



# Member Spotlight

Name:	<b>Brent Cotton</b>
Rotary Member Since:	June 2011
Your Occupation:	Convention Services Manager for the Greater Birmingham Convention & Visitors Bureau
Tell us about your company.	We promote Birmingham and Jefferson County as a destination for meetings, conventions, tradeshow, sporting events, etc...anything that puts “heads in beds”!
Your former occupation(s):	Convention Coordinator for the Southern Medical Association
What is an interesting fact about your business most people do not know?	We promote Jefferson County as a meeting destination, not just Birmingham.
Tell us about your family.	I have three children – Kelsey is 25 and she just made me a grandad, Damian was born Feb. 22. I have twin boys that are 20 – Daniel is a junior at UAB majoring in Chemistry and David is working at O’Henry’s Coffee.
When you are not working, how do you like to spend your time?	Running, biking (I did two centuries last year – 100 mile bike rides and I could still smile at the finish – see picture, working out, reading, listening to music.
Tell us about dream vacation.	My family immigrated from the Netherlands and I would love to go there and research my family tree.
Why did you join Rotary?	To be more connected to my community
What is your favorite Rotary moment?	It was a really meaningful time when we went on a medical mission in Hurtsboro, a very poor area of Alabama. Working with the kids and helping them set life goals will be something I always remember. See attached

	picture of me and one of the kids.
What advice would you give to those considering membership?	Rotary is a great way to be learn more about your community and to be more connected.
What advice would you like to give new Rotarians?	Get involved and be active! The rewards will far outnumber the time you put in.

