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Rotary Weekly Programs

Aug. 28 – Steve Petro,
Konter Homes
Sept. 4 – Club Assembly

Rotary Board Meeting:
August 27, 8:00 a.m. at
Johnson's on 4th

Rotary Websites of Interest (Click on the name to visit the site)

Rotary Club of Effingham County

District 6920

Rotary International

Missed a Meeting and need a make-up. Click on the link below to make-up online

Rotary EClub One

Man pedals around the world

By Donna Polydoros

Rotary International News - 19 August 2008



Chelala arrives in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA on 10 August. *Photo courtesy of Chelala*

Jean-Gabriel Chelala is out to set a record as the first person to circumnavigate the globe using human power – and he is sharing his inspiration with Rotarians along the way.

Braving 17-foot waves, 35-knot winds, and an encounter with a whale that destroyed his rudder, the 27-year-old civil engineer journeyed 65 days across the Atlantic Ocean in a 27-foot pedal boat. Landing on the Caribbean island of Saint Martin, Chelala was short on funds and looking for friends. A director of a marina referred him to the Rotary Club of Saint-Martin Nord, Guadeloupe, French West Indies.

"I am really proud to talk with people like Rotarians because they think with their hearts, and they use their hands to make the world better," Chelala said.

Chelala spoke to the club, describing his journey and message of the strength of the human body and spirit. Rotarians were so impressed, they named him an ambassador of their club.

Chelala continued on his journey to Puerto Rico, where he met John Richardson, assistant governor of District 7000 (Puerto Rico), who was also inspired by Chelala's determination and positive message.

"After spending a couple of hours with Jean-Gabriel talking about his quest, we concluded that he should connect to [Rotary's] global network and share his message, which is so much like our own," said Richardson. "An ordinary person armed with the strength of his conviction can pedal around the globe in much the same way as, [with] Rotary, ordinary people do extraordinary things."

Chelala has since added stops at several U.S. Rotary clubs to his itinerary,

Rotary International Leadership

R.I. President: Dong-Kurn Lee
District Governor: Kenan J. Kern
Assistant Governor: Jeff Kublin

Club Officers & Board of Directors

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

including the Rotary Club of Chicago. He plans to begin the next 22,000-mile leg of his journey by bicycle from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Alaska on 11 September.

Chelala began his journey in Paris on 13 January, bicycling 1,375 miles to the South of Portugal. He continued by pedal boat to Morocco and the Canary Islands, eventually crossing the Atlantic and landing in Saint Martin.

He will complete his journey by cycling through the contiguous United States, Canada, and Alaska, crossing the Bering Sea and Siberia, and returning to Paris.

Richardson reports that Chelala now carries a *Make Dreams Real* pin with him. "To say the least, he is a very special guy," said Richardson.

Visit Chelala's Web site at <http://www.jeangabrielchelala.com/>

Attendance for 8/21/2008 Meeting

Attendance: 74.2%	Members Absent
Guest Speaker Jon Burns	Lamar Allen (1) Laura Hendrix (2) Lee Newberry (1) Lane Robertson (2) Randy Walker (1)
Guest of Members LaMeisha Hunter, guest of Barbara Oglesby	Tommy Allen (1) Lisa Mosley (1) Ann Purcell (1) Jerry Smith (1)
Guest of the Club None	A Good Rotarian Makes up Missed Meetings Ken Boyd – E-Club Lamar Crosby – Sea Princess (2) Jeff Kublin – AG Training and District Foundation Seminar
Visiting Rotarians Chuck Murphy, Statesboro	
Leave of Absence None	

Upcoming Events

September 6th – Build a Wheelchair Ramp, Westwood Heights (need 10 people)
September 26th – Tailgate Party
October 22nd – District Governor Kenan Kern meets with the Board of Directors
October 23rd – District Governor Kenan Kern, guest speaker
November 13th – Nominating Committee Report Due
December 11th – Board and Officers for 2009-2010 Nominated
February 3rd, 2009 – High School Speech Contest

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
Jerry Smith - 2007

WILL WATT FELLOWS

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

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Herb Jones	27 years
Lamar Allen	18 years
Tommy Allen	12 years
Jeff Kublin	8 years
Jim Scott	8 years
Talbert Edenfield	7 years
Lainie Jenkins	7 years
Leland Sanders	6 years
Jerry Smith	6 years
Karen Tanksley	6 years
Patrick Finley	5 years
Barbara Oglesby	4 years
Mark Winters	4 years
Dan Burkhalter	4 years
Adrian Meeks	1 year
Carolyn Sanders	1 year



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
Jerry Smith	John Thompson
Dennis Webb	Charles Williamson
Wendel Wilson	Leo Wuori
Mary Zittrouer	

Sustaining Rotary Foundation Members

Dan Burkhalter	Patrick Finley
Jeff Kublin	Adrian Meeks
Robert Nelson	Lane Robertson
Jim Scott	Jerry Smith
Stan Sparks	Karen Tanksley
Dennis Webb	Mark Winters

MAKE UP PLACES NEAR EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Effingham Sunrise - Tues., 7:30 AM at Guyton Christian Church
Glennville - Wed., 12:00 PM at Glennville Garden Club
Hinesville - Tues., 12:30 PM at Western Sizzlin Pooler - Wed., 7:30 AM at Spankys Westside
Richmond Hill - Thurs., 12:30 PM at Holiday Inn
Savannah - Mon., 12:30 PM at Desoto Hilton
Sav. South - Tues., 12:30 PM at Carey Hilliard's Banquet Hall
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., 7:15 AM at Plantation Club
Statesboro - Mon., 1:00 PM at Forest Heights CC
Statesboro Downtown - Thurs., 7:15 AM at R.J.'s
Sylvania - Thurs., 12:30 PM at R & D Seafood



"Service Above Self"