September 6, 2007

Rotary Programs

This Week - September 6 - Angie and Tara speak on the Work Ready Program
Rotarian of the Day: Tara Dyer
Last Meeting - August 30 - Keith Moffett, Georgia Department of Economic Development
Rotarian of the Day:
September 6 ..... Paul Dean
September 13 ..... Joel Romines
September 20 ..... Michael Truelove

Last Meeting

Mr. Mills received a perfect attendance award for 7 years.

Visiting Rotarian

Paula Fuller.....Thomson

Guests

Gail Oliver ..... Brad Oli
Billie Brown ..... Nolan Stephens

Absentees

Bertoli, P. Brown, Burke, Carlton, Cooper, Cox, Dahanayake, Daniel, Dennis, Dyer, Gandy, Geeter, Gheesling, Grant, Griffeth, Hattaway Sr., Hicks, Kenyon, Kirkwood, McNeill, McRee, Murphey Sr., Neely, Nichols, Noel, Perrin, Peters, Pope, Purvis, Roberts, Sibilsky Jr., Stewart, Theus, Tyson, Watson, Williams

Makeup

Fielding Whipple ..... Greene/Putnam

Rich Bertoli CART Fund:
$66.10 - TOTAL: $129.49

50/50 Club - August 30, 2007

Wes Owens had the winning ticket. He was unsuccessful in his draw.
46 Cards Left **Pot: $224.00**

Keith Moffett
guest speaker, August 30 meeting

Keith spoke on the need to market and entice large, out-of-state companies to open in Milledgeville and Georgia as a whole. He also spoke of the importance of smaller entrepreneural businesses in the Baldwin County area.

Karen with Keith Moffett, Georgia Dept. of Economic Development

Refer a Colleague to Rotary

Do you know a friend, family member, or colleague from your business or profession in another locality who has all the qualities of a good Rotarian? Rotarians are adults of good character and good business or professional reputation, who hold or have held an executive position with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession. If you are an active member of a Rotary club in good standing and know someone suited to Rotary, then consider referring them for membership.

Once you have identified a qualified candidate, complete and submit an online form a www.rotary.org/membership/prospective/referral.html. The information you provide will be forwarded to a Rotary club in the candidate's locality. You can also download the form, print it out to be completed by hand, and fax it to RI headquarters at 1-847-866-9446. *Please be advised this form cannot be used to refer a person to your own club. Please see the club secretary for your club's recruitment protocol.*

Upcoming Programs

Next Week - September 13 - Georgia Secretary of State
Sept. 23 - District Governor
Sept. 27 - Author Robbie Williams: "Gentlemen Only, A view of Golf in Augusta"
Oct. 4 - Joey Seabolt: Falconry in Georgia

Important Dates

August 11: Goodbye to Polio Celebration, Warm Springs
August 24-26: Ga. Rotary Student Program Conclave, Augusta
October 27: Membership and Club Secretary's Seminar, Dublin

ROTARY SHARES

Rotary International 2007-08 President Profile

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

Chair, 2005 Chicago Convention Committee
Trustee, The Rotary Foundation, 1997-01 and 2002-04
Vice President, Rotary International, 1993-94
Director, Rotary International, 1992-94
District Governor, 1971-72

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, a retired chartered accountant, was a founding partner of Wilkinson & Company, a public accounting firm. He is a past president of the Public Accountants Council for the Province of Ontario and a past treasurer of both the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario. He is also a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Quebec and the Royal Canadian Military Institute and was elected a fellow of the Ontario Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Since retiring, Wilkinson has served as the part-time executive director of the Quinte Ballet School of Canada. He is also a member of the board of directors of Morris Industries Ltd., a company that manufactures advanced air seedings and tillage systems. He has also been chairman of the Trenton Memorial Hospital fundraising committee, a founding chairman of the Belleville Cheshire Home for Physically Handicapped Adults, chairman of the Board for Loyalist College, and president of the district council of the Boy Scouts of Canada.

