



# MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - MAY 20, 2010



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

May 20  
Amy Wright  
Director, Old Capital Museum

**Rotarian of the Day**  
**Carl Buice**

## MAY 13 PROGRAM

Bill Shanks hosts a daily sports talk show called "The Bill Shanks Show" on WFSM Fox Sports 1670AM in Macon and "The End Zone" on WMGT 41, and is also a weekly columnist for the Macon Telegraph. Bill was full of sports knowledge and theories of actions to come within the Atlanta Braves and UGA football worlds. He wrote the book, *Scout's Honor: The Bravest Way To Build a Winning Team*, published in 2004.



Bill Shanks, Sports Talk Radio Personality and President Ferguson

## NEW MEMBER

We welcomed Rhett Harrison into the club last week.



Rhett Harrison, President Ferguson, and Sponsor Hugh Burke

## VISITING ROTARIANS

None

## GUESTS

Jim Mills . . . . . James Johnson  
Rhett Harrison . . . . . Hugh Burke

## ABSENTEES

Baxter, Becker, Buice, Dean,  
Drinkwater, Eberhardt, Fontenot,  
Hall, Jones, Kennedy, Kenyon 2,  
Langston, Parker, Roberts, M.  
Roberts, S. Roberts, Sibilsy Jr.

## MAKE-UPS

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Eubanks . . . . . E Club  
Fontenot . . . . . Board Meeting  
Langston . . . . . Morning Make-up  
Oliver . . . . . Morning Make-up

## RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

**\$14<sup>13</sup> TOTAL: \$2,638<sup>21</sup>**

**50/50 CLUB**  
**11 Cards Left**  
**Pot: \$1,292<sup>00</sup>**

## 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 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 NEWS

By all accounts, the District Conference was a rousing success. Total attendance was 453, which is a modern record for District 6920. The speakers were entertaining, inspiring and informative. Cliff Dochterman, Past RI President and John Kenny's representative to our conference, challenged us with his topic of "When Did We Become a Rotarian" and kept the audience laughing with his Rotary humor. It was quite an honor to have a Past RI President assigned to our annual conference. Dr. Levey of Emory University gave us hope that progress is being made in the battle against Alzheimer's Disease. And, who could forget Coach Bill Curry's kickoff address relating to how lessons learned on the football field were applicable to life's situations? Read the complete story online at [www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net).



Above: Wells Hood of the Skidaway Island Rotary Club is presented the Service Above Self Award by RI President's Representative Cliff Dochterman.



Above left: Alzheimer's Disease Researcher Dr. Allan Levey. Above right: Georgia State University Coach Bill Curry.



Above: RI President John Kenny's Rep. Cliff Dochterman and his wife, Mary Elena. Above right: Former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Donald Garner spoke on club leadership and membership initiatives.



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## A matter of conviction



Roxana Saberi

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars always impress, but Roxana Saberi, who left the United States for Tehran in 2003 as a foreign correspondent, has become an international celebrity and a face for human rights in Iran.

The former political prisoner, released from Tehran's notorious Evin Prison in May 2009, sat down for a Q&A luncheon at the Union League Club in Chicago on 13 April. Her national tour served to promote her book, *Between Two Worlds: My Life and Captivity in Iran*, published 30 March. Saberi recalled the many lessons she learned from fellow female political prisoners, the events that led to her freedom, and her life before Evin.

After the Iranian government revoked her press pass in 2006, Saberi stayed in the country and began writing a book for American readers that profiled the diversity of its people. Eleven days after U.S. President Barack Obama's inauguration, she was kidnapped, questioned, and detained in Evin Prison for 100 days, accused of using her book as a cover to conduct hundreds of interviews with Iranians and spy for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Using nonviolent "white torture" (extreme sensory deprivation) techniques, Saberi's interrogators forced her into making a false confession by guaranteeing her freedom if she admitted to espionage. Without knowing she would be released in a matter of days, Saberi recanted, setting in motion a sham trial that resulted in an eight-year sentence, her own hunger strike, and a successful appeal.

"Unfortunately, a lot of Iranians are falsely accused of crimes, including espionage," she said. "It made me wonder, do they knowingly falsely accuse people to tighten their grip on society and to silence people?"

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"Sometimes through suffering we can have an opportunity to become stronger," she said. "And even when you're imprisoned, you still have power to control your attitude."

Saberi's road to Iran included a stop at the Miss America competition, where she finished in the top 10. Her talent was playing the piano, a gift she would later put to use

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## Road to Iran

"I felt like I had the journalism background, but I didn't have the foreign relations background," she said. "My aim was to become a foreign correspondent."

For now, Saberi's future plans are unsure. Since her return from Iran, she has completed her book and has been relaxing with her

parents in Fargo, North Dakota, as well as participating in a number of human rights gatherings after the Iranian election. She cowrote a film, *No One Knows About Persian Cats*, with her longtime boyfriend and award-winning Iranian-Kurdish director, Bahman Ghobadi. While Saberi hopes to eventually return to Iran, she says she has been too outspoken to ensure a safe visit.

"Often I get worried about the Iranian people," Saberi says, "but I know they're very courageous, and I admire them. In the long run, they can prevail."

## 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](http://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](http://www.milledgevillerotary.org) District 6920: [www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net) Rotary International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)