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EDITORIAL FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2009

MOMMA USED TO SAY...

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"You'll only get out what you put in"..... obviously attempting to teach me that effort is important in anything we do.

Well, I am not one to dispute my Momma's words, but I have learned there is an exception to that rule. Rotary membership has given me much more than what I have put in, and I owe a lot of people for the contributions they have made to Rotary (and I am not talking about just financial contributions). I have been a member of three Rotary clubs in three different towns and each has meant very much to me in different ways. Each club had that individual or group of individuals who consistently led the way in that particular club, and many profited by their work. My guess is there are few, if any, who will say Rotary has not made a positive impact on their personal or business life. I remember and thank the three persons who sponsored my memberships; Ron Morris in Canton, Ted Long in Phenix City, and Otis Overby here in this club.

Rotary has made a difference in the world, as well. Just think, what an even greater impact Rotary could have made...or could make in the future, if we all put in that special effort to be the best Rotarian we could be.

It's not too late to make that commitment for 2009. Your input can help change lives!

Bill Henry

ROTARY NOTES - 02/11/09

The meeting was called to order by President Mallon, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Prior to the invocation given by Travis Chambers, President Mallon announced that Mary Reed's house had burned earlier in the week that resulted in substantial damage. Mary is doing fine, temporarily living with a friend, and making plans to rebuild her home. Phil Scoggins followed with his news updates. Rob Doll introduced and welcomed our visiting Rotarians and guests. Our military guest, SFC Jimmy Ha, was introduced by Dave Konze.

President Mallon introduced those joining him at the head table: Travis Chambers, Gary Gullatte, John Stacy and Jerry Newman, who introduced our speaker, Bo Callaway.

Mr. Callaway is a native of LaGrange, GA, a graduate of the US Military Academy, headed the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation from 1953-1970, served as Secretary of the Army 1973-1975 and then served as President Ford's campaign manager 1975-1976. After living in Colorado for 15 years, he had returned home. Through all his travels he has had the opportunity to speak to many groups, including Rotary Clubs. However, he believes he has spoken to our club more than any other and claims us as his "home club."

While living in Colorado, Mr. Callaway, an avid baseball fan, was involved in Opportunity Through Baseball, a Denver-based program that brought at-risk teens from all around the country into three week programs to teach them the correct way to play baseball and, more importantly, leadership and life skills and how to be better men. After reading about the Catfish being sold and leaving Columbus and that Golden Park was closing, Mr. Callaway became active in establishing the Columbus Baseball Foundation, Inc., a 501 (c) 3 organization, to bring the Great South League, a summer wood bat league of college players, to Columbus. This league gives college sophomores and juniors the opportunity to play during the summer under excellent coaches and also to be scouted by professional scouts as they play around the league. The players will be using wooden bats, the only type allowed in professional baseball. The first season will be short, with 20 home games and 20 away games.

Mr. Callaway stated that the Columbus city government officials were the best he has worked with and the organization received a very favorable lease from the city for the use of Golden Park. His

goals in this enterprise are to teach young players more about playing baseball, giving them exposure to excellent coaches and scouts, and to help get people interested in baseball again. He believes that with the players being from colleges in the area (i.e. Georgia Tech, Georgia, Auburn, and Columbus State), the team will attract supporters who identify with the colleges and will attend games. The organization also hopes to involve the community, from Little League to high school.

President Mallon thanked Mr. Callaway for speaking to us, thanked SFC HA for his visit, re-welcomed our visiting Rotarians and guests, and adjourned the meeting.

-Gloria Dodds

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

"I was an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1980 – '81 and determined to give back something to Rotary, therefore I became a founding member of the Foundation Alumni in Western Australia in 1983.

I later willingly accepted an invitation to work on a District Literacy committee as a non-Rotarian and enjoyed the productive meetings and associated project work for many years. In 1992 I approached local Rotarians and received their advice and assistance for a work related literacy research project but resisted invitations to become a Rotarian due to work and time commitments.

Thanks to one persistent Rotarian who did not know the meaning of "Thank you, but no!" I am now a member of the Rotary family and look forward to meetings and enjoy a supportive group of Rotarians, their partners and others who contribute new ideas and support local, district and international projects.

I had no idea until I became a Rotarian that there would be at least twenty-six club members for projects and that collectively we could make a difference for many.

The power of Rotary through Rotarians and partners who know the meaning of Service Above Self tells why I am a Rotarian."

PDG Sylvia Byers AM
Rotary Club of Mosman Park
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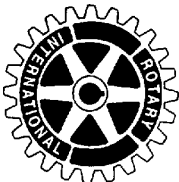


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| Hugh Wilson | 2/23 |
| Josh McKoon | 2/25 |
| Roy Plummer | 2/26 |
| Herbert Fuller | 2/27 |
| Don Bloebaum | 2/28 |
| Jerry Scott | 2/28 |

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Vince Haneman
Dicky Saunders

Number 35



02/25/2009

MAKE-UPS

**PHENIX CITY (02/9)
Meets Monday 12:15
Central Activities Bldg.**
Joel Ames
James Snead
Tony Wright

**NORTH COLUMBUS
(02/10)
Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island**
Perry Alexander
Newt Aaron
Mary Bode
Sharon Borger
Mitch Britt
Valarie Canepa
Ryan Clements
Leonard Crain
Janet Davis
Lance Duke
Tom Flowers
Al Gaston
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Barbara Smith
Philip Thayer
Melissa Thomas
Tom Titus
Jerry White
Kevin Wilkerson
Len Williamson
Cathy Williams
Michael Willey

**MUSCOGEE (02/12)
Meets Thursday 12:o0
Green Island**
Peggy Connell
Charlie Johnson
Marion Scott
Tom Titus
Billy Turner

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Linda Hadley

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Why not bring guests to Rotary. Some will become members. All will become friends.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

The following have been approved for membership by the Classification Committee, Membership Committee, and the Board of Directors:

- 1) Michael E. Holbrook, Vice President, Columbus Travel. Proposed by Sam Rawls. Classification: Travel Agency.
- 2) Franklin J. Star, Retired. Proposed by Andy Speed. Classification: Physicians and Surgeons - Retired.
- 3) Willam R. (Reggie) Luther, President/Owner TracSoft, Inc. proposed by Lori Auten. Classification: Technology Services.

If no written objection to this proposal is received by the Board within ten (10) days stating reason, they shall be considered elected to membership.

February 21, 2009