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## EDITORIAL FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2009

### WITH YOU ON SUNDAY MORNING

Charles Osgood is "that other mainstay on your Sunday morning." However, it almost didn't happen. And it would not have happened if something worse had not happened first.

Charles Osgood's career in journalism began as an extracurricular activity. While majoring in economics at Fordham University, he worked in his spare time at the school's FM station, WFUV. While in the Army, he became the announcer for the US Army band concerts..

After his stint in the Army, he accepted a job as program director at WCHS, a classical music station in Washington. He was finally "in management" using his business degree.

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity came along when RKO General, the owner of WCMS, was starting the first experimental pay-television station in the United States. Osgood was named general manager. His vision of becoming a television tycoon was off and running.

Unfortunately, the pay-television business did not work and Osgood was unemployed and out of work and money.

A few months later, he encountered a friend from Fordham who worked for ABC. He was invited to do a radio show called the *Flair Reports*. He was given a 23 year old assistant named Ted Koppel. In 1967, Osgood moved over to CBS and worked with Walter Cronkite, Roger Mudd and Charles Kuralt. This led to the *Osgood Files*. The *Osgood Files* were moved to CBS Sunday morning broadcast in 1994, when Charles Kuralt retired.

A Rotary lesson: Extracurricular activities, even in Rotary, can become career signals and the closing of one door can be the opening of others.

-Wayne Anthony

## ROTARY NOTES - 02/04/09

The February 4, 2009 edition of the Rotary Club of Columbus began with President Mallon's ringing of the bell and a special appearance by Miss Georgia, Chastity Hardman, who gave a stirring rendition of our national anthem. (By the way, Miss Hardman, was also first runner-up in the Miss America Pageant.)

Following the invocation by Rob Doll, Phil Scoggins brought us the news. Lori Auten presented our visiting Rotarians and guests, which included not only the aforementioned Miss Hardman, but also former Congressman and Secretary of the Army, Bo Callaway, and former California Congressman Duncan Hunter.

Dick Ellis introduced our military guest, PFC Valeri Diaz, a multimedia specialist from North Carolina, who is a member of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

The only announcement was made by Neal McCrillis who is soliciting volunteers for Rotary Career Day (March 23 and 24) to speak with high school students on professional ethics and career development.

Following the recognition of the head table (Rob Doll, Al Hayes, Richard Hecht, and Julie Lumpkin), President Mallon called upon Judge Lumpkin for the introduction of today's program.

Ricky Schomburg, a member of the Rotary Club of Columbus since 1981, and a certified gemologist, has been a master falconer for 30 years. Ricky provided a fascinating program on falconry, featuring Harris Hawk (or Baywing Hawk) whose natural range extends from the southwestern US to South America. These birds have a lifespan of up to 40 years, can fly as fast as 40 mph, and are very good natured with humans. Their diet consists primarily of mammals (they are particularly fond of rabbits), along with smaller percentages of reptiles and other birds.

Ricky also breeds and hunts Harris Hawks. He described the equipment needed, consisting of bells and radio telemetry (to keep track of the hawks), medium weight gloves, and special boxes for transporting. These boxes are built with fans to reduce or eliminate carbon monoxide which could pose a significant health risk for these birds. Ground and indoor perches are also required. Training, according to Ricky, is "simple" and can be completed in 10 to 12 weeks.

Following a series of slides, a short video was presented of Harris hawks in action hunting rabbits with Paul McCartney's recording of "Live and Let Die" providing appropriate soundtrack with action on the screen.

Following concluding remarks by President Mallon, the meeting was gaveled to adjournment shortly after 1:00 pm.

A good time was had by all.

Joey Loudermilk

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

I always know...

God won't give me more than I can handle,  
There are times I just wish He didn't trust me quite  
so much.

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Dogs have Owners. Cats have Staff.

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If the shoe fits...buy a pair in every color.

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Never be too open-minded, your brains may fall  
out.

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Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian.  
Not any more than standing in a garage makes you  
a car.

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Bills travel through the mail... at twice the speed of  
checks.

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If you look like your passport picture...you probably  
need the trip.

## CAREER DAY (3/23 or 3/24)

Neal McCrillis is looking for volunteers to visit schools -either day (3/23 or 3/24) for 1 or 1.5 hours. It is a great opportunity to speak about professionalism and ethical behavior (4 Way Test) as well as your personal thoughts regarding career development. The schools welcome Rotarians and it is a great opportunity to help students see successful folks who are willing to talk to them. Neal will try to place you in a school of your choice if you have a preference. Please let me know if you are willing to help and I will be happy to let Neal know. I'll have a sign up sheet at Rotary or you may e-mail me! On March 25, 2 students the schools select as well as the counselor and principal of each High school will be our guest at Rotary. Many Thanks.

Mary



Becca Hardin	2/15
Jamie Hempstead	2/17
Sonny Hamlett	2/18
Vince Haneman	2/19
Larry Sanders	2/19
John Cargill	2/20
Mallon Faircloth	2/20

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Phil Adams  
 Billy Key  
 Sam Rawls  
 Neal McCrillis  
 John Marshall  
 Brown Nicholson

**MAKE-UPS**

**PHENIX CITY (02/02)**  
**Meets Monday 12:15**  
**Central Activities Bldg.**  
 Tom Friedmann  
 Craig Reaves  
 Bill Smith  
 Len Williams

**NORTH COLUMBUS  
(02/03)**  
**Meets Tuesday 12:30**  
**Green Island**

Valerie Canepa  
 Al Gaston  
 Gene Kemp  
 Ashok Kumar  
 Jacki Lowe  
 Buddy Martin  
 Reggie Richards  
 Dicky Saunders

**JAX- OCEANSIDE  
(1/6,13,20,27)**  
 Phil Swift

**HARRIS CO (2/4)**  
 Bill Smith

**MUSCOGEE (02/05)**  
**Meets Thursday 12:00**  
**Green Island**  
 Peggy Connell

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Jim Laycock  
 Virginia Peebles  
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 Cathy Williams  
 Neal McCrillis  
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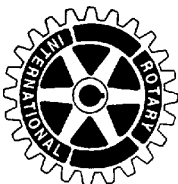
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**MEMBERSHIP MINUTE**

When the economy slows down, nurturing our business and civic contacts becomes even more important. Stay active in Rotary and encourage others to do so.

**WHAT EVERY ROTARIAN CAN DO**

- Arrive early and get acquainted with Rotarians you should know better.
- Take time to thank the speaker and others on the program.
- Pat the president on the back once-in-a-while.
- Be sure your attendance is better than the average of your club.
- Watch for new members and visiting Rotarians. introduce yourself. Make visitors feel welcome. Invite them to sit with you. Introduce them to others.
- Visit other Rotary Clubs. You'll meet some fine people that way. If the club is being conducted in a different manner and you like it, tell the president about it.
- Compliment the chairman of a committee if the person is doing a good job.
- If you have any news of yourself or other members, tell the club bulletin editor. it will be appreciated.
- Don't find fault, overlooking all the good things going on.
- **BECOME INVOLVED. YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!**



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