



MILLEDGEVILLE ROTARY - OCT. 22, 2009



SERVICE Above Self

TODAY'S PROGRAM

PDG Robert Lynn
author, poet and Rotarian

Rotarian of the Day
Jim Johnson

OCT. 15 MEETING

Dr. Jeff Blick of GCSU and expert of Anthropology and Archaeology, spoke extensively on the many projects he has worked with throughout his career, as well as his most recent work in the Bahamas with GCSU students during Maymester.



Dr. Jeff Blick and Ed Weimer

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

None

ABSENTEES

Baxter, Becker, P. Brown, Chandler, Cooper, Cox, Davidson, Drinkwater 3, Ferguson, Fuller, Gandy, Grant 2, Hall 3, Hattaway, Jones, Kenyon 2, Mathews 2, Parker 3, Sibilsky III 2, Strom, Yearwood 2, Zarkowsky.

MAKE-UPS

Ferguson Morning Make Up
S. Brown Morning Make Up
Peters E-Club

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$8⁹⁰ TOTAL: \$2,452⁸¹

50/50 CLUB
32 Cards Left
Pot: \$400⁰⁰

CLUB BLOG

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

Upcoming Programs

- Oct 29 - Janet Wyndham-Quin artist and gallery owner
- 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 Sesonal Music
- Dec 17 - Baldwin High School Chorus Presents Seasonal Music
- Dec 24 - No Meeting
- Dec 31 - No Meeting

Upcoming Rotary Auction

Let's focus on our major fund raiser for the year, and work to get our raffle tickets sold, collect donations for auction items, and promote the event overall! For any questions contact, Randy Stewart or Renee Fontenot.

DISTRICT 6920 NEWS PAWS FOR READING

This program adopted by The Rotary Club of Centerville connects children with reading difficulties with registered therapy dogs. The program in progress with Centerville Elementary, a Title I school, is an afterschool activity and allows students to win the opportunity to read to a therapy dog by having perfect attendance the previous week. Paws For Reading lasts for six weeks and is the first of its kind in the Houston School System.

Students work one-on-one reading aloud to a therapy dog. The purpose is to develop the child's reading skills in a non-threatening environment. The dogs are non-judgemental and offer the student an incentive to participate.

Visit www.rotarydistrict6920.net for more about the program.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS One funny polio fundraiser



Norwegians love to tell stories, especially funny ones.

So when the Rotary Club of Gamlebyen-Fredrikstad came up with the idea of producing a book full of jokes and humorous tales to raise money for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, it didn't take long for the idea to catch on.

"We told clubs to get together and swap stories, and send us the best," says past club president Jan A. Vatn, who oversaw the project. "The response was incredible."

Humørleksikonet Skratkammeret, which means "Room of Laughter," contains 1,201 stories compiled from the 330 Rotary clubs in Norway and has sold 1,500 copies in its first few weeks in print. For every book sold, \$12 of the \$50 cover price goes to Rotary's challenge.

Start to finish, the project took about a year. The book was published with help from Kolbjørn Eggen, a member of the Rotary Club of Fredrikstad Glemmen who owns Eggen Press.

Initial copies of the book were given to district governors to promote during club visits. Vatn says the original target was to raise \$72,000 for the challenge by getting every other Norwegian Rotarian to buy a copy.

Clubs receive the credit for each copy sold, Vatn says, so that when Rotarians buy or sell a book, it adds \$12 to the amount their club has raised for the challenge.

And while there are no plans to translate the book, Vatn and Alsaker see a wider market than just Norway. Alsaker notes that the first copy of the book was sold to a Norwegian-American in the United States.

To order a copy, e-mail sjoborg@online.no or mail to:

Gamlebyen/Fredrikstad Rotary Club
V/Eddie R. Sjøborg
Bellevue 20
1606 Fredrikstad, Norway

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

As part of a US\$355 million challenge grant awarded to Rotary by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary clubs worldwide are aiming to raise a total of US\$200 million by 2012. The funding will provide critical support to polio eradication activities, including the distribution of a new, more effective bivalent polio vaccine that was recently approved for use in the coming months, for countries still battling the disease in parts of Africa and South Asia.

Since 1985, eradicating polio worldwide has been Rotary's top philanthropic goal. In addition to the funds announced today, Rotary has contributed more than \$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. The disease remains endemic in just four countries — Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan — although

other countries remain at risk for imported cases.

To raise awareness and funds for the global push to end polio, other Rotary clubs worldwide are conducting activities surrounding World Polio Day including:

Germany: nearly 1,000 Rotary clubs will participate in a national outreach campaign. Rotary members are holding screenings of the Oscar nominated documentary, "The Final Inch" in Cologne and Berlin. Screening events for the film, which focuses on the current challenges to ending polio in India, will include a panel of experts including the film's producer. Other local events will include information stands, a benefit CD set featuring international recording artists-Seal, REM, etc. — (10 Euros from each sale are donated to polio eradication), benefit concerts and school events.

Austria: Austrian Rotary

WORLD POLIO DAY - OCTOBER 24



club members are conducting a national polio awareness week in mid-October. They will sell sunflower seeds throughout the country for five Euros — the approximate cost of ten doses of polio vaccine.

Washington, DC: Rotary members in Virginia are coordinating "The Final Inch for Polio Eradication Walk". The 20-mile fundraising walk will end at the White House.

California: On October 24, Rotary members will show "The Final Inch" film at a regional conference focusing

on polio eradication efforts worldwide.

Colorado: The Governor of Colorado will give a "State of the State" address on October 22. This year's event will include a presentation about polio by Dr. Walt Orenstein of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Governor Ritter will recognize the unique partnership of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Rotary clubs in Colorado in the fight to end polio.

A highly infectious disease, polio causes paralysis and is sometimes fatal. As there is no cure, the best protection is prevention. For as little as US 60¢ worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life. After an international investment of more than US\$6.22 billion, and the successful engagement of over 200 countries and 20 million volunteers, polio could be the first disease of the

21st century to be eradicated. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is spearheaded by the World Health Organization, Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). It includes the support of governments and private sector donors.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. It is comprised of 1.2 million members working in more than 33,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic regions.

Rotary invites the public to support the polio eradication initiative by visiting <http://rotary.org/endorpolio>. Cell phone users can donate \$5 by texting the word "polio" to 90999.

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