



The Effingham Rotarian

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Rotary Weekly Programs

Nov 13 – Club Assembly
Nov 20 – David Crawley
Nov 27 – Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 4 – Paula Solomon, Sexual Trauma Support, Statesboro
Dec 11 – State Representative Buddy Carter

Rotary Board Meeting:
November 19, 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

ATTENDANCE IS A MUST!

A governor in a district in Japan apologized profusely in a letter to the R.I. Secretariat, because club attendance in his area had fallen below 95 percent. A farmer in Uruguay regularly drove his tractor 15 -20 miles to attend his Rotary club meetings. In Australia it is not unusual for a member to drive 150 miles to make up a missed meeting. Facts like these indicate how serious many Rotarians are about attending weekly meetings. Turning up regularly at the meetings of his club is one of the obligations that a person agrees to accept when they join Rotary. This pattern is often set in the early months of belonging to a Rotary Club, which is why attendance is stressed so heavily in the sessions for new members.

If an individual is unable to be at his own club's regular meeting, he may make up be attending the meeting at any other Rotary club within fourteen days before or after the absence. In many clubs, information about the times and meeting places of nearby clubs is passed out to members or printed in the newsletter to encourage make-ups. If a Rotarian arrives at another club to find that it is not meeting at its regular place that day, he still receives "make-up" credit; it was not his fault that the club was not "at home."

The penalties for poor attendance can be severe. If a member misses four meetings in a row, if he fails to attend at least 30 percent of the meetings at his own club during each half year, or if he fails to turn up at least 50% of the time during a six-month period, his membership can be automatically terminated unless he is specifically excused by the club board of directors. (To be counted as present, a member must be present at least 60% of the meeting.) After the fourth consecutive absence, an unexcused member is sometimes asked to appear before the club's board of directors to explain why he has been absent. If he fails to respond, he is automatically dropped for the club; an action of the board is not necessary.

The job of keeping terminations caused by poor attendance to a minimum is assumed by the chairman of the attendance committee. He usually follows up individually with each absentee, which is often more effective than issuing warning cards or letters, a practice that some clubs follow. Also, by talking to a member who is erratic in his attendance the chairman can often turn the old, negative pattern around.

In Rotary, the goal is to have members present, not to drive them out. If a club's attendance average is mediocre, some realistic analysis of why this is the case can often point out the remedy. Conversation with members whose attendance records are spotty can be revealing. Perhaps the meeting is held at an

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

inconvenient time and place, or the meals are bland and unappetizing. There may be business/family time pressures. Another element might be the program. Consistently dull speakers may repel the very kind of person that Rotary wants.

The committee also promotes attendance at special events, such as district conferences, the district assembly, and the events scheduled by the club outside of the regular meetings (Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, Annual Auction, Volunteer of the Year, etc). It sees that dates, locations, and programs are announced in the club bulletin.

Theoretically, attendance committees like every member to maintain a 100 percent record. However, within the worldwide Rotary movement, attitudes toward attendance vary. A report by a past president of a club, on what he would change if he could repeat his year, is thoughtful and relevant:

“...I would de-emphasize 100 percent attendance. Now don't get me wrong. I believe in good attendance as much as the next Rotarian. A Rotarian who has 10 years of perfect attendance doesn't say anything except he has regular habits and has eaten a lot of high-calorie meals.

“If I could lead a club again, I think I'd view attendance with a slightly different perspective. Of course, you must attend meetings regularly if you expect to get anything out of Rotary. But a fetish on attendance is something else...The poor attendance records of Rotary clubs say as much about the quality of club meetings as they do about the members themselves...our club's meetings can be made so interesting and vital to our members that they won't want to miss a single one.

Rotary By-laws don't require 100 percent attendance. We only set a minimum of 50%. I'd much rather see a Rotarian attend 85 percent of the meetings and do something of valuable for Rotary than see a '100 per-center' who merely shows up at the weekly meetings.”

