

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

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

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

Last Meeting



Milledgeville Rotary held its annual awards meeting and photo day following a state-of-the-club report from outgoing President Keith Barlow. The outgoing Board is pictured above.

Guests

Kay Anderson..... Faye Gilbert


Absentees

Bertoli, Black, P. Brown, S. Brown, Carlton, Cooper, Cox, Dahanayake, Daniel, Davidson, Dennis, Eberhardt, Ennis, Fontenot, Fuller, Gandy, Gheesling, Griffith, Gunn, Haney, Hattaway Sr., Kirkwood, Massey, Murphey Jr., Murphey Sr., Neely, Nelson, Peevy, Peters, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Romines, Saturley, E. Sibilsky, Truelove, Van Horn, Whipple, Williams

Makeups

Lawrence Kenyon..... Beijing, China

 **CART Fund:** Gerald Adkins will match **Donation of \$32.81 - Thanks!!**

50/50 Club - June 21, 2007
 Faye Gilbert with the winning ticket was unsuccessful in her draw
40 Cards Left Pot: \$329.00 



Rotarian of the Year Dick Marcot



Rotary Rookie of the Year Rich Kisida



Rotary members Roy Moore, Linda Zarkowski, Jim Johnson and Jim Mills receive recognition for their hard work and dedication.



Frank Bacon, Lyn Chandler, and Linton Cox (Jim Mills accepting for Linton) receive their Paul Harris accolades

Upcoming Programs

Last Program of the 2006-07 Rotary Year!

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Jody Yearwood

The Rotary Club of Milledgeville MEMBER PROFILE

Jody Yearwood was born in 1980 in a suburb of Atlanta, GA. He grew up in a great home with two wonderful parents that instilled in him most of the values that he carries with him to this day. Jody went to High School at Mt. Vernon, a private school in Stockbridge, GA. While at Mt. Vernon he excelled at two things: academics and football. He always preferred football, but his mother preferred academics. His mother won, and he made sure his name was on the honor's list every semester. Looking back, he's glad she did, because the NFL never called him.

After graduation, Jody decided to attend Georgia College & State University. He packed up and moved to Milledgeville. College life was great fun for about two minutes before reality set in and he needed to go to work. He worked a few jobs while attending night school for most of his college career. Doing both was one of the toughest things he has done in his life. College took him a little longer because he was carrying the two responsibilities, but he got through it. During his tenure at GCSU, Jody found, almost by accident, that he had a knack for developing computer software. After this discovery, it seemed natural that he would follow a career path in computers.

At the age of 20, Jody began working as a computer consultant doing contract work for various businesses. There wasn't much work, so he still had to maintain his other full time job and school. At 22, he was lucky to accept a position with Georgia Military College as a web developer. It was one of the best decisions he had ever made. He says, "GMC has given me so much that it has become more than just a job for me."

At 25, Jody married Jessica. Jessica and he dated when they were younger and in high school. They remained friends through later years, and Jessica eventually wooed Jody back to her, or maybe he wooed her. This part of the story would probably vary depending on whom you ask. Jessica decided to leave her home and move to Milledgeville to start her life with Jody. This move did not happen without some kicking and screaming. Jessica was less than thrilled about moving to such a small town when she was used to the much larger Gwinnett County. Jody says he understood the worries, because he felt the same way when he first moved to Milledgeville. According to Jody, "It is funny; but neither of us could imagine living anywhere else now." Jessica and Jody have a son, Mason, who is the light of our lives. They could not imagine trying to raise him in any other community.

This year, Jody officially founded the Yearwood Technology Group. He continued to work as a private consultant for the past seven years, and says he was lucky to be able to start his own company in February of this year. Between GMC and his business, Jody is never bored. Jody says he is thankful that he was able to join the Milledgeville Rotary club this year. He says, "I enjoy the sense of community that it brings, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be involved in things I would normally miss out on. I enjoy being able to give to and help make better the community that Jessica, Mason, and I are lucky enough to call home."

COVERAGE OF THE 2007 RI CONVENTION THIRSTING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Salt Lake City — You can Lead the Way to water, but can you make people think?

