

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 - May 24 - Patti Victor, Director of Rotary District 6920 METS, will discuss our district's Medical Equipment Transport Services.

Rotarian of the Day: Jerry McRee

Last Meeting - May 17 - Past President Robbie Hattaway, Jr., on GRSP; Classification Talks; Members' Vote on Bylaws Changes

Rotarian of the Day: Robbie McNeill

Last Meeting



A central figure in the success of the Club's GRSP participation, Robbie Hattaway, Jr., Past President, Membership Chair, and GRSP Chair, spoke about the GRSP program.


Guests

Betty HattawayRobbie Hattaway Sr.
Andrew Newberry ..Robbie Hattaway Jr.
Pam MooreRoy Moore

Absentees

Adkins, Bertoli, Brooks, P. Brown, S. Brown, Cooper, Dahanayake, Daniel, Dean, Eberhardt, Fields, Griffith, Gunn, Haney, Matthews, McMillan, Mullis, Murphey Sr., Neely, Noel, Oliver, Owens, Peevy, Perrin, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Romines, E. Sibilisky, E. Sibilisky Jr., Stewart, Williams

 **CART Fund: John Thornton will match Donation of \$36.00 - Thanks!!**

50/50 Club - May 17, 2007
Mark Scott with the winning ticket was unsuccessful in his draw
45 Cards Left Pot: \$183.00 

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 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.*

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

May 31 - Meredith Vasquez, Executive Director of Goodwill Industries for the Central Savannah River Area
Rotarian of the Day: Bert Williams

June 7 - Ted McCullough, Plant Manager of Plant Branch
Rotarian of the Day: Larry Mullis



The Rotary Club of Milledgeville

MEMBER PROFILE

Ajantha Dahanayake

Ajantha Dahanayake was born in Sri Lanka. After graduating from The University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, with a Bachelors degree in Mathematics, she spent twenty seven years in the Netherlands. First studying at Leiden university where she graduated in Computer science and later working for Erasmus Business School, in Rotterdam, Software Engineering Research Center in Utrecht, Utrecht University in Utrecht and Delft University of Technology in Delft. She was also a consultant of Business Intelligence applications to Dutch financial institutes such as ABM- AMRO and Nationale Nederlander.

Ajantha received her Ph.D in Information Systems from Delft University of Technology. She served at Delft University of Technology's Computer Science department as well as at the Technology Policy and Management school. She was also the chair of the Information Systems and Software engineering department of the Open University (the Netherlands). She served as the director of the BETADE (Building Blocks for Technology Adaptation and Integration) research program of the Delft University of Technology; funding research in component based systems development.

Ajantha decided to move from Leiden, the Netherlands and The Delft University of Technology to Milledgeville to accept a position at Georgia College and State University as a full professor of information systems last Fall, August 2006. The decision made her comfortable from the first day of her arrival in Milledgeville and was necessary for the changes that were occurring in her personal life.

Though Ajantha has lived in three continents she strives to become a part of every community where she resides. She donates her personal time and skills to a variety of organizations and when feasible works with a variety of business organizations leading students projects, of course in technology integration. She has traveled extensively with her two children and ex-husband who worked for United Nations on economic development in third world countries. Of her two adult children the youngest has joined her in Milledgeville and is attending GMC. Ajantha joined Rotary after arriving in Milledgeville.

District News - 3rd Rotary Club Forms in Macon

For the first time in more than a decade, there's a new Rotary club in Macon.

The Uptown Macon Rotary Club held its charter meeting in April in West Macon and was officially admitted Wednesday by Rotary International.

The new club has 30 charter members, and its president expects membership to reach at least 100 in a few years.

Reach Out to Give a Helping Hand

Rotary extension was a message echoed throughout the Friday night banquet at the District Conference. RI President Bill Boyd's representative, Rudolph Horndler, spoke about Rotary extension transcending the suppression in Europe to become stronger than ever before, while Georgia Rotary Student Program Alumna Elena Zinchenko spoke of how GRSP broke cultural barriers for students studying in America.

"GRSP has never been more important," said Elena, a GRSP student in the late 1990s. "I do think you literally make us better. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, 'Intelligence without good character means nothing' and I fully subscribe to that because I got good character education in Russia and then through GRSP. It's something that I'll never tire of."

Reaching out, extending into areas where Rotary is not known is what we are called to do.

"RI President Bill Boyd has said that Rotary if working properly it will be attractive enough to retain members and attain new ones," said Rolf.

Although the number of Rotarians has surpassed the million mark, Rolf said the need to grow still exists.

"Why do we need to grow?," he asked. "To this there is an easy answer: More hands are needed to do Rotary work," he said.

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
- Uptown Macon- Thu 12:00 -** Goodwill Career & Conf. Ctr. , Macon
- 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 - Club offers hospice option for care of terminally ill patients

Almost two years after Hurricane Katrina devastated the U.S. Gulf Coast, Rotarians are still on the scene, helping communities rebuild.

In Long Beach, Mississippi, Rotarians from districts 6440 and 6450 (Illinois) and 6360 (Michigan) are working together with Mississippi Rotary clubs to construct a 30,000-square-foot recreation center that will double as an emergency shelter in the event of another Category 5 storm.

"Today, both District 6440 and 6450 are giving \$50,000 each to the project," explained Jack Blane, a member of the Rotary Club of Wheeling, Ill., and past governor of District 6440, on May 16. According to Blane, the amount will be matched by Mittal Steel, one of his club's partner organizations. Other groups have also made contributions, including a \$2 million grant from the Southern Mississippi Economic Recovery Commission.

"It will be a place for first-responders and a place of last resort for those who don't evacuate in time," says Bob Kranz, of the Rotary clubs of Gulfport and Long Beach, Miss.. He says he realized that a venue for first-responders was desperately needed when his local police department was destroyed during Katrina.

After the 2005 storm, almost every structure up to a half mile inland from the Mississippi shore was destroyed. Thousands of homes were washed away, and Long Beach lost its recreation center, fire station, two schools, and hundreds of businesses. Because of changes in building codes to make structures more weather resistant, recovery has been extremely slow, nearly eliminating the tax base in many communities.

"You can see in the people who still live there that their spirit is gone," says Brian Andersen, a member of the Rotary Club of Darien, Ill., and chair of District 6450's fellowships committee. "Rebuilding this recreation center will give them some encouragement that the community is coming back," he adds. "It's a star that people can hang their hat on."

The center, named the Long Beach Senior Recreation Shelter, is scheduled for completion in June 2008 and will house areas for craftmaking and meetings, as well as a cafeteria, basketball courts, and a gym for seniors and local residents alike. It will be a gathering place and emergency refuge for the communities of Gulfport, Long Beach, Pass Christian, and Pineville.

"With the Boomers coming along, there's a need for recreational areas for this age group," explains Kranz. "However, we also expect community youth will use the basketball courts and running track."

"Were it not for the Rotary network, this project would not have worked," adds Blane. "We estimate the project will be worth \$6 million, with zero long-term debt when we're done. And there will be a 60-foot Rotary wheel painted in the parking lot."

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).