



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Keith Barlow, publisher of The Union-Recorder, will be our keynote speaker.

LAST WEEK

The Rotary Group Study Exchange from Brazil was our guests at the weekly meeting last week. Carlos Vianna who serves as the group's translator, language teacher, and journalist spoke to the club about Brazil. His talk and slideshow touched on the different areas and aspects of Brazil as well as some beautiful pictures.

The group itself consisted of an airport agent, psychology student, civil engineer, and an architect.

(Below, left to right) – Allan Jones, Adriana Cunha, Marsha Hyer, Ricardo Esteves, Former District Governor Dick Hyer, Paolo Brunoro, Rotary President Keith Drinkwater, and Carlos Vianna.



Milledgeville Rotary wins three awards at district conference

Best Web Site
Best Online Bulletin
Best Printed Bulletin

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Heather Langston Jeff Gray
Jan Ferguson John Ferguson

ABSENTEES

Archer, Bacon, Black, Brooks, Coleman, Cox, Dahanayake, Davidson, Dennis, Dyer, Ennis, Eubanks, Fontenot, Gandy, Grant, Hall, Holmes, Mathews, Mullis, Neely, Peters, Pope, S. Roberts, Seymour, Sibilsky Jr., Sibilsky III, Tyson, Whipple, Williams, Yearwood

MAKE-UPS

None

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$8¹¹ TOTAL: \$2,169⁴⁵



50/50 CLUB
45 Cards Left
Pot: \$111⁵⁰



Winning speech



Sean Tighe, the winner of the our club's speech contest, recently won a \$1,000 scholarship at the District Conference. He was one of 3 students who spoke at the District Conference in Augusta.

Upcoming events

June 11-13

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) -- Douglas, GA

June 21-24

Rotary International Convention Birmingham, England

July 24-25

GRSP Summer Meeting Lake Blackshear, GA

August 14-15

Assistant Governor & District Director Training Rotary Foundation Membership Literacy Seminar Southeastern Tech, Vidalia, GA

August 28-30

GRSP Conclave -- Rome, GA

December 3-6

Zone 33-34 Rotary Institute The Homestead, VA

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!

Upcoming programs

June 11

Craig Amason
director of Andalusia

June 25

Keith Drinkwater
Changing of the guard

ROTARY USA NEWS

Michigan rotaractors urge Uganda: 'stop recruiting children as soldiers'

Rotaractor Alyssa Herter and a fellow member of her Michigan, USA, club joined hundreds of demonstrators camping out on the streets of Chicago in May to call attention to the abduction of children in northern Uganda.

The Rescue, as the event was dubbed, was part of an international demonstration organized by Invisible Children, a nonprofit media-based group that raises awareness of children forced to become soldiers in Uganda's civil war. Demonstrators set up an encampment for six days, which culminated in an appearance on The Oprah Winfrey Show on 1 May.

"It was an incredible experience," says Herter, a member of the Rotaract Club of Kalamazoo and cochair of the club's international service committee. "Everyone was so passionate about this cause. We really want people to become aware of the atrocities going on with these children."

Chicago was the last stop in a

100-city, 10-country awareness campaign. In each city, participants marched by foot to a local site, set up tents and wrote letters for a political or cultural figure to come and "rescue" them by making a public statement on behalf of the child soldiers.

The Kalamazoo club, certified in March, designated Invisible Children its primary project, says Herter, who got involved in the movement three years ago after viewing the group's documentary, Invisible Children: Rough Cut, released in 2003 and widely viewed on the Internet.

Club members plan to raise awareness by holding fundraisers on the campus of Western Michigan University and in Kalamazoo and by hosting free screenings of the documentary.

Herter hopes that her Rotaract club can help counter some of the negative stereotypes of younger generations by showing the community that young people do care about being socially responsible, she says.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Japanese Rotary recruits RF, RI alumni

A five-year-old Japanese Rotary club is expanding its membership by recruiting Rotary Foundation and Rotary International program alumni.

The Rotary Club of Kanagawa Shonan, Kanagawa, which began as a gathering of young professionals, was chartered on 15 December 2004 with 23 former Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange team members, and Rotary Youth Exchange students. The club now has a few members who have not participated in Rotary programs, but it continues to actively recruit alumni.

Club leaders hope their example will inspire other young professionals to join Rotary.

Because many members speak English, they have been able to make contact with clubs outside of Japan and cooperate on World Community Service projects.

The club's first Rotary Foundation Matching Grant project financed the digging of three wells and the repair of a fourth in 2007, helping 10,000 children in the Philippines gain access to clean water. During another inter-

national project, club members raised money for young survivors of the 2004 tsunami in Thailand by setting up a booth in their community to sell handkerchiefs that the children had painted.

On the Philippines water project, the Kanagawa Shonan club cooperated with two other alumni-formed clubs: the Rotary clubs of Colombo Reconnections, Western Province, Sri Lanka, and Mandaluyong-Pasig-San Juan, Metro Manila, Philippines.

All three share another connection: Lina Aurelio, past governor of District 3800 (Philippines), helped charter the Philippines and Sri Lanka clubs in 2002, and met with Japanese Rotarians during the RI Convention in Osaka, Japan, in 2004. The Kanagawa Shonan club was chartered later that year. Aurelio maintained contact with all three clubs, linking them by e-mail.

A fourth alumni club, the Rotary Club of Osaka Next, Osaka, was formed in 2007. Another, the Rotary Club of Chubu Nagoya Mirai, Aichi, recently received its charter.

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