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EDITORIAL FOR APRIL 15, 2009

SOFT HEARTS IN TOUGH TIMES

Despite recent small improvements in the news of the economy, we are still facing difficult times. For friends, neighbors and perhaps even family members who have lost their jobs, it is a frightening time. This is when they have the most need of our sensitivity and caring.

Recently, I read of a woman who worried about a friend who because of losing her job had dropped her auto insurance. The woman spent a long time agonizing over offering to pay her friend's insurance. She wanted her to have some protection in case of an accident. She did not want to offend her friend, so she hesitated. When she did make the offer to pay the \$3000 premium, her friend was very glad of the help.

Help doesn't have to be as much as paying a year's worth of insurance for someone. If you know someone who is cutting back because of economic difficulties, just inviting them to dinner or offering to take their children to the movies occasionally may make a difference between utter despair or getting through this difficult time with hope and grace. Maybe this is a time when if you are out for dinner, you simply increase how much you tip the wait staff that may not be getting to work as many hours - or getting many tips.

Now, more than ever, it will be the little things that really matter to someone who is coping with financial difficulties.

Claudya Muller

ROTARY NOTES - 04/01/09

The meeting was called to order by President Mallon. The CSU ensemble sang the National Anthem. Perry Alexander gave the invocation followed by the news of the day with Phil Scoggins.

Terri Parodi introduced our new member, Sally Sinclair. Sally is the Director of Adult Education for Muscogee County School District. Billy Turner introduced our new member Bob Tant. Bob is President of the Water Works.

Carol Bradshaw announced that the Laws of Life essay contest is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 3:00, Columbus Public Library. A reception will be held immediately following the contest. Susan Mason, Director of Laws of Life for the state of Georgia, will attend. Eighteen students from five different schools will receive awards.

Ron Self announced that nominations will be accepted until April 8 for the Mary Reed Rotary Award for service above self.

Mike Venable announced that the Rotary now has a closed Face Book page. This page will contain information about upcoming events, an organizational chart, and a place for discussion. He encouraged all Rotarians to embrace the new technology.

President Mallon introduced the head table: Perry Alexander, Susan Andrews, Neal McCrillis, Fred Cohen, and Sam Rawls.

Sam Rawls introduced the speaker, Fred Cohen. Fred is a composer and has served as the Director of the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University for the last two years.

Fred presented information about the Schwob School of Music. The school was selected as this year's recipient of the University of Georgia Regents Teaching Excellence Award for Departments and Programs. The Schwob School of Music serves an internationally diverse student population of 225 students. There are over 120 concerts a year including choral activity, jazz ensemble, orchestra, wind ensemble, guests and faculty performances. The Prism Concert is April 25 at 7:30, RiverCenter. Several students performed for the Club, Nadir Khashimov (violin) and Yien Wango (piano) played *Remembering Albeniz*. Donovan Butez, Kimani Griffin, Chad Ibison, and Joseph Palmer played *Danza Ritual del Fuego* on the guitars. Laura Cohen (flute) and Joseph Palmer (guitar) played *Raven Dance*. A guest performer, Charlie Vernon, from

the Chicago Symphony Orchestra played *I'm Getting Sentimental Over You* on the trombone.

President Mallon re-welcomed our visiting Rotarians and guests.

The meeting was adjourned.

Peggy Connell

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

I am in Rotary because of its feelings and immense love for humanity.

Rotarian Dr. Diptibala Patanik
Past President
Rotary Club Smabalpur, Orissa, India
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAWS OF LIFE

The Laws of Life Awards Reception will be held on Wednesday, April 29 at the Columbus Public Library in the auditorium at 3 o'clock. There will be a short ceremony with certificates presented to 18 grade winners from five schools. Afterward, there will be a reception in the CB&T/Synovus Room.

Rotary members are invited to attend and help greet the winners, their families, and teachers. City dignitaries will also be invited.

WORDS FOR WARRIORS FOR MILITARY GUESTS

As you know, we are presenting a copy of "Words for Warriors" to each of our military guests. The idea came from some of our members who decided that they wanted to provide something appropriate to our guests in recognition of and appreciation for their service. Other members heard about the idea and asked to contribute. If you want to support this worthwhile program, you can make a separate donation or add the donation when you pay your bill. Just indicate on the lower left of your check, "Words for Warriors." Thank you for your support.



Chris French 4/12
 Scott Davis 4/14
 Mike Smajd 4/15
 Warner Neal 4/17

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS
 TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Bob Offer
 Marc Calhoun
 Cecil Whitaker
 George Jeter
 Andy Philips
 Hugh Wilson
 Joey Loudermilk

MAKE-UPS

**PHENIX CITY (03/30)
 Meets Monday 12:15
 Central Activities Bldg.**
 Marc Calhoun
 Cecil Cheves
 Dick McMichael
 Ron Mullins
 Dicky Saunders
 John Sheftall

LaGrange (03/11)
 Betsy Covington

GEORGETOWN, GA (03/24)
 Neal Wickham

HARRIS CO. (04/01)
 Bill Smith

**NORTH COLUMBUS
 (03/31)
 Meets Tuesday 12:30
 Green Island**
 Perry Alexander
 Carmen Cavezza
 Alan Feagin
 Thelon Hamby

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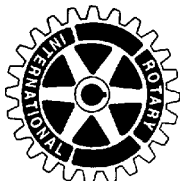
Jerry White
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 Roy Reese
 Alap Shah
 Virginia Peebles
 Adelaide Kirk
 Tony Wright
 Frank Star
 Mark Overby
 Frank Jordan
 Homer Shuler
 Philip Thayer

**MUSCOGEE (04/02)
 Meets Thursday 12:00
 Green Island**
 Larry Cardin
 Michael Eddings
 Bob Jones
 Marion Scott
 Lynne Taylor

WHO ARE YOU LIKE?

Some are like wheels -
 they don't work unless they're pushed!
 Some are like trailers -
 they have to be pulled!
 Some are like kites -
 always up in the air, and if you don't keep a
 string on them, they fly away!
 Some are like canoes -
 they have to be paddled!
 Some are like balloons -
 always puffed up and you never know when they
 are going to blow up!
 Some are like a flat tire -
 they have to be jacked up!
 Some are like a good watch -
 pure gold, open faced, always on time,
 dependable, quietly busy, and just full of good
 works!

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