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Rotary Weekly Programs

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](#)

[Rotary International](#)

ROTARY CLUB OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY PRESIDENT 2008-2009 KAREN TANKSLEY



Karen Tanksley was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Her father was in the Air Force, so she traveled quite a bit as a child. In 1963 her family moved to Statesboro, GA. She is the oldest of six children.

Karen started her newspaper career with the Statesboro Herald in 1972. She has worked in almost every department. She was named administrative assistant to the publisher and then later to the Regional Vice President of Morris Newspapers. During that time she handled legal advertising, newspaper in education programs, and then was given human resources and payroll responsibilities for the southeast Georgia properties. In February, 1999 Karen was promoted to General Manager of the Effingham Herald and in October of 2002 was named Publisher.

While working in Statesboro, Karen was very active in the community. She served as secretary, vice-president and two terms as president of the Altrusa Club of Statesboro and was named Altrusan of the Year in 1995. She chaired the in-house United Way Campaign for the Statesboro Herald for three years. She served on the citizen's review panel and on the board of directors of the United Way of SE Georgia. Karen served on several committees with the Statesboro/Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce.

Since coming to Effingham County Karen served as the first chairman of the Effingham Chamber Ambassadors and on the steering committee for the Effingham Chamber of Commerce membership drive. She is a member of the Effingham Women in Business. Karen currently serves on the advisory board of the Effingham United Way.

Karen became a member of the Rotary Club of Effingham County in November, 1999. She served as treasurer for three terms and has been on the board for 6 years.

Karen is married to Steve Tanksley and has one son, Jason and a grandson, Lane.

**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

Upcoming Events

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

Attendance for 06/12/08 Meeting

Attendance: 67.6%	Members Absent	
Guest of Members	Lisa Bailey (6)	Kim Dennis (1)
None!!	Jeff Hupman (1)	Lainie Jenkins (1)
Guest of the Club	Lisa Mosley (1)	Lee Newberry (2)
None!	Barbara Oglesby (1)	Ann Purcell (2)
Visiting Rotarians	Lenny Pye (1)	Stan Sparks (1)
Don Nelson, Effingham Sunrise	Mark Winters (1)	Ray Zittrouer (1)
	A Good Rotarian Makes up Missed Meetings	
	Patrick Finley, Savannah East Jeff Kublin, District Assembly	

June 2008

Dear fellow Rotarians,

I wish that every Rotarian could have the opportunities to see Rotary in action that Joan and I have enjoyed over the past months. From India to France, Hong Kong to Brazil, the Philippines to Turkey, we witnessed Rotarians demonstrating, with great compassion and ingenuity, just how much *Rotary Shares*.

We saw incredible disaster relief efforts in Pakistan and had the chance to inaugurate one of seven schools being built there with contributions by Rotarians. In India, we surveyed the impressive results of Rotarian tsunami recovery projects. In Brazil, we visited a school supported by the Foundation of São Paulo Rotarians that offers academic and vocational education as well as a program for the hearing impaired. And we felt very proud when we saw what Houston Rotarians have done in establishing a four-star hotel for patients and families visiting the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Another of the year's highlights was our North American membership conferences. These seven meetings drew many Rotarians eager to reverse the region's downward trend in membership. They shared ideas and left energized to strengthen their clubs' membership.

Peace conferences provided another source of great inspiration for Rotarians, who met in Bulgaria, India, Kenya, and Turkey to discuss the obstacles to peace in each of these regions and consider how Rotary clubs can offer practical solutions. In Canada and France, Rotarians organized conferences around the theme Peace Is Possible, drawing participants from neighboring countries to offer a valuable

international perspective.

This month, we'll come together in Los Angeles for another important Rotary meeting – our 2008 RI Convention. I hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to experience a little of the international fellowship that I've been so privileged to enjoy as RI president.

Throughout my travels this year, I met many people who congratulated me on Rotary's work to eradicate polio and to improve the quality of life in some of the world's poorest regions. I was especially struck by the words of Olafur Grimsson, the president of Iceland, who said to me: "Rotary has the right answer. Your organization includes men and women on an equal basis, and you have members from many countries who represent every race, color, and creed. So what the world must do is have more Rotarians."

I couldn't agree more.

Thank you all for your great work. Joan and I will never forget the 2007-08 Rotary year.

Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson
President, Rotary International

PAST
PRESIDENTS

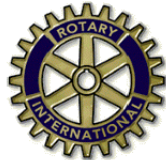
John Thompson – 1989
 Ron Harden – 1990
 Herb Jones – 1991
 Warren Ratchford – 1992
 Lenny Pye – 1993
 Lamar Allen – 1994
 David Atkins – 1995
 Charles Williamson – 1996
 Wendel Wilson – 1997
 Tommy Allen – 1998
 Ken Lee – 1999
 Carolyn Sanders – 2000
 Lamar Crosby – 2001
 Dennis Webb – 2002
 Jeff Kublin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