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EDITORIAL FOR AUGUST 13, 2008

MEASURING, WEIGHING, QUANTIFYING INTEGRITY

The morning after the successful passage of the Local Options Sales Tax in Columbus, a former mayor was quoted in the newspaper, attributing the success of that campaign primarily to the integrity of the current mayor. What a unique prospective! The concrete measurement of the value of integrity, especially in such a setting is intriguing...and convicting. Could the integrity of one person really have such an impact on our entire community for years to come?

How often do we weigh the value of our personal integrity, our morals, convictions and beliefs, in a way that gives us measurement of their worth? When was the last time we each thought about the impact our integrity is having on the world around us? Do we even consider the influence we're having daily in our community as we interact with others in the grocery store line, as we pump gasoline at station, as we eat lunch together every Wednesday, sit in a pew or speak to a neighbor across the street? Aren't each of these encounters potential opportunities to measure the impact of our integrity?

Integrity isn't just applicable in large-scale, community wide, high level decision-making processes... it's an integral part of everything we do, every day. Even though it isn't often measured in a way that allows us to grasp its value in a down-to-earth, practical way, maybe the recent polls did give us a glimpse of the value of integrity.

Regardless, wouldn't it have a sobering effect on each of us every day if we considered the potential for good that we possess in the application of our own personal integrity.

-Joel Ames

ROTARY NOTES (07/30/2008)

President Mallon called the July 30, 2008 meeting of The Rotary Club of Columbus to order and introduced Don Wilhite who gave our invocation. Due to the absence of newscaster Phil Scoggins, President Mallon delivered what was called "the joke portion" of Phil's presentation. I'm sure I speak for the assembled room full of Rotarians when I say, "Hurry back Phil!".

Michael Eddings' introductions of visiting Rotarians and guests included a comical Freudian slip when he referred to one of our visitors as *Judge* Gil McBride. Attorney McBride is currently a *candidate* for superior court judge. These silver-tongued attorneys just won't do!

Greg Camp introduced SSG Tyre Murphy a member of the 3rd Brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division, who was our military guest of the day.

The head table was populated by Don Wilhite, Bill Edwards, PResident Mallon, Gloria Dodds, speaker James Clark and Tracy Sayers. President Mallon recognized Gloria Dodds 9 years of committed service to the preparation of our annual directory. This writer knows a things or two about publications and Gloria deserves a standing O for her great work on these directories. They are hard work to pull together.

Our speaker James C. Clark was the executive director of the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority. Clark, formally the CEO of the Development Authority of Fayette, is an economic development professional. He says that without clean water, cheap energy and solid infrastructure there would be no economic development engine in the state of Georgia.

Mr. Clark's presentation made it difficult on this week's note taker because he used such excellent graphics to support his position. The population density maps showing the southeastern third of the country in ten-year snap shots from 1940 until estimated 2020 were revealing. Despite the maps' declaration that we're becoming much more densely populates, Georgia is second only to Oregon in forested acres.

In 1990, Georgia supported 6.2 million inhabitants. In 2030, there will be 12 million Georgians competing for resources. Mr. Clark told us that energy demand would outstrip supply in 2015. He went on to describe Georgia's efforts to put cellulose based ethanol, biodiesel, poultry litter ethanol and also solar and wind power.

Please refer to conservegeorgia.org for a look at the program that was launched in May of that year that Mr. Clark says will make all Georgians better stewards of energy and resources.

-Mike Venable

WHAT IS A PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP?

So, what is a Paul Harris Fellow ? Think for a moment of this statement: "A Paul Harris Fellow means whatever you want it to mean."

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a \$1000 contribution as a way to honor a person for exceptional service?

Certainly.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a gift of \$1000 as an expression of happiness for 20 years of marriage, or a new grandchild, or success in one's vocation or family life ?

Of course.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a \$1000 contribution in memory of a friend, relative or associate who has been an important asset to your life?

Certainly.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept \$1000 if you really believe in the tremendous value of the humanitarian work of TRF in developing parts of the world and express appreciation for your gift by naming you a Paul Harris Fellow or multi-PHF?

Absolutely.

So, I suggest that a Paul Harris Fellow can mean whatever you wish it to mean. The Rotary Foundation benefits from your contribution and demonstrates this appreciation through the mechanism of a Paul Harris Fellow. That is the way I see it.

ROTARY FOUNDATION THOUGHT

Clubs are asked to set annual giving goals for the Every Rotarian, Every Year effort. Since clubs began establishing their own goals two years ago, annual giving to The Rotary Foundation has surged from \$55 million in 2002-03 to nearly \$85 million in 2004-05. We're asking every Rotarian to support our Foundation with a financial contribution, every year. At the President- elect Training Seminar this spring, our club president-elect was asked to summit an annual giving goal for the upcoming year.

History has proven that clubs that set goals follow through with them. As our club sets its goal for the coming year, we should also remember to measure our success by the number of lives we charged and saved.

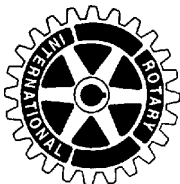


Mat Swift	8/11
Phil Swift	8/11
Philip Adams, Jr.	8/12
James Rockwell	8/12
Ken Leuer	8/13
Lovick Corn	8/14
Stan Keene	8/14

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Michael Willey
Carl Rhodes
Paul Berry

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MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (7/28)
Meets Monday 12:15
Central Activities Bldg.
Ed Adams
Rick Alexander
Thacker Cargill
Ron King
Craig Reaves
John Sheftall
Billy Turner

MUSCOGEE (7/31)
Meets Thursday 7a.m.
River Club
Mat Swift

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Drew Rhodes
Lynne Taylor
Paul Berry
Lamar Powers
Jamie Hempstead
Jerry White
Alap Shah
John Stacy
Harry Walker
Frank Morast
Marc Reid

**NORTH COLUMBUS
(7/29)**
Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
Norman Drummond
Vince Haneman
Joe McClure
Dicky Saunders

Douglasville
John Stacy

Cashiers Valley, NC
Neal Wickham

Georgetown (7/22, 7/29)
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Apalachicola, FL (7/22)
Bunky Pease
Milwaukee, WI (7/22)
Colin Martin

DIRECTORY CHANGES

- Page 5** add Carole Rutland - 17 years perfect attendance
 - Page 5** add Dicky Saunders 13 years perfect attendance
 - Page 13** add Past-President 2007-2008 Carmen Cavezza
 - Page 21** delete Michelle Hawkins - resigned
 - Page 30** Sara George (Paul Harris Fellow)
 - under members Paul Harris Fellows** add Barbara Smith
 - under non-members Paul Harris Fellows** add Catherine Trotter and Sara George
- Please advise Mary or Shirley of any other additions or corrections.**