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EDITORIAL FOR JANUARY 21, 2009

UNDERSTANDING BOTH SIDES

A number of years ago - a former business associate of mine made the following statement. "Problem is, I understand both sides." I remember thinking: this is a pretty profound thought, being espoused by (like myself) a usually and otherwise uninspired thinker. In my mind, he nailed how we both felt in regards to a dispute between two parties. So in order to be of help (sticking our noses in other's business), we had to first recognize that "both sides," had valid reasoning for their positions. Hence our task was to demonstrate to each party that the other's thoughts should be highly considered. He explained to one of the parties and I did the same for the other. We both thought we had been successful in our efforts until in our follow-up discussion, we realized, we each now "better understood" the party of which we were explaining to and found ourselves leaning towards favoring their side of the dispute. Hence, rather than being of help, we had become a part of the problem. Our attempts to help, primarily centered on promoting compromise and concession. However, when we began to favor, we became "unfair."

Concession and compromise without Fairness is of course "not Fair!" We later learned the parties gained a "Reasonable Resolve" without our further help. I suspect they may have been "Rotarians" as they must have asked themselves: Is it Fair to all Concerned?

Leonard Crain

ROTARY NOTES - 01/07/09

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

Terri Parodi introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests. Michael Smajd introduced our military guest, Specialist Steven Graulau. Specialist Graulau has worked in Patient Administration at Ft. Benning for two years. He is originally from Jacksonville, Florida.

Mark Holloway introduced our new member, Gary Gullatte. Gary has a degree from Auburn University and is a master landscape architect.

George Flowers recognized Jim Martin as a Paul Harris Fellow.

President Mallon announced that the Salvation Army Bell Ringers raised \$1900 during the Rotary Club's two-day collection. The Club has contributed \$1545 for 17 graduates in the Second Chance GED Program.

President Mallon introduced the head table: Betsy Covington, Mat Swift, Philip Adams, Richard Illges, and John Flory.

Mat Swift announced the winner of the Football Forecasters, Don Bloebaum. Don successfully predicted Georgia Tech to beat Georgia and Alabama to beat Auburn.

John Flory, Richard Illges, and Philip Adams were the Stock Forecasters. John selected Gilead a biopharmaceutical company. Gilead is headquartered in California and develops drugs for the treatment of HIV/AIDS, chronic hepatitis, and respiratory conditions. The company had a 16% annual growth rate.

Richard selected Nokia, a cell phone manufacturer. The company has \$12 billion in cash, no debt, and is share-holder friendly. Richard predicted that the market will be bullish for 2009.

Philip selected Dell Computers as his stock pick for the year. Philip said that 2008 was the third worst market in 100 years and only two stocks in the DOW were up, Wal-Mart and McDonalds.

However, the market should rebound. Taxes, interest rates, oil, and an untested President will determine the recovery of the stock market. He predicted the DOW will be up by 10% by the end of the year.

President Mallon re-welcomed our visiting Rotarians and guests.

The meeting was adjourned.

Peggy Connell

ROTARY GLOBAL HISTORY DAY

A monthly feature of RGHF (Rotary Global History) www.rghf.org

Rotary Global History Day was created, by RGHF, to bring attention to the vital role that history plays in preserving Rotary. RGHF preserves history to help ensure the future growth of Rotary.

Each month RGHF will select an example of Rotary History, found on the internet. This month we feature Wagga Wagga, district 9700

These were turbulent times. The U.S. share market collapsed on 'Black Tuesday' 26th October, 1929, precipitating the Great Depression. The club, under the Presidency of Harry Mitchelmore, who was also a town alderman, was heavily involved in a project to resettle homeless people in Gumly Gumly and North Wagga Wagga.

<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/districts/districts/9700.htm>

In another decade the world was upset by the great recession in business relations in many countries and especially in the U. S. Men seemed to lose faith in themselves. The stock market crashed, factories closed down, unemployment was present everywhere. Many organizations in the United States lost heavily in member ship. It is pleasing to note that Rotary had a remarkably small loss. Throughout the world Rotary clubs proved their value as morale sustaining centers. Their meetings were fellowship spots where harassed business men could give each other new courage. Paul P. Harris, My Road to Rotary, 1947, page 254

<http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/library/myroad/>

Regards,

Jack Selway, Founder of RGHF



John Allen	1/17
Frank Brown	1/18
Tom Flowers	1/19
Gary Gullatte	1/19
Richard Saunders	1/19
Ed Kendust	1/20
Sam Rawls	1/20
Larry Neal	1/21
Richard Hecht	1/23
Rupert Triplitt	1/23

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Jim Pate
Julie Lumpkin
Barnett Woodruff

MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (01/05)

Meets Monday 12:15
Central Activities Bldg.
Thacker Cargill
Terri Parodi
Buddy Cooper

**NORTH COLUMBUS
(01/06)**

Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
Debbie Cabellero
Billy Cunningham, Jr.
Debbie Davis
Alan Feagin
Tm Friedmann
Vince Haneman
Mike Helms
Buddy Martin
Dicky Saunders

MUSCOGEE

Meets Thursday 12:00
Green Island
Jim Cross

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Jim Laycock
Julia Lumpkin
Ben Richardson
Marion Scott
Leo Goodsell
Bill Heard III
Wayne Anthony
Mark Carroll
Rhonda Mobley
Frank Morast
Alap Shah
Beth Parsons
Leo Goodsell

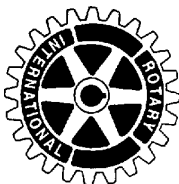
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KIDS IN CHURCH

One particular four year old prayed,
'And forgive us our trash baskets
as we forgive those who put trash in our
baskets.'

A Sunday school teacher asked her children
as the were on the way to church service,
'And why is it necessary to be quiet in
church?'

One bright little girl replied,
'Because people are sleeping.'



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