

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 - March 1 - High School Speech Competition and Induction of New Members

Rotarian of the Day: Cathy Settle

Last Meeting - February 22 - Mr. Morris Graybeal, Executive Director of the Georgia War Veterans Home, keynote speaker for World Understanding and Peace Day, held at the Baldwin County Courthouse.

Last Meeting



02/08: Mayor Richard Bentley discussed the state of the City of Milledgeville.

Visiting Rotarians

LuFrier ByrdGreene/Putnam
Rick FranklinCenterville, GA
Tom SchniderJackson, TN

Absentees

02/08: Adkins, Bell, P. Brown, Cooper, Cox, Daniel, Davidson, Dean, Gandy, Gilbert, Hines, Kirkwood, Kisida, Murphey Sr., Nichols, Noel, Nunn, Parker, Peevy, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Richardson, Samuels, Sibisky, Theus, Van Horn

02/22: Adkins, Beasley, Bertoli, Black, Brown, Burke, Carlton, Cleveland, Cooper, Cox, Daniel, Davidson, Dean, Dennis, Drinkwater, Dyer, Eberhardt, Ferguson, Fontenot, Fuller, Gandy, Gheesling, Grant, Griffeth, Gunn, Hattaway Sr., Kisida, Long, McRee, Mullis, Neely, Nunn, Parker, Purvis, Reese, Richardson, Roberts, Romines, Samuels, Saturley, Stewart, Strickland, Theus, Weimer

Makeups

Roger NoelOnline



CART Fund: Sam Watson will match
Donation of \$20.00 - Thanks!!

50/50 Club - February 8, 2007
Tom Schnider with the winning ticket
was unsuccessful in his draw.

51 Cards Left Pot: \$30.00



This Week's Program

Competition and Induction

High School Speech Competition and Induction of New Members will be held.

Next Week's Program

Dr. Todd Groce

Dr. Todd Groce, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Georgia Historical Society, will speak on the topic, "Will the South Survive?"



Rotary Club of Milledgeville observed World Understanding and Peace Day at the Baldwin County Courthouse. Mr. Morris Graybeal, Executive Director of the Georgia War Veterans Home, spoke to Club members and the public.



Upcoming Programs

March 8 - W. Todd Groce, President and Chief Executive Officer, Georgia Historical Society
Rotarian of the Day: Richard Hicks

March 15 - Margaret Chambliss on Baldwin County Citizen Advocacy
Rotarian of the Day: Mark Scott

Meeting Photos

02/15: The Valentine Dinner



02/22: Peace Day Ceremony



District News - High School Speech Competition to Highlight Conference

The month of March will likely see many high schoolers in our district talking up Rotary. The district's annual high school speech contests will begin with a round of zone competitions next month.

Club presidents have been asked to contact each high school within their service area and have them select a speaker to represent their high school with a speech. This year's topic is "Rotary Serving the World." Specific topics are water, literacy and medical projects.

The top two students from each club will go on to compete at the zone level. 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 in Savannah. Three scholarships will be awarded for the three winners in the amount of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 at the District Conference.

The zone competitions will be held on March 3 - North Area; March 10 - East Zone and March 24 - Central/West Zone. Kelli Simon is serving as this year's 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 - Second chance inspires lifesaving project

Four years ago, Randy High was the recipient of a kidney donation, which granted him a second chance at life. Inspired by this life-altering experience, he adopted an organ donation program for his club, the Rotary Club of Eastern Independence, Missouri, USA.

"I can't think of a larger gift of compassion," the club's president says of organ donations. "Now I want to help educate other people through our Rotary project."

According to his wife, Leslie, a member of the same club, a childhood illness damaged her husband's kidneys, causing them to fail almost a half century later. Within a week of physicians informing him of seriousness of his condition, High suffered a cardiac arrest.

"I told Randy, 'I'm going to give you my kidney,'" Leslie High says. "We don't have children — it has always just been us." Fortunately, her kidney was a suitable match.

High says he can't thank his wife enough, so he's making the most of the life she gave him. The Donate Life project he started "is a little payback. Someone did this for me, now I have to give back," he explains.

As a part of the Donate Life project, High tells his story to fellow Rotarians in hope that they will sign up as donors. The Highs and other Eastern Independence Rotarians are currently visiting clubs in District 6040 in Missouri. "We have talked with nearly 1,000 Rotarians now," Leslie High says.

They also have received requests from other districts and want to expand the program to the community. "We would like to speak with college students and high school students who are old enough to take part in organ donation," explains High.

Additionally, the club has prepared a PowerPoint presentation, a video, and a script so other clubs can take part in the project. "The Donate Life project is economical," High explains. "It's inexpensive, but has incredible impact."

According to Donate Life America, a U.S. not-for-profit alliance of national organizations and local coalitions, almost 100,000 men, women, and children currently need life-saving organ transplants.

In June, the Eastern Independence club received a Significant Achievement Award from District 6040 for its efforts with the Donate Life project.

"This is something everyone can take part in," High says. "In our club, everyone administers the programs or gives presentations." The club also has a 100 percent sign up rate for organ donation.

According to the Highs, Rotarian response has been so great it has amazed those at partner organization Midwest Transplant Network.

"We have about a 40 percent return of the signature forms, and many people take them home and send them in later," Leslie High says. "Our contact at the organization told me there is not a day they don't receive a form from a Rotarian."

Stop by the Donate Life booth at the 2007 Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, and learn more about this lifesaving project.

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).