



TODAY'S MEETING

Laura Thompson
"Rotary Programs"

JULY 15 PROGRAM

Senator Johnny Grant joined the club for lunch and presented an update on our state's legislation past session and budget for the upcoming term.

Ramp Project Recognition

Jimmy McElheney and Rotarian Brad Oliver were recognized for their work to build a wheelchair ramp for former Rotarian Dick Marcott after his recent surgery.



Jimmy McElheney and Brad Oliver

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Jimmy McElheney . . . Brad Oliver
David Sinclair Bill Neely
Wyatt Langston Heather Langston
Matthew Liao-Troth Henry Pope



Charles Ennis, Senator Grant, and President Randy Stewart

ABSENTEES

Adkins, Burke, Cooper, Cox, Dahanayake, Davidson, Dean, Drinkwater, Fontenot, Gandy, Grant, Gunn, Hall, Hattaway, Holmes, Massey, Matthews, Murphey Jr, Murphey Sr, Parker, Peters, Sibilsky Jr, Sibilsky III, Strom, Theus, Tyson, Weimer, Williams, Zarkowsky

MAKE-UPS

Jeff Gray Tenville
Rhett Harrison Online

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$735 TOTAL: \$2,72907

50/50 CLUB

45 Cards Left

Pot: \$10850

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 29

Dr. Tripp Simpson, Cancer Treatment Center introduced by Karen Brooks

August 5

Dr. Doreen Sams, President of Board of The Boys & Girls Club of Milledgeville

August 12

Leanne Branch from the Milledgeville Players introduces "Once Upon a Mattress"

DISTRICT 6920 NEWS AND EVENTS

District Recognizes Paul Harris Society Members

Recently, two new Rotarians from District 6920 committed to this special district recognition program. Rotarian Steve Stephens, a member of The Rotary Club of Savannah, and Rotarian Hank Croci, a member of The Rotary Club of Skidaway Island, Savannah, became the latest Paul Harris Society members in District 6920.

PDG Kenan Kern serves as the Paul Harris Society Chair for District 6920 for the 2010-11 year. PDG Kenan recently recognized Rotarians Stephens and Croci for their valued commitment in serving The Rotary Foundation.



Above, PDG Kenan Kern recognizes Hank Croci.

Below, Kern recognizes Steve Stephens. Croci and Stephens were recognized for attaining the Paul Harris Society member status.

District Seminar August 14 with Lloyd Horadan
District Governor 2010-2011 Vidalia, GA



New polio eradication plan launched

The World Health Organization and UNICEF cohosted a meeting with Rotary International and other stakeholders in Geneva on 18 June to launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) Strategic Plan 2010-12.

The new plan comes at a critical time for the GPEI. Key endemic countries are witnessing historic gains against the disease. Nowhere is progress more evident than in Nigeria, which has reported just three cases in 2010 as of 6 July compared with 333 cases for the same period in 2009. India has reported 22 cases compared with 107 cases.

Across Africa, 10 of the 15 previously polio-free countries reinfected in 2009 have stopped their outbreaks.

In May, the World Health Assembly welcomed the new plan while expressing deep concern about the substantial funding gap over the next three years. The shortfall is a serious risk to ending polio and highlights the need for Rotary to reach its goal of raising US\$200 million.

WHO Director-General Margaret Chan called on the international funding community to stand tall for polio eradication. "The next three years, and espe-

cially the next 12 months, are critical to the polio eradication initiative and, by extension, the entire international public health agenda."

An essential element of the plan is the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is being used effectively against wild

poliovirus types 1 and 3 in all four endemic countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. (Type 2 poliovirus has been eradicated.)

The plan also focuses on known polio migration routes, which have made outbreaks of the disease largely predictable. Aggressive synchronized immunization campaigns are now being used to help prevent and stop outbreaks.

The partners of the GPEI are exploring every option to secure fresh funding and are managing existing cash flow to limit any threat to the eradication effort. The risk of not stopping polio in endemic countries was made clear when a large outbreak occurred in Tajikistan, caused by poliovirus that had spread from India in early 2010. The outbreak has paralyzed 334 children as of 29 June. Tajikistan had been polio-free since 1997.

"The complete eradication of polio is an absolute goal, and it requires absolute commitment from us all," says UNICEF Executive Director Tony Lake.

"Rotary believes the new strategic plan provides the blueprint to achieving the goal of polio eradication," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.



Sudhir Gupta, a member of the India PolioPlus Committee and past governor of District 3100, immunizes four-year-old Sivi Sen against polio at the Moradabad railway station in Uttar Pradesh.

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