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EDITORIAL FOR DECEMBER 17

Eleven-Year-Old Child of the Year

In December of 2005, a French children's magazine named an eleven-year-old British girl as their "Child of the Year." The face of England's Tilly Smith graced the cover of the popular French magazine.

Smith was ten years old when in December 2004 she, along with her classmates in Oxshott, England, studied tsunamis in their geography class. Oxshott is a small community south of London.

Two weeks later during Christmas break her family went to Phuket, Thailand on vacation.

While on a morning walk on the beach December 26, 2004, Smith saw the water receding and "bubbling on the water and foam sizzling just like in a frying pan." She recognized them as warning signs of a coming tsunami. She ran inside the Marriott Hotel where she was staying and told her parents and alerted the staff.

Her parents and the staff of the Marriott took her seriously and evacuated the beach and hotel minutes before the waves struck. The beach was one of the few beaches on Phuket where no one was killed or seriously hurt.

A Rotary lesson: Never stop learning. Our programs help us "keep on learning." What we learn may one day save our lives or the lives of others. And then there are times when listening to our children can save their life and ours as well.

-Wayne Antony

ROTARY NOTES (12/03)

The meeting was called to order by President Mallon, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Norman Drummond gave the invocation followed by the news of the day with Phil Scoggins.

Carole Rutland presented the nominations for the Board of Directors: Travis Chambers, Kayron Laska, and Rob Doll. The membership approved the nominations.

Roy Plummer announced opportunities for Rotarians to volunteer for Bell Ringing on Thursday, December 18 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at Winn Dixie, Toys R Us, and Sears. Bell Ringing will count as a make-up meeting.

Elizabeth Barker introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests. Cathy Williams introduced our military guest, SFC Tracy Miller. SFC Miller is a member of the 192nd Infantry Brigade and was the Drill Sergeant of the year at Ft. Benning.

Mike Venable introduced our new member, Debbie Davis, and Mike Gaymon introduced our new member, Michael Barbero.

George Flowers recognized Peggy Connell as a Paul Harris Fellow.

President Mallon introduced the head table: Norman Drummond, Carole Rutland, Madden Hatcher, Gil Cargill, Vince Haneman.

Vince Haneman presented information about the Rotary Youth Leadership (RYL) Award. High school juniors are selected to participate in the program. The students attend a three day seminar in Americus, Georgia. The purpose of the seminar is to develop leadership skills, promote good citizenship, and personal growth. The activities are designed to build trust, self-confidence, and team work. The RYL students were recognized: Columbus High School - Robert Walton, Meredith Taylor, Daniel Jung; Hardaway High School - Robert Russell, Ben Merva; Kendrick - Lauren Great; Northside High School - Evan Szczepanski; Shaw High School - Samantha Special. Students Robert Russell, Ben Merva, and Evan Szczepanski shared their experiences at the seminar.

President Mallon presented a pen to Vince Haneman for his presentation to the Rotary.

President Mallon re-welcomed our visiting Rotarians and guests.

The meeting was adjourned.

MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT D.K. LEE

A hallmark of Rotary service has always been Rotarians' commitment to doing what needs to be done. Every day, in tens of thousands of communities, we look around us to see how and where we can best help others.

The help we provide responds to many situations and takes many forms. On a club level, we might take books to a school, help a disabled person with errands, or volunteer in a jobs program. Together with other clubs, we are capable of projects with greater reach.

And the participation of our entire network of clubs, along with the support of The Rotary Foundation, has allowed us to commit to our primary and most ambitious goal: the global eradication of polio. When choosing our service projects, we do our best to work in ways that will have the most positive, and most lasting, impact. But to ensure a better world for many generations, we must begin by taking care of our youngest generation. This is why, in 2008-09, I will ask Rotarians everywhere to focus on the most precious resource of every community: our children.

Every child deserves the chance at a healthy life.

Unfortunately, every day, some 30,000 children under the age of five die from preventable causes. When I first learned this statistic, I thought that surely there had been a mistake, and the number was an error. Unfortunately, it was not. Every day, around the world, children die needlessly of pneumonia, measles, and malaria. Thousands die every day from the lack of a most basic resource: clean water. And many more die from a combination of factors, in which malnutrition and poverty play major roles.

I would like to see reducing the child mortality rate become a key goal of club and district service projects in the year ahead.

This is why the RI theme for 2008-09 is Make Dreams Real. Food and water, health care and schooling, the chance at a long and full life — this is the unrealized dream of too many children. In 2008-09, I ask you to Make Dreams Real for these children and their families, and to work with me toward the Rotary dream of a happier, healthier, and more peaceful world.

ROTARY MAKE-UPS

North Columbus:

No meeting on 12/16, 12/23, and 12/30

Muscogee:

No meeting on 12/25 and 1/1

Columbus:

Meet on 12/17 for Christmas Social - Attendance does count. No meeting on 12/24 and 12/31 - No Make-up required.

Phenix City will meet every Monday.



Don Cambell	12/13
Edgar Chancellor	12/13
Buddy Martin	12/13
Ed Adams	12/14
Lynne Taylor	12/16
Billy Cunningham	12/18
Ricky Schomburg	12/18
Dick Nurnberg	12/20
Ricky Wright	12/20
Dexter Jordan	12/22
Carol Bradshaw	12/23
Frank Romeo	12/23
Virginia Holman	12/24
John Pate	12/25
Walter Trussell	12/25
John Sims	12/28
Mike Venable	1/2

MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (12/01)
Meets Monday 12:15
Central Activities Bldg.
 Joel Ames
 John Cargill
 Bob Jones
 Buddy Martin
 Roy Plummer

APALACHICOLA
(11/18, 11/25)
 Bill Smith

OPELIKA (11/25)
 Lynnette Gross

NORTH COLUMBUS
(12/02)

Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
 Tom Friedmann
 Bob Jones
 Gene Kemp
 Jack Pezold
 Marc Reid
 Jim Thorsen
 Mike Wooldridge

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 Ryan Clements
 Joe Johnson
 Hix Myrick
 Howard Jefferson
 Sharon Lyon
 Alap Shah
 Sam Wetzel
 mat Swift
 Bill Heard III

MUSCOGEE (12/04)

Meets Thursday 7a.m.
River Club
 Carmen Cavezza
 Jim Crosse
 Jerry Newman

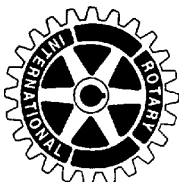
ANN JOHNSON ROTARY FOOTBALL

TEAM	THIS WEEK	CUMUL.
Alabama	20	405
Auburn	Completed	208
Citadel	Completed	333
Davidson	Completed	286
Florida	31	542
Florida State	15	392
Georgia	42	385
Georgia Tech	45	314
Iowa	55	363
Maine	Completed	319
Miami	33	340
Newberry	Completed	246
Oklahoma	62	701
Tennessee	Completed	208
Tulane	Completed	200
South Carolina	14	260
Vanderbilt	10	233
Washington & Lee	Completed	236

TOTAL ROTARY DOLLARS RAISED TO DATE
\$15,038

Florida Chomps on Alabama 31-20!!! It's the Sooners and The Gators for the National Championship! 11 Rotary Football Teams Are in Bowl Games or the Playoffs!

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