



TODAY'S PROGRAM

District Governor Bert Williams presents special awards

Rotarian of the Day

Paul Dean

LAST WEEK



Barbara Fisher and Tina Hollcroft from the Greene/Putman County Rotary Club presented the program at the Milledgeville Rotary meeting on April 9. They were representing Alliance for Smiles, a non-profit organization started out of the San Francisco Rotary Club in 2004. The purpose of Alliance for Smiles is to provide reconstructive surgery for children born with a cleft lip or palate who could otherwise not be able to afford the corrective surgery. To learn how you can volunteer or donate to this worthy cause visit www.allianceforsmiles.org.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Denise AlonzoLarry Kenyon
Mary Sue ColemanCraig Coleman

ABSENTEES

Aycock, Buice, Burke, Collins, Cox, Davidson, Dean, Dyer, Eubanks, Gandy, Gheesling, Grant, Kennedy, Peters, M. Roberts, Yearwood

MAKE-UPS

Robbie HattawayTransport
Lee DennisJones County

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$7⁹³ TOTAL: \$2,058²⁸

50/50 CLUB

39 Cards Left

Pot: \$399⁰⁰

MEMBER PROFILE

Mark Archer



Mark Archer is the owner and operator of Archer Cattle Farm. He graduated from GMC Prep School in 1977 and then went on to pursue an associate degree in agriculture from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. He later attended Georgia College and State University where he earned a business degree.

Mark and his wife, Sandy, have two boys, Thomas and Ben. In his spare time, Mark enjoys hunting, golfing, and attending UGA football games.

Prior to joining Rotary, Mark served 12 years on the Baldwin County Board of Education. For four of those 12 years, Mark served as Chairman of the Board. Mark believes that everyone should give back to their community and feels that Rotary is his avenue for doing so.

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.

Rotary's Only Charity

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary International's only charity; and, thus, is the only charitable funding agent authorized to solicit funds from programs that the RI board and clubs through the council on legislation have authorized.

Why? For many reasons, not the least of which is to protect Rotarians, clubs and districts from being overwhelmed with funding requests from groups within Rotary. If a group within Rotary wishes to seek funds directly from Rotarians, clubs and/or districts, there is a policy that covers this which first requires the Board of Directors to officially authorize solicitations.

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 INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexican hospital receives over \$1 million of medical equipment

U.S. and Mexican Rotarians have used a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to supply a hospital in a poverty-stricken community in Mexico with more than US\$1 million worth of medical equipment.

The Rotary clubs of Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico, and Denver, Colorado, USA, secured a \$19,900 Matching Grant to help the hospital in Teloloapan, which had fallen into disrepair. The clubs collaborated with Project CURE (Commission on Urgent Relief and Equipment), a Denver-based organization that focuses on building sustainable health care infrastructures by collecting surplus medical supplies and donating them to developing countries.

Project coordinator Irina Bulkeley-Hopkins, a member of the Denver club, reached out to fellow club member Doug Jackson, the CEO and president of Project CURE, to help solidify the project. After an on-site needs assessment, Project CURE volunteers, many of whom are local Denver Rotarians, collected medical equipment and delivered two 53-foot containers

full of supplies to Teloloapan in July.

State health officials approved a government grant to repair the long-abandoned hospital building after receiving word of the Matching Grant for supplies. The 24-bed hospital now has an X-ray machine, ultrasound technology, and emergency medical equipment. It will provide emergency and general health care for more than 60,000 people in the community.

"This is a home run for Rotary in Mexico," says Jackson. "This is what Project CURE and Rotary live for — to help those who are in need."

Access to medical care

Before the hospital reopened, the rural region of Teloloapan only had access to a small clinic with one doctor. The medical facility in neighboring Iguala was hours away by footpath and dirt road.

"I feel a tremendous sense of accomplishment because we helped thousands of people gain access to health care that was never available to them before,"

says Bulkeley-Hopkins.

The project ran into a few snags along the way, she says, including one of the containers being held up in customs.

After months of doubt about whether the second container would be allowed into the country, Jackson contacted Margarita Zavala, wife of Mexican President Felipe Calderón, who had worked with Project CURE on several other initiatives in Mexico. Zavala was able to help the container clear customs and reach the hospital in February, Jackson says.

"First Lady Margarita Zavala was thrilled to hear about our project and was eager to help in any way she could," says Jackson. "She is a great person to have on our side for future Project CURE and Rotary projects."

Bulkeley-Hopkins said Iguala Rotarians did a tremendous job with logistics after the equipment

arrived. Club members prepared required permits and organized meetings with local and state officials. The club also arranged for armed security guards to be present as the supplies were moved into the hospital.

"Accomplishing what we did in Teloloapan is a great example of how Project CURE and Rotary can work together and drastically improve lives. This is a great partnership, and I feel very fortunate to be associated with both," says Jackson. "We're going to save some lives and change the course of history for this community."



Members of the Rotary Club of Iguala, Mexico, unload donated medical equipment with the help of armed security for a new hospital in Teloloapan, Mexico. Bottom; The inside of the new hospital.

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