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## EDITORIAL FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2009

### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

One of the great privileges you have as a member of our Rotary club is the right to propose a new member.

Our club, like most clubs, must grow in membership at least ten percent a year to offset normal attrition. Thus, real growth requires a continuous, concerted effort on the part of all our members.

The size of our club is limited only by the number of persons in our community who would make good Rotarians and for whom there are valid classifications available.

It is the responsibility of every Rotarian to propose new members. Someone shared Rotary with you; now it is your turn to share Rotary with others.

“The more men and women who come into Rotary, gleaning a little of its purpose and sensing of its vision, the greater will be the gain of Rotary and to society.”

Mike Hill

## ROTARY NOTES - 01/21/09

Past President Carmen Cavezza presided today in President Mallon's absence. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Eddie Obleton gave the invocation. Phil Scoggins presented the news and Michael Eddings introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests. Michael Herndon introduced our military guest, Spec. Daniel Horner who is a member of the Army Marksmanship Unit. Spec. Horner is a 3-time World Champion w/ the 9 mm pistol and was the Soldier of the Year for a competition that extends to several of the installations, including Ft. Benning.

Patty Cardin announced that the Annual District Conference at Jekyll Island this year will be held April 24th - 26th. In addition to the Rotary meetings, there will be golf, tennis, eco tours, and a reception will be held the last night with music by the Swingin Medallions. Please consider making plans to attend.

Rob Doll introduced our speaker today, Sam Olens. Mr. Olens is the Chairman of the five-member Cobb County Board of Commissioners. He was first elected Chairman in August of 2002, and was unopposed for re-election in 2008. In December 2004, Olens was elected as Chairman of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). He is the second ARC Chairman from Cobb County. He is also Vice-Chair of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, a 16-county planning entity

dedicated to developing comprehensive regional and watershed-specific plans for the district.

Mr. Olens gave us his thoughts on what our state should focus on to prepare for the future. He mentioned how lucky we are to live in a state that is growing. Growth comes with a price, and that is our challenge. Transportation improvements are needed, conservation of water is becoming more and more vital, and non-partisan politics are essential to move us forward. He sees the completion of the Fall-Line Freeway and the Hwy 27's western corridor as a tremendous positive for the traffic issues of Atlanta.

Mr. Olens also expressed his desire for the entire Southeast to work together to bring industry to our region rather than constantly competing. Cities/counties that link together and form partnerships (like our local VPA) can help one another find the better, more natural fit for both company and community, as opposed to fighting each other only to lose the job growth to another part of the country.

He ended with a quote out of Bill Turner's book about servant leadership, "leadership is a position of service, not a position of power." Mr. Olens from all accounts is following this advice 'to a T.'

Walter Calhoun

## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT

		NET GAIN	GAINED	LOST
June 30, 1986	272			
June 30, 1987	274	+2	+18	-16
June 30, 1988	279	+5	+22	-17
June 30, 1989	280	+1	+20	-19
June 30, 1990	289	+9	+25	-16
June 30, 1991	295	+6	+20	-14
June 30, 1992	295	0	+21	-21
June 30, 1993	294	-1	+16	-17
June 30, 1994	302	+8	+25	-17
June 30, 1995	308	+6	+29	-23
June 30, 1996	329	+21	+33	-12
June 30, 1997	331	+2	+21	-19
June 30, 1998	335	+4	+26	-22
June 30, 1999	325	-10	+20	-30
June 30, 2000	329	+4	+26	-22
June 30, 2001	328	-1	+24	-25
June 30, 2002	339	+11	+32	-21
June 30, 2003	330	-9	+22	-31
June 30, 2004	340	+10	+30	-20
June 30, 2005	334	-6	+24	-30
June 30, 2006	333	-1	+24	-25
June 30, 2007	333	0	+16	-16
June 30, 2008	325	-8	+17	-25
MEMBERSHIP AS OF JANUARY 23, 2009	330			

**In 21 years: Gained 511, Lost 458. Net Gain: 58**



## MAKE-UPS

Billy Key 2/2  
 Brown Nicholson 2/3  
 Adelaide Kirk 2/3  
 Lori Auten 2/4

### RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND

Frank Brown  
 David Rothschild  
 Gloria Dodds

### PHENIX CITY (01/19)

**Meets Monday 12:15**  
**Central Activities Bldg.**

Velerie Canepa  
 Art Chriss  
 Robert Granger  
 Thelon Hamby  
 Tom Flowers  
 Tracy Fisher  
 John Kelly  
 Joe Lucas  
 Mark Overby  
 Lamar Powers  
 Sam Rawls  
 Craig Reaves  
 Ben Saunders  
 D. Saunders  
 Michael Silverstein  
 Barbara Smith  
 Tracy Sayers

### NORTH COLUMBUS (01/20)

**Meets Tuesday 12:30**  
**Green Island**  
 Allen Denham  
 James Thorsen

### MUSCOGEE (1/22)

**Meets Thursday 12:00**  
**Green Island**  
 Billy Turner  
 John Lee  
 Lynne Taylor

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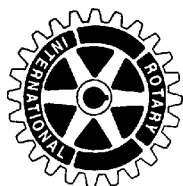
## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

April 24-26  
 at Jekyll Island

*Make Your Plans Now!*

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Fellow Rotarians, family, and friends - you are invited to join us April 24-26 for the 2009 Rotary Roundup for the 2009 District 6900 Conference. Saddle up your horses and grab you hat as we travel to Jekyll Island. This year's conference will be highlighted by entertaining speakers, day activities on the island to include golf, tennis, ecotours, beach party and a casino cruise on Saturday and a special performance by the Swingin' Medallions. You don't want to miss this great weekend, so let Mary or Patty Cardin know now if you are interested in attending. We do have a block of rooms reserved on Jekyll and other options nearby, but we need to send in our registration and room reservations very soon. Mark your calendar, April 24-26. Let's roundup a great group from our club to gallop on down to Georgia's historic coast.



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