

Rotary Programs

This Week - Rotary Fellowship
Rotarian of the Day - Nolan Stephens
Last Meeting - Terry Bragg and the Oak Hill Middle School Band
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Terry Bragg and the Oak Hill Band
Featured Guests, December 13 meeting



The Oak Hill Middle School Band performed several Christmas songs for Rotarians at their Dec 13 meeting. The band is directed by Terry Bragg and Christie Woods. The Rotary Club was very impressed with these young band members.

Visiting Rotarians

None

Guests

Ned YearwoodJody Yearwood
 Roger DonahueRod Theus
 Karen YoungLarry Kenyon

Absentees

Adkins, Bell, B. Brown, Carlton, Chandler, Cooper, Cox, Dahanayake, Daniel, Davidson, Dean, Drinkwater, Dyer, Ferguson, Fontenot, Gandy, Griffith, Haney, Marcott, McAfee, Moore, Murphy Sr., Neely, Nelson, Peters, Purvis, Reese, Roberts, Sibilsky Jr., Thornton, Tyson, Van Horn, Weimer, Williams

Makeups

None

Rich Bertoli CART Fund:

\$161.83 – TOTAL: \$744.92

50/50 Club – December 13, 2007

Keith Barlow had the winning ticket.
 He was unsuccessful in his draw.
46 Cards Left Pot: \$147.00



President-elect Lamar Fields serving up some beef at the December 13 meeting. It was his way of saying thanks to the club for everyone's help with the auction.

A Message from the District Governor

Dear Rotarian Friends,

The beginning of the holidays signals the happiest time of the year. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and that these few days before Christmas will be filled with joy for you and your family. Your contributions to Rotary service have provided joyful occasions for many people around the world. Thanks for your support of Rotary in your communities and throughout the nations of the world.

Assistant Governor training will be in Savannah in February at the Planter's Inn. DGE Kenan Kern will be in touch concerning registration and the scheduled activities. Register now to be a part of the District 6920 leadership for 2008-2009.

Presidents Elect Training Seminar – Peachtree City, Georgia. Those of you who will serve as club presidents during 2008-2009 should register immediately for the March 8-9 activities. If you are a President Elect or President Nominee, please register for PETS online at the district Web site. Over 400 Rotarian leaders will gather at the Wyndham Conference Center in Peachtree City for Rotary education and fellowship. DGE Kenan Kern will lead the activities for District 6920 and prepare each of you for a successful administration. Please be sure to report the names of Presidents-Elect to AG Paula Goodnow. Please report the name and contact information for your President Elect to AG Paula Goodnow as soon as possible.

It is difficult not to repeat oneself when marveling at the many service activities that occur in District 6920. The theme "Rotary Shares" describes the everyday and holiday spirit throughout our district.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Yours for Better Rotary Service,
 Richard E. Hyer, Jr., District Governor

MEMBER PROFILE
Lawrence Kenyon



Lawrence "Larry" Kenyon grew up in Millen, GA. He graduated from Jenkins County High School in 1957. He attended North

Georgia College and received a BS in Business. He and his wife, Elizabeth, a native of Dahlonega, met at North Georgia College, where she was also attending.

After graduation from college, Larry had a military obligation. While waiting to enter the military, he tried his hand at teaching high school and working in textiles.

Upon entering the military, Larry went to flight school. He served several tours in Vietnam and is one of the few Army pilots to have piloted an Army aircraft across the Pacific. While he was in the military, the Army sent Larry to graduate school at Northwest Missouri State University, where he earned an MBA. During his last four years of active duty, he served as Professor of Military Science at Georgia Military College. He retired after 23 years in the Army.

Upon retiring from the military, Larry and Elizabeth stayed in Milledgeville, where she taught in the public school system for 25 years and he worked as the Administrative Operations Manager at the Bill E. Ireland Youth Development Center. Larry retired from the YDC in June 2007 after 23 years.

Lawrence and Elizabeth have three children and five grandsons.

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.

Côte d'Ivoire Rotarian honored for dedication to polio eradication



Rotarian Marie-Irène Richmond-Ahoua received an honor from The International Catholic Child Bureau for her work in helping protect children against polio.

Photo by Steven Morris/AP

The International Catholic Child Bureau (Bureau Internationale Catholique de l'Enfance) has honored Marie-Irène Richmond-Ahoua, a Côte d'Ivoire Rotarian, for her work in helping protect her country's children against polio.

A member of the Rotary Club of Abidjan-Bietry since 1991, Richmond-Ahoua received the nongovernmental organization's annual distinction, along with 19 other distinguished national personalities who have contributed to the well-being and dignity of children.

More than 25 Rotarians, representing all of the clubs in Abidjan, along with three Rotaract presidents, attended the 23 November ceremony at the Economic and Social Council headquarters in Abidjan.

Richmond-Ahoua has been a tireless supporter of polio eradication at the local level. Since 1997, she has volunteered to immunize children during National Immunization Days. She has served as chair of the Côte d'Ivoire PolioPlus Committee for nine years and chaired the District 9100 Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign Committee.

"It is a privilege to receive [the distinction], thanks to the tremendous work done by all Rotarians in the field in order to eradicate polio," says Richmond-Ahoua. It is the sixth time she has been honored by her country for her volunteer work toward polio eradication. "All these awards are a real source of motivation to do more and more on behalf of Rotary International."

Richmond-Ahoua became the first female Rotary club president in West

Africa in 1994. In addition to her polio eradication work, she has been involved in a variety of Rotary community service projects, from clean water initiatives to literacy programs for women. (In Côte d'Ivoire, about two-thirds of the female population cannot read, write, or calculate simple math.)

"There is so much to do for humanity," Richmond-Ahoua says. "As an African woman and mother, I know what poverty means, I know what dignity means. Therefore, it is a must to pursue our fight against poliovirus."

Rotarians seek aid for cyclone victims

In the aftermath of Cyclone Sidr's destruction in Bangladesh, Rotarians in District 3280 are seeking aid for victims of the 15 November disaster.

The cyclone killed 3,347 people, left 880 missing, and injured more than 34,000. Currently, 35,000 residents are living in camps. In all, more than eight million people were affected and 365,000 homes destroyed.

The storm swept away roads, bridges, and electrical towers, damage that has delayed the relief effort. Clean water and food are limited, and heat and humidity have increased the risk of disease.

Immediate needs in Bangladesh include food, medical care, shelter, and water. Furthermore, to restore residents' livelihoods, the fisheries and agricultural sector must be rehabilitated.

Local Rotarians have donated US\$7,000 to the relief fund established by Bangladesh's Armed Forces Division, which is leading the aid effort in inaccessible areas. The district is now collecting money to provide food, blankets, clothing, construction materials, a portable water treatment plant, and temporary shelter.

District 3280 also wants to help with reforestation in the Sundarbans. The cyclone devastated this UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to one of the largest mangrove forests in the world.

More Rotary International news releases are available online at www.rotary.org.

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.rotaryeclubone.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