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## EDITORIAL FOR JULY 23, 2008

### COWBOY WISDOM - LORI AUTEN

1. Don't squat with your spurs on.
2. If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
3. Never ask a barber if you need a haircut.
4. If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
5. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
6. The quickest was to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.
7. Generally, you ain't learnin' nothing when your jaw is a 'flappin'.

*Taken from the book "You've Got to be Kidding!" edited by Mary Hollingsworth*

## **ROTARY NOTES (07/9/2008)**

The meeting was called to order by President Mallon, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jack Key III gave the invocation. Phil Scoggins provided news update to the group and Terri Parodi introduced visiting Rotarians, as well as member guests. Dick Nurnberg introduced our military guest, Sgt. Erica Pallot, HR Specialist with WHINSEC.

President Mallon then introduced the head table. Joining him was Jack Key III, Julie Lumpkin, Joey Loudermilk, Rob Doll, and our guest speaker, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle.

Rob Doll introduced our guest speaker. The Lt. Governor started his speech by saying that it was great to be back in Columbus and at a Rotary that strongly supports our military. Lt. Governor Cagle praised Georgia, the 9th largest state in the country, as a wonderful place that is unique because we have steady leadership. He went on to say that Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport is the busiest and fastest growing airport in America and we can get to any American market place within a matter of hours. Many Fortune 500 companies are Atlanta-based.

The Lt. Governor stressed that we need to look toward our future. There are several challenging issues before Georgians. Can Hartsfield-Jackson Airport handle the business growth? Do we need to look into innovative ideas for economic development? Regarding transportation, Atlanta has the second worst congestion in the country. High school drop-out rates are on the increase. The drought situation has had a huge impact and we are currently facing real challenges. He states that Columbus should be committed to a solution. He asked rhetorically, is the drought situation due to lack of rainfall, Atlanta's population growth, or the management of the Corps of Engineers? He recommended a revised reservoir plan for the future. The Statewide Water Management Plan was passed to determine our needs for the future and ensure that Georgia is taken care of.

Lt. Governor Cagle admitted that the State is economically challenged. Initial plans call for using \$500 million in reserves and the state budget may be reduced by 3-3 1/2 percent. He recommended offering additional monetary incentives to attract new businesses and new jobs, such as the KIA plant, while at the same time continuing to support existing business such as Aflac, Synovus and TSYS. He mentioned that universities help build business models and we need to attract more venture capitals.

Education is a priority in our state due to the high drop-out rate. Lt. Governor Cagle believes there needs to be more educational flexibility at the local levels. He praised the efforts of the "Career Academy Concept" and "quick Start" Program in technical colleges. He believes that curriculum should be designed to meet the needs of a student.

Lt. Governor Cagle also addressed healthcare. He stated that 1.7 million people in Georgia are uninsured. Of those uninsured, 65% are unemployed. He believes that the healthcare system should provide individuals with more choices as to the amount of provided coverage.

The Lt. Governor closed by saying that what he loves about Rotary is the belief that life is not about self, but about service to others. He was raised to focus on hard work, perseverance and love of God. He stated that, remembering who sacrificed for us, helps keep it real. He concluded that it is an honor to serve as our Lt. Governor and to not hesitate to call him.

Mary Bode

## **WHY I AM A ROTARIAN Mohammed Rezaul Karim**

I worked very hard to become a Rotarian and my effort was rewarded.

I believe more efforts should be put into encouraging Rotaractors to continue their service as part of Rotary. If not, so much knowledge, skills and initiative are lost instead of contributing to sustainability in the development of the organization, I joined (the) Rotaract Club of Chittagong Downtown as a Chartered member in 1987 and led the club as a Board member, Director, Secretary, Treasurer and finally President, growing up with the guidance of our sponsoring Rotary Club and also the District. We were partners in service creating and building confidence and helping to build skills as leaders of the future. Having grown up through serving others, I began to realize and truly appreciate what partners in service (our Rotary Leaders) were.

Rotaract, which has about 186,000 members in almost 140 countries is Rotary's service program for young people ages 18 to 30. But the problem is that after Rotaractors turn 30, Rotarians often don't invite them into their clubs. Membership in Rotary clubs is only by invitation. We were not invited to join Rotary so a group of ex-Rotaractors formed their own club. Most of us are Past Presidents and the past leaders of Rotaract Clubs and we united and formed a new Rotary Club in 2001, The Rotary Club of Chittagong Sagorika (Club ID : 58008) R.I. District 3280, Bangladesh.

Please let me say that I have Rotary to thank for my international network of professionals and friends as well as my better understanding and interest for other people's ways of living. Most important, wonderful things happened for my life, when I found my life partner Rtn. Shalma Rahman Monee, a Chartered President of Rotaract Club of Midtown Sunflower and a Rotary Foundation Alumnus (GSE team member to the USA in 2001). Again thanks to Rotary. I would say to all Rotaractors and young girls and boys who are exploring their interests and fulfilling their dreams to expand their horizons should strive to become part of Rotary when they become an adult, as it can be one of the most rewarding experiences any individual can have.



Debbie Caballero 7/22  
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 Carl Rhodes 7/24

**MAKE-UPS**

**PHENIX CITY (7/7)**  
**Meets Monday 12:15**  
**Central Activities Bldg.**  
 Buddy Cooper  
 George Flowers  
 Virginia Holman  
 John Stacy  
 Billy Turner

**LaGrange, GA**  
 Bill Smith  
  
**Cashiers, NC**  
 Cecil Cheves  
 Virginia Holman

**NORTH COLUMBUS (7/8)**

**Meets Tuesday 12:30**  
**Green Island**  
 Ryan Clements  
 Perry Alexander  
 Hal Brady  
 Frak Jordan  
 John Sheftall  
 Lynne Taylor

**Georgetown, GA**  
 Neal Wickham

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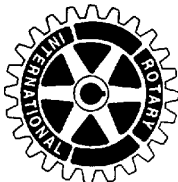
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 Mark Overby  
 Joe McClure  
 Don Sharitt  
 Rhonda Mobley  
 Sharon Lyon  
 Keith Cowart  
 Chuck McClure  
 Jack Key III  
 Travis Chambers

**MUSCOGEE (07/10)**  
**Meets Thursday 7a.m.**

**River Club**  
 Becca Hardin  
 Rick Alexander  
 Philip Thayer

**Jacksonville, Oceanside**  
 Phil Swift

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**REMEMBER**

To Make-up  
 Monday - Phenix City  
 12:15 P.M.  
 Youth Activities Bldg.

Tuesday - North Columbus  
 12:30 P.M.  
 Green Island

Thursday - Muscogee  
 7:00 A.M.  
 at the River Club