



The Effingham Rotarian

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District 6920

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Rotary Weekly Programs

Dec 17 – SEHS Chorale
 Dec 24 – No Meeting
 Dec 31 – No Meeting
 Jan 7 – Mary Jane Crouch, Second Harvest
 Jan 14 – Dusty Ziegler
 Jan 21 – Linda Herdina, METS
 Jan 28 – TBA
 Feb 4 – Club Assembly

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Rotary Board Meeting
 January 13, 8:00 a.m. at Johnson's on 4th

History of Rotary International



The first four Rotarians: *(from left)* Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris
Courtesy of Rotary Images

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread, and within a decade, clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York to Winnipeg, Canada. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents. The organization adopted the Rotary International name a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving club members' professional and social interests. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: Service Above Self.

By 1925, Rotary had grown to 200 clubs with more than 20,000 members. The organization's distinguished reputation attracted presidents, prime ministers, and a host of other luminaries to its ranks — among them author Thomas Mann, diplomat Carlos P. Romulo, humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, and composer Jean Sibelius.

The Four-Way Test

In 1932, Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor created The Four-Way Test, a code of ethics adopted by Rotary 11 years later. The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary and World War II

During World War II, many clubs were forced to disband, while others stepped up their service efforts to provide emergency relief to victims of the war. In 1942, looking ahead to the postwar era, Rotarians called for a conference to promote international educational and cultural exchanges. This event inspired the founding of UNESCO.

In 1945, 49 Rotary club members served in 29 delegations to the UN Charter Conference. Rotary still actively participates in UN conferences by sending observers to major meetings and covering the United Nations in its publications.

"Few there are who do not recognize the good work which is done by Rotary clubs throughout the free world," former Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain once declared.

Dawn of a new century

As it approached the 21st century, Rotary worked to meet society's changing needs, expanding its service efforts to address such pressing issues as environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger, and children at risk.

In 1989, the organization voted to admit women into clubs worldwide and now claims more than 145,000 female members in its ranks.

After the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Rotary clubs were formed or re-established throughout Central and Eastern Europe. The first Russian Rotary club was chartered in 1990, and the organization underwent a growth spurt for the next several years.

More than a century after Paul Harris and his colleagues chartered the club that eventually led to Rotary International, Rotarians continue to take pride in their history. In honor of that first club, Rotarians have preserved its original meeting place, Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building, by re-creating the office as it existed in 1905. For several years, the Paul Harris 711 Club maintained the room as a shrine for visiting Rotarians. In 1989, when the building was scheduled to be demolished, the club carefully dismantled the office and salvaged the interior, including doors and radiators. In 1993, the RI Board of Directors set aside a permanent home for the restored Room 711 on the 16th floor of RI World Headquarters in nearby Evanston.

Today, 1.2 million Rotarians belong to over 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

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 for 12/10/2009 Meeting

Members Absent

Lamar Allen (3)	Lanyae Bolden (4)
Deneice Knowles (2)	Ramona Lovett (3)
Sandy Martin (1)	Robert Nelson (2)
Ann Purcell (1)	Warren Ratchford (1)
Lane Robertson (3)	

Leave of Absence

None

A Good Rotarian Makes up Missed Meetings

Tommy Allen, Effingham Sunrise
 Ken Boyd, Nov Board Meeting, Effingham Sunrise,
 Pooler Rotary, Savannah East
 Talbert Edenfield, Hinesville
 Patrick Finley, E-Club
 Tess Hynes, Effingham Sunrise
 Jeff Kublin, Pooler, Savannah Sunrise, Savannah West
 Leland Sanders, Board Meeting
 Jerry Smith, Effingham Sunrise
 Karen Tanksley, Board Meeting
 Mark Winters, Board Meeting

Attendance: 75.00%

Guest Speaker

Debbie Alderman, Harvey's

Guest of Members

Heather Sandstrom, guest of
 Tess Hynes
 Dinah King, guest of Stan
 Sparks

Guest of the Club

None!

Visitorians

None!

Rotary International Leadership

R.I. President: John Kenny
 District Governor: Clyde A. Taylor
 Assistant Governor: Jeff Kublin

Club Officers & Board of Directors

President: Mark Winters
 Pres-Elect: Leland Sanders
 Past Pres: Karen Tanksley
 Secretary: Lenny Pye
 Treasurer: Dan Burkhalter
 Sgt-At-Arms: Lamar Allen
 Club Administrator: Leland Sanders
 Club Public Relations: Lainie Jenkins
 Membership: Sandy Martin
 Service Projects: Tracy Soles
 Rotary Foundation: Lisa Mosley

Christmas Facts

"The Nutcracker" is the name for the ballet performed around Christmas time each year.
 "The Nutcracker Suite" is the title of the music Tchaikovsky wrote.

Alabama was the first state to recognize Christmas as an official holiday. This tradition began in 1836.

Frankincense is a sweet smelling gum resin derived from certain Boswellia trees which, at the time of Christ, grew in Arabia, India, and Ethiopia. Tradition says that it was presented to the Christ Child by Balthasar, the black king from Ethiopia or Saba. The frankincense trade was at its height during the days of the Roman Empire. At that time this resin was considered as valuable as gems or precious metals. The Romans burned frankincense on their altars and at cremations.

In 1907, Oklahoma became the last US state to declare Christmas a legal holiday.

Santa's Reindeers are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen.

