



MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - SEPT. 24, 2009



SERVICE Above SELF

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Linda Herdina, Director of METS (Medical Equipment Transport Service)

**Rotarian of the Day
Ace Parker**

SEPT. 17 MEETING

Lisa Love, Director of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame, delivered an engaging presentation of Georgia's musical heritage and expounded on the many programs available through the museum right up the road in Macon. Clearly proud of the musicians produced in Georgia, she name-dropped and took us back to the beginnings of many musical careers throughout the state.



Ed Weimer, Lisa Love, and President Ferguson

VISITING ROTARIANS

Beverly Blake Macon

GUESTS

Andres Ibarra
Robbie Hattaway/Club

ABSENTEES

Becker, P.Brown, Cooper, Cox, Davidson, Drinkwater, Dyer, Eberhardt, Gandy, Grant, Jones, Langston, McRee, Mullis 2, Murphey Jr., Oliver, Peters 2, Reese, Seymour, Strickland, Tyson 2.

MAKE-UPS
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**RICH BERTOLI
MEMORIAL CART FUND**
\$18⁰¹ TOTAL: \$2,399⁴⁵

50/50 CLUB
36 Cards Left
Pot: \$299⁰⁰



Upcoming Programs

Oct 1 - Clyde Taylor
District Governor

Oct 8 - Andres Ibarra
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 - Todd Shiver
and the 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

Last week Bill Neely accepted "The Challenge" from Laura Thompson and purchased \$100 worth of District Raffle tickets...thank you Bill!!! Also, thank you to Lyn Chandler and Fred Van Horn for purchasing tickets, too!

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 Governor to visit October 1

**Remember the Governor is
visiting our club next week, so
let's have a great showing!**

DISTRICT 6920 NEWS



Watch our GRSP students on YouTube

Thanks to the Dunwoody and Atlanta Rotary Clubs, the Georgia Rotary Student Program is now featured on the increasingly popular YouTube! Each year, Dunwoody Rotarians host a weekend for the current GRSP class focused on building future leaders. With the theme of "One Person, One Group Making a Difference," the conference was co-sponsored by Oglethorpe University's Halle Foundation and held on the campus during the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. The keynote speaker was Elizabeth Kiss, president of Agnes Scott College. Other notable speakers included A.B. Short, executive director, MedShare International, and Susan Scott, author of "Fierce Conversations." To view the six minute, 45 second video summary of the weekend, please visit

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_nBUZC4mg.

Hello...my name is Giovanna Rosa Perin. I was a GRSP student 2008-09 from Brazil. I'm back home right now, but I would like to share a video that I made about my GRSP year with you all. GRSP changed my life and gave me such good friends and another family that I will take with me forever in my life. Thanks for making my life unbelievably wonderful! Please view my YouTube video at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7bh6fakqvs>.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS Rotary club in Namibia pedaling health care

Eight Namibian men walk through the desert. Four of them carry an injured person on a stretcher.

The other four walk alongside and wait until the first four get tired. They switch off, hoisting the person and continuing along the unpaved ground.

This is the way people in rural Namibia usually reach a hospital. Kilometres from the nearest health care facility, villagers living with HIV/AIDS often miss their treatments because they have neither transportation nor enough income to charter private vehicles.

But today, Namibians are getting an opportunity to reach clinics from the most isolated places — and a better chance at survival — because of bicycle ambulances.

The Bicycling Empowerment Network (BEN) Namibia is a non-

profit organization that started out providing bicycles as transportation. It launched a bicycle ambulance project after noticing that health care workers used their bikes' luggage racks to transport patients to hospitals and clinics.

To bring bike ambulances to the country, the organization looked to the Rotary Club of Windhoek, Namibia, for support and adopted a design from Canadian Niki Dun. Dun, cofounder and director of Design for Development, a Vancouver-based charity, had come up with an innovative concept: a bicycle that could tow an adjustable stretcher, already being used in Malawi, South Africa, and Zambia.

Chris Offer, a member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown, B.C., became involved after he read a newspaper article about an award

Dun had received from the Canadian government for her design work. Offer wanted to learn more and to see if he could help. They were in sync: She needed funds to support the project in Namibia, and he could help raise them.

Now, more than 70 bicycle ambulances are serving remote villages with support from the Vancouver Chinatown and Windhoek clubs and the Rotary Club of Port Moody, B.C., in partnership with Design for Development.

The ambulances are often the only option for transporting impoverished people with afflictions ranging from HIV/AIDS-related illnesses to scorpion bites. BEN Namibia has found that the bikes usually best serve areas within 10 kilometres of a health clinic.

"It means the difference between getting to a clinic and a hospital or



One of 70 bicycle ambulances serving patients in the remote villages of Namibia.

not," Offer said. "It means being carried on someone's back when you're injured or pregnant, being carried in a stretcher by a group, versus one person being able to transport somebody. That's the difference."



A volunteer checks tire pressure during a maintenance session at a Namibian health clinic.

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