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## Rotary clubs of Highlands, Highlands Mountain Top, Franklin Daybreak and Franklin Noon Join Together to Celebrate Rotary's founding

All the Rotary Clubs in Macon County celebrated Rotary International's 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a fellowship held at the Mill Creek Country Club's Restaurant in Franklin on Feb. 11, 2010.

Rotary, a global volunteer network of community and business leaders, is one of the largest and most influential international humanitarian service organizations in the world. Founded in Chicago on February 23, 1905 it now has over 1.2 million members belonging to 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

The Rotary clubs of Macon County gathered together for fellowship and to share in the challenges of helping provide aid to the people of Haiti in the form of helping create one million meals for the "Stop Hunger Now" program and for providing emergency survival gear in the form of Shelterboxes. These clubs also provide local scholarships for students, help in service projects like Habitat for Humanity, Honor Air recognizing WWII Veterans with a trip to Washington, DC veteran's memorial, Care-net and other local community programs throughout Macon County.

Rotary members, as volunteers, conduct projects to address today's humanitarian challenges, including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, and environmental concerns while encouraging high standards in all vocations. Rotary members strive to build goodwill and peace, and provide humanitarian service in their communities and throughout the world. These four Rotary clubs join the 1.2 million other Rotarians from around the world to recognize Feb. 23rd as Rotary's "World Understanding and Peace Day."

Rotary's top philanthropic goal is to eradicate polio worldwide. To date, Rotary has contributed nearly US\$850 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$200 million toward a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents. In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$4 billion to the effort of stopping polio.

For more information about Rotary and membership opportunities please visit:  
[www.RotaryInternational.org](http://www.RotaryInternational.org)

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