



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Classification talks

Rotarian of the Day
Randy Stewart

LAST WEEK

Scholarships awarded

Every year, the Milledgeville Rotary Club awards 3 local high school seniors attending a local college or university a scholarship for \$1,000 each. They not only have to excel in the classroom but also be well-rounded in and out of school.



This year the recipients were (pictured left to right): Loribeth Berry from Georgia Military College Preparatory School, Andrea McCuen from Baldwin High School, and Annalisa Grimes from John Milledge Academy.

Red badges awarded



Milledgeville Rotary's three newest members received their red badges during our April 16 meeting (left to right): Justin Jones, Laura Thompson, and Mark Archer.

Paul Harris Fellows inducted

Milledgeville Rotary proudly inducted 26 new Paul Harris Fellows at the meeting on the 16th. District Governor Kenan Kern and his wife Beth were there to help celebrate this truly amazing accomplishment.



VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Windy Archer	.....	Mark Archer
Joan Minton	.....	Ed Hall
Amy Duke	.....	Ed Hall
Bubba Williams	.....	Ed Hall
Pat Hall	.....	Ed Hall
Beegee Ball	.....	Ed Hall
Gene Sheppard	.....	Scott Brown
Ron Weigle	.....	John Thornton
Tomi Van Horn	.....	Fred Van Horne
Kathy Chandler	.....	Lyn Chandler
Paige Barlow	.....	Keith Barlow
Maria Fontenot	.....	Renee Fontenot
3 Scholarship Award Winners and their families	.....	The Club

ABSENTEES

Brandt, Brooks, Collins, Cox, Davidson, Dean, Dyer, Eberhardt, Eubanks, Fuller, Gandy, Geeter, Johnson, Kennedy, Kenyon, Massey, Parker, Peters, S. Roberts, Sibilsky III, Strickland, Tyson, Yearwood

MAKE-UPS

None

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$30¹⁶ TOTAL: \$2,088⁴⁴

50/50 CLUB

51 Cards Left

Pot: \$0⁰⁰

Bert Williams won the \$428 pot last week.

Our April 30 meeting

During our April 30 meeting we will get an update from the Baldwin 20/20 Education Committee.

Also... last call to all Rotarians: please bring youth diapers of any size to help celebrate the birth of Robin Becker's and her husband Tripp's new baby Rotarian.

MEMBER PROFILE

Laura Thompson



Laura Thompson is the Investment and Securities Manager for Exchange Bank. She serves as the Executive Director of Exchange Investment Services, Inc. Laura attended Georgia Military College and obtained an associate's degree, then moved on to major in Communication and Information Technology from Macon State College.

Laura is the daughter of Frank and Ann Thompson of Wheeler County. She has one brother, Frank and one sister, Lucy. She is the proud aunt of one nephew, Eric, and one niece, Leila.

Golfing, canoeing, bowling, gardening, reading, music, and participating in outdoor activities are among Laura's favorite things. She is also a lover of peanut butter and bananas and prides herself in being an extremely optimistic person.

Joining Rotary has always been a goal of Laura's. This seed was planted by Laura's grandfather, who was also a Rotarian and explained the importance of the organization. She appreciates the opportunities it affords her to help those less fortunate while being able to network and fellowship with other esteemed business and community leaders.

Rotarian Action Group Circularization Policy

A Rotarian Action Group desiring to request the cooperation of districts, clubs or Rotarians outside of its own membership in connection with any matter whatsoever, by any means, including telemarketing, shall first submit its purpose and plans to the governor or governors of the involved area and secure his, her, or their approval.

Earth Day

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

April 22, 2009

New Midwest club focuses on environment

A new Rotary club spanning the border between Minnesota and Wisconsin is focusing its energies on helping the environment while reaching out to younger members.

The Rotary Club of Duluth Superior Eco, which received its charter in November, meets late Tuesday afternoons at a popular restaurant in Duluth, Minnesota, where members are treated to snacks and a nonalcoholic drink for \$5. The location, time, and price are all designed to appeal to younger professionals, who comprise a majority of the club's more than 30 members.

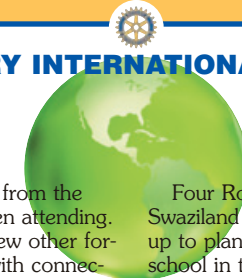
Kay Biga, the club's secretary, said she began percolating ideas for a different kind of club a year ago, after hav-

ing drifted away from the club she had been attending. She lined up a few other former Rotarians with connections, including a chamber of commerce member who runs a group for young business leaders.

Once a month, the club goes "on the road," and joins the Duluth Chamber of Commerce's monthly after-hours event in lieu of the usual meeting. "It gets us out, and more people learn about Rotary," Biga notes.

Each month, the club participates in projects that focus on making a positive impact on the environment or local community.

The club plans to partner with the like-minded Rotary Club of Baikal-Eco Centennial, Russia, for international projects.



Rotaractors plant 1,000 trees in Swaziland

Four Rotaract clubs in Swaziland recently teamed up to plant 1,000 trees at a school in the Ezulwini Valley in an effort to combat deforestation. It is one of many projects that Rotaractors and Rotarians take part in throughout the year to help the environment.

Yesterday an estimated 500 million people in 175 countries observed Earth Day, which focuses attention on environmental stewardship.

The Rotaract clubs of Malkerns Valley, Manzini, Mbabane-Mbuluzi, and University College of Swaziland partnered with the Swaziland Environment Authority and Nedbank Swaziland to plant their trees over two Saturdays in February and March.

The effort was part of the larger Billion Tree Campaign, launched by UNEP in 2006 to curb deforestation, one tree at a time. According to the organization, tree planting is one of the most cost-effective ways to address global climate change.



Rotaractors from four clubs in Swaziland partnered with the Swaziland Environment Authority and Nedbank Swaziland to plant 1,000 trees at a school in the Ezulwini Valley earlier this year.

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.milledgevillerotary.org District 6920: www.rotarydistrict6920.net Rotary International: www.rotary.org