The Most Popular Man Story

One day at work, Bob was bragging that he knew everyone that was anyone. His boss got tired of his boasting and decided to call him on it. He said, 'OK Bob, how about Clint Eastwood? Do you know him?' 'Oh sure ', said Bob. 'He and my Dad shoot pheasant together and he's a great guy.'

OK, prove it', said his boss. 'Let's fly out to Hollywood and you can introduce me.'

Great!', said Bob. And so they did. They took a taxi to Mr. Eastwood's estate, Bob knocks on the door, Mr. Eastwood opens it and shouts, 'Bob! Hey, great to see you! You and your friend come on in and have lunch.'

Bob's boss was impressed, but still skeptical. When they left after lunch, he said, 'That was a coincidence that you knew Clint Eastwood. How about President Bush?' 'Sure, I know him', replied Bob. So, they fly off to Washington, DC and head to the White House.

As they are touring the grounds, Mr. Bush sees Bob and comes right over saying, 'My gosh, Bob, I haven't seen you in a couple years. Come on in, have some coffee and let's catch up.' After a couple hours, Bob and his boss are escorted off

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

the White House grounds and Bob asks his boss, 'Well, do you believe me now?' His boss, shaken and a bit bewildered, but still not completely convinced says, 'I'll believe you if you show me you know one more person - the Pope.' 'Certainly', says Bob, 'I've known the Pope since I was just a little kid. Let's fly over to Italy.'

So, off to Rome they fly and join a mass of people in Vatican Square waiting to catch a glimpse of the Pope. Bob says, 'There's no way I can get the Pope's attention with all these people here. How about if I go talk to one of the guards I know and then I'll come out on the balcony with the Pope to prove to you I know him.'

Bob's boss waits as Bob heads off into the crowd. About 15 minutes later, the Pope emerges on the balcony and right beside him is Bob waving to the crowd. When Bob returned a few minutes later to where he had left his boss, there were paramedics there surrounding his boss laying on the ground - he had had a heart attack. Bob rushes up and asks what happened. His boss looks up at him and replies, 'I was doing ok when you came out on the balcony. But then the guy next to me asks 'Hey, who's that up on there on the balcony with Bob?''

Upcoming Events

November 13th – Nominating Committee Report Due

December 11th – Board and Officers for 2009-2010 Nominated

February 3rd, 2009 – High School Speech Contest

Attendance for 11/06/2008 Meeting

Attendance: 77.78%	Members Absent
Guest Speaker RI 6920 Asst. Governor Jeff Kublin, Rotary Foundation	Dan Burkhalter (1) Sandy Martin (1) Lee Newberry (1) Ann Purcell (1)
Guest of Members None!	Warren Ratchford (1) Lane Robertson (2) Carolyn Sanders (1) Leland Sanders (1) Jerry Smith (1) Stan Sparks (2) Carrie Thompson (1) Randy Walker (2)
Guest of the Club Bonnie Dixon David Grandgeorge	A Good Rotarian Makes up Missed Meetings Lenny Pye, Future Voters Warren Ratchford, Future Voters Jerry Smith, Future Voters Karen Tanksley, Future Voters Dennis Webb, E-Club
Visiting Rotarians Linda McDaniel, Effingham Sunrise Andy Abbott, Savannah South	

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

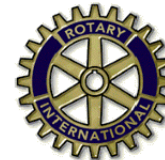
Lamar Allen	Tommy Allen
David Atkins	Lamar Crosby
Talbert Edenfield	Ron Harden
Jane Hughes	Lainie Jenkins
Herb Jones	Jeff Kublin
Ken Lee	Lenny Pye
Ann Purcell	Judy Quinney
Warren Ratchford	Carolyn Sanders
Rick Sebastian	Wendell Sikes
Jerry Smith	John Thompson
Dennis Webb	Charles Williamson
Wendel Wilson	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



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