



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Gary Gargis of the Mustard Seed Ministries will be our keynote speaker.

Rotarian of the Day
Scott Brown

LAST MEETING

While everyone finished lunch, GMC Prep's Choral Group performed several songs for the club's entertainment.



Pictured are members of the GMC Choral Group.

Jean Aycock, President and CEO of Oconee Regional Medical Center, addressed the club about several aspects of our local hospital. She covered the current finances of the hospital, the 6 million dollars worth of upgrades, and the new Convenient Care Center, designed for after hours and holiday medical needs. She brought along with her Dr. Carlos Buckhammer who oversees the Convenient Care Center.



Rotarian Tara Peters (left), who introduced the speakers, along with Dr. Buckhammer and Mrs. Aycock.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Ron WilliamsGRSP District Trustee
Vickie MillsDowntown Macon

GUESTS

Gail OliverBrad Oliver
Jean AycockTara Peters
Carlow BuckhammerTara Peters
Dr. Julia AddisJohn Ferguson

ABSENTEES

Black, Brown, Dahanayake, Eubanks,
Ghesling, Grant, Gunn, Holmes,
Kennedy, Shields, Tyson, Yearwood

MAKE-UPS

Craig ColemanChick Fil-A
Renee FontenotTennille

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$15²⁵ TOTAL: \$1,837⁴⁴



50/50 CLUB
4 Cards Left
Pot: \$2,462



Why is The Rotary Foundation changing its grant-making model?

The Foundation has made only slight modifications to its programs since its inception in 1917. As we prepare for the next century of service, the Foundation has updated its mission and created a more effective and efficient way to help Rotarians develop diverse projects with greater impact and sustainable outcomes.

Need a holiday gift for someone who has everything?

Why not donate the \$\$ "in honor of "the person to Rotary Foundation??"

It's a wonderful way to remember friends and help with service projects here or abroad!"



LOCAL CLUB NEWS Christmas Baskets

It's that time of year for the Rotary Christmas Baskets. We meet on the morning of Saturday, December 20 at Georgia Military College to assemble the Rotary Christmas 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@baldwin-countyga.com with any other questions. This is a great time to fellowship with fellow Rotarians and to do really something great for people in need in our community.



ROTARY USA NEWS

The heart of Texas

Edited from a story by Donna Polydoros, Rotary International News - 10 December 2008

South Texas Rotarians are helping Haven for Hope-founder Bill Greehey reinvent the way San Antonio, Texas, USA, helps the homeless. Greehey is former CEO of San Antonio-based Valero Energy Corp., who was tapped by Mayor Phil Hardberger to solve the city's homeless problem.

Haven for Hope is a new 22-acre campus near downtown San Antonio, equipped to provide housing, food, and social and career services for homeless individuals and families. In addition to drug and alcohol counseling; medical, dental, and vision care; and Head Start classes for young children, Haven for Hope will offer job-readiness training and career counseling.

"That's where Rotary got involved," says Russ Rinklin Jr., publicity chairman of the Haven for Hope Committee and member of the Rotary Club of San Antonio. Rinklin attended a presentation Greehey gave to the club about contributing to Haven for Hope's job-readiness program. "We were absolutely moved by Bill's presentation. We wanted to do more than just give \$100 here or \$100 there," says Rinklin.

Enthusiastic response

With the help of District 5840 Governor Jim E. Montgomery Jr., the San Antonio club helped spread the word to clubs throughout the district, giving presentations and distributing brochures and financial commitment forms. The club noted that if all members of the district gave just 41 cents per day, the district could raise the \$1.24 million needed to create a job placement center.

"A lot of people have already stepped up and given large amounts," says Rinklin. "We're well on our way to our goal."

Haven for Hope's mental illness rehabilitation and drug and alcohol detox center is already open. The rest of the US\$80 million complex, which is funded by local and state government organizations and other private organizations and individuals, is expected to be finished and fully operational in 2009.

Read the complete story online at www.rotary.org.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rotarians offer support in wake of Mumbai tragedy

Edited from a story by Ryan Hyland, Rotary International News - 5 December 2008

Rotary leaders and Indian Rotarians are expressing sadness and offering support for survivors following last week's terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India, that killed more than 170 people.

More than 300 Mumbai Rotarians joined tens of thousands of city residents on 3 December in a peace march to mourn the dead and protest the violence. Participants gathered in the streets surrounding the Taj Mahal Palace and Tower hotel, one of several locations stormed by armed gunmen on 26 November. In a show of unity and peace, Rotarians carried Rotary flags and banners.

"It is a terrible situation. But Rotary is ready to help those who have suffered," says Past RI President Rajendra Saboo. "Rotary will be most needed when the painful happening recedes in the memory."

Rotarians and their families stood in long lines to donate blood. Saboo also said Mumbai clubs are in contact with hospitals, offering support and comfort to victims.

"This is a time when those who have suffered the most may find themselves lonely and in need," says Saboo, a resident of the Union Territory of Chandigarh. "Rotary will not only be there to heal the immediate wounds but to care for them long term."

Calling the attacks in Mumbai "a catastrophe," RI President Dung Kurn Lee says the recovery process will take many months and that Rotary will provide support for victims and their families.

RI Director Ashok Mahajan says now is the time to spread Rotary's message of peace.

Mahajan expresses gratitude for the many condolences he's received from Rotarians worldwide, and says he especially appreciates the e-mails and phone calls from Pakistani Rotarians.

The Rotary Club of Bombay has been left without a home, owing to the extensive fire damage at the Taj Mahal hotel. Since its founding in 1929, the club has met in the hotel's ballroom.

Read the complete story online at www.rotary.org.

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