



MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - AUGUST 6, 2009



SERVICE Above Self

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Belinda Wahlesky
Milledgeville Main Street

Rotarian of the Day
Sam Watson

JULY 30 MEETING

Last week's program, we were pleased to have Mr. Bill McNair, Director of Baldwin County Parks and Recreation speaking about the recent progress and future visions of our community. Being a Milledgeville resident for so long, and having worked with so many of our families through our recreation system, McNair has high expectations of the area becoming a prime family-oriented community in the future.



Left to right: club administrator Ed Weimer, Bill McNair, and club past president Karen Brooks

VISITING ROTARIANS

Felix C. Moring Swainsboro
Joel Moring Swainsboro

GUESTS

Zack Williams Bert Williams
Kevin & Brandon Barlow. . Keith Barlow

ABSENTEES

S. Brown 3, Cox, Dahanayake, Davidson, Dennis, Drinkwater, Ferguson, Gandy, Gheesling 3, Johnson, Miller, M. Roberts 3, S. Roberts 2, Strickland 2, Whipple, Zarkowsky 2.

MAKE-UPS

Laura Thompson. Brunswick

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$18⁴⁸ TOTAL: \$2,306⁰⁷



50/50 CLUB

43 Cards Left

Pot: \$132⁰⁰



NEXT WEEK - AUG. 13

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

Upcoming Programs

Don't miss our club programs coming up through September...

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

Classification talks on the 27th.

On September 3 meet our new Rotary GRSP student.

Lisa Love, director of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame, will speak to us on September 17.

Linda Herdina, director of METS (Medical Equipment Transport Services, will be with us September 24.

Upcoming district-wide events

August 14-15

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

August 28-30

GRSP Conclave — Rome, GA

NEW MEMBER PUSH

Don't forget we really want to push getting new members into the club. So much so that if you bring a new member into the club you will be reimbursed for 2 meals and receive \$50 off of your membership dues for the year. If you think about it, we will basically pay you to eat lunch with a friend once a week. You can't beat that deal!

DISTRICT 6920 NEWS

2009-10 Rotary leaders

Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series on the biographical sketches of our new Rotary leaders. In the third and final part we'll introduce you to DGE Lloyd Horadan, 2010-11.



District 6920 Governor
Clyde Taylor

A native of Brunswick, Ga., Clyde followed in his father's footsteps and attended Georgia Tech where he received degrees in electrical engineering and industrial management. Clyde was a distinguished military graduate of Georgia Tech and served in the U.S. Army with the rank of captain. Following graduation, Clyde embarked on a corporate career which eventually meant settlement in Birmingham, Ala. In Birmingham, Clyde was invited to join the Rotary Club of Alabaster, Ala., where he was served on the Board of Directors. In 1988 Clyde and his wife, the former Sue Wells, moved to Atlanta and started Eastern Manufacturing Corp., a producer of custom plastic parts. Clyde continued his Rotary involvement after moving to Atlanta. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, where he became a Paul Harris Fellow and an avid GRSP supporter. Clyde and Sue retired to St. Simons Island in 1999 where Clyde joined the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island. He was elected to the board of directors in 2001 and served as the club's president from 2003-04. Clyde and Sue are multiple Paul Harris Fellows and Paul Harris sustaining members. The couple has served as a host family for GRSP and as Group Study Exchange participants. Clyde is also a Will Watt Fellow.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rotarians help quench thirst for better drinking water in Dominican Republic

Lunchtime is drawing near, and María Magdalena Gonzalez, 28, hoists up a jug of water and pours some into a pot on the stove. She adds rice she's had soaking in a bowl on the countertop. Meat and green peppers are stewing. As she works, she washes her dishes using water pulled from a pail under the sink. Gonzalez's mother prepares to give eight-month-old Hilary a bath.

Before Rotarians gave them the bio-sand filter that now sits along one wall of the kitchen in their home near Bonao, in the center of the Dominican Republic, the family bought bottled water, which was often fetid. Three-year-old María Magdalys, who now darts through the kitchen playing, spent two weeks in the hospital with diarrhea; Gonzalez was once so dehydrated from amoebas that she was given five bottles of saline solution.

Now they use filtered water for everything. Baby Hilary, who has known only clean water during her short life, is pudgy; her skin is clear. The family is healthy. "Sin agua, no hay vida," Gonzalez says, in what becomes a common refrain I hear during a week in the Dominican Republic. Without water, there is no life.

Spend some time in the Dominican Republic, and you'll find many people like Gonzalez whose lives were affected by bio-sand filters — and Rotary. There is Rosa Día, who had an open sore on her foot that healed only when she bathed it in water from her sister's bio-sand filter. There is Sandra Castillo, who walks half a mile from her cousin's house carrying filtered water, the only thing that will get rid of her skin irritations. And then there is the biggest miracle of all, the one that proved to Rotarians that this

was a worthwhile venture: Marisol Hernandez, now 12 years old, for whom water from the bio-sand filter cleared up the parasites in her stomach and rashes on her skin, allowing the child's body to fight full time the HIV infection she'd gotten from a blood transfusion.

Rotary club members have helped install 19,000 bio-sand filters in the Dominican Republic through the Rotarian-led Children's Safe Water Alliance, reaching an estimated 100,000 people in 300 communities. For seven years, more than 200 clubs in 18 districts in Canada, the Dominican Republic, the United States, and other Caribbean countries have supported the

effort, as has The Rotary Foundation, with 30 Matching Grants. In part because of the groundwork that's already been laid, the Dominican Republic was chosen as one of three pilot countries for the new International H2O Collaboration, a worldwide alliance of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, and USAID.

Read the complete story online at www.rotary.org.



María Magdalena Gonzalez uses filtered water for cooking. Her family's gastrointestinal ailments have disappeared because of the filter.

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