

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

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

Last Week's Program



Head Coach Suzanne Yoculan of the Women's Gymnastics program at the University of Georgia spoke to Milledgeville Rotary on September 21. Now in her 23rd year at UGA, she has compiled an impressive record of national and SEC championships and has coached over 50 All-Americans. Coach Yoculan challenged Rotarians to attend a gymnastics meet this year and form part of what is now a sell-out crowd at every home meet.

Guests

Dale QuarrymanThe Club
Vickie GunnArthur Gunn
Missy SwicordTommy Jefferson
Rich KisidaRobbie Hattaway
Rus EdwardsBo Sibilsky, Sr.
Ken ParkerAce Parker
Robin LongFaye Gilbert
Samuel HicksRichard Hicks
Chris HodgesBobby Murphey
Amy KnightBobby Murphey

Visiting Rotarians

Sam MacfieDowntown Macon
Bill KruegerVenice, FL

Absentees

P. Brown, Clark, Cooper, Cox, Daniel, Dyer, Gandy, Gheesling, Grant, Kirkwood, Muggridge, Nichols, Nunn, Oliver, Perrin, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Tyson, Van Horn

Makeups

Paul DeanPerry
Joel RominesOnline

 **CART Fund:** Henry Pope will match
Donation of \$15.00 - Thanks!!

50/50 Club - September 21, 2006

Paul Dean with the winning ticket was unsuccessful in his draw.

45 Cards Left Pot: \$255.00



Next Week's Program

The Origin of the Peace Monument

Two longtime members of our Club, Sam Watson and Brad Oliver, will explain how the Club brought about the first Peace Community in the United States and erected the Peace Monument in downtown Milledgeville. Their program commemorates the tenth anniversary of the monument.

Some Rotary Firsts

- The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905.
- The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909.
- The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of the United States was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of North America was chartered in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911.
- The first Rotary club in a non-English-speaking country was in Havana, Cuba, in 1916.



Upcoming Programs

October 5 - Sam Watson and Brad Oliver on the Tenth Anniversary of the Peace Monument
Rotarian of the Day: Jim Johnson

October 12 - Angie Gheesling on Economic Development
Rotarian of the Day: Jim Mills



The Rotary Club of Milledgeville

MEMBER PROFILE

Travis Strickland

Rotarian Travis Strickland was born in Milledgeville and has lived here all of his life. He graduated from Georgia Military College Prep School where he participated in the Ranger program and was commander of the Drill Team. He later graduated from GC&SU with a degree in business management with minors in Finance and Criminal Justice.

Travis is the third generation in the printing business and owner of Studio Designs Printing Company. He also is a part time real estate agent and specializes in investment properties.

Travis is serving in his second year on the Board of Directors and has also served as the Sergeant at Arms. He is recently married to the former Allison Bryan. They enjoy UGA Football, landscaping, and antiquing.

Dates to Remember

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 - Group Study Exchange

The district's next Group Study Exchange will be with South Korea in the spring of 2007. Justin Godchaux, a member of the Rotary Club of Savannah East, is the district's outbound GSE chair.

The Group Study Exchange program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air ticket between the home and host countries. Local Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district.

To contact Justin regarding the outbound GSE team, send him an email at justingodchaux@aol.com.

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 - California club helps students succeed

Mentors recruited through a program of the Rotary Club of Los Altos, California, USA, have helped students improve their attendance and grades.

In June, the program's success led to the Los Altos club receiving the Rotary International Significant Achievement Award for its Partners for New Generations (PNG) project.

The Los Altos club started PNG as a youth project in 1995 with the mission of recruiting elementary school tutors. Since then, it has grown to include high school mentors and youth advocates in the court system.

"We give the students pre- and post-mentoring tests, and their grades improved by almost one grade level. C students are now getting B's," says Bob Adams, past club president.

According to the PNG chair, Mona Armistead, many high school students participating in the program need help outside of the family and school institutions.

"Twice as many kids in PNG are at-risk kids who attend a continuation high school. Others are first generation in the U.S. The mentors allow them to see possibilities that they might not see at home, like applying and going to college."

PNG currently has 40 elementary school tutors and 120 high school mentors. Club president, Sam Pesner, says that they try to get other area clubs involved. They now work in conjunction with two other area Rotary clubs.

Armistead believes any club can be successful with a similar program. She offers these tips:

"Make contact with school administrators. At first, you can make it a club project in order to find out how much interest there is from both mentors and students. If there isn't enough interest, then focusing on the tutoring part is much easier. Los Altos just facilitates the recruiting of tutors. We don't train them, the schools do."

According to Adams, the mentor-student relationship usually doesn't end at the end of the school year.

"Out of the 80 students we mentor in the continuation high school, 20 already graduated. Those 20 students continue to talk regularly to their mentors. Those relationships continue to grow."

PNG constantly recruits new volunteers. They make presentations to houses of worship, other service clubs, school staff, police and fire departments, and anywhere there is a community gathering. PNG also hangs posters in local stores and passes out fliers.

A Packard Foundation grant financed the program for many years. Those funds recently ran out. They are fundraising to keep the program alive.

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).