

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 19 - President-Elect Karen Brooks hosts the Club for lunch and a program at Oconee Regional Medical Center.

Rotarian of the Day: Diane Kirkwood

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

Rotarian of the Day: Larry Kenyon

Last Meeting



Richard Mercier screened part of a student-produced video on a study abroad experience in the Czech Republic from Maymester 2006. Richard is Chair of Music at GCSU.

Visiting Rotarians

Paula FullerThomson
Joe MilholenJones Co.

Guests

Connie Pitirri WilsonTara Dyer

Absentees

Brandt, P. Brown, Buice, Carlton, Chandler, Cooper, Daniel, Eberhardt, Gandy, Gilbert, Grant, Hall, Hattaway Sr., Kirkwood, Long, McNeill, Miller, Mullis, Murphey Jr., Murphey Sr., Neely, Nunn, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Roberts, Romines, Samuels, Saturley, Settle, Truelove, Tyson, Van Horn

Makeups

Jeff Gray.....Online

 **CART Fund:** David Jackson will match **Donation of \$22.00 - Thanks!!**

50/50 Club - April 12, 2007
Jay Nelson with the winning ticket was unsuccessful in his draw
49 Cards Left Pot: \$71.00 

This Week's Program

Club Lunch

President-Elect Karen Brooks hosts the Club for lunch and a program at Oconee Regional Medical Center.

Next Week's Program

Choral Groups

Spotlighting choral music at GMC, two choral groups, GMC Boys' Quartet and Girls' Trio, perform for us.

Rotary Golf Tournament

The Macon Rotary Club's Annual Bob Mattox Golf Tournament to benefit GRSP will be held at Healy Point Country Club on Monday, May 7, 2007 beginning with lunch at noon.

The registration form are on the Macon Rotary Club Website under Rotary Forms. www.maconrotary.org

Come share the Rotary fellowship and win some great prizes. Individuals will be assigned to a team, but teams of four may register together.

The tournament is named after Dr. Bob Mattox who was a GRSP Trustee.



Upcoming Programs

April 26 - Two vocal groups, GMC Boys' Quartet and Girls' Trio, perform for us.
Rotarian of the Day: Merritt Massey

May 3 - Rotary Shadow Day. Rotarian Nolan Stephens is in charge of the program
Rotarian of the Day: Billy Matthews

District News - Rep. Kingston to be Speaker at Opening Luncheon

U.S. Representative Jack Kingston has served Georgia's 1st District for the past 14 years and is now in his eighth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. And, he will serve as the keynote speaker for this year's District Conference opening luncheon in Savannah on Friday, May 4.

Throughout his career in public service at the state and national levels, Rep. Kingston has fought to lower taxes, balance the budget, and reduce government interference in our lives. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for deciding how the federal budget is spent, Congressman Kingston serves on the Defense Subcommittee which oversees all military-based funding. With the 1st District home to Moody AFB, Ft. Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Congressman Kingston has a special interest in America's defense abilities.

Recently appointed Ranking Member on the Appropriations Committee's Agriculture Subcommittee, he maintains a close relationship with Georgia's farmers and has been one of their strongest allies in Washington.

His down to earth style and common sense approach to issues have made him one of the strongest communicators in Congress and he is often a guest on network television shows such as Fox News, MSNBC, the Daily Show, the Colbert Report and Real Time with Bill Maher. Known as an effective communicator and a conservative Rep. Kingston to be Speaker at Opening Luncheon Rep. Jack Kingston voice, Kingston has served as the Chairman of the Theme Team since 1997.

His conservative track record has won him recognition and awards from many non-partisan citizens' groups and media outlets. In fact, in 2005 Congressman Kingston was rated as the "most conservative member of the House" by National Journal for his voting record the previous year. Further, he has been named each term as a "Taxpayer's Hero," and "A Guardian of Small Business." Congressman Kingston was also awarded the "Watchdog of the Treasury Award," and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's "Spirit of Enterprise" Award.

Congressman Kingston's district encompasses 25 counties in South Georgia stretching from Savannah to St. Marys, north to Wheeler County and includes four major military installations, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, and the ports of Savannah and Brunswick.

Congressman Kingston lives in Savannah. He is married and has four children and two dogs.

District News - District Well Represented at Last Month's PETS

The 2007 edition of the President's Education and Training Seminar (PETS) was held at the Wyndham Hotel in Peachtree City on March 10-11.

Preceding the PETS gathering, Rotary International President-Elect Wilf Wilkinson was honored with a special President's Dinner where 250 Rotarians and guests were in attendance. President Wilf addressed the group and emphasized the international goals which are literacy, health and hunger, clean water, membership, youth programs and membership. He also addressed the image of Rotary throughout the world. He encouraged those new presidents to be the "very best you can be. Rotary needs you to encourage membership and join the 'Every Rotarian Every Year' - EREY - efforts to support the Rotary Foundation."

President Wilf was honored with a special Georgia gift of sculpture made by an outstanding Georgia artist.

District Governors-Elect Bill Woolfin, Nathan Carmack, and Dick Hyer presided throughout the ceremony. PETS Chair and PDG Jeanette Caneega led the evening festivities and set the stage for the two days of training for President's Elect.

There were over 400 newly elected club presidents and leaders from Georgia who participated in sessions designed to prepare them for the year ahead. Topics for instruction included Membership, The Rotary Foundation, Club Administration and plenary sessions which addressed the leadership role for club presidents.

Rotary International Director Barry Rason provided a motivational speech which was designed to put the "wow factor" into club leadership. District 6920 was well represented by club presidents, Assistant Governors and committee chairs. District Governor Bill Blakenship opened the Saturday morning session with a welcome and information about the District Conference in Savannah. DGE Dick Hyer served as the district leader for the remainder of the conference. District Governor Nominee Kenan Kern addressed the group on behalf of The Rotary Foundation.

The next district training activity is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, at Sandersville Technical College. Information on the 2007 District Assembly will be sent to President's Elect in late April. Assistant Governor Lloyd Horadan will be the contact person for what promises to be an informative day "Sharing Rotary," the new theme.

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 - Bestselling author to lead workshop during RI convention

Rotarians will have a lot to talk about during breakout sessions at the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. They'll also have a unique opportunity to hear one of the world's most prominent motivational speakers.

Stephen Covey, the author of bestselling books including *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, is slated to lead a workshop on June 20 (Wednesday). Covey's books, which also include *The 8th Habit* and *First Things First*, focus on helping people find ways to be effective and excel in business and life.

Covey's talk will be one of dozens of breakout sessions to be held throughout the convention starting on Monday, 18 June. These forums will provide an opportunity for networking and learning through listening and discussion.

Here's a sampling of a few of the many topics to be discussed during breakout sessions:

- PolioPlus update
- The importance of Rotary Youth Exchange and the results it gets
- Connecting to youth through water projects
- A comprehensive solution to maternal mortality
- Ways to retain members in Rotary clubs
- Literacy project success stories
- Microcredit success stories
- Empowering the family
- An update on The Rotary Foundation
- Strengthening the bonds between Rotary and Rotaract
- The Club Leadership Plan

Plan on setting aside some time to network and share ideas with fellow Rotarians during breakout sessions. Look for more details when you pick up your convention program at registration in Salt Lake City.

Not yet registered for the convention? It's not too late to sign up. You can still register online through May 31, but at on-site prices.

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.rotaryeclubone.org and taking the "test." Print the receipt and give it to the Club Secretary (Halsey Leavitt).