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Rotary Programs

This Week - Angie Gheesling will speak to about the Keep America Beautiful effort
Rotarian of the Day - Ed Hall
Last Meeting - We honored the spouses of our deceased Rotarians. Entertainment by Bluegrass Stagecoach Band
Rotarian of the Day - Keith Drinkwater

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The Rotary Club was honored to have some very special guests at their June 5 meeting. Widows and 1 widower of past Rotarians were there to enjoy some food and fellowship while being treated to the sounds of The Bluegrass Stagecoach Band.

Visiting Rotarians

None

Guests

Keaton Drinkwater Keith Drinkwater
Trevor Sibilsky Bo Sibilsky III
Mike Gene Trammell

Absentees - June 5

Anderson, Bell, Black, P. Brown, Cox, Dahanayake, Davidson, Dean, Eberhardt, Fontenot, Fuller, Gandy, Gheesling, Grant, Griffeth, Hattaway, Kenyon, Kirkwood, Kisida, Matthews, McMillan, Mullis, Neely, Noel, Perrin, Peters, Roberts, Saturley, Scott, settle, Seymour, Strickland, Thornton, Tyson, Watson, Yearwood, Young

Makeups

Chick-Fil-A (June 4) - 21 members



Rich Bertoli Memorial CART Fund:
\$16.76 - TOTAL: \$1364.01

50/50 Club - May 29, 2008

Fielding Whipple had the winning ticket. He was unsuccessful in his draw.
25 Cards Left Pot: \$869.00



When Rotarians arrive by the thousands in Los Angeles for the 99th RI Convention, 15-18 June, they'll be stepping into a vibrant downtown that is in a state of continual change.

With the L.A. Convention Center as the main convention venue, downtown L.A. will be the primary stopping ground for Rotarians during the day. And after hours, venues like the new NOKIA Theatre and the Staples Center - both adjacent to the convention center - will beckon convention attendees with entertainment and sports events.

Part of L.A. Live, the "entertainment campus" in the city's downtown, the new NOKIA Theatre has been called the Times Square of the West. Here, singer Natalie Cole will entertain Rotarians on 14 June. Before the concert, the NOKIA Plaza will be reserved for the California Experience, a host event that gives ticket holders the opportunity to enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres by famed chef Wolfgang Puck. Find more details at the HOC site.

Getting around in downtown L.A. couldn't be easier thanks to an efficient and easy-to-use public transportation system and an urban "way-finding" program featuring 1,300 pedestrian and vehicular signs, pointing the way to local attractions.

Some not-to-be-missed downtown attractions awaiting Rotarian visitors include the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Designed by world-renowned architect and L.A. resident Frank Gehry, this concert hall is known for its breathtaking design and excellent acoustics in a campus that includes other cultural venues such as the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Other architectural and cultural landmarks near the hall include the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, the Museum of Contemporary Art, and the buildings of the historic district, like the pyramid-topped City Hall and the Richard J. Riordan Central Library. A few blocks away, visitors can enjoy the Asian cuisine of L.A.'s Chinatown and Little Tokyo. The HOC full- and half-day tours are a great way to see the city and nearby points of interest such as the Getty Center. You can access the tours through the HOC events and tickets link.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

June 15-18, 2008

Rotary International
Convention - LA

August 16, 2008

Rotary Foundation &
Membership Seminar
Southeastern Tech, Vidalia, GA

MEMBER PROFILE



Wes Owens has been a member of the Milledgeville Rotary Club for 20 years. He is a retired cable television manager and a Veteran of the U.S. Navy, in which he served as an air crewman in the weather (hurricane hunter) squadron.

Wes studied journalism and English at the University of Alabama. He was a reporter, copy editor and news editor on newspapers in Birmingham, Montgomery and Anniston, Alabama and in Columbus Georgia. In Montgomery, he covered civil rights activities. He served as public relations director for Blue Cross-Blue Shield for 9 years and later operated an advertising agency.

Wes attended his first Rotary meeting as a reporter in Anniston in 1952 and has been in and out of Rotary over the past 56 years. He has attended Rotary meetings throughout the US as well as doing makeups in several European and Central American cities.

A native of Nashville Tennessee, Wes married "the love of my life" (Ruth) in 1952, and they have a daughter, Cynthia, who is married to a school teacher in Cornwall New York. Cynthia is an aspiring actress and recently had a part on an ABC reality show "What Would You Do?"

Wes says he is "addicted to golf." He recently hit his first hole in one. Wes has served on the Board of Milledgeville Rotary and is treasurer for "The Table." He and Ruth live on the lake in Ivy, Georgia, where Wes serves as chairman of the Ivey City Planning and Zoning Committee.

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.

RI 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.

International News

Board Adopts Future Vision Plan

At its June meeting, the RI Board adopted the Future Vision Plan for The Rotary Foundation, a far-reaching effort to simplify access to the Foundation, direct more resources to projects with high-impact and sustainable outcomes, and gain greater public recognition for the Foundation's work. The Board agreed to initiate the three-year pilot in July 2010 to focus resources and attention on Rotary's number one priority, polio eradication, and Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge. The Foundation will be sharing more information about the plan and its implementation throughout 2008-09 and will incorporate training for pilot districts into Rotary's standard training cycle.

Under the Future Vision Plan, the Foundation will offer two kinds of grants: Rotary Foundation District Grants, which provide districts with access to up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund, and Rotary Foundation Global Grants, which support larger projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in one of six areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development. Clubs and districts can either create their own global grant projects in the areas of focus or sponsor packaged global grants, which The Rotary Foundation will

develop in conjunction with a strategic partner organization that has expertise in the selected area of focus.

All districts will be encouraged to apply to participate in the pilot. In selecting pilot participants, the Trustees will attempt to compose a representative group of districts in terms of location, size, effectiveness,



and level of involvement with the Foundation. Pilot districts will follow the new grant structure and not participate in current Foundation programs, with the exception of PolioPlus and the Rotary Centers for International Studies.

Interested districts will need to secure the agreement of two-thirds of their clubs and complete the pilot application form online between February and June 2009. The list of selected pilot districts will be posted on the RI Web site on 1 July 2009. The 2010-11 governors and Foundation chairs of the selected pilot districts will attend mandatory training sessions at RI's expense in early 2010.

ONGOING MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

(1) Earn a make-up for sponsoring a new member. (2) Earn a make-up by volunteering at a local school. (3) Earn a make-up for 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 the Club Secretary (Halsey Leavitt).

ROTARY WEBSITES

Rotary International: www.rotary.org
District 6920: www.rotarydistrict6920.net
Milledgeville Club: www.milledgeville Rotary.org