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## EDITORIAL FOR OCTOBER 8 THE MEANING OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Public Service has taken on new meaning for me since I joined the Rotary Club of Columbus. After 30+ years working in the public sector, I thought of myself as a public servant and believed I knew what constituted public service. I was wrong.

Rotarians are the real public servants. They model the positive side of voluntary community service as compared to those of us who are paid to provide public service. The Rotary way of public service is taking on leadership roles in addressing key community issues effectively and efficiently. It represents years (or perhaps even generations) of the tradition of caring. It shows how our lives are enriched by others- through giving with them and giving to them.

I have learned to appreciate how hard-working and self-sacrificing Rotarians can be. They are appreciative of their own good fortune and of how that good fortune can be used to benefit the greater good of others. They know that there is something enormously fulfilling about being engaged in something bigger than oneself. They can experience the satisfying sense of purpose that is not attained in any other way. We need the service provided by true public servants like Rotarians.

There is a great deal of good that can and must be done for a community by those involved in some form of public service. Rotarians embody the best of involvement and by doing so, they make our communities better. It is an honor to learn public service from such great models.

Claudya Muller

## ROTARY NOTES (09/24/08)

The meeting was called to order by President Mallon, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ron King gave the invocation. Michael Eddings introduced visiting Rotarians, as well as member guests. Meridith Jarrell introduced our military guest, Spec. Brandon Sparks. Spec. Sparks is a member of the dental unit at Fort Benning and is originally from Columbus, Georgia.

Next in order was the introduction of the head table. Joining President Mallon was Kevin Wilkerson, Ron King, Bob Purtiman, Selby Rollinson and our guest speaker, Ret. Lt. Col. Harry Lubin.

Selby Rollinson introduced our guest speaker. LT. Col. Harry Lubin is currently the Chief of the Live Experimentation Division, Maneuver Battle Lab. He retired from the Army after 22 years of service as an Infantry Officer. Lt. Col. Lubin is originally from Morrestown, N.J., and holds a BS from Montclair State University and a MS from Troy University. He and his wife, Diane, have two children and 2 grandchildren. Ret. Lt. Col. Lubin started his speech by thanking the Rotary Club for the opportunity to speak about the Maneuver Battle Lab. On June 5th, the Battle Lab did roll 2 BFV's down Front Avenue to help determine the effectiveness of Camera Vision in an urban environment. In response to the BRAC directives, effective August 1, the Soldier Battle Lab and the Mounted Maneuver Battle Lab became the Maneuver Battle Lab, operating from 2 locations under one headquarters here at Ft. Benning. The Maneuver Battle Lab's mission is to conduct experimentation in specifics of Army modernization. The key to what they do is to provide operational insights and how this technology impacts the effectiveness of a soldier or their unit. Though not part of the MBL organization, Ft. Benning has been resourced with a 61 Experimentation Force Company or EXFOR. The EXFOR's purpose is to support experimentation and provide the MBL with a dedicated source of highly skilled soldiers, all with combat experience in Iraq and Afghanistan. Lt. Col. Lubin further advised that one of their missions is to execute the Army's largest annual prototype experiment, now called the Army Expeditionary Warrior Experiment. (AEWE). Lt. Col. Lubin then showed a video reflecting last year's experiments. The MBL executed 45-50 experiments a year. Soldier feedback is a vital part in developing technology. The Battle Lab has also done a lot of work with robotics, both ground and air. He mentioned that you can neutralize a \$100,000 robot with a 50 cent trash bag. He advised that this is valuable feedback to know from soldiers. On display, Lt. Col. Lubin had several robots for Rotary Members to view. Ret. Lt. Col. Lubin again thanked Rotary for the opportunity to speak and advised that he would be available to meet and ask questions

after the meeting.

President Mallon re-welcomed our visiting Rotarians and guests.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mary Bode

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF COLUMBUS FUND

Rotary Donors to the 2nd Chance Project to Date  
Prepared on September 24, 2008

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Jack Key, Jr.	Tyler Townsend
Billy Key	Rupert Triplitt
Ron King	
Nelson Kittle	

IT IS NOT TOO LATE IF YOU WANT TO HELP!

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

The following person has been approved for membership by the Classification Committee, Membership Committee and the Board of Directors:

1. Alfred S. Cohen (Fred), Director, Professor, Schowb School of Music, Columbus State. Classification: Education – College Administration.

If no written objection to this proposal is received by the Board within ten (10) days stating reason, this person shall be considered elected to membership.

October 4, 2008



John Stacy	10/5
Gary Page	10/6
Sam Wetzel	10/6
Thelon Haby	10/7
Newt Aaron	10/8
Frank Etheridge	10/10
Kent Illges	10/10
Charlie Johnson	10/10
Tony Wright	10/10

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**MAKE-UPS**

**PHENIX CITY (09/22)**  
**Meets Monday 12:15**  
**Central Activities Bldg.**  
Ed Adams  
Greg Camp  
Leonard Crain  
Scott Ferguson  
Gene Kemp  
Mark Lupo  
Jerry Scott  
Mike Smajd

**MUSCOGEE (09/25))**  
**Meets Thursday 7a.m.**  
**River Club**  
Mike Helms

**rotaryclubone.org**  
Mark Overby  
Janet Davis  
Joey Loudermilk  
Richard Illges  
Leo Goodsell  
John Martin  
Greg Camp  
Mat Swift  
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**NORTH COLUMBUS  
(09/23)**

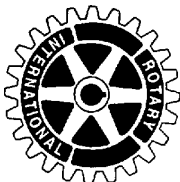
**Meets Tuesday 12:30**  
**Green Island**  
Ian Bond  
Tom Friedmann  
Robert Granger  
Thelon Hamby  
Chuck Hecht  
Buddy Martin  
Lynne Taylor  
Billy Turner

**ANN JOHNSON ROTARY FOOTBALL**

Number 15

	9/24	
TEAM	THIS WEEK	CUMULATIVE
Alabama	49	144
Auburn	21	85
Citadel	37	108
Davidson	Off	29
Florida	30	112
Florida State	3	118
Georgia	27	142
Georgia Tech	38	115
Iowa	20	125
Maine	17	69
Miami	41	96
Newberry	10	60
Oklahoma	Off	164
Tennessee	6	65
Tulane	24	54
South Carolina	23	81
Vanderbilt	23	119
Washington & Lee	35	59

**TOTAL ROTARY DOLLARS RAISED TO DATE \$5,236**  
**Vandebilt Moves to 4-0 and is Ranked for the 1st Time Since 1983!!!**  
**Alabama, Florida & Georgia Continue to Roll. Welcome to First**  
**Year Rotary Participants Maine, Miami, Oklahoma and Tulane!**



10/08/2008