

## 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 - September 14** - Visit of District Governor Bill Blankenship  
**Rotarian of the Day: Tara Dyer**

**Last Meeting - September 7** - Kenan Kern, District Chair, Rotary Foundation, and District Governor Elect  
**Rotarian of the Day: Dick Marcott**

## Last Week's Program



Kenan Kern spoke about Rotary Foundation and what the Foundation accomplishes throughout the world. Kenan is a member of the Rotary Club of Savannah South, and he serves the District as Foundation Chair and District Governor Nominee. He will serve as District Governor in 2008-09.

## Guests

Hank Griffith .....Gene Trammell  
Bill Matthews .....Gene Trammell  
Kay Neely .....Bill Neely  
Judy Yearwood .....Richard Hicks  
Claudia Ramirez .....Robbie Hattaway

## Visiting Rotarians

Kenan Kern .....Savannah South

## Absentees

Bell, Black, P. Brown, S. Brown, Cooper, Cox, Daniel, Eberhardt, Matthews, Mills, Morgan, Muggridge, Mullis, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Richardson, Romines, Van Horn

## Makeups

Robert McNeil .....Online  
Rod Theus .....Online  
Jan Nichols .....Dublin  
Renee Fontenot .....Dublin



**CART Fund:** Jim Saturley will match  
**Donation of \$39.00 - Thanks!!**

## 50/50 Club - September 7, 2006

Mike Roberts with the winning ticket was unsuccessful in his draw.

47 Cards Left **Pot: \$165.00**



## Next Week's Program

*Suzanne Yoculan to Speak*

Suzanne Yoculan, Head Coach of the UGA Women's Gymnastics Team, will speak to the Club on September 21. Coach Yoculan has led teams to seven national championships (in 2006, 2005, 1999, 1998, 1993, 1989, 1987), 15 SEC championships, and four undefeated seasons. Her teams have included some 50 All-Americans. The NCAA Coach of the Year in 2006, she has served in her position for 23 years. She is a dynamic speaker on a number of topics and is an active member of the Athens community.



Kenan Kern also made four Paul Harris presentations: Bill and Kay Neely, Len Chandler, and Bobby Murphey, Sr.



## Upcoming Programs

**September 21** - Suzanne Yoculan, UGA Women's Gymnastics Coach  
**Rotarian of the Day: Charles Ennis**

**September 28** - Jonathan Alderman, President of Macon Rotary Club  
**Rotarian of the Day: John Ferguson**



The Rotary Club of Milledgeville

**MEMBER PROFILE**

## Bill Neely

William Neely was born in 1944 and raised in the Appalachian area of southeast Ohio. Bill is a veteran of the Vietnam conflict, serving as a finance clerk at Fort Polk, LA. He holds a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Education from the University of Georgia.

Bill is the Senior Vice President of Investments and Branch Manager of A.G. Edwards' Milledgeville Office with 20 years of experience. He serves as the President of the local Sons of the American Revolution chapter and is a past President of Milledgeville Rotary. Bill is also ordained as a United Methodist minister, and in his spare time enjoys landscaping and genealogy.

Bill and his wife Kay have five children and six grandchildren, and have lived in Milledgeville for 17 1/2 years.

## Dates to Remember

**September 14, 2006** - Called Board Meeting, 11 am before Club Meeting, Union-Recorder Conference Room

District Governor Visit - Bill Blankenship visits the club

**November 2, 2006** - Rotary Club of Milledgeville Annual Auction, Milledgeville Country Club

**November 4, 2006** - District Governor Visit - Bill Blankenship visits Milledgeville at Sweetwater Festival

## District News -

### Literacy Project Abound Throughout District

*During my club visits, 34 so far, it has come to my attention that all of these clubs have conducted local literacy programs in the past and plan to conduct local literacy programs during this Rotary year. The following article is from The Rotary Club of Centerville, one of our most recently chartered clubs is an excellent example of what I am seeing district wide.*

- Governor Bill

Did you know that September 8th is International Literacy Day? Currently, we are in year three of what was proclaimed the Literacy Decade by the United Nations in 2003. Today, although there are almost four billion literate people in the world, sadly, another 860 million people remain illiterate. Perhaps the greatest tragedy is that 100 million of the world's children have no access to schools or education. Literacy for all continues to be an elusive goal and ever-moving target. One of the major obstacles to world literacy is a lack of resources.

Rotary International asks each of its clubs to sponsor a community literacy program. The Centerville Rotary Club accepted that challenge and is doing its part to help ensure literacy for our world's children. At its weekly morning meetings, each guest speaker is asked to write words of encouragement about reading and learning and then sign a new book purchased with club funds. The books are presented to the Centerville Elementary School, Eagle Springs Elementary School and Thomson Middle School for their libraries. The club has purchased more than 100 books for their libraries since its charter meeting in 2004. Centerville Rotarians strongly encourage everyone to find ways, no matter how large or small, to help us create a literate community, society and world.

### 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 - Big Sky Restaurant, 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 -

### One district's campaign for literacy

With about 260 different literacy projects during the past year, Rotary International District 5450 (Northern Colorado) is empowering people through education.

Literacy is the foundation for virtually all forms of education and an essential component of poverty reduction, social inclusion, and economic development. Despite the importance of literacy, more than 800 million people are unable to read or write in the world today, and 64 percent of these are women and girls.

Over the next year, RI President Bill Boyd's Literacy Resource Group will raise awareness of literacy issues and encourage Rotary clubs to undertake literacy projects both at home and abroad.

Following are some of District 5450's successful projects:

#### Denver Kids Inc.

In 1946, the Rotary Club of Denver started Denver Kids Inc. by collaborating with Denver public schools to support children at risk. Sixty years later, the club remains a primary sponsor for the project, working with 800 highly at-risk students to achieve a high school graduation rate of 85 percent. Denver Kids provides necessary mentoring, tutoring, and counseling for these children and helps them get into college.

#### Critical-thinking skills

Villa Park, a neighborhood in west Denver, has a high school graduation rate of 13.3 percent. The Rotary Club of Denver Mile High is partnering with the Villa Park Neighborhood Association, two public elementary schools, and a local Catholic school to transform Villa Park to a neighborhood of literacy. Rotarians are using a Department of Health and Human Services grant to test for the efficacy of teaching students critical-thinking skills. In addition to working with students, they're also mentoring students' families and teaching them financial management and information-retrieval skills.

#### Financial literacy

The Rotary Club of Denver Lodo is teaching financial planning and management to at-risk teenagers in the Excelsior Youth Center, a home for runaway girls. This residential program aims to successfully reintegrate young women with their families and communities.

#### Virtual storytime

Various clubs in the district have teamed up to assist the Rotary Club of Denver Cherry Creek in making the dreams of deployed soldiers come true. In collaboration with officers aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, which is anchored in the Middle East, Rotarians have arranged to have sailors videotaped as they read children's books. These tapes are sent home to the sailors' children.

#### Live and learn

For the last seven years, the Rotary Club of Aurora has hosted reading parties on Saturday mornings. Rotarians gather used children's books for the event, which also includes snacks and entertainment. Children select a book to have read to them and are able to take it home for future reading. Rotarians insert a personalized Rotary bookplate for the children. Local Interact groups regularly participate by gathering and distributing books and reading to the children.

The importance of literacy cannot be overstated. Through programs such as these, Rotarians are able to reduce poverty and improve the life quality for individuals and communities worldwide.

## 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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org) and taking the "test." Print the receipt and give it to the Club Secretary (Halsey Leavitt).