

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

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

Last Meeting



Claudia Ramirez, GRSP student sponsored in part by Milledgeville Rotary Club, spoke about Colombia, its history, culture, society, and economy.

Visiting Rotarians

Paula Fuller.....Thomson

Guests

Deryle WhippleFielding Whipple
Wendell WhippleFielding Whipple
Claudia RamirezRobbie Hattaway

Absentees

P. Brown, S. Brown, Carlton, Chandler, Cooper, Cox, Daniel, Dennis, Dyer, Eberhardt, Gandy, Griffeth, Hines, Jackson, Jefferson, Kirkwood, Kisida, Mills, Moore, Murphey Sr., Nunn, Prather, Purvis, Reese, Richardson, Romines, Samuels, Settle, van Horn

Makeups

Faye Gilbert.....Warner Robins



CART Fund: Jimmy Eubanks will match
Donation of \$11.41 - Thanks!!

50/50 Club - December 7, 2006

Jimmy Eubanks with the winning ticket was unsuccessful in his draw.

37 Cards Left Pot: \$542.00



This Week's Program

Oak Hill Band

The Oak Hill Band will give a live performance as our program this week.

Next Week's Program

Club Assembly

President Keith and members of the Board of Directors will discuss Club initiatives and projects for the first half of the Rotary year.

Comely Bank Project

In early 2002, five preservation-minded Rotarians from Illinois, Michigan and Texas incorporated the PAUL & JEAN HARRIS HOME FOUNDATION for the purpose of acquiring and preserving Comely Bank. This is the home in which Paul and Jean lived for more than 35 years. This objective was accomplished in May 2005, one month prior to the Centennial Convention in Chicago.

Once the home has been restored to its original state, it will be available for reservations by Rotary Clubs supporting the effort, Rotary International dignitaries, Youth Exchange students and other Rotary activities.

In order to pay the loan of \$500,000 owed for the purchase of Comely Bank, restore the property to its original state when Paul and Jean Harris lived there, and have an adequate corpus to support the property and the cemetery site in perpetuity, the PJHFF TRUSTEES are implementing a \$5 million fund-raising effort, which will commence in January 2007.

District 6450 is known as the "Birth Place of Rotary" and we are in the process of soliciting all of our clubs for tax-deductible contributions for the PJHFF.

All participating Districts, along with the name of the current District Governor, and the clubs which support the effort, will be listed in an audiovisual display near the front entrance of the home. Major benefactors with photos and personal comments will also be displayed there. See paulharrishome.com for additional information.

- Emma Sue Smallwood, District
6450 Governor, 2006-07



Upcoming Programs

December 21 - Club Assembly: Club initiatives and projects for the first half of the Rotary year; '07-'08 Officer Elections
Rotarian of the Day: Lamar Fields

December 28 - Holiday Break! No meeting for this date.

Membership Growth

Rotary International President Bill Boyd has established Membership Growth as the number one priority for all Rotarians during this Rotary year.

The completion of our goals, our ability to further world peace and understanding, community interaction and the success of all aspects of our Rotary will all be enhanced through Membership Growth!

Many clubs have lost members who still reside in the community of the club where they were members. For those in good standing when they left Rotary, we need to encourage them to return to the fold.

For recruiting new members, remember how you first learned of Rotary. Most every Rotarian experienced being invited to attend a meeting of a Rotary club. In the process of attending that first meeting, the potential new member enjoyed a meal with the Rotarian who extended the invitation, plus the potential new member met other Rotarian community leaders, plus the potential new member got some basic introduction to what Rotary is, plus the potential new member got to hear an interesting guest speaker.

I implore each Rotarian to use the proven strategy of the acronym "SEA" wherein S=Self, E=Example, A=Ask! It is now our turn. If each of us bring and propose one new qualified candidate to membership of our respective Rotary clubs, success will be ours and we will, by far, exceed our Membership Growth goals!

It is that time of year when we start considering New Year's resolutions. Please join me in my resolution to propose a new member. Thank you.

- DG Bill Blankenship

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 - District Conference

May 4-6, our District Conference will be conducted at the Marriott Riverfront Hotel in Savannah, GA.

There are going to be many tourist type entertainment functions including tours, a golf tournament and the opportunity to walk around Bay Street, River Street and the Historic District of downtown Savannah.

Our Georgia State Governor, Sonny Perdue and First Lady Mary Perdue have been invited to join us and Governor Sonny has been requested to be our keynote luncheon speaker at the opening ceremony Friday, May 4.

There will be wonderful music at dinner Friday and Saturday evenings. We will again have the honor of hearing the finalists in our district's annual speech contest. Our Georgia Rotary Students will put on a show that all of you will want to see!

We will hear how Rotary changed the lives of two Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars. Rotary International President Bill Boyd is sending his special representative to give us the big picture of Rotary today and our direction for the future.

PDG Albert Reichert, Jr. will give us a report on some of the significant changes adopted by the Council on Legislation which meets in April, just prior to our District Conference.

There will be a silent auction. There will be a raffle drawing for a brand new silver Mercury Mariner SUV Hybrid followed by a live auction that will include several high value items, including a weekend at the Greyfield Inn on Cumberland Island and the Ford Escape SUV.

The information, fellowship, camaraderie and fun to be enjoyed by one and all will enhance the joy in the lives of all who have an opportunity to attend.

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 - 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 - German Youth Exchange student enjoys Olympic adventure



Rotary Youth Exchange student Lennard Hartwig was familiar with the sport of luge. After all, he's from Germany, one of the alpine countries where the ice sport originated. What

he didn't know before his exchange was that his host family was home to an Olympic luge contender.

But within days of arriving in Remen, New York, he not only learned this fact, but also that he'd be attending the luge competitions at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

On February 8th, Hartwig boarded a plane to Torino, Italy, to cheer on his host family's daughter, Erin Hamlin, as she competed against some of the world's greatest luge athletes. Hartwig obtained approval for the trip from his parents, the local Rotary club, and several Rotary officials.

Erin, 19, the youngest luger on the U.S. team, participated in the women's singles competition, and after four rounds, placed 12 out of a field of 30. Although this was her Olympic debut, Erin had been training for this day since she was 13. In fact, the Hamlins were able to host an exchange student because Erin's bedroom is empty 46 weeks out of the year while she trains in Lake Placid, New York.

While in Italy, Hartwig unexpectedly met another Rotary Youth Exchange student. During a trackside conversation with the fan club of German luge competitor Sylke Otto, Hartwig's host mother, Eileen, learned that one of the fans was hosting a Youth Exchange student from Malaysia.

"What a great example of how Rotary's Youth Exchange connects people," Hartwig says.

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.rotaryeclubone.org and taking the "test." Print the receipt and give it to the Club Secretary (Halsey Leavitt).