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EDITORIAL FOR MAY 6, 2009

YES, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

Assuming an obligation or responsibility in Rotary means just what it says. Whether as President, Director, Committee Chairman or in whatever capacity, when one of us accepts the assignment we are saying "yes, you can count on me." First, let's emphasize that none of us are supposed to say "no" when asked to do something in the name of Rotary. But, very importantly, when we accept a position and do nothing, we are letting down many people who have done much over the years to make Rotary what it is today. It is hoped that all Columbus Rotarians will remember this if and when President-Elect Bob Jones asks you to serve with him beginning July 1, 2009.

-Bob Jones

ROTARY NOTES - 04/22/08

The meeting was called to order by President Mallon. The Calvary Christian School trio performed the National Anthem and then President Mallon led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Tom Flowers gave the invocation.

Colin Martin welcomed and introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests. There was no military guest present today due to a medical emergency.

George Flowers presented Paul Harris Fellow Awards to Bill Heard III, Carl Rhodes, Art Fultz and Buddy Cooper. Rotarians also receiving Paul Harris Fellow Awards were Jim Laycock, Tyler Townsend, Brian Stone, Steve Melton, and Mike Wooldridge. President Mallon announced that the club is only 8% away from becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow.

President Mallon introduced the head table. Joining him were Tom Flowers, Dan Parker, Larry Cardin, and Robert Granger, who introduced today's speaker Dr. Brian Wong.

Dr. Brian Wong is the CEO of The Bedside Trust. He has over 30 years experience in the healthcare system. He has developed methodologies to create an environment that healthcare organizations need to be successful. He enhances healthcare services by demonstrating how a shift in the perspective of an organization's leadership, followed by modifications in specific behaviors can create a sustainable, positive environment. Dr. Wong gave a presentation entitled "Building Trust...One Conversation at a Time." He stated that there are many lessons that are not taught in medical school...teaching, trust and communication skills. He shared with the Rotary group 3 key insights:

- 1) Conversation is the relationship and relationship is the conversation.
- 2) Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom, and
- 3) Relationship succeed on fail...one conversation at a time.

He advised that to be more effective as a leader, one must create space between stimulus and response and possibly choose the opposite. Slow down one's impulses during a "moment of truth" and choose the opposite response.

President Mallon thanked our visiting Rotarians and visiting guests. The meeting was adjourned.
-Mary Bode

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID

[Paul Harris on joining a club] Whether or not it is dishonorable to join a club for business purposes depends upon the club, its principles and what one professes to join it for. There is no more culpability about joining a business club for business purposes than there is about joining a social club for social purposes, an athletic club for athletic purposes, or a political club for the acquisition of a pull.

This is where it started, the very first issue of The Rotarian as we know it today. Now RGHF carries on preserving the vast history of men and women who joined Rotary, whatever their reasons.

Come to the 2009 convention and meet the Rotarians who are telling the story of Rotary again and again at booth 853.

Yours in service through Rotary Global History,
Jack Selway, RGHF Founder & Chair Emeritus

ROTARY AS A FORCE FOR UNDERSTANDING

"Thinking of Rotary, I visualize a series of concentric circles which, starting with the smallest and going to the largest, I dominate as the community, national and international influence. In the center, I see Rotary International as a generating force of incalculable value in creating civic and international consciousness.

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

SOME TRUTH

A speech to be immortal doesn't have to be eternal.

It's tough to explain counterclockwise; to someone with a digital watch.

A sergeant is a fellow who cusses you out after the army swears you in.

By the time we're ready to relinquish our youth, we make a disturbing discovery.. it gave "up on us years ago."

Why do people who wear sunglasses always walk on the shady side of the street?



Tom Friedmann	5/2
Richard Anthony	5/6
Kevin Wilkerson	5/6
Ron Self	5/6
Wayne Andrews	5/7

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Jacki Lowe

MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (04/20)	rotaryclubone.org
Meets Monday 12:15	Rich Martindale
Central Activities Bldg.	Carmen Cavezza
Debbie Caballero	Scott McLaurin
Scott Ferguson	Jerry White
Alan Feagin	Ryan Clements
Buddy Martin	Newt Aaron
Jerry Rothschild	Tripp Wade
John Sheftall	

**NORTH COLUMBUS
(04/21)**

Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
Jim Crosse
Allen Denham
Phil Scoggins
Bob Tant
Ricky Wright

MUSCOGEE (04/23)
Meets Thursday 12:00
Green Island
none

Number 45

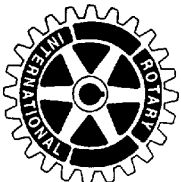
MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

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

1. Walter Wojdakowski, CG USAIC
Retired. Proposed by Sam Rawls.
Classification: US Army/Retired.

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

May 2, 2009



05/06/2009