



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Jean Aycock, CPA, President and CEO of Oconee Regional Medical Center, will be our keynote speaker.

Rotarian of the Day

Karen Brooks

LAST MEETING



Jud Damon (left), new Athletic Director for GCSU, spoke to the club about his background and some plans for the athletic department's future. We should all take some time and support all the Bobcats' athletic teams. Ed Weimer (right) introduced him to the club.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Quintus SibleyCharles Ennis
Judd DamonClub
Oscar AntelmannClub

ABSENTEES

Brown, Coleman, Hall, Kennedy, Kenyon, Marcott, Peters, Roberts, Seymour, Shields, Sibilsy Jr., Theus, Tyson

MAKE-UPS

Tara DyerOn line
Rene FontenotSandersville

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$25⁷² TOTAL: \$1,822¹⁹

50/50 CLUB
5 Cards Left
Pot: \$2,322



Christmas Baskets

It's that time of year for the Rotary Christmas Baskets. We will meet Saturday, December 20 in the morning at GMC to assemble the baskets for delivery. Baskets can be purchased for \$25 and we are also looking for names of people that would like one of these food baskets. Contact Linda Zarkowsky at lzarkowsky@baldwincountygga.com with any other questions. This a great time to fellowship with fellow Rotarians and do really something great for people in need.



Around the club

Ed Wiemer's son Aaron got married this past weekend.

Your voice, your solution for encouraging fellowship among new members

Rotary International News — 1 December 2008

Rotary International's Web site, www.rotary.org, features a problem-solving forum. Each month, Rotarians are asked for their ideas and strategies to address challenges they deal with every day.

You've noticed there's a new member in your club who is never sure where to sit and often ends up sitting at an empty table. What can you do to help this member get to know other club members?

"Thankfully all Rotarians are different individuals who bring to Rotary the wonderful gifts of their vocational skills and life experiences to benefit others," says Bob Higgins. "All new members need to be welcomed and encouraged to be part of the club's activities through a mentoring process that allows them to blossom in their own way and in their own time so that they have the freedom and where-with-all to pass on their gifts. This together with an involvement in the club's social calendar will integrate them into the club. If the club members are happy to let a new member sit alone then there are some serious questions to be asked about the quality, or existence, of the mentoring and orientation processes and about the inclusivity, from a diversity perspective, of the club members. Make sure the sponsor is covering his/her role effectively and likewise the mentor. If there is not such a person appoint and brief one quickly. Finally have a discussion with the new member to check if there are any undisclosed issues, which will need to be dealt with, and give reassurance and encouragement. Maybe it's time to take the membership through some diversity training."

P. R. Aruloli, Rotarian, Past President, and Technical Advisor of Club-Chennai Phoenix writes: "As a past president of the club, in the interest of the club on watching a new member trying to find his space, I will first confide with him at the time of fellowship and share my experience as a new Rotarian, narrate the great qualities of fellow Rotarians to make him curious to know more about them, resulting in objective interaction and better understanding."

ROTARY USA NEWS

Indian Rotarians help Ohio school district

By Ryan Hyland, Rotary International News - 24 November 2008

More than 800 students of the Trimble Local School District near Athens, Ohio, USA, received thousands of textbooks in August, in part through a gift from an unusual source: Indian Rotarians.

For nearly 18 years, Ram Gawande, an Athens resident and RI District 6690 governor-elect, has been involved in projects aimed at improving communities in his native Nagpur, India.

After hearing of Gawande's election as district governor, Nagpur Rotarians decided to thank him for his years of support by raising US\$5,100 for a project that would benefit Athens. Gawande used the gift to provide reading and math books to middle schools in the Trimble school district, where 40 percent of families with children live below the poverty level.

"This is a scenario of the poor helping the poor," says Gawande, a member of the Rotary Club of Athens. "Rotary in the United States has done a lot for the people of India, and the people of India wanted to say thank you. We've become united under a common mission of improving literacy."

The literacy project was augmented by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant of \$8,530 and donations of \$2,300 from both the Athens Rotary club and District 6690. Athens Rotarians purchased thousands of math, science, and reading textbooks from the National Geographic Society.

Low test scores have plagued Trimble schools for years, says Gawande. After the 2002 standard proficiency tests administered by the Ohio Department of Education, Trimble schools received a designation of "academic emergency," meaning the district failed to meet minimum proficiency levels in more than 70 percent of the areas covered by the tests, according to state report-card data.



Photo courtesy of Gawande
Ram Gawande (right), governor-elect of District 6690 (Ohio, USA) passes out a new textbook to a student at the Trimble Elementary School in August.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ShelterBox issues emergency appeal for funds to aid forgotten victims of disaster

By Ryan Hyland, Rotary International News - 26 November 2008

ShelterBox has issued an urgent appeal for funds to help provide aid to tens of thousands of displaced people in four countries following a succession of humanitarian crises.

Response teams from ShelterBox reacted quickly to distribute emergency aid to victims of the 29 October earthquake in Pakistan. And worsening humanitarian situations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Honduras, and Swaziland have stretched operations to the limit, ShelterBox representatives say.

In southwestern Pakistan, a ShelterBox response team provided 1,000 containers to families left homeless after a powerful earthquake rocked impoverished regions there, killing at least 215 people and causing widespread destruction.

Each container provides a tent, a stove, a water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family of 10 survive for six months.

Pearson praises the logistical support provided by local Rotary clubs. "The clubs in Quetta and Karachi are invaluable in the operations here, providing flights, security, accommodations, interpreters, and local knowledge," he says.

In Congo, an estimated quarter-million people are seeking refuge from fierce fighting between rebels and government forces. ShelterBox has provided 200 containers and has committed to deliver 200 more.

A response team also distributed 200 containers to residents of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, after heavy rains and flooding forced 22,000 people from their homes on 22 October.

And a ShelterBox team in Swaziland is distributing aid to children orphaned by AIDS in an ongoing program with the National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS.

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.milledgevillerotary.org District 6920: www.rotarydistrict6920.net Rotary International: www.rotary.org