

October 18, 2007

Rotary Programs

This Week - October 18 - Heather Holder, Dir. of Main Street, presents: "Sweetwater" (introduction by Tara Peters)
Rotarian of the Day: Jody Yearwood
Last Meeting - October 11 - Joey Seabolt, President, Ga. Falconry Assoc.
Rotarian of the Day: John Thornton

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Joey Seabolt, President, Ga. Falconry Assoc.
Guest speaker, October 11 meeting



Joey Seabolt, President of the Georgia Falconry Assoc. was the Rotary guest speaker on October 11. Falconry is the sport of using trained birds of prey to hunt game for humans. Joey brought along with him one of his red-tailed hawks.

Visiting Rotarians

None

Guests

Mike HolmesFred Van Horn
Linda CowanLyn Chandler
Pat HallEd Hall
Jeff McAfeeGene Trammell
Roger DonahueTara Peters
Donna FindleyMerritt Massey

Absentees

Bacon, Bell, Black, Brandt, P. Brown, Carlton, Cooper, Cox, Dahanayake, Daniel, Davidson, Dennis, Eberhardt, Fontenot, Fuller, Gandy, Grant, Haney, Hattaway Sr., Hicks, Kenyon, Kirkwood, Matthews, McMilan, Mullis, Murphy Sr., Neely, Parker, Purvis, Saturley, Sibilsky III, Sibilsky Jr., Truelove, Tyson, Weimer, Whipple

Makeups

Jim MillsOnline
Noland StephensOnline
Hank GriffithOnline



Rich Bertoli CART Fund:
\$14.02 - TOTAL: \$361.09

50/50 Club - October 11, 2007
Gene Trammell had the winning ticket.
He was unsuccessful in his draw.
40 Cards Left Pot: \$425.00



District 6920 News

Veteran's Walk project: a tribute to our nation's veterans sponsored by St. Simons Island Rotary Club



Veteran's Walk is a brick walkway and memorial in front of the Bandstand at Neptune Park on St. Simons Island. This beautiful, engraved brick walkway reflects the admiration that Rotary and other Americans share for men and women who serve and have served our country through military duty. While adding lasting beauty to our community, the walkway also pays tribute to veterans of all services, both living and deceased.

By purchasing a brick, you can say a personal "thank you, I know what you did and I appreciate your service" to loved ones who have served so proudly and bravely. The walkway is for all veterans, not just those who are deceased or who served during war time. Bricks can be purchased as a remembrance or a gift.

You may join the Rotary Club in honoring the veterans you have loved in this special and enduring way by purchasing an individually engraved brick for each loved one who is serving or has served. An Application form is available on the site below. For more information call 912-638-3430.

Proceeds from the sale of engraved bricks for the Walk go toward the local, national and international charitable and scholarship activities of Rotary International. For example, since 1960 the St. Simons Island Rotary Club has contributed over a half a million dollars to local Glynn County residents for college scholarships. This includes graduating high school students as well as older, transitional students.

Applications are downloadable and payment information is available on the District 6920 Web site: www.rotarydistrict6920.net.

Upcoming Programs

Next Week - October 25th - Railroading in Milledgeville presented by Charles E. Brown
November 1 - Todd Crosby of the GBI, introduced by Hank Griffith
Rotarian of the Day - Sam Watson

Important Dates

October 27: Membership and Club Secretary's Seminar, Dublin

MEMBER PROFILE
Dr. Tom Perrin



Dr. Tom Perrin, a longtime Rotarian and member of the Milledgeville Rotary Club, is a past President of the Club.

Tom has a strong and varied educational background. He graduated from Miami Edison High School and then went on to earn both a B.S. and M.A. from Stetson University. While at Stetson he was an officer in student government and was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. In addition to academic and service-oriented accomplishments, Tom earned four letters in varsity football from the University of Miami and Stetson University. Tom later attended the University of Georgia where he earned an Ed.D and has been Principal of Georgia Military College High School.

Among Tom's accomplishments are President of the Florida High School Coaches Association, Member of the State Board of the Florida Special Olympics and Florida High School Athletic Director of the year in 1975. He had the Florida High School Athletic Program of the Year in 1976. Tom has also been named to the Florida High School Coaches Hall of Fame.

