He spent eight years as a Trustee at Georgia Military College. He is a prior President of Georgia Bulldog Club and the GMC Bulldog Club. He had the unfortunate duty of becoming President of Milledgeville Country Club four days prior to it burning in 1991. John enjoys playing golf and spending time with his family. His schedule did not permit him to meet the discipline of Rotary when he went into business for himself. He feels the schedule is more manageable today after a 15 year absence.



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

Helping a shantytown help itself



Volunteers paint the new schoolhouse, financed by Rotarian Mamdouh Badr el Dein to provide literacy and vocational training classes.

Egyptian Rotarians have joined forces with a local charity to help families in a Cairo shantytown become self-sufficient. The project, partly financed by a US\$9,335 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, provides residents of the poverty-stricken Establ Antar community with vocational training and other educational opportunities.

Establ Antar is a community of tiny, one-room homes made of wooden boards and cloth, clustered around the historic Antar citadel. There is no plumbing; water is delivered by donkey cart. "The conditions are quite desperate," says Sohbet Kheir Organization project leader Yasmina Abou Youssef, whose father, Mohamed Abou Youssef, is a member of the Cairo-Zamalek club. "Rotary provided assistance, and now we are making a big difference."

So far, more than 280 people - mostly women and children - have enrolled in courses offered through the project. Children receive instruction in literacy, English, art, sports, and moral development, and adults take classes in literacy and handicrafts. Project leaders are looking for wholesalers and shops to regularly sell the students' creations, and someone has already purchased 1,500 bracelets. In the future, the effort may provide computer courses and a Montessori school for children.

Meanwhile, community members are being trained to spread messages door to door about health, hygiene, crime, and envi-

ronmental issues. They're also involved in implementing the overall project, giving them a sense of ownership. "That is something very unique," says Youssef. "This is a one-of-a-kind project in Egypt!"

This article appears in the April issue of Rotary World.

Somalia scores 'historic' polio-free achievement

In a triumph over violence, poverty, and poor infrastructure, Somalia has once again become polio-free. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) announced on 25 March that the East African nation hasn't reported a case of polio since a year ago. Although it eradicated the disease in 2002, Somalia became reinfected in 2005 by poliovirus originating in Nigeria, resulting in an outbreak of 228 cases.

Innovative approaches tailored to conflict areas were pivotal in conquering polio in Somalia. More than 10,000 volunteers and health workers used several doses of monovalent vaccines to immunize children in insecure areas in a short period. With strong community support, the effort succeeded in reaching more than 1.8 million children under age five across one of the most dangerous countries on earth.



A nomadic child in Somalia is immunized against polio. Health officials identified and mapped routes used by nomadic populations, and set up vaccination

points at key gathering sites to ensure coverage of this highly at-risk group of children.

"This truly historic achievement shows that polio can be eradicated everywhere, even in the most challenging and difficult settings," says Dr. Hussein A. Gezairy, director of the World Health Organization's Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office.

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