A Rotarian since 1962, Wilkinson is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ontario. He has served Rotary International as vice president, director, Rotary Foundation trustee, and district governor. He has also been an International Assembly discussion leader and member and chair of several committees, including the 2005 Chicago Convention Committee.

As a member of the International PolioPlus Committee, Wilkinson has been dedicated to the global effort to eradicate polio. He participated in National Immunization Days in Kenya, Tanzania, and India, and also administered polio drops to children of Afghan refugees in Pakistan. He has served as a Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants program volunteer to India. In addition, Wilkinson has had Rotary assignments in South Africa, Namibia, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and many regions throughout the United States and Canada.

Wilkinson has been recognized for his humanitarian service by the Knights of Columbus, the province of Ontario, and the Canadian government. In 2001, he was honored by Pope John Paul II with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal. He is also the recipient of numerous Rotary honors, including RI's Service Above Self Award and the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service Award, and International Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

Wilkinson has been married to Joan since 1953, and they have four sons and eight grandchildren.

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.

RI 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.

Can Rotary help bring peace to the Middle East?

Rotary International President visits Istanbul attends humanitarian organization's Peace Forum

ISTANBUL, TURKEY — The leader of the world's oldest service organization visited Istanbul on 1 September for the humanitarian organization's Peace Forum. This one-day conference was focused on Rotary's efforts to contribute to the peace process in the Middle East through its myriad humanitarian programs and scholarships.

"Rotary has a long history of bringing together countries, nations and individuals who have historically differed to the point that peace was interrupted by war," said RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, a chartered accountant from Canada, who took office on 1 July. "This conference had the objective of bringing together men and women who know how their ancestors have suffered as a result of being on one side of a dispute or the other, or perhaps being on neither side and just caught in the middle."

At the forum, Rotarians from near and far explored how they could contribute to peace by building understanding between different communities. The rationale, said Wilkinson, is to build friendships so that past reasons for conflict can be better understood, while creating a genuine spirit of cooperation for the future.

Keynote speakers included Wilkinson, HE Süleyman Demirel, the former president of Turkey; Dr. Abdul Salam Majali, the former prime minister of Jordan; Örsçelik Balkan, RI director and convener of the forum, and other Rotary leaders, government officials, and educators.

"We [had] around 400 participants from the Mediterranean region, mainly from Turkey and Middle Eastern countries, including Israel. We [had] Rotarians from Eastern Europe and Pakistan as well," said Istanbul Rotarian and conference chair Hitay Güner.

Participants discussed ways to approach the issue from a humanitarian perspective, developed relevant projects in workshop sessions, and learned about the Rotary Foundation's newest fellowship program, the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Launched in 2002, this two-year program is aimed at helping the next generation of government officials, diplomats and humanitarian leaders develop the skills needed to reduce the threat of war and violence worldwide.

Up to 60 Rotary World Peace Fellows are selected each year in a globally competitive selection process to earn a master's degree at one of six Rotary Centers located at leading universities in the UK, the U.S., Japan, Argentina and Australia.

Former peace fellow Miho Kishitani, who received her master's degree from the University of Bradford in England in 2005, discussed this innovative study program at the Peace Forum.

"It's easy to talk about peace in New York or Tokyo, where there is no conflict," says Kishitani, who now works as a country representative for Peace Winds Japan in Northern Iraq. Managing reconstruction programs focusing on education, social care, health, water and sanitation, she believes that to achieve peace, NGO workers and world leaders must spend time "where people struggle to survive because of a lack of peace."

For more information, please visit http://istanbul.rotarypeaceforum.org/ or www.rotary.org

ONGOING MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

(1) Earn a make-up for sponsoring a new member. (2) Earn a make-up by volunteering at a local school. (3) Earn a make-up for visiting another Rotary Club. (4) Earn one make-up per quarter by visiting the e-club at *www.rotaryeclubone.org* and taking the "test." Print the receipt and give it to the Club Secretary (Halsey Leavitt).

ROTARY WEBSITES

Rotary International: **www.rotary.org**
District 6920: **www.rotarydistrict6920.net**
Milledgeville Club: **www.milledgevillerotary.org**