

December 6, 2007

Support RI Rose Bowl Parade Float

Rotary Programs

This Week - Lee Oliver director of the local EMS Formerly Oconee EMS now under Medical Center of Central GA
Rotarian of the Day - Terry Kennedy
Last Meeting - November 11 - Faye Gilbert, Dean of the Business School.
Rotarian of the Day: Billy Matthews

Last Meeting

Faye Gilbert

Guest Speaker, November 15 meeting



Faye Gilbert (left), Rotarian and Dean of the Business School at GCSU, spoke to the club Nov. 15 about her recent trip to the Czech Republic. The purpose of the trip was business related as it was designed to build better relationships with the sister schools of GCSU. Faye is pictured with club president Karen Brooks.

Visiting Rotarians

None

Guests

Sharon SeymereFaye Gilbert
 Ken EysamanKeith Barlow
 Nick PreziosoRobert Haney
 Drage ToteuJody Yearwood

Absentees

Black, Brown, Buice, Carlton, Cooper, Cox, Dahanayake, Daniel, Davidson, Dennis, Dyer, Eberhardt, Eubanks, Fuller, Gandy, Grant, Griffith, Gunn, Hattaway Sr., Jackson, Jefferson, Kennedy, Kirkwood, McRee, Murphey Jr., Murphy Sr., Neely, Nelson, Perrin, Purvis, Reese, Roberts, Saturley, Settle, Sibilsy III, Stephens, Strickland, Thornton, Tyson, Weimer

Makeups

Rene FontenotDublin



Rich Bertoli CART Fund:
\$34.41 - TOTAL: \$545.14

50/50 Club - November 15, 2007
 Tara Peters had the winning ticket. She was unsuccessful in her draw.
48 Cards Left Pot: \$101.00



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Rotarian Birthdays

Terry Kennedy
 Diane Kirkwood
 Karen Brooks
 Linton Cox
 Ken Eberhardt



Merritt Massey
 Jerry McRee
 Michael Roberts
 Rod Theus

MEMBER PROFILE

William Black



William Black graduated from Georgia College & State University in 1992 with a BBA and a major in economics and minor in finance. Upon graduation, he began work with Century Bank and Trust, where he has now been employed for 15 years. William works in the bank's trust and investment division, where he helps clients with their wealth management needs. William is a Certified Trust and Financial Advisor (CTFA), which allows him to assist his clients with all areas of their estate and financial planning needs.

Vicky, his high school sweetheart and wife of 15 years, teaches special education at Putnam County High School. William and Vicky have two children – Christian, age 2, and Tori, age 5. They are both members of Crossroads Baptist church, where William serves as a deacon and young adult Sunday school teacher.

William's hobbies are hunting and golfing. He says he enjoys his hobbies, when time permits, but that he is not good at either hobby. According to William, "At this point in my life I consider my greatest accomplishment, my family. I am continuously surprised that I actually convinced someone to marry me and even more surprised that I convinced her to start a family."

Upcoming Programs

Next Meeting - December 13 - Terry Bragg and the Oak Hill Band
 Rotarian of the Day: Kay Anderson

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.

RI and Gates Foundation commit US\$200 million for intensified push to finish polio



Rotary International announced a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on 26 November that will inject a much needed US\$200 million into the global effort to eradicate polio.

The Rotary Foundation received a \$100 million Gates Foundation challenge grant, which Rotary will raise funds to match, dollar for dollar, over three years.

Rotary will spend the initial \$100 million within one year in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and UNICEF.

"The extraordinary dedication of Rotary members has played a critical role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication," says Bill Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "Eradicating polio will be one of the most significant public health accomplishments in history, and we are committed to helping reach that goal."

The polio eradication grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest grant received by Rotary in its 102-year history. Since 1985, Rotary has made polio eradication its top priority and has contributed \$633 million to the effort.

"Rotarians worldwide have worked very hard over the years to reach this point, and it is rewarding to see our approach validated in such a significant way by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation," says Dr. Robert Scott, chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees. "We hope that this shared commitment of Rotary and the Gates Foundation will challenge other donors, including foundations, governments, and non-

governmental organizations, to step up and make sure we have the resources needed to rid the world of polio once and for all."

"This partnership is a historic milestone - and timely opportunity - for Rotary through the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to help eradicate a disease that once devastated a thousand lives a day," says RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson. "I know that we as Rotarians will accept the challenge and do our part to finish the job."

The Gates Foundation grant comes at a critical juncture for the initiative, which urgently needs an infusion of funds to reach the eradication goal. Although the initiative has slashed the number of polio cases by 99 percent over the past two decades, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Polio cases represented by that final 1 percent are the most costly to prevent, due to geographical isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict, cultural barriers, and other factors.

"This investment is precisely the catalyst we need as we intensify the push to finish polio," says Dr. Margaret Chan, WHO's director-general. "We have the technical tools to do it, and we can achieve a polio-free world if the rest of our financial partners step up to meet the challenge."

Most of the initial \$100 million will be spent in support of mass immunization campaigns in polio-affected countries, poliovirus surveillance activities, and community education and outreach. The grant will also support an expanded research agenda on ways to expedite interruption of the transmission of the wild poliovirus. Rotary will distribute the funds through grants to WHO and UNICEF.

"The funds made possible through the Gates Foundation grant will help the Global Polio Eradication Initiative scale up its efforts to provide oral polio vaccine to children in those isolated locations where it's most needed," says Ann Veneman, executive director of UNICEF. "This important contribution will improve the capacity to protect vulnerable children from this debilitating disease."

CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding says the collaboration between Rotary and the Gates Foundation underscores the importance of private-sector involvement in major public health efforts. "As a government agency, we think it's wonderful that our private-sector colleagues have taken a leadership role in something as important as polio eradication. Their participation is absolutely critical."

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