

Rotary Programs

This Week - October 25 - Railroading in Milledgeville presented by Charles E. Brown
Rotarian of the Day: Keith Barlow
Last Meeting - October 18 - Heather Holder, Dir. of Main Street, presents: "Sweetwater" (introduction by Tara Peters)
Rotarian of the Day: Jody Yearwood

Last Meeting

Frank Pendergast and Heather Holder
Guest Speakers, October 18 meeting

Frank Pendergast and Heather Holder from Milledgeville Main Street spoke to the club about Milledgeville's upcoming Sweetwater Festival. They discussed everything from the history of the festival to the new items and layout for this year's 3 day event. The Rotary Club will actually be participating in the Sweetwater festival this year as we have entered a team in the BBQ Cook-off.



(pictured is Frank, Heather, Rotary President Karen Brooks and Rotarian Tara Peters)

Visiting Rotarians

None

Guests

Billie BrownNolan Stephens

Absentees

Brandt, P. Brown, Carlton, Chandler, Cooper, Cox, Daniel, Dean, Dennis, Drinkwater, Dyer, Fontenot, Gandy, Gheesling, Grant, Griffith, Hattaway Sr., Hicks, Jackson, Jefferson, Kirkwood, McRee, Murphy Sr., Neely, Nelson, Nichols, Purvis, Scott, Settle, Strickland, Thornton, Trammell, Truelove, Tyson, Van Horn, Yearwood

Makeups

Brad OliverMorgan County
 Fielding WhippleMacon
 David McMillanPigeon Forge



Rich Bertoli CART Fund:
\$42.33 - TOTAL: \$403.42

50/50 Club - October 18, 2007
 Terry Kennedy had the winning ticket. She was successful in her draw, winning \$450. Congratulations!
52 Cards Left Pot: \$50.00



Refer a Colleague to Rotary

Do you know a friend, family member, or colleague from your business or profession in another locality who has all the qualities of a good Rotarian? Rotarians are adults of good character and good business or professional reputation, who hold or have held an executive position with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession. If you are an active member of a Rotary club in good standing and know someone suited to Rotary, then consider referring them for membership.

Once you have identified a qualified candidate, complete and submit an online form at www.rotary.org/membership/prospective/referral.html. The information you provide will be forwarded to a Rotary club in the candidate's locality. You can also download the form, print it out to be completed by hand, and fax it to RI headquarters at 1-847-866-9446. *Please be advised this form cannot be used to refer a person to your own club. Please see the club secretary for your club's recruitment protocol.*

October 2007

Rotarian Birthdays

Stoney Burke	Jim Johnson
Jack Carlton	Dick Marcott
Lyn Chandler	Bill Neely
Tara Dyer	Bo Sibilsky, Jr.
John Ferguson	Travis Strickland



The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the Truth?
- Is it fair to all Concerned?
- Will it build good will and better Friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all Concerned?

Upcoming Programs

Next Week - November 1 - Todd Crosby of the GBI, introduced by Hank Griffith
Rotarian of the Day - Sam Watson

Important Dates

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

Governor's Club Visit Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 25: Marshes of Glynn, 7:30 a.m.
 Monday, Oct. 29: Macon, 1 p.m.
 Tuesday, Oct. 30: Cochran, noon
 Wednesday, Oct. 31: Greater Byron, 8 a.m.
 Thursday, Nov. 1: Sandersville, 1 p.m.
 Tuesday, Nov. 6: McIntosh County, noon
 Wednesday, Nov. 7: Jekyll Island, 8 a.m.
 Tuesday, Nov. 13: Nashville-Berrien, noon
 Wednesday, Nov. 14: Millen, noon
 Tuesday, Nov. 27: Effingham Sunrise, 7:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, Nov. 27: Waynesboro, noon
 Wednesday, Nov. 28: Skidaway Island, 7:30 a.m.
 Thursday, Nov. 29: Effingham County, 12:30 p.m.

New RI officers, Foundation trustees

At its first meeting of 2007-08 on 21 June 2007 in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, the RI Board approved President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson's choices for RI officers. Michael K. McGovern, of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA, is serving as vice president, and Ian H.S. Riseley, of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, is treasurer. Örsçelik Balkan, of the Rotary Club of Istanbul-Karaköy, Turkey, was named chair of the Executive Committee.

