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EDITORIAL FOR JULY 16, 2008

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN ROTARY

It cannot be argued that volunteering to help others creates a sense of well-being and comfort for those who volunteer. Maybe that's one reason so many of us are passionate about our Rotary Club. Most Rotarians do not simply come to lunch; the majority is involved in committee and subcommittee work and spend additional time in Rotary activities other than the weekly lunches.

For me, feeling like I'm part of something that makes a difference in my community is important. And there is no doubt that our local Rotary Club, along with Rotary Club International, makes a tremendous difference. Although you've probably heard "The Starfish Story" before, it bears reading again.

The Starfish Story

adapted from The Star Thrower by Loren Eiseley (1907 - 1977)

Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up.

As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects,

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and throwing them into the ocean.

He came closer still and called out "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young man paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean."

"I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man.

To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die." Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!"

At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "It made a difference for that one."

As Margaret Mead so eloquently put it, "never doubt that small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

-Lori Auten

ROTARY NOTES (07/2/2008)

Outgoing President Carmen made sure the passing of the gavel to incoming President Mallon was a happy, not solemn, affair. After the Pledge, when Phil Scoggins started doing the news, commenting on the invocation by Roy Plummer, he said, "As I have said before, if I had a voice like Roy, I wouldn't be in this market." That helped President Carmen set the light tone for the event.

First off, he compared a Rotary meeting with one at church. "First, you don't sit in someone else's seat, followed by a prayer, followed by a collection, and you'd better end on time." That got a laugh and they kept coming.

Sam Rawls got his chuckle when called on by President Carmen to introduce the guests. From the back of the room, he projected, "I thought you were going to do it."

"Well, I wasn't, but I will now" and he did, with the help of President Mallon.

Selby Rollinson introduced the military guest, Private Jarred Palmer, who hails from Texas. When Rupert Triplet didn't respond to his usual "GOOD MAN," Selby did it for him. Someone said that Rupert didn't catch the Texas reference because he was sitting so far away, at the end of the long table of 34 Past Presidents. Pvt. Palmer, who is actually a brand new PFC, but hadn't had his new rank insignia sewn on yet, is a member of the 97th M.P. Battalion.

Selby also introduced new member Colonel Chuck Durr, Fort Benning's new Chief of Staff.

Before Carmen passed the gavel to Mallon, he summed up the accomplishments of the past year and thanked everyone who made them possible. Among those accomplishments was the raising of \$77,000 for the Rotary Foundation, an amount that exceeded the year's goal of \$33,000. Members also dropped \$7,000 worth of change and folding money into the Tins to Feed the Hungry. The club also donated a dictionary for every 3rd grader in the Muscogee County School District.

Then, President Carmen installed President Mallon by pinning a new president's pin on him, and President Mallon awarded President Carmen with a gavel plaque and thanked him for his work over the past year. As now Vice President Carmen headed off the dais to take his seat at the past president's table, he got a standing ovation.

President Mallon promised to continue the club's local and international humanitarian programs and adjourned the meeting, which, I think everyone will agree, was an upbeat and enjoyable occasion.

-Dick McMichael

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

A big favor

What does the future hold in store for our Rotary club? Thirty years from now, will our community have enough civic minded men with leadership skills to provide the base for our club's membership? It's hard to tell.

By working closely with today's youth to develop their leadership skills and sense of civic responsibility, we do more than just help our kids and our community. We do a big favor for the future of our club.

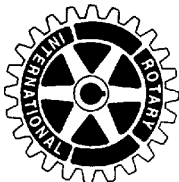


Chuck McClure 7/15
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**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS
 TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Don Dakin

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MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (6/30)
Meets Monday 12:15
Central Activities Bldg.
 Ed Adams
 John Cargill
 Jack Key, Jr.
 John Sheftall
 Jim Thorsen
 Scott Ferguson

Geoff Love
 Tommy McDonald
 Tom Miller
 Ron Mullins
 Eddie Obleton
 Mark Overby
 Andy Philips
 Otis Pickett
 Marc Reid
 Jerry Rothschild
 Carole Rutland
 Larry Sanders
 Ben Saunders
 Ron Self
 Barbara Smith
 Dick Stone
 Lynne Taylor
 Jim Thorsen
 Tom Titus
 Sam Wetzel
 Bill White
 Kevin Wilkerson
 Len Williams
 Mike Wooldridge

**NORTH COLUMBUS
 (07/1)**
Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island

Ed Adams
 Newt Aaron
 Lori Auten
 Paul Berry
 Mary Bode
 Ian Bond
 Harold Bryant
 Perry Borom
 Walter Calhoun
 Greg Camp
 Patty Cardin
 Blair Carnahan
 Peggy Connell
 Jimmy Coppage
 Jim Crosse
 Janet Davis
 Allen Denham
 Bill Feighner
 Tracy Fisher
 John Flory
 Tom Flowers
 Marvin Foster
 Linda Hadley
 Becca Hardin
 Al Hayes
 Jamie Hempstead
 Richard Illges
 Lamar Johnson
 Gene Kemp
 Blake Lane
 Jim Laycock
 Jacki Lowe

MUSCOGEE (07/03)
Meets Thursday 7a.m.
River Club
 Mark Lupo
 Mike Helms

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 Frank Morast
 Ben Richardson
 Rick Martindale
 Tommy King
 Scott McLaurin
 Neal McCrillis

JUNE PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Joe Robbins	1 year
Larry King	2 years
Lynne Taylor	3 years
Lamar Johnson	5 years
Barbara Smith	5 years
Allen Denham	11 years
George Flowers	14 years
Jimmy Coppage	15 years
Phil Scoggins	18 years
Ron King	18 years
Tony Wright	19 years
John Richards	19 years
Michael Herndon	21 years