



MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - SEPT. 17, 2009



SERVICE Above Self

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Lisa Love
Director, Georgia Music Hall of Fame

Rotarian of the Day
Bill Neely

SEPT. 10 MEETING

Ben Sapp, Director of Education and Public Information for the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, spoke about the country's largest state sports museum. The museum houses over 3,000 artifacts and honors over 300 inductees, and welcomes anyone and everyone to visit for a tour of this state-of-the-art institution.



From left: President Ferguson, Ben Sapp, and Ed Weimer

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Louie Herron Merritt Massey

ABSENTEES

Adkins, Barlow, S. Brown, Cooper, Cox, Davidson, Entrekin, Gandy, Gunn, Hall, Kennedy, Matthews 2, Mullis, Oliver, Peters, Roberts, Stephens, Strickland, Tyson, Yearwood, Zarkowsky.

MAKE-UPS

Adkins Board Meeting
Barlow. . . Morning Make-Up Meeting
Oliver . . . Morning Make-Up Meeting
Miller. Reality Check at JMA

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$10⁹⁷ TOTAL: \$2,381⁴⁴

50/50 CLUB
37 Cards Left
Pot: \$275⁰⁰

Upcoming Programs

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 5 - Rotary Auction
(no meeting)

Nov. 12 - Evelyn Sweet-Hurd
author of "His Name was Donn"

Nov 19 - GCSU Jazz Combo

Nov 26 - No Meeting

Dec. 3 - Dr. Dorothy Leland
President
Georgia College & State University

Dec 10 - Baldwin Middle School
Band Presents Seasonal Music

Dec 17 - High School Chorus
Presents Seasonal Music

Dec 24 - No Meeting

Dec 31 - No Meeting

DISTRICT 6920 NEWS District Raffle

At last week's meeting, Laura Thompson, who is responsible for selling District Raffle Tickets, introduced "The Challenge" to the club, which entails someone purchasing \$100 worth of tickets at each meeting. President Ferguson took her up on the challenge immediately and purchased 5 tickets for \$100, and he will in turn challenge another member today. President Ferguson would like to continue "The Challenge" every meeting in order to get all of our club's tickets sold with the help of all members. You could be challenged at anytime... Remember the proceeds go to Rotary's charities!

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

DISTRICT 6920 NEWS

District website features Literary Project info

Ferst Foundation expands reading program across Georgia as model

In the March 12 edition of our Rotary Bulletin we reported that country music legend Dolly Parton and Rotary International had announced a collaborative relationship to promote early childhood reading.

According to the Rotary District 6920 website, www.rotarydistrict6920.net, "The result of the partnership will be a statewide expansion of Georgia's Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy. Preschool children in every county will one day receive age appropriate books to better prepare them for reading and learning success."

National Association of Insurance Women chooses The Dictionary Project for this year's Literacy Focus

The Dictionary Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The goal of this program is to assist all students in completing the school year as good writers, active readers and creative thinkers by providing students with their own personal dictionary. The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home for years to come. The Dictionary Project gives 95 cents of every dollar donated toward the purchase of dictionaries. Read more at their website: www.dictionaryproject.org.

Four Way Test Coloring Book

Created by members of the Rotary Club of Millen, GA along with primary school teachers and school board officials during the 1991-92 Rotary year. This fantastic coloring book teaches children all about the virtues of The Four-Way Test with stories that they can easily relate to. The target group is first or second grade students. Provide these coloring books to the same grade every year. Teachers love them! The price of each book is \$1.50. In Stock Now!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Lisa Monette knew she wanted to do something for her class project that would have a lasting impact.

Monette, a Rotary World Peace Fellow at Chulalongkorn University, joined forces with three other peace fellows who were thinking along similar lines.

Together, they dreamed up A Million Acts of Peace, an effort they launched online 27 August to encourage one million people to carry out one act of peace each.

"The idea sort of grew out of the thought that people can do little things that may not mean that much," Monette says. "But if you have a million people doing little things, you can have a big impact."

Monette's collaborators include Gregorio Hernandez Jr., a major in the Philippine army; Raseema Alam, a peace-building trainer and con-

sultant from Canada; and Virender Singh Malik, a retired colonel from India. All have now completed the three-month program. In addition to the Web site, the peace fellows created a page on Facebook and are heavily promoting their effort through Twitter.

Their Web site defines an act of peace as "anything you do to further your understanding of another person, place or culture." It can also include efforts that help the vulnerable, outcast, or needy. So far, Monette says the group has tallied about 150 acts of peace, counted as people e-mail them or contact them via Facebook.

"Communication really is the key to preventing conflict. And dialogue is the key to solving conflict," she adds. "If we can get people talking and working together with others, we have achieved our goal."

Monette was sponsored for the Rotary World Peace Fellowships program by the Rotary Club of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She took a short leave from her job as a spokesperson for the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, specializing in issues related to Asia and terrorism and security worldwide.

She says her grandfather was a Rotarian, and her father, aunts, and uncles participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. As a high school student, she took part in a one-week program sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ottawa that brings students to the Canadian capital to teach them about citizenship and develop their leadership skills.

"I fell in love with Ottawa," says Monette, who attended Carleton University to earn a degree in communica-

Building peace, one act at a time

tions and political science.

She says she and her collaborators hope to hit their mark by the end of the year. But she admits she won't be terribly disappointed if they fall a bit short of their target: "To get so many people thinking about peace to us is

the most important thing."

They are taking their message to Rotary clubs and districts to solicit as much help as possible.

"We really think this has a good connection to Rotary," she says. "It fits with Rotary's values. Rotary is all about peace."



Gregorio Hernandez (left) and Lisa Monette (right) plant trees in Thailand as an act of peace.

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