Tom has been an active member of his church and community. He has served on the Vestries of St. Marks Episcopal Church in Haines City, Florida and St. Mathias Episcopal Church in Clermont, Florida. He has been Chair of the Executive Committee of the Milledgeville/ Baldwin Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Board of the Twin Lakes Library System.

Tom's family includes son John Perrin of Ocala, Florida; son Timothy and his wife Sandy of Peachtree City, GA; and daughter Patricia and husband Dean of Ocala, Florida. He is the proud grandfather of 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

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.

RI 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.

Once divided, two Sri Lankan alumni make peace



Raveendra Pathirana (kneeling, left) and Thevananth Thevanayagam

The first encounters between two classmates in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program were anything but cordial.

From July through September 2006, Raveendra Pathirana and Thevananth Thevanayagam participated in the program's inaugural session at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. For weeks, they argued about the long-standing conflict in their native Sri Lanka.

"But we talked about our problems and gradually understood each other," says Thevanayagam, program manager for the Tamil Refugees Rehabilitation Organization in Sri Lanka, who was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jaffna, Northern Province. The agency provides food, shelter, rehabilitation, and other assistance to displaced Tamil refugees.

"We erased the hard feelings and went on to What can we do to solve the problem? What can we contribute?" says Pathirana, senior state counsel in the attorney general's office in Sri Lanka, who was sponsored by District 3220.

He was especially moved by Thevanayagam's stories of children who had been orphaned or couldn't go to school. In November, when conflict forced the main road into the Jaffna peninsula to close, Pathirana asked, "Theva, can I do anything?"

Thevanayagam explained that the region was barely surviving on twice-monthly dry rations and many people, including his two young children and the rest of his family, were suffering from Chikungunya, a disease that causes high fevers, rashes, and joint pain.

Pathirana used some of his personal connections to get a month's supply of dry milk and medicine to Thevanayagam for his family.

In June, the two men traveled together to the first Rotary World Peace Symposium in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, held just before the 2007 RI Convention, to see their former classmates.

"The link between myself and Theva will be very important in the future to discuss the peace-related issues [in Sri Lanka]," says Pathirana, who sees a direct connection between what he learned in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program and his work.

How will your club honor World Food Day?

Each 16 October, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations celebrates World Food Day, which marks the FAO's founding in 1945. This year's theme is "The Right to Food."

Here's just one example of how Rotarians are making sure all children have access to nourishing meals.

Rotarians enhance nutrition through PowerFlour.

What do you get when you combine porridge and barley malt flour? Rotarians know the answer: a cereal that can save the lives of malnourished infants.

Since 1995, Rotarians in districts 6220 and 6270 (Michigan and Wisconsin, USA) have been raising funds to package and ship malt flour, or "PowerFlour," to developing countries where porridge is a daily staple.

The PowerFlour Action Network, a Rotarian-managed nonprofit in Wisconsin, has sent the powdery food supplement to 66 countries and distributed enough to enhance more than 50 million meals, says Tom Hartzell, the network's president and a member of the Rotary Club of Sheboygan West.

The PowerFlour Action Network gets the malt flour at no cost from malt producers, mainly Briess Malt & Ingredients in Chilton, Wis. A 50-pound bag, which normally costs about \$13, will supplement about 24,000 one-cup servings of porridge.

Interested in replicating this project? Find out more at www.powerflour.org or e-mail John Wiley at jwiley@elipticon.com to request a free booklet and 10-ounce sample of the malt flour.

ONGOING MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

- (1) Earn a make-up for sponsoring a new member.
- (2) Earn a make-up by volunteering at a local school.
- (3) Earn a make-up for visiting another Rotary Club.
- (4) Earn one make-up per quarter by visiting the e-club at www.rotaryeclubone.org and taking the "test!" Print the receipt and give it to the Club Secretary (Halsey Leavitt).

ROTARY WEBSITES

Rotary International: www.rotary.org
District 6920: www.rotarydistrict6920.net
Milledgeville Club: www.milledgeville Rotary.org