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## Rotary Weekly Programs

August 30 - Club Assembly

Sept. 6 - TBA

Sept. 13 -

Congressman

John Barrow,

12<sup>th</sup> District

Sept. 20 - TBA

Sept. 27 -

Patrick

Graham,

Savannah

Hilton Head

International

Airport

Oct. 4 - Russ

McCollister, GA

Pacific

## Rotary Board Meeting:

September 26,

8:00 a.m. at

Johnson's on

4th

## RI president urges every Rotarian to bring in new members

By Antoinette Tuscano  
Rotary International News

With Rotary's demographics changing and membership decreasing in North America, Rotarians must "change the way we think about membership," RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson told attendees at a presidential membership conference held 20-21 July in Nashville, Tennessee, USA.

"The current recruitment practices of clubs can't continue," Wilkinson said. "What needs to happen is for every Rotarian in every club to bring in one qualified new member every year."

Inviting new club members is one way Rotarians can live up to this year's theme of *Rotary Shares*, said Wilkinson at the conference. The conference is one of a series of seven events to be held in July and August in Canada and the United States. In July the conferences were held in Philadelphia; Nashville; and South Bend, Indiana. In August, the conferences will be held in Denver; Vancouver, B.C.; San Jose, California; and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. If those events prove successful, similar ones may be organized in other parts of the world.

The two-day conferences include plenary sessions, panel discussions, and workshops on topics such as generational differences, demographic changes, potential new members, and the challenges of service organizations.

Wilkinson cited RI research showing that only 18 percent of Rotarians in a given club ever bring in a new member. But inviting qualified, active members is "the single most important thing that you can do for your club and community," he said. To survive and continue to meet communities' increasing needs, Wilkinson stressed, "Rotary needs to grow."

The goal of the presidential conferences was for Rotarians to come away with plans for finding and keeping club members. Wilkinson noted, however, that there's no one-size-fits-all solution for Rotary clubs.

"*Rotary Shares*," he said, "and each one of us must take it upon ourselves individually to share the gift of Rotary membership with one new person - this year, and every year to come."

## Rotary Websites of Interest

Rotary Club of Effingham County

District 6920

Rotary International

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

## Attendance for 8/23/07 Meeting

Attendance: 68.42%	Members Absent
<b>Guest of Members</b>	Lamar Allen (1) Tommy Allen (2) Lisa Bailey (1) Ken Boyd (4) Beth Epling (1) Stan Mann (1) Carolyn Sanders (1) Carrie Thompson (1) Randy Walker (1) Dennis Webb (1)
Dusty Zeigler, guest of Ann Purcell Jim Arentz, guest of Dan Burkhalter Sandy Martin, guest of Adrian Meeks	<b>A Good Rotarian Makes up Missed Meetings</b> Dan Burkhalter, Board of Directors Meeting Ann Purcell, Board of Directors Meeting Lane Robertson, Board of Directors Meeting Jim Scott, Board of Directors Meeting Jerry Smith, Board of Directors Meeting Stan Sparks, Board of Directors Meeting Karen Tanksley, Board of Directors Meeting Wendel Wilson, Effingham Sunrise Mark Winters, Board of Directors Meeting
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	
Ken Stoner, Effingham Sunrise	

## Here are a few examples of what others are saying about Rotary.

"Through my contact with Rotary, I learned about the importance of community service: the Rotary motto of *Service Above Self* has left a deep impression and has guided me since. I would like to express my profound gratitude to the Rotary Foundation for having given me that unique opportunity and a solid foundation that eventually led me to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, a global service organization to protect those fleeing from armed conflict and persecution."

— Sadako Ogata, Japanese Prime Minister's Special Representative for Assistance to Afghanistan

"Rotary has the ability to organize campaigns to mobilize support for some of the worthiest causes that exist, and that makes Rotary a precious resource."

— Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations

"I admire the Rotary promise to solve problems that destroy lives and trample dreams and human potential."

— Her Majesty Queen Noor Al-Hussein of Jordan

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**The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us. ~Bill Watterson, *Calvin and Hobbes***

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 The First City Club  
 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?**