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## EDITORIAL FOR OCTOBER 29 MISSING ROTARY WHEN IT IS GONE

I was a member of another Rotary Club in the area for two years before my job changes and made attendance at that club's meetings impossible. Online make-ups weren't around then and the inability to attend 60% of my home club's meetings meant that I would have to find another club or drop out of Rotary altogether.

My previous experience with Rotary in another city convinced me that the concepts behind Rotary were worthy ones to support so I sought and was nominated for membership in the Downtown Club. However, I was informed that I would have to endure a six-month waiting period before I could transfer my membership into the Downtown Club. It was then that I realized how much for granted I had taken my weekly fellowship, decent meal and usually-informative programs at Rotary meetings.

Normal meeting days came and went and even though I felt like I was supposed to be doing something my calendar was strangely vacant during the normal Rotary timeslot. Occasionally, I'd see in the newspaper that a notable speaker had addressed the Downtown Rotary Club or I'd hear that there was a large crowd at the Rotary meeting...and I had missed it. People I knew who were Rotarians generally guarded their Wednesday lunch times jealously when asked to join a conflicting meeting, attend a function or even be "treated" to a lunch on that day, outside of Rotary.

All these events were reminders that Rotary had filled a place in my business life that wasn't being filled in any other way. Despite serving on the other Boards, Committees, Task Forces, and Foundations in our community, NOTHING truly takes the place of Rotary. Let's appreciate it while we're able to participate!

Joel Ames

## ROTARY NOTES (10/15/08)

The meeting was called to order by President Mallon, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Gaymon gave the invocation. Elizabeth Barker welcomed and introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests. Eddie introduced our visiting soldier, Staff Sergeant David Ortiz from WHINSEC. Lee Brantley reminded all members to submit nominations for the annual Dan Reed Award and Steve Melton introduced our newest member, CEO of Synovus, Mr. Richard Anthony.

After President Mallon introduced the head table, Colonel Chuck Durr introduced our Guest Speaker, Major General Walt Wojdakowski, Commanding General of the US Army Infantry Center and Fort Benning. Walt is a 1972 graduate of the US Military Academy and will relinquish command of Ft. Benning on November 18. After retiring on January 1st, he and his bride (Columbus native Candy (Cooper) Wojdakowski) will reside in Harris County.

Major General Wojdakowski provided an update focusing on the four main priorities of Ft. Benning: training Soldiers, Supporting Operational Units, Focus on the Future, and Transitioning to the Maneuver Center of Excellence. He began his remarks by reminding the audience over one million soldiers have deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism since September 11, 2001 and our Army is comprised of volunteer Soldiers who make up less than one half of one percent of the American population. The two Army Medal of Honor recipients in the current war have ties to Ft. Benning. MG Wojdakowski stated the Infantry Center trains over 110,000 Soldiers each year and prepares them for combat. He reminded the group there are many units at Ft. Benning who deploy like the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 11th Engineer Battalion, and the 75th Ranger Regiment. He made special note to highlight the Army Marksmanship Gold Medal winners and their praise of Army training. MG Wojdakowski closed his remarks by discussing the importance of planning for the future support of the Infantry Soldier today while preparing to receive the Armor School. The monetary impact of the transition to the MCOE is over one billion dollars annually over three years. MG Wojdakowski praised our support of soldiers as well as the support of the community for Fort Benning. He reminded all of us it is important to the Soldier to receive this support and Fort Benning is always interested to get new ideas and initiatives from the community.

Selby Rollinson

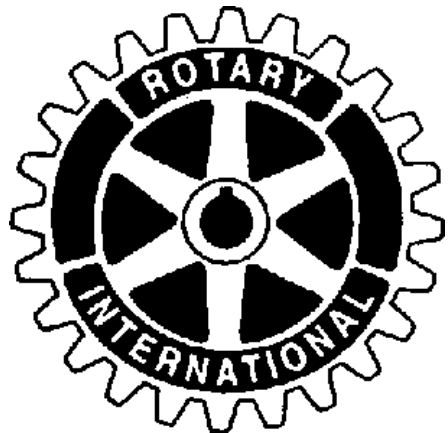
## AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

### No Organization Does Educational Programs Better than Rotary International

If you must choose only one thing that will have the biggest impact in making this a better world, choose education. This October issue of OUR FOUNDATION celebrates Rotary's Ambassadorial, Peace and Cultural Scholarships/Fellowships, the Grants for University Teachers and Group Study Exchange programs. All of these educational programs are possible through the generosity of Rotarians contributing to the Annual Programs Fund and personal endowments.

Many Rotary scholarship recipients have accomplished great things and have helped to make our world a better place. Read on pages 2 - 3 that Rotary International President-Nominee-designate Ray Klinginsmith is the first Foundation alumnus to come full circle from Ambassadorial Scholar, through Rotary, to RI President. Ray Klinginsmith of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2010-11 and will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

There are additional stories of interest about Our Foundation in this October 2008 issue.





Lynnette Gross	10/21
Hix Myrick	10/25
Tracy Sayers	10/26
Jim Wink	10/27
George Boyd	10/30
Ken Peirce	10/30

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Art Chriss  
Dicky Saunders

**PHENIX CITY (10/13)  
Meets Monday 12:15  
Central Activities Bldg.**  
John Cargill  
Scott Ferguson  
Tracy Fisher  
Thelon Hamby  
Jamie Hempstead  
Isaiah Hugley  
Meridith Jarrell  
Larry King  
Ashok Kumar  
Jacki Lowe  
Joe Lucas  
Mark Overby  
Terri Parodi  
Sam Rawls  
Craig Reaves  
Joe Robbins  
Jerry Rothschild  
Larry Sanders  
Michael Silverstein  
Dick Stone  
Cathy Williams  
Len Williams

**MUSCOGEE (10/16)  
Meets Thursday 7a.m.  
River Club**  
Cathy Williams

**NORTH COLUMBUS  
(10/14)  
Meets Tuesday 12:30  
Green Island**  
Mitch Britt  
Allen Feagin  
Marvin Foster  
Robert Granger  
Vince Haneman  
Jacki Lowe  
Mac Plummer  
Joe Robbins  
Jim Thorsen  
Mike Wooldridge

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Tom Butler  
Newt Aaron  
Leo Goodsell  
Larry Sanders  
Claudya Muller  
Jerry Scott  
Jim Ballengee  
Ben Richardson  
Chuck McClure  
Jerry White  
Philip Adams, Jr.  
Janet Davis

**ANN JOHNSON ROTARY FOOTBALL**

	10/15	
TEAM	THIS WEEK	CUMULATIVE
Alabama	Off	202
Auburn	22	134
Citadel	23	186
Davidson	29	109
Florida	51	231
Florida State	Off	198
Georgia	26	198
Georgia Tech	10	152
Iowa	45	200
Maine	27	106
Miami	20	179
Newberry	6	126
Oklahoma	35	283
Tennessee	14	104
Tulane	21	122
South Carolina	24	162
Vanderbilt	14	147
Washington & Lee	29	147

**TOTAL ROTARY DOLLARS RAISED TO DATE \$8,068  
FLORIDA CHOMPS ON THE BENGALS & MOVES INTO  
TITLE CONTENTION! TENNESSEE & AUBURN ARE  
HUMBLED AGAIN...TECH CONTINUES TO BUZZ ALONG!**

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