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Jan 17 – Preliminary Speech Contest
Jan 24 – Craig MacFarlane
Jan 31 – Club Assembly
Feb 7 – High School Speech Contest at New Ebenezer Retreat Center
Feb 14 – Valentine Program
Feb 21 – Star Student/Star Teacher
Feb 28 – Volunteer of the Year Banquet

Rotary Board Meeting:

January 24,
8:00 a.m. at Johnson's on 4th

Rotary Awareness Month

During Rotary Awareness Month in January, help expand awareness of Rotary's global humanitarian efforts. As members of the world's first service club organization, Rotarians have much to be proud of as they put Service Above Self while advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Once divided, two Sri Lankan alumni make peace

- By Dan Nixon
Rotary International News - 11 October 2007

The first encounters between two classmates in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program were anything but cordial.

From July through September 2006, Raveendra Pathiranage and Thevananth Thevanayagam participated in the program's inaugural session at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. For weeks, they argued about the long-standing conflict in their native Sri Lanka.

"But we talked about our problems and gradually understood each other," says Thevanayagam, program manager for the Tamil Refugees Rehabilitation Organization in Sri Lanka, who was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jaffna, Northern Province. The agency provides food, shelter, rehabilitation, and other assistance to displaced Tamil refugees.

"We erased the hard feelings and went on to What can we do to solve the problem? What can we contribute?" says Pathiranage, senior state counsel in the attorney general's office in Sri Lanka, who was sponsored by District 3220.

He was especially moved by Thevanayagam's stories of children who had been orphaned or couldn't go to school. In November, when conflict forced the main road into the Jaffna peninsula to close, Pathiranage asked, "Theva, can I do anything?"

Thevanayagam explained that the region was barely surviving on twice-monthly dry rations and many people, including his two young children and the rest of his family, were suffering from Chikungunya, a disease that causes high fevers, rashes, and joint pain. Pathiranage used some of his personal connections to get a month's supply of dry milk and medicine to Thevanayagam for his family.

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

In June, the two men traveled together to the first Rotary World Peace Symposium in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, held just before the 2007 RI Convention, to see their former classmates.

"The link between myself and Theva will be very important in the future to discuss the peace-related issues [in Sri Lanka]," says Pathirana, who sees a direct connection between what he learned in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program and his work.

Upcoming Events

January 17 – Preliminary High School Speech Contest

January 29 – Pancake Supper, Rincon

January 31 – Pancake Supper, Springfield

February 7 – High School Speech Contest at New Ebenezer Retreat Center

February 9 - METS Workday

February 28 – Volunteer of the Year Banquet

April 11 – Special Olympics

Attendance for 01/03/08 Meeting

		Members Absent	
Attendance: 82.1%		Patrick Finley (1)	Angie Hummel (3)
Guest of Members		Jeff Kublin (1)	Warren Ratchford (2)
John W. Kilbourne, guest of Visiting Rotarian Michael Kilbourne		Marsha Sanders (1)	Randy Walker (1)
		Ray Zittrouer (1)	
Visiting Rotarians		A Good Rotarian Makes up Missed Meetings	
Michael Kilbourne, Whitehall, Ohio		Lamar Allen, Board Meeting	
Jon Burns, Effingham Sunrise		Lainie Jenkins, Effingham Sunrise	
		Stan Mann, E-Club	
		Barbara Oglesby, Effingham Sunrise	
		Stan Sparks, Board Meeting	

Mission of Rotary

The mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, is to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

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PRESIDENTS

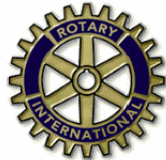
John Thompson – 1989
 Ron Harden – 1990
 Herb Jones – 1991
 Warren Ratchford – 1992
 Lenny Pye – 1993
 Lamar Allen – 1994
 David Atkins – 1995
 Charles Williamson – 1996
 Wendel Wilson – 1997
 Tommy Allen – 1998
 Ken Lee – 1999
 Carolyn Sanders – 2000
 Lamar Crosby – 2001
 Dennis Webb – 2002
 Jeff Kublin – 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
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 Zittrouer

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 Spankys on Hiway 80
 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?