

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 26 - Two vocal groups, GMC Boys' Quartet and Girls' Trio, perform for us.

Rotarian of the Day:
Terry Kennedy

Last Meeting - 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



Members enjoyed lunch and a program at Oconee Regional Medical Center, with President-Elect Karen Brooks serving as host.

Absentees

Adkins, Beasley, Bell, S. Brown, Burke, Carlton, Cleveland, Cooper, Cox, Daniels, Davidson, Eberhardt, Gandy, Gilbert, Grant, Haney, Hattaway Sr., Jackson, Marcott, Mathews, McRee, Moore, Parker, Peters, Reese, Roberts, Saturley, Strickland, Thornton, Tyson, Van Horn, Weimer, Zarkowsky



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.

District Assembly Set for June 2 at Sandersville Technical College

In view of the annual turnover of Rotary leadership each year, special effort is required to provide the club leaders with appropriate instruction for the tasks they will assume. The annual District Assembly is the major leadership training event in each Rotary district of the world.

The District Assembly offers motivation, inspiration, Rotary information and new ideas for club officers, directors and key committee chairpersons of each club. Some of the most experienced district leaders conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects. The assembly gives all participants valuable new ideas to make their club more effective and interesting. Usually eight to 10 delegates from each club are invited to attend the training session.

The success of each Rotary club is frequently determined by the club's full representation and participation in the annual district assembly.

This year, the District Assembly will be held in Sandersville at the Technical College on June 2. Registration forms and the agenda will be sent to you in the next two weeks. Lunch will be included in the \$15 per person fee.



District News - Rudolf Hörndler to Speak Friday Night & Saturday Morning

Rudolf Hörndler has retired as a senior partner for Notare Hörndler/ Dr. Ulbrich, a notary partnership. Mr. Hörndler was born in Schwabach, Germany.



Following secondary school he attended Beloit College in the United States as a Fulbright Scholar, and also attended both the University of Munich and the Free University of Berlin, in Germany. He graduated from law school at the University of Erlangen, Germany.

Rolf was a director of Neumarkter Konzertfreunde; a non-profit organization that arranges concerts of internationally recognized artists, particularly in chamber music. He previously was co-founder of a local non-partisan voters group from which he was elected to his county assembly. He also served as a director of his local Schul-Elternbeirat, a parent-run school board.

A Rotarian since 1974, he is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Nürnberg-Fürth. He has served Rotary International as director, district governor, Group Study Exchange team leader, International Assembly discussion group leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, committee member, and sergeant at arms for the 1987 Rotary International Convention in Munich, Germany. As a past chairman of the European Regional PolioPlus Committee, Rolf is dedicated to the global effort to eradicate polio.

Rolf and his wife Margrit live in Neumarkt, Germany.

International News - Council strong on polio eradication

Rotary's parliament determined to hold fast with Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio in its second full day of voting at the 2007 Council on Legislation in Chicago, where representatives from 530 Rotary districts around the world gathered to discuss and vote on more than 300 items that affect all Rotary clubs.

RI Director Kwang Tae Kim proposed, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to maintain PolioPlus as Rotary's corporate program of the highest order. "Until it is eradicated, we should not select another corporate program," he told Council members. "So far we have 99 percent eradication. We have only one last percent."

Council members answered his call to action by passing the vote (07-68) 463 to 36. "I'm delighted! I think what it shows is there's a huge majority of Rotarians still supportive of the program," said Robert S. Scott, chair of the International PolioPlus Committee. Rotarian "representatives voted overwhelmingly to continue support until polio is eradicated — actually until certification of eradication is attained."

Due to this decision, the Council referred several items of consideration to the board. Other items, such as water projects, hunger and poverty initiatives, and combating the spread of tuberculosis, were deemed as worthy projects by the Council and forwarded on for review, as they could not be considered as corporate programs.

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 - Kentucky club sends their county to college

Every person with a high school degree or general equivalency diploma (GED) living in Christian County, Kentucky, USA, is guaranteed help with paying their college tuition by the Rotary Club of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Every April, the club holds a weekend auction to raise funds for either scholarships or student loans for area residents.

Each year, the club raises in excess of US\$250,000. Last year, the club gave more than \$300,000 to over 200 students. In the 56 years of this service project, the Rotary club has accumulated more than \$8 million in a fund that they use to subsidize the scholarships and loans.

The annual auction that provides much of the funding for the scholarships starts with Rotarians asking merchants for items they can donate. Any item more than \$30 is sold in the main auction, which is held in April, where people can bid on items either in person or by radio or television. Gifts less than \$30 are sold in a separate, mini-auction or in a local store. The Rotarians also raise money by selling dinners at the auction and offering a few ways to donate cash.

The club president, Ted Jatczak, says, "We will sell anything! Last year items ranged from gift certificates, to a used car, to LASIK eye surgery, to hams."

Like many Rotary clubs, the Hopkinsville Rotary club helps their community in times of trouble. In 1990, several government assistance programs were cancelled, leaving many area students without a way to pay for college. The Hopkinsville club didn't have the money to help, but helped anyway. The club took out loans from area banks so that no student would be left behind.

Jeanette Newsome received a non-traditional scholarship four years ago from the Hopkinsville Rotary club. At 43, she decided to pursue a degree in education, and now she'll be graduating in May. While attending Mary State University, Kentucky, on her scholarship, her son is also attending Western Kentucky University on a student loan from the club.

"I am very grateful for the scholarship, so I help out by answering the phones one or two nights of the auction. I wanted to do something to give back. The scholarship and loan are a godsend," says Newsome.

As other Rotary clubs have discovered, this is a program that can be easily replicated. Two other clubs in Kentucky held their own auctions and each raised more than \$100,000 for scholarships.

The 57th annual Hopkinsville Rotary Auction will take place 23-28 April.

For more information on how to start a service project like this auction, you can contact Hopkinsville Rotary Club at (270) 886-3034, or by e-mail.

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).