



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Baldwin High School Chorus presents Seasonal Music
Rotarian of the Day Ed Hall

DEC. 10 PROGRAM

Our program, the Baldwin County Middle School band, was unable to make the meeting so, in its place, Lyn Chandler spoke on the new construction of the Performing Arts center at Baldwin High School and other projects within our community.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Charlene McElheney . . . . . Club
Jessica Ramirez . . . . . GRSP Club/Barnesville Rotary Club
Debra Marsh . . . . . Tara Dyer

ABSENTEES

Becker, Brown, S. Brown 2, Burke, Dahanayake, Entrekin 2, Gandy, Geeter, Grant, Gunn, Kenyon, M. Roberts, S. Roberts, Seymour, Sibilsky III 2, Tyson 2, Van Horn 2, Williams 3, Yearwood.

MAKE-UPS

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RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$1120 TOTAL: \$2,47537

50/50 CLUB
29 Cards Left
Pot: \$58150

Christmas Basket Project

Last Saturday, Rotarians and spouses packed boxes of food for our annual Christmas Basket project, which go to needy families in the area, and then delivered them just before the rain set in. The boxes contained all the ingredients for a holiday dinner. Fruit baskets were also delivered.

Christmas Bear Project

Rotary provided 100 bears to be given to children coming in the Emergency Treatment Center or being admitted to the pediatric wing at Oconee Regional Medical Center.



Sherri Smith, RN Nurse Manager for the Pediatric wing at ORMC and Karen Brooks

Upcoming Programs

- Dec 24 - No Meeting
Dec 31 - No Meeting
Jan 7 - Wendell Staton Athletic Director, GCSU
Jan 14 - Nancy Mills

American Cancer Society CPS3

Jan 21 - Kenyon Thweat Clean Air Campaign

Feb. 18 - Greg Kaufman Public Achievement Program

CLUB BLOG

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

DISTRICT 6920 RAFFLE

See Laura Thompson for tickets
1 for \$25 or 5 for \$100

Don't forget that these Raffle proceeds are available on a matching basis for Rotarians who want to make a contribution toward a Paul Harris Fellow or a Will Watt Fellow. As an example, if a Rotarian has contributed \$500 toward a Paul Harris Fellow and will make an additional \$250 contribution, they will match the contribution with \$250 from the raffle proceeds - the Rotarian becomes a Paul Harris Fellow and the club gets the credit for the full \$500 contribution!



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS Not your typical Interact club

Members of the Interact Club of Communities-in-Schools at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, USA, have one of the most unusual meeting places.

The club convenes inside the juvenile correctional facility in Columbia and is composed of youth offenders who are participating in the facility's Communities in Schools curriculum.

The Interact club was launched by the Rotary Club of Lake Murray-Irmo in November 2006.

"We asked the club if they would be willing to support such an Interact club," says Virginia Barr, president of the Lake Murray-Irmo club and director of the Office of Community Justice at the Department of Juvenile Justice. The Rotarians already had a track record of service projects with the department.

"There were a lot of

questions at first," Barr acknowledges, "but also a lot of support. Bernie Riedel, who was then our district governor, was 100 percent behind the idea and pushed for it. The director of the agency also strongly supported the notion." Ultimately, the club obtained all the necessary approvals.

The Interact club has some unique rules. Offenders who want to join must maintain a certain level of behavior or be removed from membership, Barr says. They can, however, be reinstated if they reform.

Because of these requirements, and because some members

may be serving a short sentence, membership tends to be more fluid than a typical club. Barr says the club selects new officers every three months. "We want them all to have a chance at leadership."

Barr and Andy Broughton, another employee of the Department of Juvenile Justice who serves as adviser, attend the club's meetings. Once a year, Lake Murray-Irmo Rotarians are also invited to take part inside the center. Some offenders are occasionally allowed to come speak to the Rotary club.

Barr said Interact's mission fits nicely with the goals of the Juvenile Justice

Department. "What we are trying to do is create a new normal for them, a sense of normalcy," she says. "Interact provides a lot of what they are trying to teach them. The goal is for them to not just be a law-abiding citizen, but a productive, contributing citizen."

The Interact club recently had a chance to tell the world its story by participating in Rotary International's first Interact video contest. The club's video, "Giving Back Through Interact," took the grand prize of being featured in Interactive.

"They came up with the idea for and all the material in the video," says Barr. "They said, 'What we need to do is

show the transformation.' It took guts for them to take that approach. Some of them have hard stories to tell.

"This video showed us just how much of an impact we have made," she adds.

The Interact club has also had another success story. The Rotarians began a mentoring program that matches an offender with a Rotarian. One of the first arrangements paired a police chief with an offender who had committed assault and battery with intent to kill. The mentoring relationship has worked out beautifully, and the youth, who served as president of the Interact club, is now attending South Carolina State University, majoring in mathematics on a scholarship from the state. The Rotary club chipped in to cover the student's books and fees.



Virginia Barr, (left) liaison to the Interact Club of Communities-in-Schools at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, and club adviser Andy Broughton (far right), with members of the club on a park service project.

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