

# Rotary Club of Savannah South

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District 6920 Club #4213  
 PO Box 60362, Savannah, GA 31420  
 Meets Tuesdays at 12:30  
 at Carey Hilliard's, 11111 Abercorn

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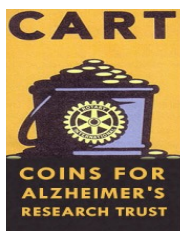
George Atherholt 1984-1985

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 Administrative Assistant,  
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**TODAY at Savannah South:**  
**Michael O'Neal ~**  
**Parent University**

**Coming soon...**


- 6/7 ~ No Meeting
- 6/10 ~ Italian Dinner
- 6/14 ~ Charitable Giving Program
- 6/21 ~ Club Assembly
- 6/28 ~ New Officer Induction
- 7/1 ~ **NEW ROTARY YEAR!**
- 7/5 ~ No Meeting – Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!



**June Matching Sponsor  
 needed!**

<b>Area Rotary Meetings Schedule</b>			
Monday	Savannah	12:30 pm	Hilton Savannah DeSoto
Tuesday	Effingham Sunrise	7:30 am	Claudette's Country Kitchen
Wednesday	Skidaway Island	7:15 am	Plantation Club
Wednesday	Pooler	12:00 pm	Spanky's in Pooler
Wednesday	Savannah West	12:30 pm	Hyatt Regency
Thursday	Savannah Sunrise	7:30 am	Mulberry Inn
Thursday	Richmond Hill	12:30 pm	Holiday Inn I -95 & Hwy 17
Thursday	Effingham	12:30 pm	St. John's Lutheran Church
Friday	Savannah East	12:30 pm	DeSoto Hilton Hotel



RCSS Member Jon Boothe  
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**Assignments:** Contact SAA Rick Wortley via [wortley84@aol.com](mailto:wortley84@aol.com) if you are unable to be present for your assignment.

DATE	GREETERS	INVOCATION	PLEDGE	INTRODUCTIONS	FINES	50/50
5/31	Jim Drake & Hurley Cook	Jon Boothe	Cap Breese	Arch Culbreth	Anthony Cook	Anne Cordeiro

**May 24 at RCSS:**

President Holly called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm. We were pleased to have Julie Petrillo (John P.) and Katherine Lohn (Andy L.) as guests today.

Our speaker today was Stephanie Mobley, Community Outreach Coordinator for the First Steps Parent of Newborns program. First Steps is a community-based parenting support and education program that is provided to families of newborns after the birth of their baby at The Telfair BirthPlace. Stephanie explained that First Steps continues the vision of Mary Telfair and Catherine McAuley. Mary Telfair was the benefactor of the Telfair Hospital for Females; she envisioned a place where women and children’s care were addressed. While Catherine McAuley founded the St. Joseph's Hospital with the dream that those who needed help would get it.

The volunteers and staff of First Steps visit a new mother 24 hours after giving birth. During their visit they provide the family a bag full of resource information and touch base to see if things are going alright. If there are needs or concerns, the staff figure out a plan to get the family the education or assistance they need. After leaving the hospital, the First Step’s staff follow up with the family for three to six months to find out how they are doing. Thus providing them with a connection to resources, education resources, and someone to support them.

Stephanie then gave us 2 examples of past situations she has encountered. The first scenario dealt with a unmarried, 17 year old, who recently gave birth to her second child - we will call her Mary. The second was a married, 36 year old, who recently gave birth to her first child - we will call her Laura. She then asked the group to give some examples of what feelings each one of these mothers may be feeling. The outcome was surprising. The 17 year old had gotten her GED, was enrolled at Savannah Tech, and could not have been happier with her baby. Mary's dream was to open up her own daycare for people in her neighborhood who needed quality childcare. Laura on the other-hand could not have been different. She was very nervous about her baby, had really not wanted children but had the baby for her husband, and had no clue how to change a diaper, feed, bathe the baby, etc. The staff of First Steps was able to step in and get both of these mothers what they needed. Education for Laura, and someone to lean on for support for Mary.

