

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 22 - Former District Governor Jim Puryear on Literacy
Rotarian of the Day: David Jackson

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

Last Meeting



Three dedicated officers of Baldwin Citizen Advocacy spoke about the volunteer services coordinated by the organization and some of the advocates who serve fellow citizens in this way. Pictured here are Margaret Chambliss, Coordinator; David Grant, Board Member; and Alice Tenold, Associate Coordinator.

Visiting Rotarians

Paula FullerThomson

Guests

Hope HinesArthur Gunn
Terry KennedyArthur Gunn
Bob BoydArthur Gunn
Harmon PyeRenee Fontenot

Absentees

Bertoli, Brooks, P. Brown, S. Brown, Cooper, Cox, Dahanayake, Daniel, Dyer, Gandy, Gilbert, Grant, Griffith, Leavitt, Matthews, Mills, Moore, Murphey Sr., Neely, Nunn, Oliver, Pope, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Richardson, Samuels, Settle, Truelove, Tyson, Williams, Zarkowsky



CART Fund: Jerry Adkins will match
Donation of \$22.00 - Thanks!!

50/50 Club - March 15, 2007
Travis Strickland with the winning ticket was unsuccessful in his draw.
48 Cards Left Pot: \$119.00



This Week's Program

Literacy

Past District Governor Jim Puryear visits from Augusta to speak on literacy. Jim has a distinguished record of service to Rotary and exemplifies this year's RI theme, "Lead the Way."

Next Week's Program

John Jensen, State Herpetologist of Georgia, Department of Natural Resources, will speak to the Club.

Register Now for District Conference

After April 3, the availability of rooms will decrease and the cost of registration and room reservations will increase!

You can register and link to hotel reservations on line at our district web site www.rotarydistrict6920.net or you can download the form from the web site.

The District Conference in Savannah on May 4-6 promises to be a grand party and fun experience for all who have the opportunity to come and enjoy.

Georgia State Governor Sonny Perdue has been invited to be our keynote speaker for lunch Friday. Other speakers include Rotary International President Bill Boyd's representative Rolf Horndler, a past Rotary International Director and a sitting trustee of The Rotary Foundation. Special guest John Osterlund, Ambassadorial Scholar Rotarian and manager of The Rotary Foundation.

Take action and register today. ASK your fellow Rotarians to attend their District Conference, celebrate Rotary and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

- DG Bill Blankenship



Upcoming Programs

March 29 - John Jensen, State Herpetologist of Georgia, Department of Natural Resources
Rotarian of the Day: Tommy Jefferson

April 5 - Heather Holder of Milledgeville Main Street/Downtown Development Authority updates the Club on these two entities.

Rotarian of the Day: Paul Jones

District News - Eradicating Ivory Coast Guinea Worm

She remembers the pain well.

Agnes Kossia managed an occasional smile as she talked about the parasite that, years ago, began to force its way through the skin of her lower left leg. She can't remember how long it lasted, but it seemed to be weeks before the parasite was gone and she was free of the agony it had caused.

Though unheard of in the West and eradicated in Asia, dracunculiasis, or Guinea worm, is a water-borne parasite still found in nine African countries, among them Ivory Coast, where Kossia lives with her 10 children in the village of Palla. The worm may grow to lengths of four feet inside a victim before working itself out over a course of one to two months through the person's lower extremities.

Guinea worm spreads through contaminated drinking water, and so Ivory Coast cases decreased dramatically in the early 1980s - from more than 67,000 cases in 1966 to less than 2,000 cases in 1985 - when more than 12,000 new water purification pumps were installed in villages like Palla. As pumps broke and villagers returned to untreated water supplies, however, incidents began rising, and in 1991 nearly 13,000 cases were reported.

"There is really nothing to do if we don't have clean water," Kossia said through an interpreter. "When our pump broke, we had no way to fix it. We had no way to get clean water. And we had no way to avoid diseases like Guinea worm."

