



MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - MAY 14, 2009



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dale Young, Interim Dean for the J. Whitney Bunting School of Business at GCSU

Rotarian of the Day
Jim Johnson

LAST WEEK



Louise Sallstrom spoke to the club about Milledgeville Cares, Inc., a non-profit organization she helped found. The purpose of Milledgeville Cares is to provide a means whereby service agencies, as well as faith-based institutions, can efficiently work together providing basic necessities, emotional support, and information sessions, as needed, in a time of challenge, and opportunity. If anyone has any questions or would like to find out how to get involved contact Louise via email: lsallstrom@charter.net. Ms. Sallstrom (left) is pictured with Past President Karen Brooks.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Heather Langston Jeff Gray

ABSENTEES

Becker, Black, Clark, Collins, Cox, Davidson, Dean, Dennis, Drinkwater, Eberhardt, Fuller, Gandy, Gheesling, Hattaway, Kenyon, Massey, Matthews, Murphey, Neely, Oliver, Peters, Pope, Reese, Seymour, Sibilsky, Stephens, Stewart, Thornton, Tyson, Weimer

MAKE-UPS

Dahanayake Online

RICH BERTOL MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$2⁹⁹ TOTAL: \$2,130⁰⁸

50/50 CLUB

48 Cards Left

Pot: \$63⁵⁰

OUR CLUB NEWS

Upcoming meetings

During our May 21 meeting Senator Johnny Grant (Republican - District 25, Georgia) will be our keynote speaker.

Win a Vacation Trip

Purchase Your Tickets On-Line

Four exciting and interesting trips will be awarded to four lucky winners at the 6920 District Conference at Jekyll Island, April 23-25, 2010. \$25 per Ticket, 5 Tickets for \$100.

Raffle open to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are 18 years of age or older.

You do not have to be present to win. Winners must agree to travel within 90 days of trip receipt. No cash value if winner does not wish to accept trip.

The net proceeds of these sales will be donated to qualified Rotary charities to create Paul Harris Fellow and/or Will Watt Fellow Awards.

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

Indiana Rotarian assists AIDS orphan from Uganda

Allan Akamura's friends used to push him to school in a homemade wheelchair.

Now the 13-year-old from Uganda, who has cerebral palsy, pedals himself around on a tricycle through the corridors at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. He received surgery there to correct problems with his hips, knees, feet, and hands, with help from Ira Zinman and his club, the Rotary Club of Bloomington North, Indiana.

Allan, who lost his father to AIDS when he was a year old and now lives with his uncle, attends the Nyaka AIDS Orphans School in southwestern Uganda. Zinman became acquainted with him while working on a documentary about the school.

"I was in Indiana watching footage, and I see kids at the school walking and running and kicking a ball, and here is this boy crawling," says Zinman,

who was reviewing film from a cinematographer he had sent to the school for the documentary. "He didn't say he wanted to walk or run. He said that when all the students at the school would stand up to sing or pray, he wanted to stand up with them."

When Zinman learned that the medical procedures that could improve Allan's condition were unavailable in Uganda, he enlisted the help of the Children Waiting Everywhere Foundation to lobby University Hospital to provide the surgery free of charge.

Allan flew to Michigan in November for the surgery and is staying with a host family while he undergoes physical therapy to build his strength and flexibility and to develop neuromuscular connections. Doctors are hopeful that he will be able to walk.

In March, Allan's host family took him on a visit the Bloomington North club, during



Bloomington North club president Kirk White (left) presents Allan Akamura with a club banner. Club member Ira Zinman (right) is making a documentary about Allan and the Nyaka AIDS Orphans School in Uganda.

which he traded smiles and laughs with Zinman and other club members. The club has contributed \$5,000 for travel and other costs associated with Allan's surgery, and it has committed to providing \$3,000 annually in support of the Nyaka school.

Zinman hopes to accompany

Allan back to Uganda in mid-November and is planning to shoot footage of him returning to school. The film will tell the story of the school and its 260 students, all of whom have lost one or both of their parents to AIDS, in a country with over one million children orphaned by the virus.

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