



MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - MAY 6, 2010



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Chris Diserio
Macon Pinetoppers Baseball
Rotarian of the Day
Scott Brown

APRIL 29 PROGRAM

Dr. Lou Pack, a Sports Performance and Arthritis specialist, entertained and educated club members at last week's meeting with amazing facts regarding the causes of arthritis and other things such as flexibility, agility, balance and strength, which as he believes is ultimately based on the way one's body is structured. Very interesting!



Dr. Lou Pack and President Ferguson

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

None

ABSENTEES

Barlow, Baxter 2, Brooks, Dahanayake, Eberhardt, Geeter, Grant, Gray, Gunn, Hall, Jones, Langston, Miller, Neely, Parker, Peters 2, Sibilsy Jr, Theus, Zarkowsky

MAKE-UPS

GrayMorning Make Up
BrooksMorning Make Up
LangstonMorning Make Up
TheusMorning Make Up

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND
\$11⁰⁰ TOTAL: \$2,618⁰⁰

50/50 CLUB
13 Cards Left
Pot: \$1,170⁰⁰

CLUB BLOG

Please check out the club's blog and FEEL FREE TO MAKE COMMENTS or use the site to find information about past meetings and view many photos of past events.
<http://milledgevillerotary.wordpress.com>

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- May 13
Bill Shanks
Sports Talk Radio Personality
- May 20
State Representative Rusty Kidd
Georgia Legislative Session
- May 27
Chris Smith
Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Denmark
- June 3
Ed Grisamore
Macon Telegraph
- June 10
Ed Shelor, GMC
- June 17
Transition Meeting
- June 24
Kathy Groseclose
Animal Rescue Foundation

DISTRICT 6920 UPCOMING EVENTS

- District Assembly — Sandersville
May 15
- Rotary International Convention
June 20-23
Montreal, Canada
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Program
South Georgia College
June 24-27
Douglas, GA
- District Seminar with Lloyd Horadan
District Governor 2010-2011
August 14
Vidalia, GA

How much do you know about the CART fund?

In October 1995 The Sumter, SC, Rotary Club proved that CART works by conducting an eight month testing program which was highly successful. In July 1996 District 7770 in South Carolina adopted CART as a district-wide project.

The American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) agreed in January 1999 to provide their expertise to CART in assisting with the grant process. Their valued assistance has continued with all grants primarily by recruiting some of the nation's top scientists in Alzheimer's Disease to serve as a peer advisory group to review all grant applications.

Today Rotarians in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia support The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust), a research trust dedicated to raising funds to provide the "seed" money for cutting edge, high-impact research in hopes of finding a cure for, or prevention of, Alzheimer's disease.

As of April 2009, more than \$2,800,000.00 had been contributed to CART. 12 grants have been made totaling \$2,750,000.00.

A CART Fund Board of Directors made up of representatives from the sponsoring Rotary Districts, where both the District Governor-nominee AND the District CART Chair have a vote, provides the leadership for the organization. An Executive Director runs the day-to-day operations of the CART Fund, and is paid on a part-time basis from interest earned on contributions to the fund.

CART Fund by-laws require that 100% of all donated funds must go to A.D. Research.

All contributions are tax deductible. CART is a 501(c)(3) organizations. Tax ID # is 31-1466051. Checks may be mailed to:

The CART Fund
P.O. Box 1916
Sumter, SC 29151

For more info visit www.cartfund.org.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Helping children with disabilities in Belize

Rotarians in District 6510 (Illinois, USA) have helped hundreds of children from Belize to receive orthopedic care through a program now in its fourth decade.

The Belize Children's Program was established shortly after Eugene Verdu, a member of the Rotary Club of Belleville, went to the country as a papal volunteer with the Catholic church in 1976 and was struck by the number of children needing orthopedic care and the lack of available treatment.

Verdu made arrangements to bring a few of the children to the United States for care. District leaders heard about his efforts and approached the Shriners Hospital for Children in St. Louis, Missouri, to establish a program and help more children.

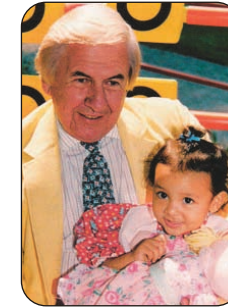
After sending a doctor

to Belize to assess the situation, hospital administrators agreed to provide free care on the condition that the Rotarians make all the travel arrangements, fill out the necessary paperwork, find host families during the kids' stay in the United States, and assume power of attorney for the children, whose parents could not afford to leave their jobs in Belize.

"That last requirement almost killed the program in the crib," recalls Don Barlow, a member of the Belleville club who agreed to take on power of attorney and later became the nonprofit organization's vice president when it incorporated 15 years later. Shriners had performed six operations on Barlow's leg when he was a child, so he was eager to help.

The organization

sends a doctor to Belize every year to hold clinics to identify new patients and monitor those already in the program. In addition to the more than 300 who have been helped by the nonprofit, another 300 to 400 children have received care



Don Barlow, a member of the Rotary Club of Belleville, Illinois, USA, holds one of the recipients of the Belize Children's Program in 1994.

from other agencies as a result of being diagnosed.

The program has a working relationship with Help the Children, which takes some of the nonorthopedic cases, and the International Hospital for Children, which is in the process of setting up its own orthopedic clinic in Belize.

The Belleville club gives \$1,000 a year to the program, and the Rotary Club of Belmopan, Belize, helps run the clinics and contributes to the airfare. Barlow has spoken to hundreds of clubs to raise funds and find host families.

"It's always a grind finding host families," he admits. But the success stories are worth it. He recalls one boy who underwent multiple operations to straighten an extreme case of bowed legs, making him

inches taller. "When the child's mother was in the Belize City airport, she did not recognize her son," he says. "When she did, she wept almost hysterically."

Another early patient was able to walk normally after treatment for double clubfoot, and another ended up playing baseball in Belize eight years after recovering from a bad case of scoliosis.

Barlow says the program is an example of what any Rotary club can accomplish with determination and perseverance.

"We are not a big district," he says. "And there have been times we could have held our committee meeting in a phone booth. But if you really, truly believe in a good cause, and you stick with it and get established, you can do just about anything."

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