Medical Assistance Programs (MAP) International is part of a country-wide effort to provide Ivory Coast villages with water filtration systems and to repair pumps that are no longer operable. Thanks to a grant of more than \$52,000 from Rotary International Foundation and Rotary Clubs of Brunswick and Glynn County, Ga., Atlanta West End, Atlanta Airport and District 6920 (in cooperation with Rotary Club of Abidjan Golf in Ivory Coast), MAP has been able to repair an additional 57 water pumps and construct 800 water purification filters in villages like Palla.

"It is very important that we be able to avoid diseases from unclean water," Kossia said. "If we get sick, we often have no way to go to the hospital. Even if we can go, we cannot afford the medicines. What MAP is doing is very important because now we have clean water again."

MAP, which has been working for years to eradicate the disease in Ivory Coast, has helped decrease the number of cases significantly. In 2006, there were just 5 cases reported throughout the entire country - and none of them were in Palla.

Source: Medical Assistance Programs (MAP) International - USA MAP International
Website: <http://www.map.org>

District News - Presidential Citations Deadline Fast Approaching

The Presidential Citation is given by the Rotary International President. You must complete the certification form in order to be considered for this award and forward the form to the District Governor at P.O. Box 931, Kingsland, GA 31548. Clubs must undertake a well-rounded program of activities in support of the Family of Rotary and within each of the four Avenues of Service listed on page 29 of your Rotary International Directory & Handbook/2006-2007 that you received at last year's District Conference. If you do not have your directory, email Paula Goodnow, with your fax number, at paulagoodnow@hotmail.com and she will fax you a copy.

To qualify for a citation, the club must (1) determine the minimum number of activities your club must accomplish in the Family of Rotary and within each Avenue of Service; (2) review the menu of suggested activities in each category, select those your club will achieve by the deadline, and set them as goals; and (3) complete the Presidential Citation Certification form once the goals have been met and send to your district governor by April 1, 2007. Your governor must certify the club size and activities your club has achieved by signing the certification form. He must then send the certification form to RI by April 15, 2007. Clubs that qualify for the Presidential Citation will receive a certificate recognizing their outstanding achievement.

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 - Rotary support helps teen cancer patient return to Peru

It has been a long wait, but Rony Montalvan is finally going home. After months of fighting leukemia and other difficulties, the 18-year-old Youth Exchange student's cancer is in remission following multiple rounds



of chemotherapy and transfusions. He is scheduled to leave Beaverton, Oregon, for his hometown of Toquepala, Peru, on March 25.

Just days before his year-long Oregon stay was to have ended in June 2006, Montalvan was diagnosed with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a life-threatening disease that required immediate and intensive medical treatment. The Rotary Club of Beaverton did what Rotary does best — they rallied to help a family in need, raising both awareness of Montalvan's situation in the community, and US\$20,000 to help cover medical costs. Read the full story.

Thanks to support from Rotary and the surrounding community, Montalvan returns home with a two-to three-year supply of cancer-fighting drugs. He will continue monthly treatments at a hospital in Lima, Peru. Rotary clubs in Peru will continue to assist the family.

"I am excited and happy to go back home. I have a strong relationship with the Rotarians," says Montalvan. "It's like a special friendship."

Montalvan got a special surprise on March 3, when he was feted as a guest at a home game of the professional U.S. basketball team the Portland Trailblazers. There, he received a team-autographed ball and met court-side with several of his favorite players.

"Rony was walking on air," says Jim Rauh, a Beaverton Rotary member who helped organize Montalvan's support team. In addition, Rauh developed a public relations campaign about the young man's plight that garnered widespread attention and a nomination for best public relations campaign by the American Marketing Association.

Throughout his recovery, Montalvan had been imagining what he'd do upon his return. First on his list: going to the beach. He eventually plans to study at the University of Arequipa.

The Rotary Club of Beaverton continues to accept donations for Montalvan's family. Contributors can mail donations to the Beaverton Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 385, Beaverton, OR, 97075 USA, or donate online at the Beaverton Rotary Web site.

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).