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THE STATESBORO ROTARY CLUB

Dr. Beck Weathers — Into Thin Air, Climbing Mt. Everest

Rotarian Patrick Hopkins introduced our speaker for the day, Dr. Beck Weathers a pathologist from Texas who was part of the disastrous 1996 expedition to climb Mount Everest.

Dr. Weathers noted that the ordeal of his climbing team was described in the book by Jon Krakauer, "Into Thin Air" as well as his own book, "Left for Dead."

Beck went on to passionately relive the experiences that have been called Everest's most deadly day. From the surreal beauty of the high mountains to the deadly ferocity of the storms that occur when the jet stream touches the mountain tops, Dr. Weathers painted a vivid picture of his climb.



*Patrick Hopkins and
Dr. Beck Weathers*

- 100 ° F

"At the summit," he said, "the air is so thin that to climb without oxygen would be a death sentence." The temperature can drop to 60 below and when combined with hurricane force winds the chill factor can dip below -100F.

Near the summit, the extremely low air pressure changed the shape of Beck's eyes rendering him virtually blind. So he waited, as his team went on, just 300 vertical feet from the summit. For a reason that may never be known, the team vastly overstayed the daylight hours near the peak of the mountain. As the sun set, a fierce storm arose that ultimately killed 9

climbers. Beck fell into a hypothermic coma from which almost no one recovers. Miraculously he awoke after many hours on the frozen ground and fought his way back to the camp. He was later saved by the highest altitude helicopter rescue ever attempted.

Lessons learned: Beck told the club that he now knows that miracles can happen to an ordinary man and that family and friends and faith are far more important than achievement and the pursuit of success.

As he completed his talk the club rose to give him a standing ovation.

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Upcoming Programs

- **September 3 — Labor Day, No Meeting**
- September 10 — Joe McGlamery/Wendel Tompkins, A Day for Southern (arranged by Billy Griffis)
- September 17 — Patti Victor, Rotary METS program (arranged by Bob Bigley)

Greeters for Monday, September 10, 2007

Phillip Rehberg

Terry Reeves

Russ Rozelle

Frank Rozier

Rotary Club Guests

Guest	Rotarian	Association
Armewda Barnes	Gary Barnes	
Jimmy Blitch	Patrick Hopkins	
Patricia Blitch	Patrick Hopkins	
Mari Hopkins	Patrick Hopkins	
Chip Mobley	Patrick Hopkins	
Delia Mobley	Patrick Hopkins	
Teresa Brannen	Patrick Hopkins	
Sylvia Brannen	Patrick Hopkins	
Sam Hires	Patrick Hopkins	
Connie Averitt	Patrick Hopkins	
Bonnie Grist	Patrick Hopkins	
Fred Grist	Patrick Hopkins	
Lori Snipes	Dan Snipes	
Ben Nesmith	Billy Nesmith	
Olivia Chester	Steve Chester	
Marti-line Kiper	Steve Chester	Former Rotary Student
Merium Hatcher	John Hatcher	
Dr. Lewis Holloway	David Ball	
Jenny Smith	Bobby Smith	
Dan Weathers	Patrick Hopkins	
Robert Weathers	Patrick Hopkins	
Dr. James Stevens		Athens, Ohio Club
Bonnie Johnson	Patrick Hopkins	
Will Johnson	Patrick Hopkins	
Asa Johnson	Patrick Hopkins	

Rotary Quote

"The vast majority of human beings dislike and even dread all notions with which they are not familiar. Hence it comes about that at their first appearance innovators have always been derided as fools and madmen."

~Aldous Huxley, novelist (1894-1963)

Members Absent August 27, 2007

John Adams	Atys Cope	Leonard Herrington	Van Pool	Marshall Thigpen
Wayne Akins	Susan Cox	Jimmy High	Brad Powell	Sam Tillman
Paul Akins	Earl Dabbs	Edwin Hill	John Ray	Greg Todd
Ralph Andrews	Lee Davis	Gary Johnson	Jimmy Redding	Hal Waters
Hank Arnold	Matt DeLoach	Bud Johnston	Terry Reeves	Jim Watson
John Barton	Marty Durrence	Spike Jones	Al Roesel	Brad Williams
Bob Bigley	Gerald Edenfield	Mike Kennedy	John Rule	
Brad Blackmon	Robbie Franklin	John Lane	Eddie Rushing	Total = 62
Linda Bleicken	Walter Gibson	Joe Mathews	Steve Rushing	
David Bobo	Joe Griffin	Joey Maxwell	Stevie Rushing	
Sam Brannen	John Godbee, Jr.	Bill Moore	Tommie Rushing	
Doug Collins	Bill Golden	Buddy Morgan	Jody Stubbs	
Bill Cook	Billy Griffis	Ricky Nessmith	Robert Tanner	
Bob Cook	Bill Hatcher	Bill Olliff	Danny Taulbee	

Makeup Policy

Online: Missed meetings can be made up online. Just go to www.rotaryclubone.org and follow the directions. Please note that members can make up a maximum of four missed meetings online in any given year.

You can also do a make up by attending a meeting of the club's directors. The next directors' meeting is: Monday, September 24, noon, Forest Heights Country Club.

In Person: If you miss a meeting, you can make up at one of these nearby Rotary Clubs.

Day	Location
Monday	Savannah, 12:30 p.m., Desoto Hilton Swainsboro, 12:00 p.m., Catered Creations
Tuesday	Metter, 12:05 p.m., Western Steer Restaurant Savannah South, 12:30, Carey Hilliard's Restaurant on Abercorn Extension
Wednesday	Claxton, 12:00 p.m., Veteran's Center, Hwy. 280 W. Millen, 12:00 p.m., Community House Savannah West, 12:30 p.m., Regency Hyatt
Thursday	Sylvania, 12:30 p.m., R&D's Restaurant Downtown Statesboro, 7:15 a.m., R.J.'s Steakhouse
Friday	Savannah East, 12:30 p.m., Desoto Hilton

Rotary Links

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

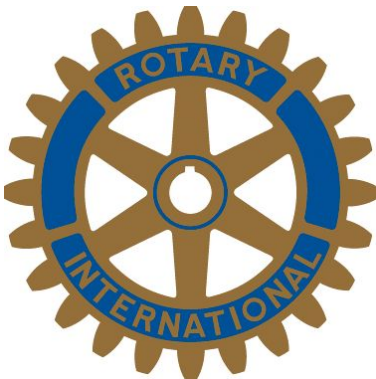
Rotary District 6920: www.rotarydistrict6920.net

Statesboro Rotary Club: www.statesbororotary.org

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Michael Lukas, *Sunshine Chair*

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2008

Linda Bleicken
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2009

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Patrick Hopkins

Senior Management

District Governor: Richard E. Hyer Jr., Macon Rotary Club

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President of Rotary International: Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, Trenton, Ontario, Canada

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Our Club's New Announcements Page

<http://www.statesbororotary.org/Announcements.html>

Rotary Shirts: At the August 27 meeting Dr. Bill Perry announced that Statesboro Rotary golf shirts are now available. If you make a check out to Rotary for \$25 and give it to Bill (along with your size requirements) he will take care of the order.

To see pictures of the shirts, go to:

<http://www.spaceshirts.com/store.asp?pid=14196>

Rotary MasterCard: Rotary International is offering a No Fee MasterCard that will return \$25.00 to the local club if the card member spends \$75 within the first 90 days.

More information on Rotary credit cards can be found on the Rotary International site:

<http://www.rotary.org/shopping/creditcard.html>