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Rotary Weekly Programs

June 5 – Laura Devisscher,
Pregnancy Crisis Center

June 12 – Nikole Layton,
Ronald McDonald House

June 19 – Senator Jack Hill

June 26 – No Meeting

June 27 – Friday – End-of-Year Party

Rotary Board Meeting:

June 25, 8:00 a.m. at Johnson's on 4th

Rotary Websites of Interest

[Rotary Club of Effingham County](#)

[District 6920](#)

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The Club extends our sympathy to Mark Winters and his family in the death of his mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and if there is anything we can do as individuals or as a club, please let us know.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2008-2009

Kenan J. Kern



A native of Statesboro, Georgia, Kenan was educated at Statesboro High School and entered the University of Georgia on an athletic scholarship. He was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and directed staff dependent swimming lessons during the summer sessions. He graduated from Georgia Southern University in 1967 with a BS in Recreation and immediately following his graduation, served three years of duty in the U. S. Army as an Infantry Officer. During 1969-1970 he served as a combat platoon leader and Executive Officer in the 54th Infantry in Vietnam. Following his active military service, he returned to his hometown and began a professional career in Human Resources Management.

Following a 32 year career as a corporate executive in Human Resources and Business Management, Kenan founded The Kern Group, LLC.

Kenan first joined Rotary International when he was inducted into the Rotary Club of Abingdon, Virginia, in 1988. During his membership, he was noted for his stage performances at the annual Rotary Frolics at the state performing Barter Theater.

Upon relocating back to Georgia, Kenan joined the Rotary Club of Savannah South in 1993. He served Savannah South as a member of the Board of Directors, and served three years as Editor of the club bulletin. In 1997-1998, he served as Club President for the Rotary Club of Savannah South.

Kenan has been an active supporter to District 6920 beginning in 1999 as Silent

**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

Auction Chair for the District Conference. He served District 6920 as an Assistant Governor for three years and followed that service by serving as District Director for three years. He served as District Conference Chair for the year 2002-2003 and 2007-2008 year. He has served as Aide de Camp for two District Governors.

The Georgia Rotary Student Program has recognized his support to GRSP by naming him a Will Watt Fellow and a Hue Thomas Fellow. Kenan has been a strong supporter of The Rotary Foundation. He became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1997 followed by becoming a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. He was selected as the Rotarian of the Year in 2000-2001 from the six Rotary clubs in Savannah by the Rotary Club of Savannah East

Kenan and his wife, Beth, have been active leaders in the communities where they have lived in Georgia and Virginia. Kenan has served in leadership positions to the United Way in Statesboro and served as General Campaign Manager in Washington County, Virginia. Kenan and Beth have served in active lay leadership roles in Methodist churches in Georgia and Virginia. Kenan served as a Scoutmaster for 12 years in Statesboro with his home church, the First United Methodist Church, and was honored as a Silver Beaver by the Coastal Empire Council BSA. Kenan and Beth are members of the Skidaway Island United Methodist Church. They are the proud parents of daughter, Mary Beth Kern Haynes, son-in-law, Shane Haynes, and grandchildren, Hayden, Emmaline and Arden who live in Effingham County.

Upcoming Events

June 27 – End of Year Party honoring our outgoing President Jerry Smith and introducing our new board and officers

Attendance for 05/29/08 Meeting

<p>Attendance: 89.1%</p> <p>Guest of Members Bill Burkel, guest of Patrick Finley</p> <p>Guest of the Club None!</p> <p>Visiting Rotarians None!</p>	<p>Members Absent</p> <p>Lisa Bailey (2) Ken Boyd (3) Talbert Edenfield (1) Randy Walker (1)</p> <p>A Good Rotarian Makes up Missed Meetings</p> <p>Lamar Allen, Board Meeting Tommy Allen, Board Meeting, Eff. Sunrise Dan Burkhalter, Board Meeting Talbert Edenfield, Board Meeting Jeff Kublin, Anthem, Arizona Sandy Martin, Board Meeting Robert Nelson, Board Meeting Ann Purcell, Effingham Sunrise Lenny Pye, Board Meeting Lane Robertson, Board Meeting Jerry Smith, Board Meeting Stan Sparks, Board Meeting Karen Tanksley, Board Meeting Mark Winters, Board Meeting</p>
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**PAST
PRESIDENTS**

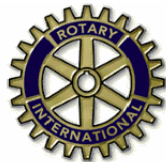
John Thompson – 1989
 Ron Harden – 1990
 Herb Jones – 1991
 Warren Ratchford – 1992
 Lenny Pye – 1993
 Lamar Allen – 1994
 David Atkins – 1995
 Charles Williamson – 1996
 Wendel Wilson – 1997
 Tommy Allen – 1998
 Ken Lee – 1999
 Carolyn Sanders – 2000
 Lamar Crosby – 2001
 Dennis Webb – 2002
 Jeff Kublin – 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
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., 7:00 AM at R.J.'s
 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?**