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BEYOND YOUR CLUB

The more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas worldwide are members of Rotary International, an association that supports the clubs' efforts to serve their communities and the world. Through RI, all Rotarians have access to an international network of clubs working both autonomously and in concert to address a variety of concerns throughout the world community.

RI is governed by a 19-member Board of Directors, made up of Rotarians from all over the world, which sets policy for the association. RI's day-to-day operations are overseen by the Secretariat, headed by a general secretary, with headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Evanston, Illinois, USA, and international offices in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, and Switzerland. The Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) office serves clubs in those countries. The approximately 600 staff members who work at the Secretariat are charged with assisting and supporting Rotary districts, clubs, and members. Staff contact information is available at www.rotary.org.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, the philanthropic arm of the association, provides funding for clubs' humanitarian service efforts and supports exchange programs designed to enhance international understanding and goodwill. Supported almost entirely by the generosity of Rotarians, the Foundation awards millions of dollars each year to worthy projects carried out by clubs and districts working at the local level and in international partnerships. The Rotary Foundation also sponsors the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program.

PolioPlus is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. For more than 20 years, Rotary has led the private sector in the global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease. Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge is the Rotary Foundation's response to the \$100 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help fight polio eradication. This grant, which Rotary will match dollar for dollar over three years, is the largest grant ever given to a volunteer service organization. It represents a tremendous validation of the approach and success of Rotary's PolioPlus program.

ROTARY NOTES - 03/25/09

The meeting was called to order by President Mallon, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Phil Scoggins provided a news update to the group, and Audrey Hollingsworth gave the invocation. Next, Colin Martin introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests. Eddie Obleton introduced our military guest, SFC Adam Burton, member of the Army's Ranger Training Brigade at Ft. Benning. Military guests, in addition to receiving a commemorative coin and gift certificate to the Cannon Brew Pub, receive a copy of Col (Ret) Ralph Pucket's book, *Words for Warriors*. Next in order was the introduction of the head table by President Mallon. Joining him today were Audrey Hollingsworth, Elizabeth Barker, Leo Goodsell, Mike Gaymon and our speaker, Mac Cantrell.

Mac Cantrell is not new to Rotary, having been a Rotarian in the North Columbus club since 1995. Along with his dad and brothers, he owns Action Building and Truck Styles in Columbus, and he and his wife Kim have two children.

Mac has always had an interest in history, particularly ancient history. In fact, he could be labeled an armchair archaeologist; however, his young daughter calls him a "history nerd," a title he is happy to live with. In his studies of ancient history, one of the most fascinating topics is the story of King Tutankhamun, or more commonly, King Tut. With an interesting slide show and a great number of enthusiasm on the subject, Mac proceeded to tell us the story of King Tut - his short life, his death and the discovery of his burial tomb.

The New Kingdom Era during which King Tut lived and ruled lasted 500 years. Tut's great grandfather Yuya's burial site and remains were the first to be discovered, followed by his great grandmother Thuya's. Later, the burial sites of King Tut's grandfather, Amenhotep III, and his grandmother, Queen Tiye were found revealing the few artifacts and evidence of Tut's lineage. And the lineage is important inasmuch as it helps one better understand the time in which King Tut lived and also the ancient customs that ruled the day.

According to history, King Tut's father Akhenaten was a ruler of change. He changed the Egyptian religion from one of polytheism to monotheism, forcing the change on the people in the kingdom. In addition, he moved the capital city, causing more disruption, so needless to say, the years leading up to King Tut's rule were very disruptive and somewhat volatile. Upon his father's death, young King Tut, at only nine years of age, ascended to the throne, where he ruled until his death at age 18. In the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century, several attempts were made to locate the burial sites of King Tut and his family. Theodore

Davis, a Boston attorney, discovered the tombs of Yuya and Thuya but left Egypt convinced that King Tut's tomb no longer existed. Next, Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon joined forces and began what would become an exhaustive six year search for the tomb and treasure.

Six days into the last year of their search, they found the tomb. Although small at only 1,182 sq. ft., it was packed with treasures beyond belief. When asked if he would see anything, Carter replied, "Yes, wonderful things."

Among the "wonderful things" in the tomb were guardian statues, golden thrones, daggers, ceramics, and jewelry. The coffin of the young king was made of solid gold, and on King Tut's body alone, there were 170 pieces of jewelry! Unfortunately, Tut's body did not fare well, and the head and body separated when they began removing the jewelry.

Mac encouraged anyone who has not seen the exhibit of King Tut's treasures to make plans now. The artifacts and treasures from King Tut's tomb are on display through May 2009, at the Civic Center in Atlanta. Please visit www.kingtut.org for more information and tickets.

Lori Auten

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE IN JEKYLL AND COLUMBUS

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is now accepting registrations for classes in Jekyll Island and Columbus, Georgia!! For convenience of District Conference attendees, RLI will be held on Friday of the conference weekend.

The Institute is a three part discussion-based series for Rotarians wanting to learn more about Rotary leadership opportunities and successful club management.

In conjunction with the District Conference, at the Convention Center, Parts 1, 2, and 3 will be offered on Friday, April 24. Breakfast begins at 7:15, classes at 8:00, ending at 3:30, well in time for conference events. Cost for each part is \$95, which covers class materials, classroom fees, and meals.

In Columbus, on Saturday, May 16, Parts 1, 2, and 3 will be offered. On Sunday, May 17, Parts 2, 3 and Discussion Leader classes will be offered. Marriott Hotel reduced rates for Rotarians are good only through May 1!!! Call now 706-324-1800.

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Hudson Garrett 4/7
 Marc Calhoun 4/8
 Brian Bush 4/10
 Peggy Connell 4/10
 Steve Melton 4/10

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS
 TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Scott Wilson
 Sharon Lyon

MAKE-UPS

**PHENIX CITY (03/23)
 Meets Monday 12:15
 Central Activities Bldg.**
 Joel Ames
 John Cargill
 Art Chriss
 Joe Lucas
 Craig Reaves
 Phil Swift

**JAX OCEANSIDE (3/3, 3/10,
 3/17)**
 Phil Swift

NORTH FULTON (3/17)
 Lamar Johnson

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Tom Butler
 Sharon Borger
 Thacker Cargill
 Leo Goodsell
 Bill Heard III
 Ken Leuer
 John Martin
 Greg Camp
 Newt Aaron

**NORTH COLUMBUS
 (03/24)
 Meets Tuesday 12:30
 Green Island**
 Perry Alexander
 Billy Cunningham
 Michael Eddings
 Alan Feagin
 Tom Friedmann
 Thelon Hamby
 Bob Jones
 Phil Scoggins

**MUSCOGEE (03/26)
 Meets Thursday 12:00
 Green Island**
 Patty Cardin
 Rick Alexander

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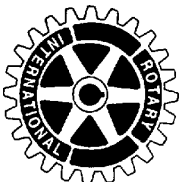
Register today at the RLI website: www.rltraining.org.
 Registration closes 10 days prior to the start of class, so
 register today!

Parts 1, 2, and 3 must be taken in order, and only 1 class
 may be taken per day. You will receive a certificate for
 each part and a graduation pin once you have completed
 all three courses.

For the coming Rotary year, DGE Roy Strickland has
 made attendance at RLI a requirement for the Governor's
 Citation.

Questions, problems? Email Dean Free at
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