

Rotary Programs

This Week - Judge Hulane George, Superior Court, Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit
Rotarian of the Day - William Black
Last Meeting - Conflict Resolution: discussion by Roy Moore, Dave Groseclose, Diane Kirkwood and Rachel Schipper
Rotarian of the Day - Jeff Gray

Last Meeting
April 17, 2008
Conflict Resolution



Left to right – Rachel Schipper, Dave Groseclose, Diane Kirkwood, and Roy Moore from GC&SU spoke to the club on April 17 about conflict resolution and how they use different forms of managing conflict such as mediation and arbitration to resolve issues in the workplace.

Visiting Rotarians

None

Guests

G.W. "Bill" ClarkGeorge Clark
 Laura ThompsonTommy Jefferson
 Terry CliettScott Brown
 Dave GrosecloseSpeaker
 Rachel SchipperSpeaker
 Artis WilliamsonKeith Barlow

Absentees - April 10

Adkins, Anderson, Black, Burke, Collins, Cox, Davidson, Dyer, Fuller, Gandy, Gheesling, Gilbert, Grant, Griffeth, Jackson, Kennedy, Kenyon, McMillan, Mills, Mullis, Murphey Jr., Prezioso, Reese, Roberts, Sатурley, Scott, Yearwood, Zarkowsky

Makeups

None



Rich Bertoli CART Fund:
\$28.80 – TOTAL: \$1213.47

50/50 Club – April 17, 2008

Wes Owens had the winning ticket. He was unsuccessful in his draw.
32 Cards Left Pot: \$617.00



French Rotary Club tours Milledgeville

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The streets of Milledgeville will form the memories of many an international traveler this year.

With a group of Chinese touring area corrections' facilities last week and a delegation of dignitaries from 24 countries visiting Friday, it may have been easy to overlook a group of French businesspeople riding the red trolley around Milledgeville and seeing the sites. But for five members of a Rotary Club foreign exchange program, Milledgeville presented the chance to see their chosen professions through a different cultural lens.

"I would like to discover my job [and how it is performed] in Georgia," said Jessica Baudo, who works with special needs children. "Here there are different laws, different functions, there are even two different words for what I do: special educator and social worker"

Baudo and four others from France are touring the state of Georgia, experiencing cultural events and meeting with Rotary Club members from all over the state to promote better understanding between the countries and learn about how business is conducted in two different cultures.

"The number one reason for the Rotary Club is to promote peace," Milledgeville Rotary Club President Karen Brooks said. "This exchange creates better understanding between the two countries and allows the participants to make life-long friends in



Jean-Jacques Verdier trades Rotary flags with Karen Brooks, president of the Milledgeville Rotary Club. Verdier was in Milledgeville Wednesday on a Rotary exchange trip from south France.

other countries."

Christian Cabaudo, a pharmacist who works in a chemical plant producing pharmaceutical ingredients, said he used the exchange trip as a chance to improve his English and gain a better understanding of the American mindframe.

"I would like to learn what you think, how you think, what is your logic," Cabaudo said.

In his observations, Cabaudo said he's noticed the meals are much larger in the United States and hardly anyone walks even though the downtowns of many of the cities they've visited seem compact and manageable.

The exchangees are visiting Georgia for a month, traveling to different cities throughout the state. During the month their travels will have taken them to Atlanta, Perry, Tifton, Sandersville, Dublin and other municipalities in the state.

Brooks said the Rotary Club chooses one country each year to participate in an exchange. The Rotary Club has about 1.2 million member in 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries worldwide. The exchange seeks business professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their career and for whom an international experience could be a life-changing event.

For Cabaudo, this seems like just that type of experience.

"It's all very beautiful here," he said. "Sometimes I pinch myself so I know I am not dreaming. C'est L'Amérique!"

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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.

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).

International News

Rotarians close JFK runway for good cause



The airplane on the tarmac signals the midpoint for runners during the Thomas Carmody Memorial 5K Runway Run.

For more than 30 years, the Rotary Club of JFK International Airport, New York, USA, has taken over a major runway to raise thousands of dollars through a 5-kilometer race.

"It is a unique race, as the main runway is actually closed to aircraft landing and taking off," says Emmlynn Taylor, the group/sponsorship chair for this year's Thomas Carmody Memorial JFK Rotary Club 5K Runway Run, held on 13 April at John F. Kennedy International Airport, which serves the New York City area. Planes are routed to a secondary runway during the event.

The club raised close to \$10,000 from registration fees, raffle tickets, and sponsorships. More than 350 individuals, ranging from babies in strollers to seniors in their 80s, participated.

The walkers, runners, and stroller pushers departed from the starting line at 9 a.m. and landed at about 10:30 a.m. The airplanes returned to the tarmac about an hour later.

After the race, everyone was bused to the Chef's Orchid restaurant at the airport, where the top three male and female finishers in various age groups received medals. The club wrapped up the event with raffle prizes, which included airline

tickets, New York Mets baseball tickets, a New York Jets autographed football, and gift certificates.

The proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Futures in Education Foundation scholarship program, Gift of Life International, the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, and other local and international organizations.

"As a club, most of the charities we support are based around children, their health and education," says Taylor.

The JFK club has raised more than \$300,000 since it inherited the race in 1975 from another service organization, which held the first event in 1972. The club named the race in honor of one of its founding members and past presidents, Thomas Carmody.

Korean Rotarians keep Mongolian eco-project blossoming

For five years, Korean Rotarians have been working to build a green spot on one of the driest places on earth. Concerned about the Gobi Desert sandstorms emanating from Mongolia, Korean Rotarians from 16 districts developed a unique project that has built a natural windbreak forest there.

The Keep Mongolia Green got a recent boost with a US\$350,000 Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation for the latest phase of the project, in which Korean and Mongolian Rotarians teamed up with local residents to plant 52,000 trees in Choir, in Govisumber Province. Mongolian Rotary clubs, as well as

Mongolian government and provincial agencies, also pitched in.



Korean Rotarians dig in to help Mongolia go green.

ROTARY WEBSITES

Rotary International: www.rotary.org
 District 6920: www.rotarydistrict6920.net
 Milledgeville Club: www.milledgeville Rotary.org