



# MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - SEPT. 10, 2009



SERVICE Above Self

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Ben Sapp, Director of Operations,  
Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

**Rotarian of the Day  
Merritt Massey**

## SEPT. 3 MEETING

April Bragg and Baldwin County and Georgia Junior Miss, Natali Gavanarova, enlightened the club with a presentation of the Junior Miss scholarship program and the amazing effort that the young girls put forth throughout the competitions. atali performed her talent of piano with the piece *Fantasia Impromptu* by Frederic Chopin.



From left: April Bragg, Natali Gavanarova, and President Ferguson

## VISITING ROTARIANS

None

## GUESTS

Belinda Washlesky Heather Langston  
Darrell Black . . . . . Rod Theus  
Mark Mudano . . . . . Renee Fontenet  
Andr Ibarra. . Club/Robbie Hattaway

## ABSENTEES

Becker, Black 2, Burke, Coleman,  
Cooper, Cox, Dahanayake 2,  
Davidson, Dean, Eberhardt, Gandy,  
Geeter, Grant, Gunn, Mathews,  
Reese, M. Roberts, Strickland.

## MAKE-UPS

23 at ChickFilA  
(early morning meeting)

## RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$18<sup>87</sup> TOTAL: \$2,370<sup>47</sup>

## 50/50 CLUB

**38 Cards Left  
Pot: \$251<sup>00</sup>**

## Upcoming Programs

Sept. 17 - Lisa Love  
Director, Georgia Music Hall of Fame

Sept. 24 - Linda Herdina  
Director of METS  
(Medical Equipment Transport Service)

Oct 1 - Clyde Taylor  
Governor, Rotary District 6920

Oct 8 - Andres Iberra  
Rotary GRSP student

Oct 15 - Dr. Jeff Blick  
GCSU Anthropology and Archaeology

Oct 22 - PDG Robert Lynn  
author, poet and Rotarian

Nov 12 - Rotary Auction  
(no meeting)

Nov 19 - GCSU Jazz Combo

Nov 26 - No Meeting

Dec 10 - Baldwin Middle School  
Band Presents Sesonal Music

Dec 17 - High School Chorus  
Presents Seasonal Music

Dec 24 - No Meeting

Dec 31 - No Meeting

## DISTRICT 6920 NEWS District Raffle

The net proceeds of these sales will be donated to qualified Rotary charities to create Paul Harris Fellow and/or Will Watt Fellow Awards. Raffle proceeds will be available on a matching basis for Rotarians who want to make a contribution toward a Paul Harris Fellow or a Will Watt Fellow. As an example, if a Rotarian has contributed \$500 toward a Paul Harris Fellow and will make an additional \$250 contribution we will match the contribution with \$250 from the raffle proceeds. The Rotarian becomes a Paul Harris Fellow and the club gets credit for the full \$500 contribution. The contribution can be directed toward the club's EREY or Polio Plus Goal.

**5 for \$100 or \$25 a piece...**  
see Laura Thompson

## DISTRICT 6920 NEWS Dublin Rotary's Own Goat Man

Some of you may recall the Goat Man who traveled the roadways of Middle Georgia with his pampered herd of goats. In the case of Alan Barfoot, a past president and currently the World Community Services Chair of The Rotary Club of Dublin, he knew he was going to the African nation of Malawai on a mission trip in May of this year. What he didn't know, thanks to the inspired thought of Phil Thacker and money contributed by many generous Rotarians was that he would soon be known as "The Goat Man."

Phil's wife, Nancy, and a number of ladies in her bible study group were collecting money to buy goats for use in third world countries. Phil asked Alan if he would be willing to take money to Malawai and buy goats for the orphanages there. Soon there were generous donations from Dublin Rotarians. Phil serves as assistant district governor and he mentioned the project to Rotarians in Sandersville, Wrightsville and Vidalia. Many other Rotarians soon began contributing money and by the time Alan was ready to leave for Malawai, he had \$3,885 in goat money.

Upon arriving in Malawai, Alan bought 50 goats which the orphanages use primarily for milk. The orphans enjoyed a tasty meal featuring goat. After buying 50 goats, he used the remainder of his funds to buy a well top and pump, repair five wells, buy a sewing machine, help purchase an irrigation pump and contribute 60% of the cost of five acres for a new orphanage.

