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Jerry Smith, President, Rotary Club of Effingham County for 2007-2008

Jerry was born in Alma, Ga., Bacon County. He moved to Chatham County at the age of eight in 1956. He attended the Chatham Co. public schools and graduated from H. V. Jenkins High School in 1966, and Armstrong/Savannah State College in 1975 with a BBA in Business Management. He also graduated from Real Estate School, The AoCCoG for County Commissioners and The AoCCoG Leadership Academy, and Charter - Leadership Effingham.

In 1966, Jerry began a career at Union Camp Corporation, as a paper tester, and spent the next twenty-five working in all the production areas and the technical department. He became a part of management in 1982. He completed his mill career in 1990 as Quality Control Manager. He next, accepted a transfer to the Chemical Division where he procured strategic raw materials for that division. In 2004, he retired from IP/Arizona Chemical after thirty-eight years of service, and accepted a job as Procurement & Transportation Manager for International Flavors & Fragrances (an old Union Camp Corp. company). He is a member of both the national and local sections of The Technical Association of Pulp & Paper Industry.

Jerry's involvement has been extensive since his arrival in Effingham Co. in 1980. He served as Chairman of THE CARES ORGANIZATION. He served as Chairman of The Effingham County Co.-coordinating Committee, which worked very closely with local citizens to develop a Master Plan for Effingham Co. He served on The Board of Commissioner for four years, two years as vice-chairman and two years as Chairman. During those four years his major achievements were: no increase in county milage, gave doubt homestead exemption to property owners, and instituted door to door trash pick-up through out the entire county, getting away from the old green boxes. He served as Chairman of The Board of Directors for the Treutlen House. He served on The Steering Committee that worked to bring a YMCA to our community, and later served as Chairman of that same organization. He served a term on Effingham Co. IDA, and today, he serves on Supervisory Committee for the Ga. Heritage Federal Credit.

Jerry and his family are active members of Rincon First Christian Church. He serves on the Board or Elders & Deacons, chairman of the financial committee, chairman of the building committee, he has been a regular Sunday School teacher, and is responsible for the men's quarterly fellowship. Jerry also serves on the BoD for the Coastal Empire Christian Service Camp, and on the financial committee.

Jerry has been married to Rebecca Stewart Smith (Becky) for over thirty-six years. Becky is employed by the Effingham County Extension Service. They have two grown daughters; Ginger Smith Kessler, who teaches math and science at Effingham Jr. High School, and Patsy Smith Johnson who teaches Special Ed. at Blanford Elementary.

**Rotary
International
Leadership**

R.I. President:
Wilfrid J.
Wilkerson
District Governor:
Richard E. Hyer,
Jr.
Assistant
Governor: Jeff
Kublin

**Club Officers &
Board of Directors**

President: Jerry
Smith
Pres-Elect: Karen
Tanksley
Past Pres: Talbert
Edenfield
Secretary: Lenny
Pye
Treasurer: Dan
Burkhalter
Sgt-At-Arms:
Lamar Allen
Club Administrator:
Karen Tanksley
Club Public
Relations: Lane
Robertson
Membership: Ann
Purcell
Service Projects:
Mark Winters
Rotary Foundation:
Robert Nelson

Meet Your Georgia Rotary Student for 2007-2008

Ipek Dorak is a female college age student who comes to us from Bolu, Turkey. She is one of 74 students from 30 different countries who will spend this academic year studying in the United States. She will be attending Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah.

In addition to the Rotary Club of Effingham County, the Rotary Club of Pooler and the Rotary Club of Swainsboro are co-sponsoring Ipek. Pooler will be her host club and is providing her host family.

Ipek's academic interests include courses about politics and international relations. She also has an interest in sociology. She wants to learn different cultures, make new friends and learn different ideas. Her experience as a GRSP Student will expand her world perspective and will enable her to introduce and represent her country. Her career plans presently include working in a university or participating in a foreign office.

Ipek's recreational interests include listening to music, going to the movies, playing guitar, making music with her friends, going out with friends and snowboarding. We are not sure that she will be able to do that last item while visiting us in Georgia! She plays classical and electric guitar and is a member of a rock choir.

We are looking forward to having Ipek join us this year at some of our weekly meetings and to teach us about the culture of Turkey.