First Steps focuses on the first year of life which is crucial to a child's development. If the first year of life is surrounded with love and a connection to his/her family - they can do anything. The program follows about 750 families per year out of the 3,000 that are born at The Telfair Birthplace. Stephanie explained that the number is so low for lack of volunteers.

If you or someone you know would like more information on the program or want to volunteer, please contact Stephanie at 819-6911 or email her, [mobleyste@sjchs.org](mailto:mobleyste@sjchs.org).

<u>Collections</u>	<u>Last week:</u>	<u>FYTD:</u>
<b>CART Fund</b>	\$ 37.28	\$2,411.71
<b>50/50</b>	\$42	\$1,771
<b>Fines</b>	\$30	\$2,128



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## From Rotary International

### Eradicating polio will take renewed resolve, says Gates

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 24 May 2011

Bill Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, praised Rotary for its continued success in the effort to eradicate polio, but cautioned that Rotarians will need to redouble their efforts to keep the disease from spreading -- and threatening hundreds of thousands of children.

Gates, the keynote speaker at the third plenary session of the 2011 RI Convention, 24 May in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, said that because of Rotary, there are many places in the world where polio is no longer considered a threat.

"That's a blessing and a curse," said Gates. "The blessing is that in many places, polio is a disease of the past. The curse is that it is now harder for us to raise awareness that, in some places, polio is also a disease of the present. If we fail to help leaders around the world understand this, polio is certain to be a disease of the future."

Gates praised Rotary for reducing the incidence of polio by more than 99 percent worldwide since 1988.

"Your work has brought us so far," he said. "I'm so proud to be a partner in the work that Rotary has been doing to eradicate polio." Gates noted that only one case of polio had been reported in India this year, as of March.

"India is approaching zero cases," said Gates. "None of this would have been remotely achievable had it not been for Rotary. We would not be where we are without you. Nor can we get to where we're going without you."

Gates said that he and his wife, Melinda, have made eradicating polio their foundation's top priority. With the world on the threshold of eradication, the hard work really begins, he said.

"Polio eradication has been our single biggest investment in recent years, as far as innovation and creativity. The last 1 percent will be the longest and hardest 1 percent," he said. "It will require more work and more commitment than ever before. Without the redoubled effort of everyone in this room, and your fellow Rotarians around the world, we will not succeed. Redoubling is crucial to ending polio."

The Gates Foundation has awarded two grants totaling US\$355 million to Rotary in support of its work in eradicating the disease.

Rotary has responded with Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. To date, Rotarians have raised \$173.2 million for the challenge.

Gates said he plans to work with Rotary leadership to keep polio front and center in the public eye. "You have helped so many people understand that we are 'this close.' I challenge you to make your voices louder."

Countries including Canada, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States have all increased their investment in the eradication effort. Gates attributed that success to the pressure Rotarians have put on the leaders of those countries. But he noted that with a funding gap of \$400 million next year for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, it is no time to let up.

"If we fail, the disease will not stay at its current low level," he said.

"It will spread back into countries where it's been eliminated, and will kill and paralyze hundreds of thousands of children who used to be safe."

Gates said that the monuments Rotarians have illuminated with the End Polio Now message are powerful images.

"But ultimately, the most important monument won't be the one we illuminate," said Gates. "It will be the one we create."

# Happy Birthday!

May 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

*Alex Smith*

5/26



## Happy Anniversary!

*Anthony & Julie Cook* 5/28

*Sam & Erlinda Torres* 5/29

*Paul & Camille Fisher* 5/29

### May Member Anniversaries

Tom Miller 20 years

Jenny Gentry 18 years

Dennis McKeever 5 years

Absent: Brooks, H. Cook, Crisler, Drake, Farrell, Gayheart, Gentry, Irvine, Kern, Lewis, Loncon, McIntyre, D. McKeever, S. McKeever, Muller, Pendarvis, Ramsay, Searcy, Shillington, & Torres

Makeups: Hurley Cook, Jim Drake & Kenan Kern

### Dates to remember:

- 8/13 – District Seminar in Dublin
- 9/1 – District Simplified Grant Applications due
- 11/8 – DG Gordon visits RCSS
- 5/18-20 – 55<sup>th</sup> Annual District Conference in Savannah



