

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

Last Meeting - May 24 - Patti Victor, Director of Rotary District 6920 METS, will discuss our district's Medical Equipment Transport Services.
Rotarian of the Day: Carl Buice

Last Meeting



Patti Victor spoke to Milledgeville Rotary on District 6920's Medical Equipment Transport Services (METS).

Visiting Rotarians

Rick Franklin.....Centerville

Guests

Christey BrownScott Brown

Absentees

Bacon, Bell, Bertoli, Black, P. Brown, Burke, Chandler, Cooper, Cox, Daniel, Fuller, Gandy, Gheesling, Grant, Gray, Griffith, Gunn, Haney, Hattaway Sr., Hicks, Johnson, Kenyon, Kirkwood, Matthews, McNeill, McRee, Miller, Mullis, Murphey Sr., Neely, Nelson, Oliver, Parker, Peevy, Peters, Pope, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Roberts, Saturley, Stewart, Strickland, Van Horn, Williams, Zarkowsky

Makeups

Wesley Owens.....Online
Brad OliverWinter Park, FL
David McMillan.....Online



CART Fund: Sam Watson will match Donation of \$15.33 - Thanks!!

50/50 Club - May 24, 2007
Paul Dean with the winning ticket was unsuccessful in his draw
44 Cards Left Pot: \$204.00



Wanted: Rotary families at the RI Convention!

Are you taking your family to Salt Lake City for the RI Convention? The Rotarian magazine wants you! We will be there shooting portraits for a special feature on "Rotary Families."

The magazine is selecting Rotary families to take part in the photo shoot. If you're interested, send an e-mail to Rotarian@rotary.org with "Family photo" as the subject line. Tell us how many family members you'll have at the convention and where you're traveling from. And if there's more than one Rotarian in your family, be sure to let us know!

June 2007 Rotarian Birthdays

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| Henk Brandt | Henry Pope |
| Renee Fontenot | Jim Saturley |
| Ed Hall | Cathy Settle |
| Robbie Hattaway, Jr. | Sam Watson |
| Billy Matthews | Ed Weimer |
| Bobby Murphey, Sr. | Greg Tyson |



Upcoming Programs

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

June 14 - Program To Be Announced
Rotarian of the Day: Bobby Murphey Jr.

June 21 - State of the Club; Awards and Photo Day
Rotarian of the Day: Linda Zarkowsky

June 28 - New Board Induction; Kids Matter Presentation
Rotarian of the Day: Jan Nichols

District News - Work of Rotary is Magical

John Osterlund believes in the magic of Rotary. As general manager of The Rotary Foundation, John has seen firsthand what Rotarians around the world can do.

"I definitely believe in the magic of Rotary because I've seen it," he said. "Since 1979, Rotary has been dedicated to eradicating Polio. We have 1.2 million Rotarians who have contributed \$600 million to eradicate Polio. Over two billion children have been immunized and hundreds of thousands of volunteers have participated in immunization days."

During a November 2006 trip to Delhi, India, where he participated in an immunization day, John said he saw exactly how Rotarians impact other parts of the world with their money and their work.

"I was privileged to put those precious pink drops into the mouths of children living in Delhi," he said. "And I was thinking about the magic of Rotary."

District News - District Assembly Deadline Approaching

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 ten 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, 2007. Registration forms are available on the District website. Lunch will be included in the \$15.00 per person fee.

International News - Boosting investment in people to help build peace

Former Rotary World Peace Fellow Umar Shavurov is fond of quoting a proverb popular in his native Kyrgyzstan: "The wise invest in people, fools invest in wars."

Shavurov has seen both sides of that proverb in action many times. In 1990, at age 11, he and his family were forced to flee ethnic violence between Kyrgyz and Uzbeks in the city of Osh.

"It started several months before the collapse of the Soviet Union," Shavurov recalls. "In a matter of days, people were being slaughtered and rumors spread about it."

Shavurov's family left Osh by car, but was soon stopped by a group of Uzbeks.

"They had axes, hammers, all sorts of makeshift weapons," Shavurov says. "Good thing they didn't have guns. Everyone in the car was Kyrgyz, but we sort of looked a mix. My father started speaking in Uzbek and they let us go."

At least 12,000 people died during the one-month violence, he says. Many others disappeared. His family stayed with relatives in a Kyrgyz village until peace returned to the region.

"I have always asked why once-close neigh-

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

bors kill each other and what are the ways to avert such acts," he says.

A Rotary World Peace Fellowship helped provide some answers. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Shavurov studied at the Universidad del Salvador in Argentina, graduating with a master's degree in international studies in 2005.

"This fellowship helped me to acquire the tools for putting problems into perspective and dissecting them," he says. "Conflicts are everywhere: at home, at work, in society, in the government. So you become like a doctor, who is needed in many places to heal problems."

During his fellowship, Shavurov also spoke at several Rotary meetings in Argentina and Paraguay.

"Umar made a great impression wherever he went," says Juan Pedro Torroba, a Rotary Foundation alumni coordinator and past governor of District 4920 (Argentina). "He spoke at the district conference in Paraguay and represented his country in a way that everybody could understand that people in Kyrgyzstan and Paraguay have the same values."

Now with the World Bank's Doing Business Project in Washington, D.C., Shavurov helps governments around the world make business regulations simpler and more efficient to encourage free enterprise and foreign investment.

"Last year, the Doing Business Project created reforms in 50 countries," Shavurov says. "The project shows governments where to begin sustainable reforms, so millions of people can access basic economic goods and services, improve their lives, send their children to school. We're removing bureaucracy, but we're actually doing far more - we're removing corruption."

Shavurov is thankful for the opportunity to improve people's lives and help build peace.

"The peace fellowship has meaning to people who really want to change the world," Shavurov says. "One of the greatest lessons I learned in the program is that peace is about being patient. Everyone has a different understanding of peace and how to achieve it. It takes a lot of patience to bring together all of these understandings."

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).