Attendance for 7/12/07 Meeting

Attendance: 76.3%	Members Absent
Guest of Members	Lisa Bailey (1) Patrick Finley (1) Laura Hendrix (1) Ron Howard (1) Lisa Mosley (1) Warren Ratchford (1) Lane Robertson (1) Stan Sparks (1) Dennis Webb (1)
Jennifer Kirby, guest of Barbara Oglesby Debbie Strickland, guest of Barbara Oglesby Angie Hummel, guest of Marsha Sanders	A Good Rotarian Makes up Missed Meetings
Visiting Rotarians	Jeff Kublin, Effingham Sunrise & Savannah Sunrise, 6/26 & 6/29 Jim Scott, Camden County, 7/6
None!!!	

A great name for a new country song: If I'd Shot You Sooner, I'd Be Out of Jail by Now. ~Author Unknown

PAST
PRESIDENTS

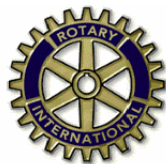
John Thompson – 1989
 Ron Harden – 1990
 Herb Jones – 1991
 Warren Ratchford – 1992
 Lenny Pye – 1993
 Lamar Allen – 1994
 David Atkins – 1995
 Charles Williamson – 1996
 Wendel Wilson – 1997
 Tommy Allen – 1998
 Ken Lee – 1999
 Carolyn Sanders – 2000
 Lamar Crosby – 2001
 Dennis Webb – 2002
 Jeff Kublin – 2003
 Rick Sebastian – 2004
 Judy Quinney – 2005
 Talbert Edenfield - 2006

WILL WALL FELLOWS

Lamar Allen
 Tommy Allen
 Herb Jones
 Kay Jones
 Jeff Kublin
 Lenny Pye
 Carolyn Sanders
 Leland Sanders
 Rick Sebastian
 John Thompson
 Charles Williamson
 Ray Zittrouer

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Herb Jones	26 years
Lamar Allen	17 years
Tommy Allen	11 years
Wendel Wilson	10 years
Rick Sebastian	9 years
Jeff Kublin	7 years
Jim Scott	7 years
Talbert Edenfield	6 years
Lainie Jenkins	5 years
Jerry Smith	5 years
Karen Tanksley	5 years
Patrick Finley	4 years
Barbara Oglesby	3 years
Mark Winters	3 years
Dan Burkhalter	2 year
Stan Sparks	2 year



"Service Above Self"



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Lamar Allen	Tommy Allen
David Atkins	Lamar Crosby
Talbert Edenfield	Ron Harden
Jane Hughes	Lainie Jenkins
Herb Jones	Jeff Kublin
Ken Lee	Lenny Pye
Ann Purcell	Judy Quinney
Warren Ratchford	Carolyn Sanders
Rick Sebastian	Wendell Sikes
John Thompson	Dennis Webb
Charles Williamson	Wendel Wilson
Leo Wuori	Mary Zitterouer

Sustaining Rotary Foundation Members

Lisa Bailey	Dan Burkhalter
Patrick Finley	Laura Hendrix
Ron Howard	Adrian Meeks
Robert Nelson	Marsha Sanders
Jim Scott	Jerry Smith
Stan Sparks	Karen Tanksley
Mark Winters	

MAKE UP PLACES NEAR
EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Effingham Sunrise – Tues., 7:30 AM at Guyton Christian Church
 Glennville – Wed., 12:00 PM at Community Center
 Hinesville – Tues., 12:30 PM at Holiday Inn
 Pooler – Wed., 7:30 AM at the Western Sizzlin
 Richmond Hill – Thurs., 12:30 PM at Holiday Inn
 Savannah – Mon., 12:30 PM at Desoto Hilton
 Sav. South – Tues., 12:30 PM at Holiday Inn
 Midtown
 Savannah East – Fri., 12:30 PM at Desoto Hilton
 Savannah West – Wed., 12:30 PM at The Hyatt
 Sav. Sunrise – Thurs., 7:30 AM at Desoto Hilton
 Skidaway Island – Wed., 7:30 AM at Plantation Club
 Statesboro – Mon., 1:00 PM at Forest Heights CC
 Statesboro Downtown – Thurs., 7:15 AM at Statesboro Inn
 Sylvania – Thurs., 12:30 PM at R & D Seafood

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 GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?