

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

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

**Last Meeting**



Past District Governor Jim Puryear spoke about literacy. Jim is currently the District Literacy Chair. He cited our Club's outstanding record of service to the community in the area of literacy.

**Visiting Rotarians**

Paula Fuller .....Thomson  
Jim Puryear .....Augusta

**Guests**

Bud Terry .....Michael Truelove  
Jan Fields .....Lamar Fields

**Absentees**

Adkins, Beasley, Bertoli, P. Brown, Clark, Cooper, Cox, Daniel, Davidson, Drinkwater, Ennis, Gandy, Gheesling, Grant, Gunn, Hall, Hattaway Sr., Jackson, Kirkwood, Kisida, Long, Matthews, McNeill, Murphey Sr., Neely, Nunn, Parker, Perrin, Peters, Pope, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Samuels, Stephens, Trammell

**Makeups**

Faye Gilbert .....Jones County



**CART Fund:** Fred Van Horn will match Donation of \$22.00 - Thanks!!

**50/50 Club - March 22, 2007**  
Wes Owens with the winning ticket drew the Queen of Hearts.  
**52 Cards Left Pot: \$147.00**



**This Week's Program**

*John Jensen*

John Jensen of Georgia Department of Natural Resources speaks to the Club about snakes. John is often called the state herpetologist because of his outstanding expertise in his field.

**Next Week's Program**

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

**Refer a Colleague to Rotary**

Do you know a friend, family member, or colleague from your business or profession in another locality who has all the qualities of a good Rotarian? Rotarians are adults of good character and good business or professional reputation, who hold or have held an executive position with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession. If you are an active member of a Rotary club in good standing and know someone suited to Rotary, then consider referring them for membership.

Once you have identified a qualified candidate, complete and submit an online form at <http://www.rotary.org/membership/prospective/referral.html>. The information you provide will be forwarded to a Rotary club in the candidate's locality. You can also download the form, print it out to be completed by hand, and fax it to RI headquarters at 1-847-866-9446. *Please be advised this form cannot be used to refer a person to your own club. Please see the club secretary for your club's recruitment protocol.*



**Upcoming Programs**

**April 5** - Heather Holder of Milledgeville Main Street/Downtown Development Authority updates the Club on these two entities.  
**Rotarian of the Day: Paul Jones**

**April 12** - Richard Mercier shares student-produced video of study abroad in Czechoslovakia.  
**Rotarian of the Day: Larry Kenyon**

**District News - Bass Tournament Information**

**Perry Rotary Club Charity Bass Tournament & Raffle**

**Saturday, April 28, 2007**

Begins at Daylight - Any Body of Water  
5 Fish Limit

Weigh-in at 4:00 PM GA National Fairgrounds & Agricenter  
Gate Opens for Check-in at 3:30 pm,  
Deadline 4 pm Sharp  
For official rules, visit [www.perryrotary.org](http://www.perryrotary.org)

Cost: \$125 per team,  
with new youth category

First Prize \$1,000 Guaranteed –  
Top 10 Places Pay Cash  
Big Fish Pot - 50% Payout  
Youth Big Fish Wins Personalized  
Custom Rod

**Raffle Grand Prize:**

14' Boat with 9.9 HP Mercury Motor,  
Trolling Motor & Trailer  
Plus many more valuable prizes!  
Raffle Tickets \$20, available from any  
Perry Rotary member  
Proceeds benefit Big Indian Creek Park  
& local charities.

Free T-shirts to First 30 Teams Registered!

Registration & entry fee must be received by 12:00 PM, April 27th. Make checks payable to Perry Rotary Club & mail to Security Bank, Attn: Penny Byrd, P.O. Box 1308, Perry, GA 31069. For questions call Shannon Hargrove (478) 987-7051.

**District News - John Osterlund to Speak at District Conference**

Born in Oak Park, Ill., John Osterlund grew up in Sebring, Fla. After graduating from the University of South Florida with a B.A. in Political Science, John became interested in the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship program. John was awarded a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship for the academic year 1987-88. With his Scandinavian heritage, it was to John's advantage that he was placed at the University of Stockholm.

John received his M.S. degree in History Education from Florida State University. After graduate school, John moved to Fort Lauderdale to become the Legislative Aide to State Senator Tom McPherson and to be an adjunct history instructor at Broward Community College. Working in state politics, John gained extensive experience in media relations and fund raising. John went to work as the Administrative Assistant to the Majority Leader of the Florida House of Representatives, Rep. Anne Mackenzie.

The Rotary Foundation is one of the largest charitable organizations in the United States in terms of fund-raising and international grantmaking. As the General Manager of The Rotary Foundation, John oversees the operations of five divisions: Humanitarian Grant Programs, Educational Programs, PolioPlus, Fund Development and Planning and Administration. In 2005-06, The Rotary Foundation was successful in raising \$162 million. John served as the Associate Director of the Foundation's \$80 million Polio Eradication Fund-raising Campaign - a campaign conducted in one year which raised \$135 million to further Rotary's goal of eradicating polio.

John is married to Elizabeth Gaizutis Osterlund. The Osterlunds live in Evanston and have three children: two sons, Benjamin and Peter, and a daughter, Abigail. John is a member of the Evanston Lighthouse Rotary Club, a Paul Harris Fellow and a benefactor.

**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.  
**Wenterville** - 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 - Former scholar turns stumbling blocks into stepping stones**

Young-Woo Kang knows about obstacles. As a teenager, he lost his eyesight, his mother, and his sister within just a few years. Growing up in Korea as an orphan, he faced suspicion and ostracism because of his blindness, which traditionally limited his occupation to fortunetelling or massage.

Kang, however, chose a very different course. He fought to take college entrance exams and was the first blind student in Korea to study at prestigious Yonsei University, graduating with honors. After receiving a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to attend the University of Pittsburgh, Kang overcame regulations preventing disabled people from studying abroad and became the first blind person from Korea to earn a doctorate.

Knocking down obstacles became an intrinsic part of Kang's life. Strong allies in his struggles included his wife, Kyoung, who served as his teacher and later a teacher of the blind, and Rotary. While at Yonsei University, he met William Powell, a blind Rotarian from Wesleyville, Pennsylvania, USA, who helped him obtain the Foundation scholarship in 1972-73 and later invited him to join Rotary.

"William Powell was with me all the way through," Kang says. "When I could not eliminate obstacles, he found a way around them." After receiving his doctorate in special education, Kang and his wife moved to Indiana, where he joined the Rotary Club of Munster. Today, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Washington D.C.

While in Indiana, Kang realized how U.S. policies and resources assisted disabled people, leading him to establish the Education and Rehabilitation Exchange Foundation to bring similar measures to Korea. He worked with fellow Rotarian Kwan Sik Min, Korea's minister of education, to help change laws and attitudes and empower people with disabilities.

Now a U.S. citizen, Kang is a member of the National Council on Disability, vice chair of the World Committee on Disability, and commemorative chair and senior adviser for the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. He has written several books, and his autobiography, A Light in My Heart, was made into a feature film in Korea. In October 2006, U.S. first lady Laura Bush invited him to speak at the White House as a role model during National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

In his Rotary club, Kang focuses on Matching Grant projects. The most recent one connects his club with District 3650 in Korea to bring Mongolian children with congenital heart disorders to Seoul for lifesaving surgeries.

"Rotary has been an integral part of my life," Kang says. "I can't talk about my experiences without talking about Rotary."

**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).