



MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - SEPT. 11, 2008



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Amanda Hinesley from East Coast Ethanol will address the club today.
Rotarian of the Day
Merritt Massey

September 4 Program



Oscar Antelmann our GRSP student from Germany was our speaker.
Rotarian of the Day
Terry Kennedy

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Jason Harris

ABSENTEES

Bell, Becker, Black, Burke, Chandler, Collins, Cox, Davidson, Dyer, Eberhardt, Gandy, Gheesling, Hall, Holmes, Kirkwood, McNeill, Miller, Murphey, Sr., Nelson, Prezioso, Reese, Roberts, Shields, Stephens, Strickland, and Watson

MAKE-UPS

Fred Van HornE-Club
Schott BrownLake Oconee

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$11.00 TOTAL: \$1646.11

50/50 CLUB - SEPT. 4
13 Cards Left
Pot: \$1529⁵⁰

CLUB NEWS



President Lamar Fields presents Rotarian Jimmy Eubanks a check for the CHIPS program

Mark your calendar for the Rotary 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.

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

If you want to know a little bit about Rotary, ATTEND.

If you want to know a lot about Rotary, ATTEND.

If you want to teach others about Rotary, ATTEND.

Please visit www.rlitraining.org
Heart of Georgia Technical College
January 17, 2009

Parts 1,2,3, Discussion Leader (DL)
January 18, 2009

Parts 1,2,3 Discussion Leader (DL)
For more information please contact your site manager, Joy Hurst (joy.hurst@lpl.com)

ROTARY FOUNDATION FACT:

Service above self! Participating in Every Rotarian, Every Year is each Rotarian's opportunity to participate fully in the mission of Rotary through the ideal of service and goodwill to support the programs of Rotary around the world!

DISTRICT 6920 NEWS

Golf tournament to benefit GRSP program

From the District 6920 Rotary Web site
www.rotarydistrict6920.net

Plan to spend Tuesday, October 14th golfing on the greens of The Club at Savannah Harbor Golf Resort.

Siemens and the Rotary Club of Savannah South invite you to participate in its annual tournament to benefit our sponsored students in the Georgia Rotary Student Program.

The resort address is:
1 Resort Drive
Savannah, GA 31402
912-201-2240

More information and a registration form are available online at www.theclubatsavannahharbor.com

GSE team leader wanted for exchange visit in Brazil

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.

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. More information and registration is available online at www.rotary-district6920.net. Return completed form to Gordon Matthews, Chair, Group Study Exchange, and P.O. Box 187, Tybee Island, GA 31328.

ROTARY USA NEWS

Reaching out to Rotary alumni

By Arnold R. Grahf
Rotary International News

Alexander Cauwels was very interested in joining Rotary, and he would have been an asset to any club. He spent 11 years in Rotaract in Eeklo, Belgium. Only one thing was holding him back from joining.

"They didn't invite me," Cauwels recalls. "Clubs were a little more elite thing in Belgium than here in the United States."

Cauwels did eventually join a Rotary club nine years later, after moving to the United States to start a food processing equipment company. He is governor-elect of the Rotary Club of Princeton Corridor, New Jersey, USA.

Cauwels' experience is by no means unique. According to a March 2006 report by RI's Membership Development Division, only about 2.9 percent of current Rotarians are alumni of various Rotary programs such as Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, or Youth Exchange. The same study noted that more than 55 percent of Group Study Exchange alumni, more than 65 percent of Rotaract alumni, and more than 80 percent of scholarship alumni were never pursued for membership.

RI President Dong Kurn Lee has emphasized that Rotary needs to attract younger membership to keep the organization healthy. What can you do? Visit www.rotary.org for a list of recommendations.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Polio survivor cycles across Canada to fight polio

By Dan Nixon
Rotary International News — Sept. 3, 2008

"I am reminded of the effects of polio every day of my life," says Ramesh Ferris, who is cycling 7,200 kilometers (4,474 miles) across Canada to ensure that children worldwide are able to walk.

The 28-year-old polio survivor is riding a 27-speed handcycle on a journey that began in Victoria, British Columbia, on 12 April. He plans to arrive in Cape Spear, Newfoundland, in mid-October.

"Cycle to Walk is my way to prevent polio and give other polio survivors a chance to reach their full potential," said Ferris. He is promoting polio eradication at schools, Rotary, and other service clubs, health care providers, and government offices.

Among other highlights, Ferris has cycled through Fraser Canyon, the Canadian Rockies, and Jasper National Park, on the Terry Fox Courage Highway, and across the town of Sudbury's Bridge of Nations. He has stopped to address District 5550's annual conference, joined Sault Sainte Marie's Rotaryfest parade, and been honored by the Toronto Blue Jays on Cycle to Walk night, in front of more than 23,000 baseball fans.

On 12 August, Ferris met with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Ottawa. "Our visit today helps demonstrate that Canada will continue to be a global leader in the fight against history's greatest cause of disability," Ferris said.

A day earlier, Ferris was welcomed to the nation's capital by Liberal Party leader Stéphane Dion. "It's a wonderful initiative," Dion said of the global battle to end polio. "It requires a lot of courage and determination. Everything we are able to do, we will do."

Personal battle

For his part in that battle, Ferris has had to draw deeply on his own determination many times. Born in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India, in 1979, he was stricken by polio at the age of six months. He was adopted by Canadian parents at age two and, following several surgeries and physical rehabilitation, learned to walk with crutches by age four. But polio also afflicted his lungs, and he contracted pneumonia nine times before his 11th birthday.

A visit to India in 2002 and seeing others suffering from polio inspired Ferris to found the Cycle to Walk Society, which raises money to fight polio and boosts public awareness of the disease. His goal in cycling across Canada is to raise C\$1 million (US\$955,082); as of 15 August, contributions had reached C\$279,148 (US\$266,609). Of the total, 75 percent will go to PolioPlus to immunize children in polio-endemic and at-risk countries, 20 percent to aid rehabilitation, and 5 percent to help educate Canadians about the disease and advocate their continued immunization.

"We are on the brink of making history," he said about the global effort to eradicate polio. "Let's get excited about making polio history, so that we can continue the work of ridding the world of other diseases."

To follow Ferris' journey, read his blog at www.cycletowalk.com.



Ferris cycles along a prairie field in Saskatchewan, Canada.
Photo courtesy of Ramesh Ferris Cycle to Walk Society

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