



TODAY'S PROGRAM

The program will be a visit by the Rotary Group Study Exchange from Rotary District 4720 in Brazil. The team of 4 is headed by Carlos Manoel Vianna, Jr. who serves as the group's translator, language teacher and journalist.

Rotarian of the Day

Merritt Massey

LAST WEEK

Georgia State Senator Johnny Grant was the guest speaker at the May 21 Rotary Club meeting. He updated everyone on the latest news that came out of the latest session in Atlanta. Many may not know that Senator Grant was a former member of the Milledgeville Rotary Club so it make it even more special when he comes back to speak.



Left to right: Rotarian Jim Johnson, Senator Johnny Grant, and Rotary President Keith Drinkwater.



President Keith holding the ribbons the Milledgeville Rotary Club won at the District Conference. The Club won for Best Bulletin, Best Online Bulletin, and Best Website.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Mary Liggin James Eubanks
Holly Hattaway . . . Robbie Hattaway

ABSENTEES

Buice, Chandler, Coleman, Collins, Cox, Davidson, Dennis, Dyer, Eberhardt, Gandy, Geeter, Gheesling, Grant, Kennedy, Kenyon, Neely, Peters, M. Roberts, S. Roberts, Seymour, Sibilsky III, Strickland, Van Horne, Whipple, Williams.


MAKE-UPS

None

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$22⁶⁵ TOTAL: \$2,161³⁴

50/50 CLUB
46 Cards Left
Pot: \$95⁵⁰

Club's newest Rotarian



Rotarian Robin Becker and her husband Tripp announce the birth of their baby boy, Hugh Alwyn Becker, IV. He was born Sunday, May 10th on Mother's Day at 6:36 p.m. He was 7lbs 13 oz and 19.5 inches long. Mother and baby are doing well.

New member push

Don't forget we really want to push getting new members into the club. So much so that if you bring a new member into the club you will be reimbursed for 2 meals and receive \$50 off of your membership dues for the year. If you think about it, we will basically pay you to eat lunch with a friend once a week. You can't beat that deal!



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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Local student composes 'Make Dreams Real' speech for Rotary

The following speech was written by Sean Tighe, a sophomore attending Georgia Military College Prep School.

To start things off, we're going to go on a little trip. I want everyone to close their eyes... Imagine you're going to Disney World. First, you look up and see fireworks illuminating the splendor of Cinderella's castle. Then, you're whisked away to Blizzard Beach, which has the world's tallest and fastest waterslide. Next, you decide to ride some roller coasters... with more twists, turns, loops, and back flips then you can count. Finally, you decide to share a "Kodak moment" with all of your favorite Disney characters... Mickey, Minnie, Donald... the whole gang. Now, open your eyes. It sounds like the "dream vacation" doesn't it? Well, believe it or not, you are in Disney World right now. Ok... there may not be a Magic Kingdom anywhere nearby, but the Rotary Club

acts like Disney World. They make the dreams of millions of people around the world come true. Sure, they may not be dreams of thrill rides or movie characters... but dreams that are sometimes overlooked... like living a healthy life, getting an education, or making sure that families have a place to call home.

The virtue of service to others is a powerful thing, and a program that personifies this virtue is the Rotary Club's Polio Plus program. Since 1985, the Rotary Club has sought to rid the world of the crippling disease polio, and, recently, the World Health Organization announced that its top concern is the eradication of polio around the world. Did you know that for as little as 60¢ a child can be cured of polio for life? This means that a child can be cured for less than the cost of a can of Coca-Cola. They should be more worried about going to school each day or having fun at home.

Unfortunately, education is

something that is taken for granted in the United States. We have a public school system in place where the resources are always available to learn. However, some countries don't have these resources, and children may not learn simple skills like reading or writing. For example, in the rural areas of Guatemala, illiteracy rates soar as high as seventy percent! But the Rotary Club is being proactive by not only donating but also delivering books and school supplies to these children so that they can get the same opportunities as other students around the world. They too can get an education, better themselves by getting a career, and perhaps own a home.

Isn't that the American dream? To own a big white house with the picket fence? Well, some families don't have homes... not because they didn't pay their mortgages... but because their homes have literally been swept out from under them. Landslides and flooding

in Brazil have devastated families and left many homeless. But the Rotary Club is providing relief in the form of food and water, cooking and cleaning supplies and mattresses... so that families have a place to lay their head each night.

Rotarians are the perfect example of ordinary doing extraordinary things, and the great part is that anyone can help. Who has a cell phone (encourage crowd... they all have cell phones)? (After hands are raised) That's good news because with something as simple as a text message you can donate \$5.00 to the Polio Plus program. This means that you can provide eight children with a cure from polio for LIFE! You can donate your time or talents to your community or to relief programs sponsored by your local Rotary Club. It's so easy to understand how the Rotary Club makes the dreams of millions of people around the world become real... and the best part is that they don't need Mickey Mouse to do it.

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