

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

Rotarian of the Day: Paul Jones

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

Last Meeting



Often called the state herpetologist because of his widely respected expertise, John Jensen of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources spoke to our club about snakes.

Guests

Jay Nelson.....Robbie Hattaway, Jr.

Absentees

Bertoli, S. Brown, Clark, Cooper, Cox, Dahanayake, Daniel, Eberhardt, Fontenot, Gandy, Gray, Griffith, Marcott, Moore, Murphey Sr., Neely, Noel, Nunn, Parker, Peevy, Peters, Pope, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Samuels, B. Sibilsky, E. Sibilsky, Thornton, Van Horn, Whipple, Williams, Zarkowsky

Makeups

Arthur GunnOnline
Henry PopeOnline
Jeff GrayDirectors Meeting
Roger NoelReception for RI Student

CART Fund: Arthur Gunn (\$147.00) and Travis (\$15.00) will match Donation of \$162.00 - Thanks!!

50/50 Club - March 29, 2007
Wes Owens with the winning ticket was unsuccessful in his draw
51 Cards Left Pot: \$25.00



This Week's Program

Heather Holder

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

Next Week's Program

Student Video

Richard Mercier, Music Chair at GCSU, shares student-produced video of study abroad in Czechoslovakia.

April 2007 Rotarian Birthdays

Scott Brown Roy Moore
David Jackson Tara Peters
Larry Kenyon Michael Truelove



The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the Truth?
- Is it fair to all Concerned?
- Will it build good will and better Friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all Concerned?

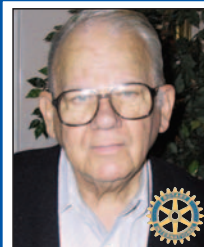


Upcoming Programs

April 12 - Richard Mercier shares student-produced video of study abroad in Czechoslovakia.

Rotarian of the Day: Larry Kenyon

April 19 - President-Elect Karen Brooks hosts the Club for lunch and a program at Oconee Regional Medical Center.
Rotarian of the Day: Diane Kirkwood



The Rotary Club of Milledgeville
MEMBER PROFILE

Lee Dennis

Lee Dennis was born in Eatonton, where he attended school for 9 years. Later, he went to Darlington School for 2 years.

In 1937, Lee went with his grandfather, L.N. Jordan to the Old Governor's Mansion for the very first organizational meeting of the Milledgeville Rotary Club. Dr. Guy Wells was President of GSCW and Mr. Porter Carswell was the Rotary District Governor. Lee has had a long and illustrious history with the Milledgeville Rotary Club.

When he was 18, Lee was drafted into the Army. His father died while he was in Basic Training at Camp Blanding, Florida. Lee had never seen his father ill until he was hospitalized. The Red Cross arranged for a pass to go home to visit his father, who died on December 31, 1944.

After Basic Training, Lee was stationed at Fort Mead, Maryland. While he was there, the war in Europe ended. Even though he was ordered to go to Europe three times, his Orders were changed and he ended up in the Philippine Islands. When World War II ended in August 1945, Lee was shipped to Japan where he was stationed for 17 months before returning to the United States in late 1946. While in Japan, he was stationed first in Kyoto and later sent to the Youkahama Tokoya area.

In 1951 Lee married his wife Mary, who died in November 2000.

District News - District Conference Approaching

2007 District Conference

Savannah, Georgia

May 4, 5 & 6, 2007

Accommodations

Make your own reservations

Ask for Rotary District Conference

Discounted Rate - Single/ Double occupancy \$165

Suites: Junior \$205, Executive \$225,

One bedroom \$325 &

Two bedroom \$490.

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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 - Rwandan scholar blazes a new trail

Alexandre Ngamije broke new ground for himself and Rotarians alike when he arrived in Rockford, Illinois, as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar from Rwanda in August 2006.

"When I came to the U.S., I had my own culture," says Ngamije, age 31, who is in a two-year master's program in business administration at Rockford College. "Then I gained a new culture. In Africa, we don't have development as it is here. [In the U.S.] I see many paved roads, tall buildings, and how people behave in a different culture."

Ngamije's first time outside Africa also marked a first for his host District 6420.

"We are excited to receive our first Ambassadorial Scholar in 15 years and the first one from an underdeveloped country," says Elise Cadigan, of the Rotary Club of Rockford. "Alex arrived with two small suitcases, little cash, and incredible determination to work hard, [and] better himself and his family."

"Rockford Rotarians have come together to provide him with everything else he needs," says District 6420 public relations chair Brian Adams. "Rotarians helped him obtain clothing, a computer, and other personal items."

Ngamije was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo and moved to Rwanda, his parents' homeland, in 1994 after the genocide had ended. While working there for a non-governmental organization, he served as an interpreter for Bob Cerwin, of the Rotary Club of Asheville, North Carolina, USA. Cerwin told him about the Ambassadorial Scholarship program.

"My dream was to continue my education but I did not have the means," says Ngamije, whose wife and 16-month-old son live in Rwanda. "I was extremely happy when my scholarship was approved. The Rotary scholarship is very good, because wherever you go you are a member of the Rotary family."

Ngamije, who was raised speaking French, has also been intensively studying English. "When I came to the U.S., English was my fourth language," he says. "Now it is the first one I speak."

Once Ngamije felt comfortable enough with English, he began making presentations to Rotary clubs. In January and February alone, he spoke to seven clubs.

Ngamije has discovered, however, that people generally have a one-dimensional view of his homeland.

"Unfortunately, many people don't know Rwanda for good things, only for genocide," he says. "But they want to know the real situation and I am happy to tell them. Rwanda erected a genocide memorial, so it could teach others to avoid that kind of evil in Rwanda and throughout the world. Also, Rwanda is a good country to visit for tourism."

After he returns to his country, Ngamije would like to start his own business, perhaps in the transportation field. But he also has other ambitions.

"I am studying as an Ambassadorial Scholar and want to be connected with Rotary International wherever I will be. To be an ambassador of goodwill, I must be an ambassador everywhere that I am."

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).