

## 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. The ideal of service is fostered; 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.

## Rotary Programs

**This Week - January 25** - Tara Peters with a Special Report on Baldwin 20/20 Retreat. There will be a special cameo appearance by Rotarian Faye Gilbert to report on the Entrepreneur-Friendly City initiative.

**Rotarian of the Day: Faye Gilbert**

**Last Meeting - January 18** - Frank Bacon, accompanied by his friend Dr. Earl Dupree, spoke of their experiences in World War II on Guadalcanal.

**Rotarian of the Day: Angie Gheesling**

## Last Meeting



Rotarian Frank Bacon spoke of his experiences in World War II.

## Visiting Rotarians

None

## Guests

Earl Dupree.....Frank and Rose Bacon  
 Jean Dupree .....Frank and Rose Bacon  
 John Thornton .....Fred Van Horn  
 Cord Sibilisky .....Bo Sibilsky  
 Ajantha Dahanayake ..Renee Fontenot

## Absentees

Bell, Bertoli, P. Brown, Burke, Cooper, Cox, Daniel, Davidson, Dean, Dyer, Gandy, Griffeth, Hattaway Sr., Hines, Kirkwood, Kisida, Matthews, Muggridge, Murphey Sr., Neely, Nunn, Peevy, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Richardson

## Makeups

None



**CART Fund:** Jim Saturley will match Donation of \$19.00 - Thanks!!

**50/50 Club - January 18, 2007**  
 Fielding Whipple with the winning ticket was unsuccessful in his draw.  
**32 Cards Left Pot: \$754.00**



## Next Week's Program

**Easter Seals Middle Georgia**

Denise Creel of Easter Seals Middle Georgia will speak on the unique history of Rotary and the Easter Seals organization and describe how her organization is evolving today.

## 2007 District Conference

**Savannah, Georgia**

**May 4, 5 & 6, 2007**

Accommodations

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## Upcoming Programs

**February 8 (tentative)** - Mayor Richard Bentley on the state of the city.  
**Rotarian of the Day: Jeff Gray**

**February 16** - Valentine Party (no meeting on February 15)

**February 22** - Peace Day Observance Downtown (meeting downtown at the Peace Monument)



The Rotary Club of Milledgeville

MEMBER PROFILE

## Brad Oliver

Brad Oliver was born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee but grew up in Lebanon, Tennessee. After graduating from Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, he attended what was then Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (now Tennessee Technological University) for two years before joining the US Army. While stationed in Bamberg, Germany as a Staff Sergeant with the Second Reconnaissance Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 3RD Division, Brad was selected to attend Infantry Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia where he graduated a Second Lieutenant in 1959. After Airborne School graduation, Brad married Gail Weddington from Tullahoma, Tennessee and they have celebrated 47 years, three daughters and four grandchildren together.

After a military career that saw Brad serving in Vietnam in 1965-66, 1968-69, and 1971-72, his last assignment brought him to Milledgeville in June, 1974 where he was the Professor of Military Science at GMC until his retirement in 1978. He followed that with a twenty year career as Assistant Director of The Milledgeville Youth Development Center. He retired from the YDC in 1998.

Brad earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska and his masters degree from Georgia College. He is a graduate of The Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Brad enjoys private pond fishing, furniture restoration and refinishing, working in the yard, and traveling.

Rotary is a very important part of Brad's life. He has been a member of this Club since 1977 and has served in every capacity except Club Secretary. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, Will Watt Fellow, and a Hugh Thomas Fellow. Gail is a Paul Harris and Will Watt Fellow. Brad took a Group Study Exchange to Australia in 1985 and was President of the Club for its 50th Anniversary in 1987 that saw RI President Chuck Keller and his wife as our guests for the festivities of that occasion. Brad was the catalyst behind the Rotary Peace Project and the late Milledgeville Antebellum Rotary Club. When you hear Brad talk about Rotary as a whole and the Milledgeville Rotary Club in particular, you begin to understand why Brad loves THIS club and his Rotary friends so very much.

## District News - Macon Club Works with Liberian Institute to Provide Supplies

The Macon Rotary Club has four literacy projects going so far this year. During Literacy Month in July, they collected school supplies to send to Rick's Institute in Liberia, which is the only school providing free education to Liberia's children after a 14 year civil war which devastated the campus. The Macon Club worked with Mercer University and area churches to send a shipping container full of school supplies, school books and equipment to Rick's Institute. The headmaster of Rick's is a Mercer University graduate.

The country of Liberia was founded with support by many people from the United States after the U.S. Civil War. Over 1500 residents of Macon helped found Liberia. Locally, the Macon Club has the "Rotary Reader's Project" where members of the Club visit intercity schools to read to children. The Club also has two high school students from the various local high schools attend Club meetings, where the students and their achievements are recognized. Last, the Macon Club is also a sponsor of the Georgia Literary Festival occurring in Macon this year on November 4, 2006. (The Club acknowledges that is supporting "advanced literacy").

## 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 - Students learn a lesson in law from Rotarians in Hong Kong

Some Rotary clubs in Hong Kong decided the best way to teach some students a lesson was to take them to court - or at least a mock court.

As part of an adopt-a-school project, clubs in District 3450 (Hong Kong) worked with the Education and Manpower Bureau of Hong Kong to teach secondary school students about crime and punishment.

The clubs teamed up with their local schools to give students hands-on professional expertise. Ten clubs and nine schools participated and planned activities such as career talks, vocational visits, mentorship, and a mock trial, where the Rotary Club of Kingspark turned students at Hotung Secondary School into lawyers.

Alexander Mak, past district governor of District 3450, explained, "The main goal of the mock trial is to enable the students to understand the operation of our legal system, cultivate a critical way of thinking, broaden their exposure, make informed judgments toward civic and legal issues, and understand that many things can be looked at from different angles."

Seventy students participated in two trials - one involving the case of someone accused of breaking into a car and stealing money from it, and the other case involved the defendant allegedly possessing illegal drugs. The students were divided into four groups - each group was assigned to either the prosecution or defense of one of the trials.

To train the students, club members took them to a local police department. The policemen explained their duties - what equipment is at their disposal, how to handle suspects, and how to take and prepare witness statements.

Then both Rotarians and law experts helped train the students in honing their legal skills. The teams of prosecutors were trained by lawyers from the Department of Justice in Hong Kong. The two defense teams trained with a criminal barrister. Two police inspectors and one immigration officer also helped out as the prosecution's witnesses.

The experts taught the students how to examine witnesses without asking leading questions, present evidential materials, argue before the court, and make closing statements.

"Although these students had no prior legal training, we managed to turn them into confident prosecution and defense lawyers," said Mak.

The students did so well that Magistrate Adrian Ching, who served as the judge in both trials, said their performance was even better than some of the newly trained lawyers she saw in her court.

The mock trial program was so successful that more Rotary clubs and schools want to participate in the program next year. Mak is working on packaging the project so it can be easily replicated.

Furthermore, the students loved the experience. One student even plans to improve her English so she can attend law school.

## 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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org) and taking the "test." Print the receipt and give it to the Club Secretary (Halsey Leavitt).