

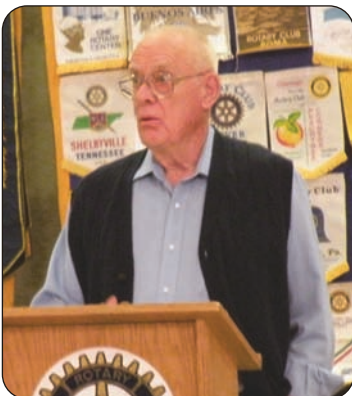


TODAY'S PROGRAM

Tina Clark with Hospice Care Options will be our keynote speaker.

Rotarian of the Day
Carl Buice

LAST MEETING



Rotarian Tom Perrin gave the program at the Dec. 11 meeting. He discussed his quest to take a picture of every courthouse in Georgia and told several entertaining stories of his trips. He may return after the first of the year to perform his full comedy routine for the club. Rotarian Brad Oliver finished the program and did a great job of clearing out the room.



3 Rotarians also received their blue badges. (left to right) Shawn Roberts, Craig Coleman, Mark Strom.

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

Cathy Settle Brad Oliver

ABSENTEES

Bacon, Bell, Black, Brown, Buice, Dean, Fuller, Gheesling, Hall, Kennedy, Matthews, Miller, Noel, Prezioso, Shields, Stewart, Tyson, Van Horn, Whipple, Williams, Yearwood

MAKE-UPS

None

RICH BERTOLI MEMORIAL CART FUND

\$8²⁰ TOTAL: \$1,845⁶⁴

50/50 CLUB
0 Cards Left
Pot: \$2,624



Christmas Baskets

We will meet this Saturday, December 20, 8:00 a.m. at Jenkins Hall on the Georgia Military College campus to assemble the Rotary Christmas Baskets for delivery. We still need people to help deliver baskets. Contact Linda Zarkowsky at lzarkowsky@baldwincountyga.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.



MEMBER PROFILE

Tara Peters



"To cultivate a business climate for the purpose of having a prosperous community."

Tara graduated high school from Georgia Military College and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia College and State University. She is also a graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute of Organization Management, and is a Georgia Certified Chamber Executive. Tara serves on the executive committee of the Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and the GC&SU School of Business Advisory Board. Additionally, she is a past mentor at Baldwin High School.

Tara met her husband, Rick, while they were serving in the U.S. Army. They have been married for 25 years and have two children, Will, 21, and Kaitlyn, 19, both college students. Tara also has two step-children, Kristy, 30, and Jason, 28. Her grandchildren include: Lilly, 10; Skylar, 6; and Benjamin 4.

When Tara is not busy with the Chamber, she enjoys boating, water activities, reading, traveling, and camping.

The Future Vision Plan for the Rotary Foundation is designed to:

- Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission
- Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians
- Offer program options to help achieve both global and local goals
- Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by transferring more decisions to the districts
- Gain greater understanding of The Rotary Foundation's work and enhance Rotary's public image

ROTARY USA NEWS

Walking among the planets

Edited from a story by Peter Schmidtkne, Rotary International News - 12 December 2008

In Anchorage, Alaska, USA, you don't need a telescope to look at the planets – you can walk to them.

The secret is a scale-model planet walk created by the Rotary Club of Anchorage and amateur astronomer Eli Menaker. Interested trekkers start in downtown Anchorage at a 3-ton model of the sun and encounter each of the planets along a 10-mile route ending at a ski chalet.

Every step equals 186,000 miles, and heading to Jupiter from Earth is a little more than a half-hour stroll.

Menaker introduced the idea for a temporary walk to city officials in 2003 while a student at Service High School in Anchorage. Before heading off to Middlebury College in Vermont, he was approached by Anchorage Rotarians with the idea of making permanent planet displays, as part of the club's centennial project.

The Anchorage club raised more than \$620,000 to enhance Menaker's plan.

Stepping it up

Menaker says his original Sun was a circular tarp covered with yellow adhesive tape. "I quickly realized we had to step that up," he said.

A local artist used over 2,400 ceramic tiles to craft a 12-foot-by-6-foot hemispherical model of the sun and sculpted sunspots to scale.

Menaker wrote text describing the planets and consulted with an artist and a contractor to configure the planet kiosks. Brecht and others worked to create a digital display for the Sun station at the start of the walk.

Rotarians designed the three-sided, 9-foot-tall Sun station with three screens on which participants can view Native American sun stories and NASA images.

Before the club dedicated the walk to the city in August 2006, members reached out to the city's school district and to the Imaginarium science center to incorporate the project into their curriculums. Additionally, Rotarians have pushed the fitness aspect of the walk through events like the Run/Walk Winter Solstice Challenge on 21 December.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rotarian Action Group joins AIDS prevention effort

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Rotarians for Fighting AIDS (RFFA), a Rotarian Action Group, has joined a broad coalition of organizations in a new initiative designed to combat the spread of AIDS among young people.

Coordinated by the U.S. government, Partnership for an HIV-Free Generation is bringing together public- and private-sector leaders to create marketing campaigns that will promote healthy living among at-risk youth, and to monitor the effectiveness of the messages with cutting-edge market research.

The initiative is being launched in Nairobi, Kenya, with the goal of reducing new HIV infections in 10- to 24-year-olds by 50 percent during the next five years.

In addition, participating organizations will provide mentoring and promote business and educational opportunities for youth.

"Never before have so many top-quality private-sector organizations banded together with the U.S. government to make a difference in reducing HIV infection among youth," says Marion Bunch, RFFA chair. "We are proud to be a part of this leading-edge program, which has a chance of creating a best-practice model for dramatically reducing HIV infections in all of Sub-Saharan Africa."

According to Partnership for an HIV-Free Generation, youth are particularly at risk of contracting AIDS, because they lack information and education and have a low perception of the risk. They also tend to have less access to, and make less use of, health care services.

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



Photo by Marion Bunch
Marion Bunch, chair of Rotarians For Fighting AIDS, spends time with children during a September medical mission in Nairobi, Kenya.

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