Alan, aka "The Goat Man," is now back at work in Dublin, but he keeps the people of Malawai in his heart. He has shared the news of the good works with the Rotary clubs which participated in the project and The Rotary Club of Dublin is now planning for future projects. The club's next goal is to set up three orphanages with irrigation systems so that food can be grown year round, repair more wells, and buy more goats and sewing machines.

If you would like to participate in the club's future projects, contact AG Thacker at (478) 272-5007.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ask Japanese Rotarians what the acronym UNHCR stands for, and most will correctly answer that it's the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, headed by Sadako Ogata from 1991 to 2000.

UNHCR was established in 1951 as the UN agency responsible for handling refugee issues. That same year, Ogata went to the United States as the second Rotary Foundation Fellow (now called Ambassadorial Scholars) from Japan.

Following in Ogata's footsteps, seven Japanese former Foundation scholars and a Rotary World Peace Fellow have worked for UNHCR.

### Noriko Yoshida

Yoshida fulfilled her dream of working for the UNHCR after graduate school with her first assignment, to Nigeria, in 1991. She later served in Sudan, at UNHCR headquarters in Geneva, in Côte d'Ivoire, and in Afghanistan. Now general manager of UNHCR's office in Juba, South Sudan, Yoshida oversees field operations supporting refugee resettlement. (1988-89) Ambassadorial Scholar to USA, sponsored by

Rotary Club of Fukuchiyama)  
**Masako Yonekawa**

Yonekawa joined UNHCR in 1996, serving in Rwanda, Kenya, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In 2003, she became assistant to the UNHCR in Geneva. After supporting post-tsunami resettlement efforts in Aceh, Indonesia, and a short stint in South Sudan, Yonekawa headed the UNHCR office in Goma, Congo. She now works as a guest expert in peace-building at the Japan International Cooperation Agency. (1990-91) Ambassadorial Scholar to UK, sponsored by Rotary Club of Takarazuka)

### Yoko Akasaka

Akasaka has worked since 1997 for UNHCR, serving in Ukraine, Moldova, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka. She is now a senior protection officer in Islamabad, Pakistan, helping to ensure the safety of Afghan refugees and internally displaced persons in Pakistan. (1992-93) Ambassadorial Scholar to USA, sponsored by Rotary Club of Tondabayashi)

### Jun Shirato

Shirato joined UNHCR in

1998 and has worked in Turkey, Rwanda, the former Yugoslavia, Angola, Armenia, Sudan, and Ukraine. Today, she is a senior protection officer in the North Caucasus office in Russia. In 2008, she assisted the evacua-



**Top: Masako Yonekawa speaks to refugee women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.**

**Bottom: Yoko Akasaka greets people in Sri Lanka returning home from refugee camps.**

## Guardians of the world's refugees

tion of people from Georgia to North Ossetia during the conflict in South Ossetia. (1995-96) Ambassadorial Scholar to USA, sponsored by Rotary Club of Koshigaya)

### Yukiko Koyama

Koyama began working in 2005 in UNHCR's Moscow office, where she was responsible for approving refugee status for people displaced from Afghanistan. She now works in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, helping Afghans repatriated from Pakistan to rebuild their lives. (2001-02) Ambassadorial Scholar to Australia, sponsored by Rotary Club of Gifu North)

### Mai Hosoi

Hosoi joined UNHCR headquarters in Geneva in 2006. Now an external affairs officer for the Asia Pacific region, she helped provide emergency assistance to victims of Cyclone Nargis that struck Myanmar in May 2008, killing more than 140,000 people.

"The people affected remained calm and tolerant despite the chaos," Hosoi says, adding that it was "great to see the generosity of people around the world contributing to the

victims and enabling us in the emergency relief team to do our job on the ground." (2003-05) Rotary World Peace Fellow to USA, sponsored by Rotary Club of Kobe)

### Machiko Kondo

Kondo retired from UNHCR in 2007, after working 24 years in its Geneva headquarters, Somalia, Pakistan, Indonesia, Japan, Bangladesh, and Sweden.

"The opportunity The Rotary Foundation gave me was the key that opened the door for me to actively engage in humanitarian works in international arenas," Kondo wrote in a message to the Foundation, expressing her appreciation to Rotarians. "It was as if I was given huge wings to fly around the world freely. I thank you all." (1973-74) Ambassadorial Scholar to USA, sponsored by Rotary Club of Omiya)

### Megumi Nakamura

Nakamura joined UNHCR in Geneva in 1989, and later was assigned to Tokyo and Myanmar. Senior manager for UNHCR in Japan, she works in fundraising and public relations in support of refugee assistance.

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