



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dr. Ken McGill introduces the new planetarium at GCSU

Rotarian of the Day
Randy Stewart

July 9 MEETING



John Ferguson began his 2009-2010 Presidential Term fresh from a July 4th break, and welcomed a program devoted to American Patriotism. The guest speaker of the day was to be Fred Van Horn, but due to extenuating circumstances, he was not able to attend. Therefore, Bert Williams and Jody Yearwood filled nicely for him.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Pat Hall Ed Hall

ABSENTEES

Archer, Aycock, Brandt, P. Brown, Buice, Cox, Dean, Dennis, Eberhardt, Fuller, Gandy, Grant, Hattaway, Holmes, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Kenyon, Mathews, Murphey, Parker, Peters, S. Roberts, Sibilsky III, Strom, Thornton, Tyson, Van Horn.

MAKE-UPS

None

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$28²⁴ TOTAL: \$2,265⁶¹

50/50 CLUB

45 Cards Left
Pot: \$64⁰⁰



NEXT WEEK - JULY 23

Lindsi Pearson-
American Cancer Society

Upcoming Programs

Don't miss our exciting club programs for the coming weeks...

On July 30 Bill McNair, Director of Baldwin County Parks and Recreation, will update us on the program's progress and visions.

Randy Cannon will have a presentation about the Marlor Arts Center during our August 6 meeting.

We'll get a preview of the upcoming Milledgeville Players' drama "Annie Get Your Gun" from Tom Toney and members of the cast during our August 13 gathering.

Dr. Bob Wilson, Interim Chair of History and Geography at GCSU, takes the podium August 20 to tell us "Who's Who in the Memorial Gardens".

Classification talks from club members is scheduled for August 27.

Other programs in the works for the coming months...

Dr. Jeff Blick with GCSU reveals discoveries from a recent anthropological excavation in the Bahamas.

We'll get to check out an insect collection from South America with GCSU's Bill Wolfe.

Al Mead introduces the new museum of natural history and Ken McGill and Dr. Kim discuss the new planetarium, both on the campus of GCSU.

And the GCSU jazz combo will perform for us under the direction of Dr. Todd Shiver.

Upcoming district-wide events

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

A Letter from the new RI President

My fellow Rotarians:

It is traditional in Rotary that each Rotary International president is given the opportunity every month to write a message to all Rotarians in the pages of this magazine. I am grateful for this tradition, which gives me the opportunity to communicate with every one of you directly, for it is my firm belief that The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

It is a great honor to have been chosen as the first RI president from Scotland in the 104 years of this organization, and to have the privilege of serving the Rotarians of the world. Because there is no RI - no Board of Directors or president, no world headquarters or Rotary convention - without the ordinary weekly meeting of Rotarians in our own home clubs.

In Rotary, everything we are, and everything we aspire to become, lies in the hands of Rotarians in their clubs. If our clubs are congenial and our meetings well run, if our service is carefully planned and competently carried out, if our members are qualified, honest, and respected in their vocations and communities, then all of Rotary will thrive. This is why I say The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

Water, health and hunger, and literacy will be our emphases in the year ahead. In this Rotary year, I ask Rotarians everywhere to continue to learn from our experiences and to build upon our successes. I ask you all to continue to work for the health and well-being of not only children but their families and people everywhere. I ask you particularly to focus on water and sanitation, as the scarcity of clean water is an increasingly serious issue in many parts of the world.

In Scotland, we have a saying that I'm fond of quoting: "We must look beyond our own parish pump." It means that we should look beyond our own home and our own community. We must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world.

In every one of those communities, there is work to be done. As Rotarians, we will not stand idly by. As Rotarians, we will accept our responsibility. We can, and we must. For we know that Rotary is only as great as its clubs - and our clubs are only as great as the members within them.

The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Worth the smile of a healthy child

Amidst civil conflict, economic turmoil, and chronic shortages of just about everything, Analia Ramos has helped the people of South Sudan battle hunger for nearly a year.

"I love the place, my job, and the people. I feel blessed," says Ramos, food security coordinator in Sudan for Concern Worldwide, a humanitarian relief and development organization.

A 2004-06 Rotary World Peace Fellow from Argentina, Ramos oversees projects that provide seeds and tools to poor households, establish seed banks and tree nurseries, and train people in agricultural plowing, beekeeping, and blacksmithing.

Ramos says the situation in South Sudan has deteriorated

since she arrived last August.

"Insecurity has grown, the economic crisis has hit us all, the violations to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement have multiplied," she says. "Add to that the indictment of President Bashir [Omar Hassan al-Bashir] by the International Criminal Court, the expelling of 13 NGOs [nongovernmental organizations], and tribal conflict, and you have it all."

But Ramos says the knowledge that she is "helping to diminish the suffering of the people by shortening the hunger gap, and at times eliminating it," gives her great fulfillment.

She maintains that freedom from hunger is a basic human right. "Without that, you cannot have health, education, or

any other right," she says. "But with any right, we all have responsibilities. People need to learn how to fish and not just be given the fish. It is their right to be able to feed themselves."

Ramos knew at age 7 that she wanted to be an agronomist and at age 12 that she wanted to work in Africa. Her fellowship experience at the University of Bradford was pivotal in shaping her career.

"Rotary gave me a new angle," she says. "I saw how working in food security contributes to peace, to achieve human rights for most of the people who do not have a voice."

Throughout history, Ramos says, hunger has claimed more lives than armed conflict or disease. "Hunger is the No. 1

killer," she says. "But it only makes news in big famines, and people forget, in most cases, it is a silent killer."

In the face of frequent food shortages, Ramos tries to help in any way she can. "Trying is worth the smile of a child, the knowledge that someone has gone to bed not hungry, that God has been there all the way, even in the difficult times," she says.



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