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EDITORIAL FOR JANUARY 7, 2009

HERE WE ARE AGAIN!



It's time to take an inventory of our involvement in Rotary this past year and to prepare ourselves for more participation.

ROTARY NOTES (12/09)

President Mallon welcomed us and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Rev. Chuck Hasty gave the Invocation. Phil Scoggins presented the news and Terri Parodi introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests. Greg Camp introduced our military guest, who was SFC Keith Cylc, a member of the Ranger Training Brigade.

Tony Wright then introduced our newest member, Mark Carroll, followed by President Mallon announcing that he has received “the sealed envelope” from the Nominating Committee. He will deliver this important document with proposed officers for next year and the next President Elect to the December 16 Board Meeting.

COL Ralph Puckett introduced our speaker today, Chaplain Jeff Struecker. CH Struecker enlisted in the army when he was 18, and served 10 years in the 75th Ranger Regiment. He was a Platoon Sgt. and competed 3 consecutive years in the Best Ranger competition, winning it in his 3rd year. He was decorated for his valor in the Battle of Mogadishu in 1993. He wrote a book about that experience and how that led him to become a Ranger Chaplain. The book is titled “The Road to Unafraid.”

Chaplain Struecker informed us of 3 individuals whom he sees as heroes in today’s world. The first is the soldier. They allow us to celebrate the holidays and live a life without constant fear. The second is the spouse of the soldier. They keep the family unit back home running, knowing that they may get a call that begins with, “we regret to inform you.” Most have been through 3 or 4 deployments by their spouse and their sacrifices are to be commended. The third is “My Savior”, Chaplain Struecker stated. The soldier gives his sweat and life sometimes, the spouse gives their tears, and Our Savior gave his blood, to save our lives.

He concluded by encouraging us to live the Rotary motto, “Service Above Self” with emphasis on remembering our soldiers and their sacrifices, remembering their families in our prayers, and remembering God in all that we do. CH Struecker then got his second standing ovation.

Walter Calhoun

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

I live in the Midwest where people really value people. We depend on each other to do the right thing... to make the difference in the world we live in.

With Rotary, I have been given the chance to impact people from around the world... provided clean, safe water for a child to drink, saved a child from polio, gave shelter to a family who lost everything in a weather catastrophe. I've clothed, fed and taught children of all ages... and given their families reason to hope.

There is no way I could have accomplished this on my own. Only with the caring and determination of others, like myself, and with an organization whose sole purpose is to make this a better world for all, could I have done so much.

My part was, indeed, small but all parts gathered together made a world of difference.

Thank you Rotary, for allowing me to participate in changing our world.

Sandy Hayes
Clarksville RC – 31117, Sellersburg, Indiana (6580)

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID

RGHF has a new feature at www.whatpaulharriswrote.org where you will find the complete website of all of Rotary’s founder’s writing and is chaired by Mike Raulin of Ohio, USA. At that website, you’ll find “Newsletter Nuggets.” Here is one example.

The basic principles of Rotary have been remarkably stable for over 100 years. Nevertheless, Rotary is a dynamic organization. Paul Harris paid tribute to its dynamic nature in 1935, recognizing that the organization he founded was finding its own way and making itself even better.

“Whether it is that Rotary was born under a lucky star, or whether it is that its “will to be” was undeniable, the net results of the clash of ideas and ideals among the members of the first club marked the beginning of the renaissance of Rotary.”

MAKE-UPS

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Wayne Anthony
Cecil Cheves
John Sims
Josh McKoon
Harry Walker
Don Campbell
Travis Chambers
Chuck McClure
Jimmy Coppage
Jack Key III
Scott Ferguson
Debbie Davis
Hix Myrick
Bill Woolfolk

PHENIX CITY (12/08)

Meets Monday 12:15
Central Activities Bldg.
Kayron Laska
Joey Loudermilk
Mac Plummer
Craig Reaves
John Sheftall

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Central Activities Bldg.
Joel Ames
Virginia Holman
Meridith Jarrell
James Snead
Phil Swift

NORTH COLUMBUS (12/09)

Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
Tom Gates
Gene Kemp
Kayron Laska
H.J. Peters
Marion Scott
Lynne Taylor
Tom Titus

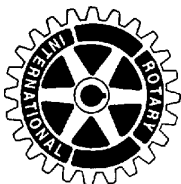
NORTH COLUMBUS (12/16)

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Green Island
Perry Alexander
Patty Cardin
Edgar Chancellor
Allen Denham
Tom Friedmann
Chuck Hecht
Jamie Hempstead
Isaiah Hugley
Meridith Jarrell
Johnny Johnson
Jim Jordan
Ashok Kumar
Jackie Lowe
Mark Overby
Andy Philips
Reggie Richards
Joe Robbins
Don Sharritt
Lynne Taylor
Cathy Williams
Kevin Wilkerson
Len Williams

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DECEMBER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Bob Jones	1 year
Mike Wooldridge	2 years
Robert Granger	3 years
Alap Shah	3 years
Perry Alexander	5 years
Gloria Dodds	10 years
Roy Plummer	12 years
Dicky Saunders	13 years
Larry Campbell	15 years
Phil Swift	21 years



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