Silent Night was written in 1818, by an Austrian priest Joseph Mohr. He was told the day before Christmas that the church organ was broken and would not be prepared in time for Christmas Eve. He was saddened by this and could not think of Christmas without music,

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
Karen Tanksley - 2008

so he wanted to write a carol that could be sung by choir to guitar music. He sat down and wrote three stanzas. Later that night the people in the little Austrian Church sang "Stille Nacht" for the first time.

The first Christmas card was created in England on December 9, 1842.

Myrrh is an aromatic gum resin which oozes from gashes cut in the bark of a small desert tree known as *Commifera Myrrha* or the dindin tree. The myrrh hardens into tear-dropped shaped chunks and is then powdered or made into ointments or perfumes. This tree is about 5-15 feet tall and 1 foot in diameter. Caspar brought the gift of myrrh from Europe or Tarsus and placed it before the Christ Child. Myrrh was an extremely valuable commodity during biblical times and was imported from India and Arabia.

The poinsettia, traditionally an American Christmas flower, originally grew in Mexico; where it was known as the "Flower of the Holy Night". It was first brought to America by Joel Poinsett in 1829.

The real St. Nicholas lived in Turkey, where he was bishop of the town of Myra, in the early 4th century. It was the Dutch who first made him into a Christmas gift-giver, and Dutch settlers brought him to America where his name eventually became the familiar Santa Claus.

Although many believe the Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, it is not. It is the fifth to tenth busiest day. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the two busiest shopping days of the year.

America's official national Christmas tree is located in King's Canyon National Park in California. The tree, a giant sequoia called the "General Grant Tree," is over 300 feet (90 meters) high. It was made the official Christmas tree in 1925.

Yuletide-named towns in the United States include Santa Claus, located in Arizona and Indiana, Noel in Missouri, and Christmas in both Arizona and Florida.

The day after Christmas, December 26, is known as Boxing Day. It is also the holy day called The Feast of St. Stephen. Some believe the feast was named for St. Stephen, a 9th century Swedish missionary, the patron saint of horses. Neither Boxing Day or St. Stephen have anything to do with Sweden or with horses. The Stephen for whom the day is named is the one in the Bible (Acts 6-8) who was the first Christian to be martyred for his faith.

The Christmas season begins at sundown on 24th December and lasts through sundown on 5th January. For that reason, this season is also known as the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Long before it was used as a "kiss encourager" during the Christmas season, mistletoe had long been considered to have magic powers by Celtic and Teutonic peoples. It was said to have the ability to heal wounds and increase fertility. Celts hung mistletoe in their homes in order to bring themselves good luck and ward off evil spirits.

WILL WATT FELLOWS

Lamar Allen
Tommy Allen
Talbert Edenfield
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 28 years
Lamar Allen 19 years
Tommy Allen 13 years
Jeff Kublin 9 years
Jim Scott 9 years
Talbert Edenfield 8 years
Lainie Jenkins 8 years
Leland Sanders 7 years
Jerry Smith 7 years
Karen Tanksle 7 years
Patrick Finley 6 years
Barbara Oglesby 5 years
Mark Winters 5 years
Dan Burkhalter 5 years
Adrian Meeks 2 years
Carolyn Sanders 2 years
Sandy Martin 1 year
Tracy Soles 1 year
Dennis Webb 1 year



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

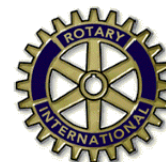
Andy Abbott (2)
Tommy Allen
Lamar Crosby
Ron Harden
Lainie Jenkins (2)
Jeff Kublin
Lenny Pye
Judy Quinney
Carolyn Sanders
Rick Sebastian
Jerry Smith
John Thompson
Charles Williamson
Leo Wuori
Lamar Allen
David Atkins
Talbert Edenfield
Jane Hughes
Herb Jones (2)
Ken Lee
Ann Purcell
Warren Ratchford
Leland Sanders
Wendell Sikes
Karen Tanksley
Dennis Webb
Wendel Wislon
Mary Zittrouer

Sustaining Rotary Foundation Members

Andy Abbott
Ken Boyd
Patrick Finley
Adrian Meeks
Barbara Oglesby
Jim Scott
Mark Winters
Lisa Bailey
Dan Burkhalter
Laura Hendrix
Robert Nelson
Lane Robertson
Stan Sparks

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"

(2) Multiple Paul Harris Fellows

Rotary Club of Effingham County Calendar of Events 2009-2010

July

02: President's Club Assembly

August

14-15: Rotary Foundation, Membership, and Literacy Seminar

28-30: GRSP Conclave – Rome, GA

September

Polio-Plus Awareness Month

October

22: District Governor's Club Visit

24: Fall Fundraiser

November

12: Club Assembly – Nominating Committee Report Due

26: Happy Thanksgiving – No Meeting

December

10: Election of Board of Directors and President-elect

24: Merry Christmas Eve – No Meeting

31: Happy New Year's Eve – No Meeting

January

Polio-Plus Awareness Month

February

04: Club Assembly

18: Volunteer of the Year Banquet

25: Preliminary High School Speech Contest

March

11: High School Speech Contest

13-14: PETS (President-elect Training Seminar, Atlanta)

18: Student Teacher Awards Recognition (STAR)

April

17: Spring Fundraiser

23-25: District Conference, Jekyll Island

29: Scholarship Applications Due

May

21: RYLA Applications Due

27: Club Assembly

June

RYLA

24: No Meeting

26: End-of-Year Party