Roy Martinez, of the Rotary Club of Petaluma Sunrise, California, USA, says his club has found a way to do both. The club has been distributing bottled water with a special label bearing the Rotary wheel and the words "Lead the Way."

"The labels also carry a message that reads: "Clean water. We take it for granted. Others are less fortunate. According to the U.N., 1.2 Billion people in the world lack access to safe water. Rotary International is working to help. Rotary clubs have completed thousands of water projects worldwide, providing water to millions. Thank you for supporting Rotary!"

"It's not really a fundraiser. It's more a way to raise awareness of Rotary and of water issues at the same time," Martinez says, adding, "I wanted to do something with water because it's one of Rotary's big emphases."

Since getting the project underway in January, the club has gone through the first pallet it ordered, a total of 1,296 bottles. The bottles, which are handed out for a suggested donation of \$2, were a popular item at Petaluma's Butter and Egg Days in April, the town's biggest festival of the year.

"We even got a potential new member because we were out in the community doing this," Martinez says. The club's Web site and its meeting time and location are also printed on the labels.

Martinez has been giving out the bottles here at the international convention in Salt Lake City and says he's had a fantastic response from Rotarians. Many are interested in duplicating the project in their own clubs.

"We're looking into getting a booth at the 2008 convention in Los Angeles" to help expand the project, Martinez says. The club will also soon post information about the project on its Web site, www.petalumasunrise.org.

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

Final plenary inspires Rotarians to serve

Salt Lake City — On the last day of the 2007 Rotary Convention, the plenary session showcased the variety of service opportunities Rotarians enjoy, from working on grassroots projects to serving at the highest levels of Rotary International's leadership.

A young woman from Turkey, Emine Yüzay, gave a moving speech highlighting how the results of Rotarians' service can expand and multiply. Five years ago, Yüzay, who was born without arms, was an illiterate 17-year-old. Then she took part in a Rotary-sponsored Concentrated Language Encounter program in her working-class neighborhood of Istanbul.

After learning to write with her feet, Yüzay now teaches other women to read and write, demonstrating the ripple effect that so many Rotary programs have. "I tried to do my best to pass what I had learned in CLE courses to other women," she said. "I have never felt so proud and confident in my entire life."

This spring, the Rotary Club of Istanbul arranged for Yüzay to receive prosthetic arms, which she is still learning to use. She said that she was astonished recently when she heard of a recent RI theme: Lend a Hand. "Now," she told the assembled Rotarians, "your hands are mine, and my hands are yours."

Vikram Sanghani of the Rotary Club of Rajkot Midtown, India, spoke about his club's decision to build a US\$600,000 dam to provide clean water to 150,000 people living in poverty in his city. Admitting he had no idea how to go about building a dam, he said, "I think there is a saying, 'Rotarians rush in where angels fear to tread.'" Despite an earthquake and other problems, the project was completed on time and on budget. The success of the project has also brought 50 new members into Sanghani's Rotary club.

Hyrum Smith, a member of the Rotary Club of Salt Lake City and co-founder of the consulting firm Franklin Covey, inspired Rotarians with his talk about what he called the abundance mentality. "When you can look in the mirror and say, I have sufficient for my needs, at that moment, you are wealthy," he said. Smith encouraged Rotarians to decide whether they have more than they need, and if so, to use the difference to do good in the world.

It was also an important day for Rotary's leadership, when President William B. Boyd and General Secretary Ed Futa presided over the election of the new RI officers. The highlight came when the voting delegates cast their ballots for Dong Kurn Lee of the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hangang, Seoul, Korea, for president of RI in 2008-09. Lee, who will be RI's first president from Korea, expressed his thanks and his confidence that 2007-08 will be an enjoyable and successful year.

"When I look around me here today, I see men and women from all countries, joined together in our desire for a better world through service and fellowship," Lee said. "I am humbled to have been asked to lead this great organization, and I promise to do my very best to live up to your confidence in me, with the help of all of you."

Also elected today were the RI directors for 2008-10, the district governors for 2008-2009, and the 2007-08 officers of the General Council of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.

Ray Klinginsmith, chair of the 2008 Convention Committee, was on hand to invite Rotarians to join him next June in Los Angeles. He noted that more than 3,000 people had already registered at the L.A. convention booth, a new record for on-site registration.

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).