The Board also approved the president's appointment of four Rotarians to serve as trustees of The Rotary Foundation from 2007 to 2011: David D. Morgan, of the Rotary Club of Porthcawl, Mid Glamorgan, Wales; Louis Piconi, of the Rotary Club of Bethel-St. Clair, Pennsylvania, USA; José Antonio Salazar Cruz, of the Rotary Club of Bogotá Occidente, Cundinamarca, Colombia; and Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, of the Rotary Club of Göteborg, Sweden.

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.

April's Project brings clean water to Guatemalans



April Veness (second from left) cuts the ribbon during a ceremony celebrating San Isidro's new water system.

Water poses a paradox to those living in the western highlands of Guatemala. From May to November, heavy rains wash out the unpaved roads that wind between villages at elevations of 10,000 feet or more. Yet during this wet season, residents can obtain water only by walking miles to fill buckets from sparse wells or by using barrels to collect runoff from rooftops.

On a good day, the 38-mile trip northeast from the city of San Marcos to the village of San Isidro takes five hours, says April Veness, associate professor of geography at the University of Delaware in the United States and recipient of a Rotary Grant for University Teachers. She's made the commute four times, helping with a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant project to install a clean water system in San Isidro.

"The people are subsistence farmers, and the houses are scattered over a large area," Veness says, explaining that the effort required laying miles of pipeline from springs to the village. It "was a huge and expensive challenge," she says.

Veness got involved with the project after traveling to Guatemala to teach at the Centro Universitario de San Marcos from August 2006 to April 2007. To her, it seemed natural to combine teaching and research with efforts to better the lives of people in her host country.

During her time in Guatemala, Veness and three of her former students at the University of Delaware, including 2002-03 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar Jennifer Koppenhaver, helped forge a network between District 7630 (Delaware; Maryland, USA) and the Rotary Club of San Marcos, Catholic Diocese of San Marcos, and San Isidro community.

"Nearly all of the hundreds of e-mail, telephone, and face-to-face communications between Rotarians in District 7630 and San Marcos during the Matching Grant application process and water project construction were filtered through me," she says. "It was not that I

asked to be the spokesperson, but the communication difficulties posed by differences in language, business practices, and social expectations all demanded that someone keep the channels of communication open, flowing, and focused on a common objective."

In July, Veness went back to San Isidro to help inaugurate the new water system.

"The positive impact of that service project is clearly evident in the happy faces of the San Isidro community that, at long last, got clean water and latrines," she says. At the ceremony, Veness was moved to learn that the effort had been named April's Project in her honor.

She's now helping the San Marcos club and Builders Beyond Borders, a nonprofit organization based in Connecticut, USA, form a partnership to construct a school for the deaf in San Marcos in 2008.

"My role with Rotary as promoter, translator, facilitator, and mentor has certainly improved my skills as a public speaker, Spanish speaker, project administrator, and teacher," Veness says. "It also embedded in me a rich web of support and fellowship that will be important to me for years to come."

Sorrento, Italy, will host Rotary institute

Past, present, and future district governors from zones 11-14 will join RI directors for a Rotary institute in Sorrento, Italy, 7-11 November.

Focusing on Rotary's responsibility in contemporary society, the institute will aim to update Rotarians on the latest developments within Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

At the event, RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson will recognize 10 Rotary districts in Italy for their contributions to the Foundation's PolioPlus program. Rotarians raised the funds with help from some star power on 4 October, when 63 theaters throughout Italy premiered the movie Michael Clayton, starring George Clooney, and donated half the proceeds from ticket sales to PolioPlus.

The institute will also feature a ceremony and dinner in honor of Major Donors to the Foundation, who will have the chance to dine with Wilkinson, Past RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, and other senior leaders.

As a follow-up to their movie fundraiser, Italian districts have a polio awareness plan in the works. To inform the general public about Rotary's polio eradication efforts, leaflets will be handed out on Alitalia domestic flights from Rome and Milan during the last week of October.

Find registration and other information on the institute's Web site, www.rotarynet.it/institute-sorrento2007.

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.rotaryclubone.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