



**Rotary Programs**

**This Week** - New officers installed for 2008-09, annual club awards  
**Rotarian of the Day** - Sam Watson  
**Last Meeting** - Karen Brooks presented the Milledgeville Rotary's "Year in Review"  
**Rotarian of the Day** - Bill Neely

**Last Meeting • June 19**



President Karen Brooks gives an end-of-the-year review to Rotary Club members during the June 19 meeting. Highlights from the year included the Christmas Baskets Program, Jill's Books and Rotary Roasters (our Sweetwater Festival Cooking Team). The club has also put back over \$15,000 into our community which is what we are all about...helping others. Karen has done a wonderful job this year and should be commended. All the while being the first female president of Milledgeville's Club.

**Visiting Rotarians**

None

**Guests**

Doug Stewart .....Nolan Stephens  
 Carol Ratliff .....Renee Fontenot  
 Caitlin McNeill .....Robbie McNeill

**Absentees - June 19**

Anderson, Aycock, Barlow, Becker, B. Brown, S. Brown, Cox, Davidson, Eberhardt, Fuller, Gandy, Geeter, Gheesling, Griffeth, Haney, Holmes, Kenyon, Kirkwood, Kisida, McMillan, Nelson, Noel, Parker, Peters, Pope, Saturley, Scott, Sibilsky III, Strickland, Thornton, Weimer, Yearwood, Young

**Makeups**

Renee Fontenot .....Tennille



**Rich Bertoli Memorial CART Fund:**  
 \$25.91 - TOTAL: \$1413.02

**50/50 Club - June 19, 2008**  
 Charles Ennis had the winning ticket. He was unsuccessful in his draw.  
 23 Cards Left Pot: \$948.00



**A letter from your club president**

June 2008

Dear Rotarians:

It has indeed been an honor to serve as your President during the past year. Thank you for your constant support and encouragement. It has been a great year for me, and I will always treasure the experience.



Karen T. Brooks  
 Club President  
 2007-2008

The officers, board members, and committees have done an amazing job serving this club and community. It has been a year of which we can all be very proud. We are truly a working, caring, loving organization, and it takes all of us to accomplish the goals we set each year.

I'd like to pass on words of wisdom from Brad Oliver (he told me this when I first joined Rotary): "You get out of Rotary exactly what you're willing to put into it." This is so true, and I challenge each one of you to participate in club activities - you will truly be blessed.

Again, it has been a privilege to serve you, and I ask your continued support for our incoming President.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

**No club meeting July 3**

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

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

**MEMBER PROFILE**  
**Peter (Pete) W. Shields**



Pete Shields is the newest member of the Milledgeville Rotary Club. Since August 29 of last year he has served as the Vice

President for Business and Finance at Georgia College & State University. He came to GCSU from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he was Director of Financial Management Facilities. While at UAB he was responsible for managing \$100 million worth of capital projects and \$77 million in operating funds.

Pete's background includes management experience with companies such as BellSouth and Deloitte and Touche. In his private sector career, Pete has been responsible for creating and maintaining budgets, regulatory oversight and accounting systems.

Pete is a Certified Public accountant and holds a J.D. from the University of Alabama, where he also earned a Bachelor in Business Administration and a Master's in Accounting. He is a member of both the Alabama and Tennessee Bars. He and his wife, Gaye, have been married for almost 30 years, and they have two daughters, Katie and Kelly.

Pete has been President of a local Lions Club and soccer club. He has also been statewide treasurer for Alabama youth soccer.

**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**

**99th annual Rotary International Convention: reflection, propection — and lots of fun**

Literacy, health, and the future of Rotary were in the spotlight 18 June at the fourth plenary session of the RI Convention in Los Angeles.



**Literacy**

Dolly Parton, appearing via video, talked to Rotarians about her Imagination Library program, which mails a new book every month to children under age five and which Rotary clubs have been helping expand.

"We're active in the USA, Canada, and the United Kingdom, and my hope is that every single child in all three countries will be guaranteed that they can have a house full of books," said the country music singer.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty took the stage to speak about illiteracy. Noting that 800 million people in the world are unable to read, he stressed the need for Rotarians to continue their work in this area. "Illiteracy not only comes at a high cost for the individual," he said, "it comes at a great cost to our society as a whole."

**Health**

In a powerful speech, Stephen Lewis, co-director of the advocacy organization AIDS-Free World, saluted Rotarians for their indispensable role in polio eradication but reminded them that HIV/AIDS is "taking an indescribable toll, especially in Africa."

Today, 33 million people worldwide are living with AIDS, he said, 23 million of them in Africa. Lewis, a former Canadian ambassador to the United Nations and UN special envoy on HIV/AIDS in Africa, called the failure to halt HIV infections during childbirth "heartbreaking. We have drugs that the mother can take to prevent transmission of the virus, but half a million children are still born HIV-positive every year."

Drugs commonly used in the United States, meanwhile, can cut transmission by up to 99 percent. "Why is it that the life of an African child is worth so much less than the life of a Western child?" he asked.

"There's something wrong with the world's moral anchor," he concluded. "But there are moments of hope and optimism, and Rotary International is one of those moments."

William Asiko, president of the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, spoke about the importance

of partnerships in combating AIDS in Africa. "We [at Coca-Cola] have long been advocates of public-private partnerships," he said. "And our partnership with Rotarians for Fighting AIDS [a Rotarian Action Group] ... is one of which we are particularly proud." He stressed that these partnerships must also address local needs and involve local partners.

**The Rotary Foundation**

The goals of The Rotary Foundation for 2008-09 were addressed by Jonathan Majiyagbe, chair-elect of the Foundation Board of Trustees. In addition to keeping their promise to the children of the world to eradicate polio, Majiyagbe said, Rotarians need to support the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund and Permanent Fund.

"To refuse to support [the Annual Programs Fund] is like refusing oxygen to a living being," he said. "If every Rotarian gives at least \$100 every year, this translates to more than \$120 million annually -- money that will allow us to provide clean water, alleviate poverty, and fight hunger and illiteracy."

Majiyagbe also asked club and district foundations to partner with The Rotary Foundation by committing at least 10 percent of their funds to help fully endow the Rotary World Peace Fellowships program.

**Rotary's Future**

RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson concluded the session by speaking about the future of Rotary. "Each year," he noted, "hundreds of thousands of young people around the world participate in our youth programs, developing a relationship with Rotary that we must foster, in the hope that some of them, if not all of them, will one day become Rotarians and be the very future of Rotary."

**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)