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EDITORIAL FOR AUGUST 8, 2008

Who Cares if it's the Truth? by Leonard Crain

Wouldn't it be absolutely wonderful, if in every individual relationship, business deal, or dialog with a foreign country... each participant would require themselves to test their words against the question "Is it the Truth"?

Having been married for 36 years to the same "ole friend," I usually test my words against, will she find out? No...ooo, not really I am generally not smart enough to fabricate things in such a manner, as it would stress the abilities of my intelligence. So I try and "keep it simple stupid." Of course this affords me the guarantee of not worrying about telling the same story twice! So I tell the Truth!

In business, I remember that most of the deals of my Dad's were done with a Hand Shake. It was truly a done deal, when promises were kept, as Trust and Truth worked together to seal his deals! When you think about it...Our American Free Enterprise system gets a little ill when trust is violated. You "gotta Trust those you do business with!" Truth is profitable...and good for the bottom line! So Tell the Truth!

In Foreign relations, for business or diplomacy, the participants must Trust the Truths of others. There are those who do business with Hugo Chavez, but I bet they don't Trust him, bet he's not a Rotarian either.

I am honored to be a Rotarian and associated with those who "Care to Celebrate the Truth!"

ROTARY NOTES (0723/2008)

The meeting was called to order by President Mallon, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tom Friedmann gave the invocation. Phil Scoggins provided news update to the group and Elizabeth Barker introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Mike Smajd introduced our military guest, Spec. Ian James, a member of the 14th Combat Support Hospital.

President Mallon informed us that we would not have Georgia Rotary Student this year due to circumstances beyond our control. He then introduced the head table including Tom Friedmann, Billy Turner, Larry Cardin, Robert Granger, and our guest speaker Victoria Nahum.

Robert Granger introduced our guest speaker, Victoria Nahum to speak about the "Safe Care Campaign", a fight against healthcare acquired infections (HAI). She told us how three of her family member had been affected by healthcare acquired infections including the loss of her son.

Her goal and passion has been to educate and stress for better practices within healthcare facilities. One of the biggest theories is the washing of hands before and after seeing patients could reduce HAI by as much as 40%. She told us how 1,700,000 patients were infected by HAI annually and the 99,000 of those are fatal. She was in Columbus to present an award to St. Francis Hospital for their superior performance in fighting HAI. She left us with, "Change one thing - change everything."

Congratulations to St. Francis Hospital on receiving this award. You make us proud, not to mention safer!! Thank you.

-Jim Martin

ROTARY FOUNDATION

There are now close to 1.1 million Paul Harris Fellows in the world today. These men and women have indeed devoted themselves to the attention of the world's needs by raising over one billion dollars for The Rotary Foundation since 1957. Is it not right that we have used the Founder of Rotary's name to recognize these worthy men and women because our Paul Harris Fellows reflect the thoughts and hopes of Paul Harris himself?

It is a truly wonderful honor to be named as a Paul Harris Fellow; to accept that pin and medallion which contains the image of Paul Harris. Yet for all of us, and I mean ALL of us, it is only the beginning of a journey – a journey to even greater commitment to donating our excess dollars to helping others. Is that not what Paul Harris is

talking about here?

How many of us have enjoyed the even greater pleasure of naming someone we love as a Paul Harris Fellow? Recently, I had such a privilege. When we name someone as a Paul Harris Fellow, we honor that person and honor the name and memory of our Founder. As a Rotarian, there is no greater feeling than to present the pin and medal to someone special.

Rotarians are indeed men and women of character who devote themselves to giving service and their excess dollars to helping our fellow human beings. Paul Harris would be so proud of the Paul Harris Fellowship – our most successful fund development tool.

Let's make 2008/09 the best year ever for giving to The Rotary Foundation and giving in the name of Paul Harris.

THANK YOU COLUMBUS ROTARY

Dear Mr. Haneman,

The recent Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp was truly a rewarding experience and I wanted to take an opportunity to thank you and the Columbus Rotary Club for choosing me and sponsoring me to attend.

The attendees were provided with many team- and leadership- building activities. These activities ranged from a shipwrecked island game, in which we had to work together not only in each team but as an entire group of 96-odd students to move everyone to a safe island; to a trust-fall, a classic but very effective method of building trust.

These experiences truly moved me but the pièce de résistance of the camp was a man named Camper Bull. This man, unable to read more than three letters at a time, unable to complete math problems above simple addition and subtraction- told everyone at the camp stories about his personal struggles. These stories were based on leadership, and changing the world for the better, which I believe is the true rock upon which Rotary is built.

I would ask if you will please share this email with the Columbus Rotary Club to let them know just how grateful I am, thank you.

Sincerely,

Evan D. Szczepanski



Craig Reaves	8/2
Cecil Cheves	8/5
Alap Shah	8/6
George Trussell	8/6
Wayne Anthony	8/7
Richard Davis	8/7
Mike Hill	8/7
John Lee	8/8
Mark Lupo	8/8

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TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Debbie Caballero
Scott McLaurin

MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (7/21)
Meets Monday 12:15
Central Activities Bldg.
Thelon Hamby
Jack Key, Jr.
Ron Mullins
Jerry Rothschild
Joe Robbins

**NORTH COLUMBUS
(7/22)**
Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
Rick Alexander
Jimmy Biggers
Tom Gates
Thelon Hamby
Charlie Johnson
Buddy Martin

**Clayton, GA 7/2, 7/9,
7/12**
Roy Reese

MUSCOGEE ()
Meets Thursday 7a.m.
River Club

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Jerry White
Carol Bradshaw
Joel Ames
Richard Illges
Robert Johnston
Joseph Roberson
Wayne Anthony
Chuck Hecht
Cathy Williams
Joe Sandri
Ben Richardson
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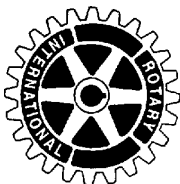
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