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EDITORIAL FOR MAY 13, 2009

ROTARY: A GOOD NAME?

What do you think about when you hear the name "Rotary?" Or even more importantly perhaps, what do Non-Rotarians think about it?

Names are important. We all have one. It's recorded on our birth certificates. Names differentiate us from each other and follow us our entire lives.

Do you have a good name? Is having a good name important?

Some ancient wisdom: "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold." Proverbs 22:1. Do you believe this? I do. In fact, I'm absolutely convinced of its truthfulness.

Although we each have our individual names, there is one name we all have in common: Rotarians.

Is Rotary a good name? Is it important that Rotary be a good name?

Of course it is.

As long as we, as individual Rotarians, maintain the basic principles of Rotary, including "Service Above Self" and the Four-Way Test, Rotary will remain a good name.

Joey Loudermilk

ROTARY NOTES - 05/06/08

President Mallon called the May 6, 2009 meeting of the Rotary Club of Columbus to order at 12:25 pm. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and called on Cecil Cheves to give our invocation. Phil Scoggins was next at the podium with the news and Terri Parodi introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.

SSG Thomas Honeycutt, a member of the 209th Military Police attachment at Ft. Benning, was our military guest. SSG Honeycutt is from Broken Arrow, OK.

The head table was, for the most part, occupied by skinny guys who like to run - and also President Mallon and Sam Rawls. Cecil Cheves, Mac Flowers and Reggie Luther rounded out the list of thin men and the ever-caustic, formerly slim Sam Rawls introduced our guest speaker.

Our guest speaker was pediatric cardiologist, Dr. Gordy Borkat. He regaled us with colorful commentary and pictures from one of his recently completed marathons. This was the one he ran in Antarctica! In addition to this marathon, he's completed another 49, including seven finishes at the prestigious Boston Marathon. Dr. Borkat is on a mission to finish a marathon on all seven continents. He has only three continents left to go.

I have run a marathon with Gordy Borkat. I know you're shocked to hear this, considering the apparent current level of my fitness, but yes, in 1997, I along with Gordy and a few other local folks, ran the San Francisco Marathon. Let me tell you about this guy. During a particularly grueling 20-mile training run in June 1997, Gordy finished his entire 20 miles, turned around and met me at my 13-mile mark and finished the rest of the way with me! He ran his 20 miles, 7 back to me and 7 more with me, for a total of 34 miles for the day! He is the real deal and will certainly see his goal of running at least one marathon on each continent.

-Mike Venable

BITS AND PIECES

The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything.

They call it "take home pay" because there's no other place you can afford to go with it."

Success isn't final. Failure isn't fatal.

CONGRATS BRYAN STONE!

The Small Business Council of America (SBCA), a national nonprofit organization which represents the interests of more than 20,000 privately-held and family-owned organization on Federal Tax, employee benefit and health care matters presented its 26th Annual Congressional Awards at a reception on Capitol Hill on May 6th, The Congressional Award honorees included:

Bryan J. Stone, of Columbus, GA, received the 2009 SBCA Small Business Person of the Year Award for his efforts to ensure that all of his employees succeed. Mort Harris, one of the co-founders of the SBCA, said, "Bryan Stone is one of the most talented business men in Columbus, Georgia and has transformed Columbus Gourmet into a dynamic, growing company specializing in gourmet foods and in providing custom packaging and private labeling. What makes his achievement so remarkable is that he has accomplished so much in a short amount of time. His work on behalf of his minority employees in particular deserves special recognition.

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID

During his lifetime, Rotary International Founder Paul P. Harris received many awards. Most of them are displayed at Rotary International headquarters and the RGHF site at www.harrisoffice.org and click on: Awards

Harris' appreciation for these recognitions is acknowledged by references to them in his last book: *My Road to Rotary*, found at www.whatpaulharriswrote.org

Napoleon Bonaparte pointed out the importance of awards when he said: A soldier will fight long and hard for a bit of colored ribbon.

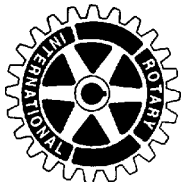
There are many Rotarians who proudly wear awards received from their fellow Rotarians. RGHF, Rotary Global History Fellowship has, since 2002, had its own award for support of history. Found at www.1905society.org are those who have accepted this award. A 1905 Liberty V nickel given to individuals who have supported the role that history plays in strengthening Rotary around the world.

At the 100th convention of Rotary International, a past recipient, PRIP Wilf Wilkinson, Canada; and past RGHF chair Calum Thomson, Scotland, will present this award to RI President Nominee Ray Klinginsmith, USA and RIBI President Elect David Fowler, UK. The presentation, open to all attendees in Birmingham, will be at 4:30 PM, Saturday 20 June.



Barbara Smith	5/16
Shirley Jaeger	5/16
Robert Granger	5/17
Fred Cohen	5/18
Drew Rhodes	5/19
Hooper Turner	5/22
Johnny Johnson	5/22
Rhonda Mobley	5/22

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MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (05/04)
Meets Monday 12:15
Central Activities Bldg.
 Carmen Cavezza
 Meridith Jarrell
 Dick McMichael

LAWS OF LIFE
 Carol Bradshaw
 Eddie Obleton
 Sally Sinclair
 Cathy Williams
 Philip Schley

NORTH COLUMBUS (05/05)
Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
 Perry Alexander
 Debbie Caballero
 Peggy Connell
 Michael Eddings
 Bill Feighner
 Tracy Fisher
 Tom Flowers
 Gary Gullatte
 Thelon Hamby
 Al Hayes
 Meridith Jarrell
 C.F. Riiley
 Lynne Taylor
 Tony Wright

COCKERMOUTH, UK (04/17)
 Ian Bond

Keswick, UK (04/23)
 Ian Bond

MUSCOGEE (05/07)
Meets Thursday 12:00
Green Island
 Rick Alexander
 Patty Cardin
 Alan Feagin
 Nelson Kittle
 Sam Rawls
 Marion Scott
 Lynne Taylor
 Tom Titus

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 Rhonda Mobley
 Janet Davis
 Drew Rhodes
 John Martin Josh McKoon
 Bo Callaway
 Reggie Luther
 Buddy Cooper
 Lance Duke
 Shirley Jaeger
 Claudya Muller
 Frank Jordan
 Larry Sanders
 Neal McCrillis
 Madden Hatcher
 Debbie Davis

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

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

1. Anthony M. Berger, CEO, Chattahoochee Council, Boy Scouts of America. Proposed by Colin Martin.
 Classification: Boy Scouts of America

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 15, 2009