



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Milledgeville Police Department
Chief Woodrow Blue
will be our keynote speaker today.

Rotarian of the Day

Randy Stewart

LAST WEEK



Jan Nichols, Rotarian and Oconee Resource Development Director addressed the club about the United Way of Central Georgia. She let the club now that all United Way organizations are independently run and also assists groups such as the Boy Scouts, Red Cross and Hospice. Jan brought with her Jason Harris, a master's student from GCSU doing an assistantship with GCSU.



Nick Prezioso and John Collins recently received their blue Rotary badges.

Also...Frank Bacon was recently featured in a nice article in the new Milledgeville Living Magazine.

FOUNDATION FACTS

Rotary's Humanity in Motion television, radio, print, Internet, and billboard public service announcements (PSAs) focus on Rotary volunteer efforts that address critical humanitarian issues. Whether funding scholarships, creating neighborhood centers, or ridding the world of a terrible disease, Rotary club members believe anything is possible. Visit the Rotary Web site: <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members>

LAST WEEK VISITING ROTARIANS

Jason HarrisJan Nichols
Rick WootenJan Nichols
Oscar AntelmannClub
Michael FieldsClub

GUESTS

None

ABSENTEES

Aycock, Becker, Brown, Brown, Buice, Burke, Cooper, Cox, Davidson, Eberhardt, Fuller, Gandy, Gheesling, Grant, Hattaway Sr., Hattaway Jr., Kirkwood, Leavitt, Mills, Murphey Sr., Nelson, Parker, Noel, Peters, Sibisky III, Strickland, Theus, Van Horne, Watson

MAKE-UPS

None

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$17⁵³ TOTAL: \$1,746²⁶



50/50 CLUB

10 Cards Left

Pot: \$1,842⁰⁰

LOCAL CLUB NEWS

Rotary auction Nov. 6

This year the Milledgeville Rotary Club Annual Auction will be held at La Fête.

"Thank you again for helping with the items for the Rotary auction which is scheduled for Thursday, November 6," says President Keith Drinkwater. "If possible let's try to get the items in by Oct. 28. This is so we can print a list to pass out at the last meeting before the auction."

See Drinkwater for more information. If you are not sure who you signed up for, give him a call at 478-454-3093 or cell number 478-457-7997.

Sweetwater Festival, BBQ cookoff Oct. 24, 25

Once again this year the Milledgeville Rotary will have a strong presence at the Sweetwater Festival and Bar B Que cookoff in downtown Milledgeville. For more information see Rotarian Bobby Murphy Jr.

Roberts' mother dies

Fellow Rotarians,

We regret to inform you that Rotarian Dr. Mike Roberts' mother, Mrs. Mary Peck, passed away last night after a long illness. Let us keep Mike and his family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

The family visitation will be Friday, Oct. 17, 3:00-3:30 p.m. with a memorial service following at 3:30 p.m. at Williams Funeral White Columns Home, 1670 North Jefferson St., Milledgeville. The family visitation will be Friday 3:00-3:30 immediately before the Memorial Service.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Heartland Hospice Services, 115 Arkwright Landing, Macon, Ga, 31210. (478) 314-0150

We will have further news during today's meeting.

Jim Mills

MEMBER PROFILE

Robin Becker



After her birth in Birmingham, AL, Robin Long was raised in Marietta, GA. She attended Sprayberry High School where she swam and was involved in Student Government.

After graduation, she spurned the Dawgs and Jackets for Auburn University where she was a member of Phi Mu sorority. In 2003, she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Secondary Education and immediately accepted a position at Oak Mountain high school in Birmingham teaching 10th grade English.

In 2005, Robin came to Milledgeville to take care of her Mother Cheryl who had been diagnosed with cancer. During that time, she and her then fiancé were charmed by the feel of Milledgeville and decided it would be a great place to raise a family. In 2007 they were married and made the move permanent.

Robin now runs the family business, Peach State Nursing Agency, teaches part time at JMA and volunteers in the Youth Ministry at First United Methodist Church where she and her husband are members. She also enjoys traveling, shopping and going out on the lake with her dog Zoe. In May, she and Tripp are expecting their first child.

ROTARY USA NEWS

RI general secretary addresses impact of U.S. financial crisis

Rotary International News - 29 September 2008

Dear Rotarians,

Given the troubling news from Wall Street over the past several weeks, we have received many inquiries about the impact these events will have on Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. Although our investments have lost value in the short term, we believe they will recover when the financial markets stabilize. In addition, Rotary maintains a diversified portfolio that includes investments outside of the markets that were adversely impacted by recent events.

Specifically I would like to note the following:

* Both The Rotary Foundation's and RI's investment portfolios have only minor exposure to the companies that were taken over by the U.S. government (Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and AIG), purchased by other financial institutions (Merrill Lynch and WaMu), or declared Chapter 11 bankruptcy (Lehman).

* Although RI has some insurance coverage placed with AIG, AIG's insurance business are safe in that they are separate legal entities closely regulated by both state and federal agencies.

* Both RI and the Foundation have strong cash balances, and year-to-date revenues from sources other than investments are ahead of last year.

* All money in the PolioPlus Fund is invested in U.S. treasuries, the safest securities available.

* Both RI and the Foundation have adequate reserves to operate without having to sell investment securities at a loss.

Last week, The Rotary Foundation Investment Advisory Committee met with Rotary's independent investment consultant and several money managers for its regular investment review. The committee confirmed that the current investment policies set by the RI Board and Foundation Trustees continue to be appropriate for the long term. The committee advised the Trustees to continue diversifying the portfolio to further mitigate the impact of losses in any particular market.

You can be assured that Rotary's senior leaders, the general secretary, the Financial Services staff, and Rotary's investment consultant are monitoring this situation very closely. We are confident our investment and reserve policies will allow the good work of Rotary to continue around the world.

Sincerely,

Ed Futa

General Secretary, Rotary International

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

A long walk home

Edited from a story by Donna Polydoros
Rotary International News - 15 October 2008



Photo courtesy of www.alongwalk.org
Solis and a group from Open Arms on Wilderness Beach.

Rotarian Bob Solis walked 700 miles from the Open Arms orphanage near East London, South Africa, to Cape Town in 30 days.

Solis, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Sun City, Arizona, USA, organized A Long Walk for Children to raise \$280,000 to accommodate 50 more children at the Open Arms orphanage in eastern South Africa.

Solis came up with the idea for the walk as a way to capture people's imaginations and expand the donor base for the South African orphanage he and his wife opened with their life savings in March 2006.

"Every week, we get calls to take in more children," says Solis. "Those are the hardest phone calls to get."

Walking companions

Solis presented his idea for the walk to the Rotary Club of East London Sunrise, which jumped at the chance to help. Club members arranged all of Solis's accommodations during his journey and publicized his walk country-wide. Some of them even walked the first couple of miles with Solis as he began his journey.

"Bob radiates good fellowship, and he genuinely believes in the value of human life," says Wally Schroeder, president of the East London Sunrise club.

Nineteen Rotarian families opened their homes to Solis during the walk. "One thing about Rotary that is absolutely amazing is that you tell people you're a Rotarian, and you're immediately accepted as a friend," says Solis.

Solis ended his walk with a visit to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for many years. He busied the children and workers from Open Arms to Cape Town to join him in paying tribute to Mandela and to celebrate the success of the walk.

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