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## EDITORIAL FOR SEPTEMBER 10,

### I'M A ROTARIAN FOR GOD'S SAKE....

On a recent episode of "Bones", a somewhat lighter CSI-type weekly series, a 40ish male was being questioned about a particular crime that had taken place. Because of some bad decisions he had made as a young man he was in the police department's files which led to his being questioned. This person was explaining how he now had a very successful career and was a completely different person from what his earlier record might make him appear to have been. As he extolled his complete innocence he finished with the statement "...and I'm a Rotarian, for God's sake!"

Now, just why would he state that? We could surmise that he made that comment to help his situation right then with the investigator. And yet...perhaps he was so aware of what being a Rotarian stands for, that it came from the heart as he truly expressed who he was with this one phrase.

"Rotarian" does indeed have a special connotation. There's something special about that name. Few words seem to have a built-in description and definition as this one. From a personal standpoint, when I find that a person is a Rotarian I immediately have a positive feeling about whom he is and for what he stands. I think of success, trustworthiness, fairness and perhaps a dozen other terms. I have found this to be true throughout the several countries I have had the pleasure of visiting. Just what does "Rotarian" mean to you?

Wear your Rotary pin with pride. It "speaks" volumes about you.

-Bill Henry

## ROTARY NOTES (08/27/2008)

The meeting was called to order by President Mallon, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jacki Lowe gave the invocation followed by the news of the day with Phil Scoggins. The welcoming of visitors was skipped this week because of the incredibly funny but long-winded presentation from our Pigskin Prognosticators. Col. Durr had the distinct pleasure of introducing two Olympic Gold Medal winners from the recently concluded games. Both were soldiers from our very own Fort Benning. Spec. Walton Glenn Eller, III and P.F.C. Vincent Hancock both won because of their superior marksmanship skills.

Dan Sharitt appeared first decorated in orange for some weird reason. He also donned a beautiful coif of black and orange hair. On a serious note he informed his fellow Rotarians that this year's version of Rotary Football has been renamed in memory of Ann Johnson. Over the past three years, the game has brought in over \$55,000.00. Sign up sheets will be placed on the tables for the next couple of weeks. So sign up today!

At the headtable was Jerry Rothschild, Jacki Lowe, Mat Swift, President Mallon, Mac Plummer, Bill Smith, and Ed Sprouse. The introduction for speakers was conducted by Mat Swift.

First up was Mac Plummer (Alabama). The highlights included the #1 song on the plains, "I sure would like to check you for ticks". He reported that last year the team's record was 7 and 6. Seven arrests and six convictions. There were a lot of other jokes but we don't have enough room to list them all out. His prediction: Alabama over Auburn 24-17 with an 8-4 season.

Next up was Ed Sprouse (Georgia Tech). Ed began by handing out pom-poms and sporting some kind of beanie on his head while he had his cohorts in crime wave the things around. He began his remarks by asking how Georgia could still be ranked #1 in the AP poll after populating the majority of the Clarke County Correctional Facility. He had some very interesting letters from various correctional facilities that we were not able to validate. Pretty funny stuff! His prediction: Georgia Tech over Georgia 21-17 with a 6-6 season.

Then it was Bill Smith's turn (Auburn). As always, "War Eagle!" started off the presentation. He also noted that this was the 50th anniversary of the last game held at Memorial Stadium in Columbus between Auburn and Georgia. He had all the folks in the room stand up who actually attended the game. He noted that Alabama was leading Georgia in the number of off-season arrests 10-9, but the bright spot was that Georgia had more felonies. He also reminded fans that Georgia still has three more days to catch up before the season begins. Lots of very well delivered one-liners from Bill again this year. His prediction: Auburn over

Alabama 27-13 and then he got spiritual on us about some voice telling him to say 10-2 for the season.

Last, Jerry Rothschild (Georgia) filled in for his son Andrew. Pretty good shtick on such short notice. He commented on several different match-ups that Georgia would be playing throughout the year. Didn't get his prediction on the Georgia-Georgia Tech match up other than this would be the 8th year in a row that Georgia would win. His prediction was 10-2. He introduced President Mallon as a mystery guest.

President Mallon declined to prognosticate on his team, Tennessee and rang the bell.

Meeting adjourned.

-Drew Rhodes

## WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID

Today, the 10th of August happens to be the 51st anniversary of Rotary Club of Port of Spain, 1957, the First Club of Trinidad and Tobago. Just ten years following the death of Rotary founder Paul P. Harris. It was nearly 40 years after the first non English speaking club in Havana Cuba. At the time, Harris questioned whether Rotary could overcome language barriers. However, Rotary prevailed, as evidenced in this, the last article of his life, in *The Rotarian*, by Paul Harris:

"Almost contemporaneously, I started a campaign for Rotary Clubs in other cities. Most of the membership considered it a vagary beyond the bounds of reason. So, I went forward alone, but with the sympathy of all. It is a matter of history how Club Number Two was organized in San Francisco, how Rotary went across the Canadian border to Winnipeg and eventually across the sea to the British Isles, where it became an influence throughout the length and breadth of Britain. Cuba came in, and eventually, Rotary spanned the world." Paul P. Harris, *The Rotarian*, late 1946, published shortly after his death.

There are those today who suggest that Harris' bright light dimmed toward the end of his life. This article was, to my mind, as sharp as any in his 79 years.

It might be useful for all Rotarians in every club to realize that Paul was apposed in his early plans to expand Rotary. If you believe in something and have the passion to carry it out, it's very likely that you'll encounter resistance, but take courage from the founder of Rotary. Read his books, letters, articles, and messages at [www.whatpaulharriswrote.org](http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org).

Paul mentions Club Number Two. In November they will celebrate 100 years. Yes, the story of Rotary will have to be written again and again.

Yours in Rotary history  
Jack Selway, Founder/CEO



Jack Blalock	9/6
Gill Cargill	9/6
Ian Bond	9/8
Bill Heard	9/8
George Wade, Jr.	9/8
Dick Ellis	9/11
Ken Crooks	9/12

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Bill Harper  
George Wade, Jr.  
Jim Ballengee

**MAKE-UPS**

<b>PHENIX CITY (08/25)</b> <b>Meets Monday 12:15</b> <b>Central Activities Bldg.</b> Rick Alexander Tracy Fisher Tom Friedmann Thelon Hamby Ron King	<b>MUSCOGEE (08/28)</b> <b>Meets Thursday 7a.m.</b> <b>River Club</b>  <b>rotaryclubone.org</b> Janet Davis Mark Overby Jere Richrdson Philip Thayer Mike Gaymon Rhonda Mobley Carmen Cavezza Sharon Lyon Hix Myrick Newt Aaron Ryan Clemento
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**NORTH COLUMBUS  
(08/26)**

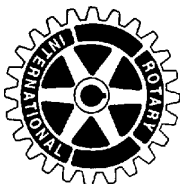
**Meets Tuesday 12:30**

**Green Island**  
Rick Alexander  
Wayne Andrews  
Tommy Boyter  
Mitch Britt  
Bob Jones  
Joey Loudermilk  
Claudya Miller  
Bill Feighner

**PANAMA CITY BEACH  
(8/21)**

Hans Peters

Number 11



09/10/2008

**AT A GLANCE**

**Rotary Members: 1,226,067\***

**Clubs 32,980**

**Rotaract Members: 164,795**

**Clubs: 7,165**

**Interact Members: 262,844**

**Clubs: 11,428**

**Rotary Community Corps Members: 143,497**

**Corps: 6,239**

**As of 31 March unless otherwise noted**

**\*As of 30 April**