



**Rotary Programs**

**This Week** - Karen Brooks presents the Milledgeville Rotary's "Year in Review"  
**Rotarian of the Day** - Bill Neely  
**Last Meeting** - Angie Gheesling spoke to us about the Keep America Beautiful effort  
**Rotarian of the Day** - Ed Hall

**Last Meeting • June 12, 2008**



On June 12, Fellow Rotarians Angie Gheesling and Jay Nelson spoke to the club about Milledgeville's "Keep America Beautiful" Campaign. Their focus was on litter prevention, not just on clean-up, and teaching that individuals should take responsibility for keeping Milledgeville clean and not look for some other persons or groups to do so. If you or your business is interested in getting involved in this worthwhile project, contact Angie or Jay.

**Visiting Rotarians**

None

**Guests**

Troy Journigan .....Gene Trammell  
 Tara and Dale Van Cantfort...Randy Beasley

**Absentees - June 12**

Bell, S. Brown, Burke, Cooper, Cox, Daniel, Davidson, Fontenot, Gandy, Grant, Griffith, Hattaway, Jefferson, Kenyon, Kirkwood, Marcott, Matthews, McMillan, Moore, Noel, Parker, Perrin, Peters, Pope, Prezioso, Roberts, Romines, Saturley, Settle, Seymour, Sibilsky III, Sibilsky Jr., Stephens, Tyson, Van Horn, Watson, Young

**Makeups**

Ajantha Dahanayake .....Tennille



**Rich Bertoli Memorial CART Fund:**  
 \$23.10 - TOTAL: \$1387.11

**50/50 Club - June 12, 2008**  
 Wes Owens had the winning ticket. He was unsuccessful in his draw.  
 24 Cards Left Pot: \$906.00



**District 6920 News**

**District Assembly Gears Up New Leaders**

The Heart of Georgia Technical College in Dublin was the site of this year's annual District Assembly last weekend, with the day-long event offering a plethora of information for new club and district leaders.

The District Assembly included workshops on club administration, membership development and retention, club public relations, The Rotary Foundation and numerous other topics.

DGE Kenan Kern assumes responsibilities as District 6920 Governor on July 1, at which time the new club leaders will take their respective posts.



DG Dick presented two Rotary Foundation recognition awards to President-Elect John Petrillo of The Rotary Club of Savannah South.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

**August 16, 2008**  
 Rotary Foundation & Membership Seminar  
 Southeastern Tech, Vidalia, GA

**August 22, 2008**  
 GRSP Conclave  
 Americus, GA

**MEMBER PROFILE**

**Tara P. Peters**



Tara Peters has been President and CEO of the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce since 2001 and on staff since 1995. During her tenure, the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Chamber of

Commerce has seen consistent growth in membership and service to the community. She led the Chamber in its effort to receive the Georgia Dept. of Economic Development's Entrepreneurial Friendly City designation and the Georgia Department of Economic Development Accelerated Community designation for Certified WorkReady Community.

She is a graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organization Management (IOM), the Georgia Academy of Economic Development-Visions program and Leadership Baldwin.

Long active in the community, Tara serves on the Board of the Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives as Vice President of Professional Development. She also serves on the Advisory Committee of the Baldwin High School Business Education Department and on the Advisory Council of the J. Whitney Bunting School of Business of Georgia College & State University. Tara serves on the Scott State Prison Character Development Initiative board and serves as Chair for the Baldwin 20/20 Community Retreat. Her civic activities include participation in the Milledgeville Rotary Club and the Morris-Little Post of the American Legion.

Tara grew up in Baldwin County. She graduated from the Georgia Military Preparatory High school. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from GCSU. After graduation, Tara spent four years in the United States Army in Military Intelligence. She met her husband while in the Army, and they lived in Turkey, Germany and Washington State during their military service. Tara returned to Milledgeville in 1990, working with the Baldwin County Parks and Recreation Department as program director and moved to the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce in 1995 as the membership director.

Tara resides in Baldwin County with her husband, Rick, and their children - Will, a college sophomore and Kaitlyn, a college freshman. Rick is a small business owner in Milledgeville. Tara and her family are members of First Christian Church in Milledgeville.

**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**

**World Health Organization declares polio eradication top operational priority**

LOS ANGELES - In the final push to rid the world of a crippling and potentially fatal disease that has plagued humankind throughout history, Rotary International this week launched its US\$100 Million Challenge, a fundraising effort to end polio worldwide.

Funds raised will match, dollar-for-dollar, a challenge grant recently awarded to Rotary by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - a funding agreement that will provide \$200 million to the global health initiative over the next three years. Rotary is also expanding its reach by establishing a website to accept donations from individuals outside the organization interested in helping eradicate polio: [www.rotary.org/endpolio](http://www.rotary.org/endpolio).

Since 1985, ending polio has been Rotary's top philanthropic goal. Since then, polio cases have been slashed by 99 percent worldwide. "While most of the world is polio-free, this vaccine-preventable disease still threatens children in parts of Africa and South Asia," said Robert Scott, chair of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. "And because polio is a virus that moves from child-to-child, it is capable of re-emerging anywhere in the world if we let down our guard. Rotary is committed to eradicating this disease once and for all."

"Rotary International is a global leader in the fight to eradicate polio, and I have no doubt that Rotarians worldwide will rise to this challenge," said Dr. Tachi Yamada, President of the Gates Foundation's Global Health Program. "With Rotary leading the charge, no child will have to live in fear of polio and the world will see that by working together we have the ability to defeat a terrible disease."

As part of a joint keynote address by the leaders of the spearheading organizations of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to an international audience of 20,000 Rotary members at the volunteer service organization's convention in Los Angeles, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) Dr. Margaret Chan said, "Today, I am making polio eradication the top operational priority of the WHO. We have resolved the technical challenges to polio eradication, but we still need to overcome the remaining logistical and financial challenges to delivering the vaccine to every child."

Polio eradication - which hinges on vaccinating all children under the age of five years - is seen as a model and a test for reaching children worldwide with other benefits, whether health or development-related. "It's not just about eradicating polio," Dr. Chan continued. "It's about our ability as a society to reach all children to attain the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals."

"Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge is a continuation of their longstanding commitment to protect every child from this devastating disease," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "If not for the generosity, passion and leadership of Rotary members worldwide, it is safe to say that we would not be at the point we are today."

Since the launch of the GPEI in 1988, when polio paralyzed more than 350,000 children in 125 countries, cases have been reduced to 1,307 in 2007, and just four countries remain polio endemic (Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan). A two-year intensified effort was started in 2007 to eliminate the last vestiges of polio in these remaining areas. Since then, polio has been stopped under extreme conditions - conflict-ridden Somalia is now polio-free and the most endemic part of India has seen a dramatic decline in cases (from 520 in 2006 to one so far this year).

"The progress made in some of the most challenging areas of the world proves that with enough commitment and support, we can end polio worldwide," said Ann Veneman, Executive Director of UNICEF. "We hope that the commitment from the private sector will challenge other donors to step up and make sure we have the resources needed to eradicate polio."

As the volunteer arm and top private sector contributor to the GPEI, Rotary has contributed US\$700 million since 1985 - a figure that will increase to \$850 million when polio is eradicated - along with countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is spearheaded by national governments, WHO, Rotary International, the CDC and UNICEF. The Initiative currently faces a funding gap for 2008-09 of US\$490 million.

**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](http://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](http://www.rotary.org)  
 District 6920: [www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net)  
 Milledgeville Club: [www.milledgeville Rotary.org](http://www.milledgeville Rotary.org)