



# MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - JULY 30, 2009



SERVICE Above Self

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bill McNair, Director of Baldwin County Parks and Recreation, updates us on the program's progress and visions.

### Rotarian of the Day **John Thornton** JULY 23 MEETING

July 23rd meeting — Lindi Pearson from the American Cancer Society was the guest presenter at the Milledgeville Rotary Club on July 23. Her presentation included a video and some more information about Relay for Life and the cancer center hotline.



Left to right: Ed Weimer, Lindi Pearson, and President John Ferguson

Also, Bobby Murphey, Jr. was presented his Presidential Citation Award and Jim Johnson was honored for being Club Chaplain.



Past President Keith Drinkwater with Bobby Murphey, Jr.



Drinkwater with Jim Johnson

## VISITING ROTARIANS

None

### GUESTS

Sandy Baxter . . . . . Keith Barlow

### ABSENTEES

Aycock, P. Brown, S. Brown, Cox, Davidson, Dyer, Eberhardt, Ennis, Fain, Fuller, Gandy, Gheesling, Gray, Gunn, Holmes, Jefferson, Langston, Mathews, Neely, Oliver, Owens, Peters, M. Roberts, S. Roberts, Seymour, Sibilsky III, Strickland, Thompson, Tyson, Yearwood.

### MAKE-UPS

Brad Oliver. . . . . Tennille  
Justin Jone. . . . . Tennille  
Jim Fain . . . . . Online  
Ajantha Dahanayake. . . . . Online

### RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$21<sup>98</sup> TOTAL: \$2,287<sup>59</sup>

**50/50 CLUB**  
44 Cards Left  
Pot: \$100<sup>00</sup>

### NEXT WEEK - AUG. 6

Randy Cannon will have a presentation about the Marlor Arts Center.

### Upcoming Programs

Don't miss our club programs coming up in August...

Tom Toney and members of the cast of "Annie Get Your Gun" will entertain us August 13.

Dr. Bob Wilson, Interim Chair of History and Geography at GCSU, presents "Milledgeville Remnants" August 20.

Classification talks on the 27th.

### Upcoming district-wide event

August 14-15

Assistant Governor & District Director Training  
Rotary Foundation Membership Literacy Seminar  
Southeastern Tech, Vidalia, GA

## DISTRICT 6920 NEWS

### 2009-10 Rotary leaders

*Editor's Note: This is the first in a three-part series on the biographical sketches of our new Rotary leaders. Next we'll introduce you to District 6920 Governor Clyde Taylor and in the third part you'll meet 2010-11 DGE Lloyd Horadan.*



RI President John Kenny

Forth Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Scottish Junior Chambers of Commerce and past general legal counsel of Jaycees International. In addition, Queen Elizabeth II appointed him the deputy lieutenant of his district. John is elder of the Church of Scotland, where he has served as session clerk and Presbytery elder. Active in Boy Scouting, he received the organization's Medal of Merit for helping to form new Scout groups in Eastern Europe. A Rotarian since 1970, John is a member of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth. He has served Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland as committee member and chair, vice president, and president. He has served Rotary International as district governor, task force member, committee member, vice chair, RI Board Executive Committee chair, director and Rotary Foundation trustee. He also has been a representative, member at large and parliamentarian for the Council on Legislation on several occasions.

John is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor and Bequest Society member. He is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service award.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Maasai warrior hopes to work for diplomacy

When Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah returned home to Kenya months after witnessing the 9/11 attacks in New York City, he found that most of his fellow Maasai, a nomadic warrior tribe, had only a vague understanding of the events of that day.

Naiyomah, an incoming Rotary World Peace Fellow, shared firsthand accounts with the East African tribe, using the oral tradition it has relied upon for years. Deeply moved by his story, Maasai elders felt compelled to do something to help.

That something turned out to be a decision to send a herd of cows to the United States as a display of sympathy and regret.

Naiyomah has collaborated with award-winning author Carmen Agra Deedy on 14 Cows for America, an illustrated children's book about his tribe's response, which

received international attention. The book explains how cows are sacred to Maasai and valued above all other possessions.

"The cow is a symbol of life for us," says Naiyomah "What happened that day was devastating to me."

Although the cows were never shipped to the United States — State Department officials decided it would cost more than the value of the herd to import them — the tribe decided to keep them for the Americans, setting the cows apart and vowing never to slaughter them.

"The story focuses on healing and solution," says Naiyomah. "I think children can best understand that, because their hearts are so



Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah

innocent. The future of a more compassionate world starts with them."

In February, Naiyomah will attend the Rotary Center for International

Studies in peace and conflict resolution at the University of Queensland in Australia.

"Rotary International answered my prayers to belong to an organization that embodies what I silently believe in my heart: that using compassion can help solve problems," he says. "Rotarians are ordinary people taking extraordinary actions to foster relations with countries around the world."

Naiyomah says he hopes the peace studies program will help him find ways to

promote peace. The 9/11 attacks "showed me there's something very wrong with world relations," he says. "There is something lacking in diplomacy that I want to find out."

Naiyomah believes world leaders need to practice "compassionate diplomacy," valuing the lives of people over political expediency.

"Compassionate diplomacy must start by understanding and approaching conflicts with a caring aspect," he says. "Yes, one person can make a difference in the world. But only if they see themselves as the world, not as individuals."

Chosen as the state of Georgia's selection for the 2009 National Book Festival, 14 Cows for America goes on sale 1 August. Naiyomah says all proceeds from the book will benefit victims of the 9/11 attacks.

## 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](http://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](http://www.milledgeville Rotary.org) District 6920: [www.rotarydistrict6920.net](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.net) Rotary International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)