



MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - SEPT. 4, 2008



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Oscar Antelmar, our GRSP student from Germany, will be our speaker.

Rotarian of the Day
Terry Kennedy

AUGUST 28 PROGRAM



The Milledgeville Rotary Club was pleased to welcome GCSU's Associate Dean and Professor Dale Young along with Dr. Doris Christopher, Chief Administrative Officer for the GCSU Macon Center to our August 28th meeting. Dr. Christopher gave a very concise but informative talk to the club about GCSU's graduate programs at the Macon campus.

Rotarian of the Day
Jim Johnson

VISITING ROTARIANS
None

GUESTS

Oscar AntelmannClub
Dale YoungClub
Doris ChristopherClub
Shawn RobertsClub

ABSENTEES

Brian Aycock, Frank Bacon, Robin Becker, Mark Bell, Scott Brown, John Collins, Linton Cox, Thomas Davidson, Paul Dean, Kenneth Everhardt, Al Gandy, Angie Gheesling, Joe Grant, James Hall, Robbie Hattaway Sr., Diane Kirkwood, Larry Kenyon, Merritt Massey, Billy Matthews, James Mills, Larry Mullis, Bobby Murphey Sr., Tara Peters, Nick Prezioso, Mark Strom, Greg Tyson

MAKE-UPS

None

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$26.52 TOTAL: \$1635.11

50/50 CLUB - AUGUST 28

14 Cards Left

Pot: \$1447⁵⁰

CLUB NEWS

Strom inducted



Mike Holmes introduced Mark Strom to the club at our August 28 meeting.

Roberts inducted



Bo Sibilsky officially introduced Shawn Roberts to the club during our August 28 meeting.

Mark calendar: auction

All Rotarians are encouraged to plan to participate in our Rotary Auction scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2008.

Makeup opportunity

A new attendance makeup opportunity with the YES program is available. Contact Nick Prezioso for more information.

ROTARY FOUNDATION FACT:

The Rotary Foundation is currently the world's largest, private sponsor of university-level international scholarships!

Rotary Grants for University Teachers: Awarded to higher education faculty to teach at universities or colleges of their choice in low income countries:

\$13,000

awarded for 3-5 months or

\$24,000

awarded for 6-10 months of service

HURRICANE ALERT

New Orleans Rotary mobilized after Gustav

From the New Orleans Rotary Web site
www.neworleansrotary.org

NEW ORLEANS — After witnessing the disaster and the response [the gulf coast] received from all over the world, Rotary International is in the process of forming a Disaster Response Rotary Action Group. This group will formulate policy to improve the response of Rotarians to disasters throughout the world.

"As we in District 6840 have been recipients of the most generous support of Rotarians from all the world, and we have an unparalleled level of experience in recovering from disasters, we can contribute immensely to the formation of Rotary's policy," said New Orleans Rotarian George J. Mahl, III.

Mahl urged each club in district 6840 to enroll at least 2 members in the Rotary Disaster Response Group.

Hanna, other storms threaten east coast

By Mike Melia, Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas — Tropical Storm Hanna knocked out power to the southern Bahamas on Wednesday and officials from Nassau to South Carolina warned residents to prepare for possible evacuations as it moves north and grows into a hurricane.

The storm, packing 60 mph (95 kph) winds, turned to the northwest after lingering for days near Haiti, where it caused flooding that killed 26 people.

As Hanna took aim at the heart of this Atlantic archipelago, islanders were also tracking two other storms churning westward in the open ocean — Hurricane Ike and Tropical Storm Josephine.

Long-range forecasts call for [Hanna] to hit anywhere from Georgia to North Carolina on Saturday and curve along the U.S. Atlantic coast. On Wednesday, South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford said he was returning from the Republican convention in Minnesota to deal with the storm.

DISTRICT 6920 NEWS

GSE Team Leader wanted for exchange visit to District 4720

From www.rotarydistrict6920.net

Brazil District 6920 is looking for nominations for the Rotarian Team Leader for the 2008-2009 Group Study Exchange. The candidate must be a Rotarian of good standing and with a good knowledge of Rotary, locally in D-6920 as well as nationally and internationally. The successful candidate will be visiting Brazil between April 20th and May 17, 2009. But what does a GSE Team Leader do?

- Help build a team of individuals who will represent Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and District 6920 with distinction and will gain personally and professionally from the GSE experience.
- They need to become familiar with the GSE Program Guide for Rotarians (165-EN) and become familiar with all policies and procedures related to GSE, including submission of all necessary forms and insurances for both before and after the exchange.
- Assist with the travel arrangements for the GSE team.
- Organize and attend a minimum of 12 hours of pre-departure orientation.
- Debrief GSE team members before leaving the host district.
- Promote speaking engagements in their home district to share experiences, and involve the team in these presentations.

It is hoped that interviews will be taking place in early October 2008. The closing date for nominations is Friday, September 30, 2008. At this time we also hope to appoint a Reserve Team Leader. If you wish to be considered for this exciting opportunity, please complete the GSE Team Leader application form that can be found on District 6920's website: www.rotarydistrict6920.net Complete the form and return to Gordon Matthews, Chair, Group Study Exchange, and P.O. Box 187, Tybee Island, GA 31328.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Afghanistan students earn money through carpet weaving

By Vanessa N. Glavinskas

Rotarians in Pakistan and the United States are using the centuries-old craft of carpet weaving to help inhabitants of a town in Afghanistan make better lives for themselves.

Spin Boldak, in southern Afghanistan near the Pakistani border, has certainly felt the effects of the war. Thousands face a daily struggle to survive or find work.

Past RI Director Lynmar Brock helped connect the Rotary Club of Abaysin Central in Peshawar, Pakistan with the Rotary Club of Central Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA, to establish a project, to teach residents the art – and marketable skill – of carpet weaving, after Brock returned from a visit to Pakistan. The Pakistan club wrote up a matching grant application and sent it to Brock, who helped them find an international partner.

For centuries, experienced weavers in Afghanistan have painstakingly created a heritage of rugs, with many families passing on their designs for generations. A new 3 x 5-foot rug made by an amateur can sell for US\$50 at a local bazaar – and overseas, the decorative carpets sell for far more.

"Skills in carpet weaving in war-torn areas of Afghanistan are an immediate source of earning, either in a carpet weaving factory, or one can start his or her own facility," explains Vasanth Prabhu of the Central Chester County club.

The two Rotary clubs raised \$15,000 with the help of the matching grant, which was used to buy 10 looms, tools, and wool for the training center.

Despite continued unrest in the region, materials still flow to Spin Boldak, allowing more and more of its residents to learn to weave. As of March, 90 men and women, mostly in their 20s and 30s, had graduated from the two-month training program.

Prabhu says the clubs are now hoping to cooperate with another nonprofit to sell the rugs internationally

This will allow those in the program to concentrate more on the actual weaving and less on the marketing and selling of the carpets, says Prabhu.

"It is a chance to be employed with a decent salary."



Photo courtesy of Rotary Club of Peshawar Pakistan Rotarians Aziz Memon and Nasir Khan present RI Past President Wilf Wilkinson with a carpet woven by students in Afghanistan.

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