

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 - December 7 - Claudia Ramirez, GRSP Student
Rotarian of the Day: Renee Fontenot

Last Meeting - November 30 - Jane Sowell on the Milledgeville/Baldwin County Convention and Visitors Bureau
Rotarian of the Day: Bob Haney

Last Meeting



Jane Sowell, Executive Director of the Milledgeville Convention and Visitor's Bureau, focused on the many activities of the CVB, including new markets for Milledgeville tourism outside the state of Georgia.

Visiting Rotarians

Paula Fuller.....Thomson

Guests

Annie GriffethHank Griffeth

Absentees

Bertoli, Brooks, P. Brown, Cooper, Cox, Daniel, Dean, Dennis, Dyer, Eberhardt, Fuller, Gandy, Gheesling, Grant, Gunn, Hall, Hicks, Massey, McRee, Murphey Sr., Nunn, Owens, Parker, Pope, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Richardson, Roberts, Saturley, Scott, Settle, Sibilsy Jr., Stewart, Trammell, Tyson, Williams, Yearwood



CART Fund: David Jackson will match
Donation of \$20.00 - Thanks!!

50/50 Club - November 30, 2006

Keith Drinkwater with the winning ticket was unsuccessful in his draw.

38 Cards Left Pot: \$458.00



This Week's Program

Claudia Ramirez

Our GRSP student, Claudia Ramirez, will discuss her experience as a GRSP student and share some information about her country, Colombia.

Next Week's Program

Oak Hill Middle School Band

The Oak Hill Band will perform.

HYBRID RAFFLE HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN

Giving gifts of tax-deductible Hybrid Raffle tickets this Holiday Season is catching on district wide. Some Rotarians have taken responsibility for several Hybrid Raffle tickets and announced to their fellow Rotarians that Hybrid Raffle tickets are gifts that they will give this Holiday Season!

The net proceeds from the Hybrid Raffle will be divided between OUR GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM and OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION.

Congratulations to the Rotary clubs of Camden County, Dublin, Valdosta Sunrise and Vidalia. As of November 30, 2006, these four clubs have turned in Hybrid Raffle completed ticket stubs and payment for at least one Hybrid Raffle ticket for each Rotarian in their respective clubs.

- DG Bill Blankenship



Upcoming Programs

December 14 - Oak Hill Band
Rotarian of the Day: Ed Hall

December 21 - Club Assembly: Club initiatives and projects for the first half of the Rotary year.
Rotarian of the Day: Lamar Fields

Jill's Books

Jim Satterly, Keith Barlow, Ed Weimer, Karen Brooks and Jill's mom Susan Stewart took books to Eagle Ridge Elementary, Creekside Elementary, and Blandy Hills Elementary schools on Tuesday, December 5th.



Coming In 2007...

A preview of the 2007 Georgia General Assembly session; a veteran recounts his experience in WWII; a progress report from local government officials; a spotlight on some of the creatures of nature; kids after school; and much more...

District News - Literacy Projects Abound Throughout District

At this year's District Conference in Augusta, more than 240 books were collected from conference participants. Those books were distributed to a most deserving Augusta area school. The faculty member who accepted the gift said the books provide great flexibility in their reading program and are most helpful.

The Rotary Club of Dublin is helping to establish a library for an elementary school on the Caribbean island of St. Vincent. The club has taken on the task of purchasing more than 1,000 books at a reduced rate to ship to the Rotary Club of St. Vincent for distribution to the elementary school, which houses grades 3-6. The project is being done without any grant money and through donations from the club's local Rotaract club at Middle Georgia College. Club Rotarians have also donated books.

"In addition to this, we are in the process of distributing an age-appropriate book to every kindergarten through third grader in Laurens County," said Dublin Club President Lawton Davis. "Trying to keep literacy alive and well!"

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 - New Orleans to host disaster workshop in January

Rotary's role in responding to disasters will be the subject of the North American Rotary Disaster Relief Workshop, to be held 11-13 January 2007 in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

The workshop, convened by RI directors Bob Stuart, Don Mebus, and Barry Rassin, focuses on preparedness, response, and rebuilding. Participants will learn from the experiences of Rotarians who survived and volunteered during Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, including Don Chauvin, past governor of RI District 6200 (Louisiana), one of the hardest hit regions.

"My experience serving as governor during hurricanes Katrina and Rita taught me the importance of having a workable plan in the event of such disasters, and it also taught me the true power of Rotarians," says Chauvin, one of the organizers. "The support that Rotarians around the globe contributed to our relief and recovery efforts touched my heart and has changed me forever."

RI President Bill Boyd, RI President-elect Wilf Wilkinson, and Rotary Foundation Chair Luis Vicente Giay will be among the featured speakers at the event. Bus trips to areas still affected by the hurricane and visits to Rotary disaster recovery projects are also on the agenda.

"Rotary will always be at the forefront providing comfort and relief wherever a disaster may strike. And I want to help other Rotary districts have a workable plan, should the need ever arise, so that they can take immediate and meaningful action," says Chauvin.

Rotarians can pre-register for the event through 29 December. On-site registration also will be available. Room blocks at the Astor Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn Express (one block from each other) close on 10 December.

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).