



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Clyde Taylor
District Governor

Rotarian of the Day
Tara Peters

SEPT. 24 MEETING

For our program last week, we welcomed Linda Herdina, Director of METS (Medical Equipment Transport Service), who discussed the non-profit METS program that collects and distributes medical equipment and supplies throughout the world with the help of District 6920 Rotarians through both volunteer service and donations. These second-hand yet still usable medical items provide for the healing of preventable diseases in countries such as Russia, the Philippines, Bolivia, Mexico, Nicaragua, South Africa, and the U.S. itself. Linda invites any Rotarians to join her and her volunteers in the METS warehouse in Savannah anytime to help prepare for shipments. METS is funded by dues of District 6920 Rotarians, with each member contributing \$15 annually.



Linda Herdina, President Ferguson, and Dick Hyer



President Ferguson presents Larry Entrekin and Jim Fain their blue badges.



President Ferguson presents Natali Gavanarova a \$250 check towards her journey to the national Georgia Junior Miss contest.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Dick Carney Sam Watson
Natali Gavanarova Club
April Bragg Club
Lydia Gavanarova Laura Thompson
Pontus Ferno GRSP Student

ABSENTEES

Buice, Chandler, Clark, Cooper, Cox, Davidson, Dean, Dyer 2, Gandy, Gray, Hattaway, Kennedy, Langston 2, Murphey Jr. 2, Neely, Peters 3, Strickland 2, Tyson, 3, Yearwood, Zarkowsky.

MAKE-UPS

Brad Oliver (3) Stuttgart, Germany
Chandler Morning Make-Up Meeting
Gray . . . Morning Make-Up Meeting

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$19¹⁶ TOTAL: \$2,418⁶¹

50/50 CLUB

35 Cards Left

Pot: \$321⁰⁰

Upcoming Programs

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 - Todd Shiver
and the GCSU Jazz Combo

Nov 26 - No Meeting



Dec. 3 - Dr. Dorothy Leland
President, GCSU

Dec 10 - Baldwin Middle School
Band Presents Seasonal Music

Dec 17 - Baldwin High School
Chorus Presents Seasonal Music

Dec 24 - No Meeting

Dec 31 - No Meeting

Upcoming Rotary Auction

Auction Teams: Don't let collecting items for the auction slip up on you...it will be here before we know it! If you have collected a bigger and exciting item, let Renee or Randy know so we can promote those before the event.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6920

Raffle Update

Last week Jim Fain accepted "The Challenge" from Laura Thompson at last week's meeting and purchased \$100 worth of District Raffle tickets...thank you Jim!!!

Check out our Rotary blog for past meeting information at <http://milledgeville Rotary.wordpress.com>

Rome Hosts GRSP Conclave



Students from around the world come together last month for the annual Georgia Rotary Student Program Conclave, an annual kickoff event for GRSP. Students met and learned about one another as they prepared for their exciting year together. This year, there are roughly 66 students from 28 countries participating in the Georgia Rotary Student Program.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sam Clifton isn't letting his 15 minutes of fame go to his head. In fact, if he had his way, no one would know his company led the build on the TV reality show Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, which provides new homes for families in need.

"I asked the producers if I could do this without being known. I didn't want the media attention. But then I thought about how great it would be to get other people in front of the camera, especially guys in the construction business who've been going through a rough time," says Clifton, a member of the Rotary Club of Springfield Southeast, Missouri, USA.

The rest is showbiz history. More than 600 skilled laborers — some unemployed and many from competing firms — volunteered to help build a 3,300-square-foot home in just six days starting 14 July. The episode is scheduled to air Sunday, 4 October, as part of the show's seventh season on the ABC Television Network.

As co-owner of Millstone Custom Homes with his wife, Michelle, Clifton estimates that a

project this size, which included building a barn, chicken coop, and greenhouse, would normally take a crew of 50 about six months.

The five-bedroom house in Ash Grove replaces the 800-square-foot home where Chris and Niki Hampton and their six children had been living. As with every episode of the award-winning program, the family was selected from a group of families in need.

Clifton not only managed the job around the clock, often sleeping in a trailer on-site to be available for late-night questions, but also found volunteers and donors for every phase, to do everything from providing food to landscaping. He says he learned early on the importance of having the right people beside you.

Among the key players were two members of Clifton's Rotary club, Judy Bilyeu and Michael Wehrenberg. The corporate marketing director of Metro Builders Supply, Bilyeu helped with fundraising and recruiting volunteers. She also worked with the show's designers to select \$30,000 worth of lighting and

Extreme Makeover — Rotarian Edition

appliances from her company's inventory to donate to the project.

Wehrenberg, who is president of Wehrenberg Design Company, developed the project's Web site.

"Through the site, he also was responsible for volunteer recruitment, donor recognition, and scheduling updates, as well as supplying a visual timeline through photos," Michelle says.

It takes a village to raise a house

In addition to the construction crew, the Cliftons estimate that between 1,500 and 1,700 people volunteered over the six days. The community donated 95 percent of the materials for the build, and raised enough money to help pay off the family's existing mortgage.

Clifton admits

he'd never organized a community service project before. But he'd do it again.

"It's a fun thing to do and definitely rewarding," says Clifton, who was asked by the show's producers if he'd help with another build.

A Rotarian since 2008, he says he'd also like to help with a service project through Rotary. "It's imperative you have the right heart. You can't be an 'I' person. If you go into this looking to get something out of it, then it's not going to work."



Sam and Michelle Clifton and their children pose in front of the famous Extreme Makeover: Home Edition bus.

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