

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

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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.

Rotary Programs

This Week - January 11 -
Special Recognition Program;
Jim Mills, Coordinator
Rotarian of the Day: Shane Geeter

Last Meeting - January 4 - Sen. Johnny Grant, "Preview of Georgia General Assembly Session"
Rotarian of the Day: Quay Fuller

Last Meeting



State Senator Johnny Grant previewed the upcoming legislative session, pointing out some of the issues likely to be in the spotlight in the coming months.

Visiting Rotarians

Richard JonesDublin
Paula Fuller.....Thomson

Guests

John ThorntonFred Van Horn
Edna FontenotRenee Fontenot

Absentees

Beasley, S. Brown, Cooper, Cox, Daniel, Davidson, Dennis, Eberhardt, Gandy, Hall, Hines, Matthews, Murphey Sr., Nunn, Oliver, Owens, Parker, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Richardson, Scott, Trammell



CART Fund: Renee Fontenot will match
Donation of \$20.39 - Thanks!!

50/50 Club - January 4, 2007
Mark Bell with the winning ticket was unsuccessful in his draw.
34 Cards Left Pot: \$664.00



This Week's Program

Special Recognition Program
Jim Mills presents

Next Week's Program
Experiences in Guadalcanal

Frank Bacon speaks of his experiences in World War II.

January is Rotary Awareness Month

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Benefits of Rotary

- Making the acquaintance of people you ought to know.
- Genuine, wholesome good fellowship.
- Developing true and helpful friends.
- Enlightenment as to other people's work, problems and successes.
- Education in methods that increase efficiency.
- Stimulation of your desire to be of service to your fellow men, women and society in general.

Obligations of Rotary

- To attend meetings regularly.
- To pay membership dues.
- To serve your club and community when called upon.
- To be a big-hearted, broad-minded person - a person of energy and action - a Rotarian.



Upcoming Programs

January 18 - Frank Bacon, Experiences in Guadalcanal
Rotarian of the Day: Angie Gheesling

January 25 - Tara Peters with a Special Report on Baldwin 20/20 Retreat
Rotarian of the Day: Faye Gilbert

A Message From RI President Bill Boyd

Dear fellow Rotarians,

When we are asked, what is Rotary? it can sometimes be difficult to give a quick and easy answer. Rotary is about so many things: friendship and fellowship, international understanding and cooperation, vocational ethics and community leadership. All these values brought us to Rotary, and all are reasons why we stay.

But first and foremost, Rotary is about service and putting Service Above Self. Rotary was founded for fellowship, but it quickly grew into an organization where people who wanted to serve others came together to do it – better, more effectively, and more enjoyably than they could have alone. We're members of our clubs so we can work through them to help others. That is why we're Rotarians. That is why we're here.

The four Avenues of Service are, and always will be, central to Rotary's work. They help us find balance in our choice of projects and aid us in achieving the Object of Rotary. Through Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service, we strive to uphold this ideal. Every project we carry out – every playground we refurbish, every well we help dig, every adult we teach to read, every child we immunize against polio – makes the world we all live in a bit better, a bit healthier, a bit happier. And it demonstrates to others that in the long term, we do not succeed professionally despite our commitment to doing what is right – we succeed because of it.

Everything we do in Rotary supports the Object of Rotary. When we work to strengthen The Rotary Foundation, we're building greater resources to support our service. When we work to increase membership, we're doing it so we'll have more hands to carry out our projects. Although some things in Rotary, like the Object of Rotary and the four Avenues of Service, do not change, our organization has evolved over the decades to find better and more efficient ways of meeting our goals. The Club Leadership Plan is one such tool. In it, we have an effective road map for organizing our clubs and allowing each one to work to its full potential, in every one of the four Avenues of Service.

By simplifying our club leadership structure, we free more of our time, energy, and resources for the real business of Rotary, which is, and always will be, service. By upholding our commitment to our four Avenues of Service, we honor the generations of Rotarians who followed them in the past – and Lead the Way for generations to come.

District News - High School Speech Contest

Dear Rotarians:

We already have a wonderful Rotary year in progress and an important part of this year's continued focus will be on the High School Speech Contest, which was certainly a focus point at last year's District Conference, and this year should be even more exciting. With each year, the competition gets greater and the speeches get better!

As in past years, I am requesting that each club president or your appointee to contact each local high school within your service area and ask them to select a speaker to represent their high school with a speech using this year's Rotary Theme as the basis of their speech, "Rotary Serving the World" Specific topics: Water Projects, Literacy Projects and Medical Projects. The two top students from each club will go on to compete at the zone level which will increase the level of competition substantially. The school representatives will deliver the speech before the local club assembly at which time a first and second place winner will be selected to represent your club at the designated zone speech contest. The winners of the zone contests will receive small gifts and will be expected to compete at the District Conference, which will be held on May 5, 2007 in Savannah, GA. Three scholarships will be awarded for the three winners in the amount of \$1,000, \$750.00 and \$500 at the District Conference.

Please use the following dates for scheduling purposes:
Final Selection of Club Representative:
By February 28, 2007

Zone Competition Dates
North Area- March 3, 2007
East Zone- March 10, 2007
Central/West Zone- March 24, 2007

District Competition
May 5, 2007

-Kelli Simon, Speech Contest Chair

Area Rotary Club Make-Up Meeting Sites

Perry - Mon 12:00 - New Perry Hotel, downtown Perry
Macon - Mon 1:00 - First Presbyterian Church
Cochran - Tue 12:00 - Community House, 3rd St next to MGC
Warner Robins - Tue 12:00 - Wellston Center, 155 Maple St.
Centerville - Tue 7:30 - Piccadilly, 2745 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins
Downtown Macon - Wed 12:30 - Macon Centreplex, just off I-16
Jones County - Thu 12:00 - Landfall at Porter Subdivision clubhouse, Hwy 129, Gray
Sandersville - Thu 1:00 - Twin City Country Club, Hwy 68
Dublin - Fri 12:00 - Dublin Country Club, East off Hwy 441 N

International News - U.S. official, nonprofit chief call for more polio support

Two U.S. leaders are urging more public and private commitment and support for polio eradication.

Paula J. Dobriansky, undersecretary of state for democracy and global affairs, and Timothy E. Wirth, president of the United Nations Foundation, made the call in an editorial they coauthored in the Washington Times.

"It is time for the international community to finish the job of eradicating polio," they said in the piece, which appeared in the 23 November edition of the Washington, D.C., paper. "To do that requires strengthened commitment, enhanced cooperation and community involvement."

Dobriansky and Wirth noted that in the United States, government and private organizations have already greatly contributed to efforts that have made the world 99 percent polio-free. For example, the UN Foundation, other nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined the growing number of supporters of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. U.S. government backing includes total contributions of more than \$1.2 billion since the initiative's launch.

"The United States is working through the G-8 and other forums to ensure the support of world leaders and address the \$50 million funding gap this year, and the even bigger projected shortfall for 2007-2008," they said.

In their account of the initiative's 18-year history of remarkable success, the authors acknowledged Rotary's unflagging support. "Rotary International has continued its key role, and has provided hundreds of millions of dollars," they said.

According to Dobriansky and Wirth, international cooperation, as well as a higher level of participation by communities and governments in polio-endemic countries, will be vital in finally getting rid of the disease. Now, only Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan are still polio-endemic.

"Local political and religious figures have a crucial role to play in disseminating helpful information, dispelling myths and instilling confidence in communities regarding immunization," they observed. "National and world leaders, both secular and religious, must reach out to the communities affected by polio and urge local leaders to support vaccination efforts."

Learn more about Rotary's PolioPlus program at www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus/

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).