



# The Effingham Rotarian

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## Rotary Weekly Programs

Oct 2 – John & Candy Bogardus, with Lowcountry Down Syndrome  
Oct 9 – Open  
Oct 16 – Russ McCollister  
Oct 23 – District Governor Kenan Kern  
Oct 30 – Frank Gray with Atlanta Gas Light  
Nov 6 – Open  
Nov 13 – Club Assembly

**Rotary Board Meeting:**  
October 22, 8:00 a.m. at Johnson's on 4<sup>th</sup>

**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**

## RI general secretary addresses impact of U.S. financial crisis

Rotary International News -- 29 September 2008

Dear Rotarians,

Given the troubling news from Wall Street over the past several weeks, we have received many inquiries about the impact these events will have on Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. Although our investments have lost value in the short term, we believe they will recover when the financial markets stabilize. In addition, Rotary maintains a diversified portfolio that includes investments outside of the markets that were adversely impacted by recent events. Rotary's investment policies have proven to be sound through past down markets. This prudent management should allow our programs and projects to continue as planned.

Many Rotarians have asked specifically about our investment holdings, insurance coverage, and reserves, so I would like to note the following:

- Both The Rotary Foundation's and RI's investment portfolios have only minor exposure to the companies that were taken over by the U.S. government (Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and AIG), purchased by other financial institutions (Merrill Lynch and WaMu), or declared Chapter 11 bankruptcy (Lehman).
- Although RI has some insurance coverage placed with AIG, AIG's insurance businesses are safe in that they are separate legal entities closely regulated by both state and federal agencies.
- Both RI and the Foundation have strong cash balances, and year-to-date revenues from sources other than investments are ahead of last year.
- All money in the PolioPlus Fund is invested in U.S. treasuries, the safest securities available.
- Both RI and the Foundation have adequate reserves to operate without having to sell investment securities at a loss.

Last week, The Rotary Foundation Investment Advisory Committee met with Rotary's independent investment consultant and several money managers for its regular investment review. The committee confirmed that the current investment policies set by the RI Board and Foundation Trustees continue to be appropriate

**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

for the long term. The committee advised the Trustees to continue diversifying the portfolio to further mitigate the impact of losses in any particular market.

You can be assured that Rotary’s senior leaders, the general secretary, the Financial Services staff, and Rotary’s investment consultant are monitoring this situation very closely. We are confident our investment and reserve policies will allow the good work of Rotary to continue around the world.

Sincerely,

Ed Futa  
*General Secretary, Rotary International*

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**Attendance for 9/25/2008 Meeting**

<b>Attendance: 69.7%</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Lamar Allen (1)	Lisa Bailey (2)
Our own Lainie Jenkins	Talbert Edenfield (1)	Beth Epling (1)
<b>Guest of Members</b>	Jeff Kublin (2)	Lee Newberry (2)
Kay Jones, guest of Herb Jones	Ann Purcell (1)	Lane Robertson (1)
<b>Guest of the Club</b>	Jerry Smith (1)	Tracy Soles (1)
None	Randy Walker (1)	
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	<b>A Good Rotarian Makes up Missed Meetings</b>	
Bonnie McMillan, Savannah West	Tommy Allen, Effingham Sunrise	
Don Nelson, Effingham Sunrise	Dan Burkhalter, Board Meeting	
<b>Leave of Absence</b>	Patrick Finley, Board Meeting	
None	Sandy Martin, Board Meeting	
	Karen Tanksley, Board Meeting	
	Mark Winters, Board Meeting	

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**Upcoming Events**

- October 23<sup>nd</sup> – District Governor Kenan Kern meets with the Board of Directors
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – District Governor Kenan Kern, guest speaker
- November 13<sup>th</sup> – Nominating Committee Report Due
- December 11<sup>th</sup> – Board and Officers for 2009-2010 Nominated
- February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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"**