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Bonorato, Larry ~ PH, Po  
Automotive Event Planning

Boothe, Jon  
Shipping- Packages

Breese, Cap ~ MPH, W, S  
Arbitration

Broderick, Tom ~ MPH, S  
Dentistry – Orthodontics

**Brodmann, Andy**  
CPA

Brooks, Carol  
Piano Teacher

**Calarruda, Michael**  
Aviation Management

Cates, Mikell ~ PH, S  
Surveillance Equipment

Clare, Joshi  
Financial Planning Specialist

Cook, Anthony ~ PH, S  
Insurance

Cook, Hurley ~ MPH, S, C, P  
Sr. Active

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Philanthropic Fund Development

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Culbreth, Arch ~ PH  
Chiropractor

Depue, Charlie ~ MPH, W  
Burial Vaults

Drake, Jim ~ MPH, P, B, W, H, S, PAG, DD, K  
Law - Bankruptcy

Duren, John ~ MPH, DS, P, W, B  
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Eskew, Sam ~ MPH, S, P  
Personal Property Risk Mgmt.

Farrell, Pat  
Landscape Maintenance

Fisher, Sarah  
Chiropractor

Fisher, Paul ~ MPH, S  
Chemical Industry Marketing

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Dentistry

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Retired

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Gayheart, CL  
Architectural Supply

Gentry, Jenny ~ PH  
Banking – Consumer

**Glenn, Cooper**  
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Attorney – Real Estate

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Hazel, Jim ~ MPH, P, W  
Corporate HR Consultant

Hoffman, John ~ MPH  
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Holl, Bruce ~ PH  
Retired

Hubbs, George ~ MPH, S  
Retired

Hussey, Tom ~ PH, P, W  
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Retired

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PAG, PDD, K, PHS  
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Kolgaklis, Ted ~ PH  
Banking

Laramy, **Kingston, Jack** ~ PH  
US House of Representatives

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Research Management

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CPA

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Building Material Sales

Pruitt, Dan ~ PH  
Sr. Active

Rabold, Gary ~ MPH, S  
Chemical Consultant

Ramsay, Linda ~ PH  
Architecture - Code

Sanders, Billy ~ MPH, P, W  
Veterinarian

Searcy, Scott  
Marketing

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Pharmaceutical Research

Smith, Alex ~ PH, S  
Pool & Spa

Sullivan, Michael  
Employment – Staffing

Thomas, Jerry ~ MPH, S, W, H  
Medical Management Services

Torres, Sam ~ PH, W  
Physician – Urology

Turner, Mat ~ MPH, S  
Homebuilder

Weeks, Will ~ C, MPH, P  
Cabinet Manufacturing

Weiss, Holly ~ PH, P  
Hospital - Volunteer Mgmt.

Wortley, Rick  
Jeweller-Retail

**Wright, Francine**  
Private School Administration

## What is Rotary?

Rotary International is a volunteer organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, and help to build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members belonging to nearly 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary celebrated 100 years of service in 2005.

The Rotary Foundation has awarded more than US\$1.9 billion in grants, which are administered at the local level by Rotary clubs.

## The Object of Rotary

*The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:*

- First: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his or her occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third: The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his or her personal, business and community life;
- Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.

## The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say, or do...

Is it the TRUTH?,

Is it FAIR to all concerned?,

Will it build GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?,

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



## ROSTER KEY:

ADG- Assistant District Governor	P- Past President, RCSS
B- Benefactor	PAG- Past Asst. Governor
BS- Bequest Society	PDD- Past District Director
C- Charter Member, RCSS	PDG- Past District Governor
DD- District Director	PH- Paul Harris Fellow
DS- Double Sustaining Member	PHS- Paul Harris Society
H- Hugh Thomas Fellow	Po- Past President, Other Club
<i>Honorary Member</i>	<b>Red Badge Member</b>
K- Kendall Weisiger Fellow	S- Sustaining Member
MD- Major Donor to RF	W- Will Watt Fellow
MPH- Multiple Paul Harris	