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ROTARY NOTES (06/18/2008)

The meeting was called to order by President Carmen, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Wilhite gave the invocation, followed by a news update by Phil Scoggins. Tommy Boyter welcomed and introduced our visiting Rotarians and Guests. Dick Ellis introduced our Military guests, Specialist Seirra Carter a member of the Post Dental Clinic. Specialist Carter has been in the service for 5 years and has had tours in Iraq and Europe.

Vince Haneman spoke to the club about his recent make-up in Edinburgh, Scotland. Vince presented President Carmen with two gifts from the Edinburgh Rotary Club, the first gift was a CD about the Edinburgh Club and the second gift was a bottle of scotch that's content has mysteriously evaporated on the return flight home from Scotland.

President Carmen then made the announcements for all members to pick up their new roster sheets in the back of the room and make any corrections on them. He asked that they be signed and returned to Mary or Gloria. President Carmen then introduced the head table, joining him was Don Wilhite, Bill Harper, Ken Leuer and Selby Rollinson.

Selby Rollinson introduced Colonel Wayne Grigsby commander of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division on Kelly Hill in Ft. Benning. COL Grigsby spoke about his Division's 15 month deployment in Iraq and the significant strides the army is making in helping Iraq. While in Iraq, COL Grigsby's Division took 596 prisoners, killed 160 enemy troops, seized 197 (IED) mines, destroyed 172 boats, cleared 3892 buildings and searched 18,215 vehicles. His division restored some 15,000 full time jobs, reopened the Rafidan Bank enabling the resumption of government pay for the first time in 2 yrs, increased irrigation water production by 540% in order to reinvigorate agriculture, to name just a few of his Division's accomplishments. COL Grigsby then thanked the Columbus community and businesses for all their support and hospitality for the past 15 months that the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team and 3rd Infantry Division had been deployed in Iraq. COL Grigsby then received a standing ovation by Our Rotary Club.

President Carmen re-welcomed our visiting Rotarians, guests and military guests. President Carmen then adjourned the meeting.

-John D. Flory

MESSAGE FROM CARMEN

As this Rotary year comes to a close, I have a few thoughts that I want to share with our members. First, I want to thank you for allowing me to be your president. It has been a great experience which has given me a deeper appreciation for Rotary and the good things it does for people around the world. It also has given me an appreciation for our many members who actively support Rotary programs and generously give their time and resources to these programs. Rotary uses its resources well, and our contributions are used directly for their intended purpose with no costly overhead. Rotary is an all-volunteer organization. I also want to thank our board members and approximately 40 committee chairs who are facilitating many programs for our club. They are unsung heroes who quietly do their jobs and do them well demonstrating their passion for Rotary. Finally, a special thanks to Mary Reed who tutored me and kept me on track. With Mary and Shirley, things moved along smoothly. I am pleased to pass the gavel to Mallon Faircloth who has been enthusiastically preparing for his Rotary year. I am convinced that he will lead our club to even greater heights. I wish him well.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Every Wednesday at our Rotary meeting we repeat the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag." We all know that we show full respect to the flag when the pledge is given by standing at attention, but how many of us know it's history?

The original author of the pledge was Francis Bellamy, who was born at Mount Morris, New York, May 18, 1855, and died August 28, 1931. He was ordained in 1879 at the Baptist Church in Little Falls, New York. The pledge he wrote was first used at the dedication of the World's Fair Grounds on October 21, 1892, the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America, and has been recited from that day to this, with some changes, by Americans throughout our land. Reverend Bellamy's original wording was altered slightly by the First and Second National Flag Conferences in 1923 and 1924 and his work was officially designated as the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Public Law, 287, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved December 28, 1945. On June 14, 1954, Flag Day, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law House Joint Resolution 243, introduced by Representative Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan, which added to the Pledge of Allegiance the compelling and meaningful words "under God."



Melissa Thomas	6/29
John Kelly	6/29
Bill Heard III	6/30
Don Dakin	7/1
Walter Calhoun	7/2
Frank Jordan	7/2
Jack Rodgers	7/3
Dan Kosobucki	7/4

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Lance Duke
Betsy Covington
Neal Littlejohn
Dan Parker

MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (6/9)
Meets Monday 12:15
Central Activities Bldg.
In 7/9 Rote-A-Bit

Marion Scott
Philip Thayer

CORDELE
George Boyd

MUSCOGEE (06/19)
Meets Thursday 7a.m.
River Club
Philip Thayer

GATLINBURG (6/12)
Bunky Pease

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EDINBURGH (5/29)
Vince Haneman

Lynne Taylor
Cecil Cheves
Kevin Wilkerson
Jim Laycock
Jerry White
Tom Miller
Tony Wright
Virginia Peebles
Joe Roberson

SMITHVILLE, NC (6/9)
H.J. Peters

**JAX OCEANSIDE (6/3
& 6/10)**

Phil Swift

**NORTH COLUMBUS
(06/17)**

Meets Tuesday 12:30

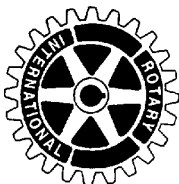
Green Island
Rick Alexander
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Terri Parodi

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ROTARY FOUNDATION THOUGHT

This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about the tremendous success our Rotary Foundation has experienced over the past few years. At the end of the fiscal year 2003, our Foundation ranked 96th out of the top 400 most successful US charities by the Chronicle of Philanthropy, a prestigious publication. This was the first time our Foundation has been included in the top 100. That year, we raised over US\$133 million, largely due to the Polio Eradication effort. The past two years, The Rotary Foundation has set new giving records for the Annual Programs Fund, increasing from US \$55 million in 2002-2003, to nearly US \$85 million in 2004-2005. This year's annual giving goal of \$105 million is within reach.

Although the numbers are impressive, when you make your gift to The Rotary Foundation - just think about the people you are helping. That's the most satisfying aspect to our success.



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