

Local Rotary Club reaches out on homefront and beyond

The motto of the world's oldest service organization, Rotary International, is "service above self."

The local Auburn Rotary Club puts that motto into practice by developing and supporting local humanitarian service projects that touch hundreds of people every year.

During the past year, local Rotary Club members have provided a book and information on the importance of reading to the parents of each child born at East Alabama Medicaid Center through the club's Babies Love Books program, as well as providing dictionaries to students in local area schools.

Club members have also renewed the mulch, re-treated the woodwork and provided funds to the City of Auburn to help purchase a water fountain at Hickory Dickory Park and honored a local Citizen of the Year and Teachers of the Year as well as providing a scholarship to a local high school senior.

In addition, the local club has contributed more than

\$20,000 to community service programs including the Community Market, the Lee County Humane Society, the Billy Hitchcock Miracle Field, the Food Bank of Lee County, Auburn City Schools, the Lee County Youth Leadership

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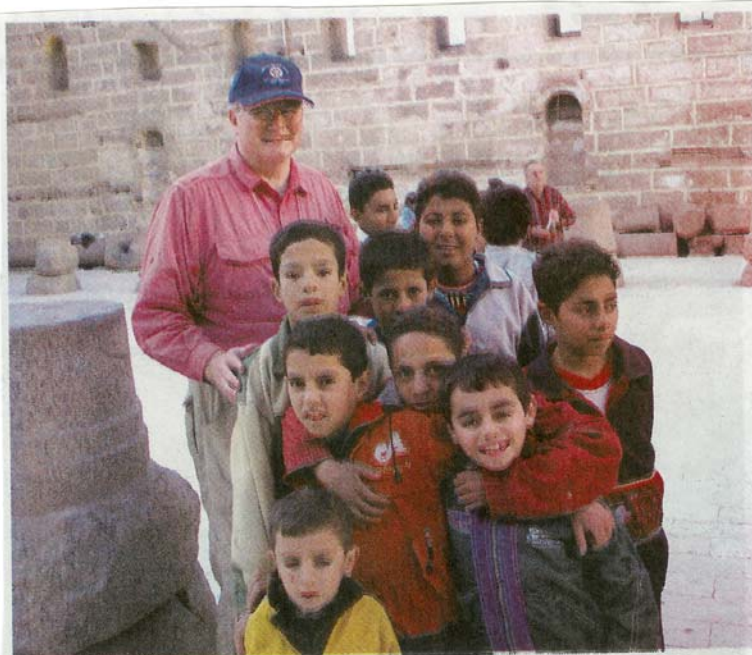
Institute, Dream Inc., Auburn University World's Fair, Boy Scout Troop 7, People of Action for Community Enrichment (PACE), East Alabama AIDS Outreach, the Lee County 4-H Youth Development program, the Lee County Literacy Coalition, the World Affairs Youth Program, the Lee County Humane Society Mutt Strut and Auburn High School's Project Graduation.

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Current and recent projects the Auburn Rotary Club has helped fund include purchasing a truck to collect recyclable materials in Campinas, Brazil; establishing a hydroponics food station in Tak-sin-Pattaya, Thailand; and supporting Rotary International's PolioPlus Program focused on eradicating polio throughout the world.

The club has also sponsored local students to study in Austria, Ecuador, Chile, Costa Rica, Spain and France as well as hosting a student from Japan as participants in Rotary's International Youth Exchange Program and Ambassadorial Scholar Program.

The Auburn Rotary Club meets at noon on Thursdays at the Elks Lodge on Pepperell Parkway. Visitors are welcome. Additional information is available from Bill Hutto, club president, at (334) 844-4606 or huttowt@auburn.edu.



Auburn Rotarians work with children across the globe. Here, Auburn Rotary Club member Jim Golson works with children at a monastery in Egypt helping them learn English.