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EDITORIAL FOR JUNE 3, 2009

THE FOUR SUPPOSES

- **SUPPOSE** the membership in a Rotary Club were limited to 20;
would you be in or out?
- **SUPPOSE** membership were good for one year only and reelection depended upon the service you have given to Rotary during that time;
would you be re-elected?
- **SUPPOSE** you were called to tell why you thought the Rotary club should keep your name on its rolls;
have you a record of helpful service to offer in your defense?
- **SUPPOSE** every member of your club did just as much as you are doing now;
would your club be the most active in Rotary International or would it be disappearing into obscurity?

-From a bulletin in India

ROTARY NOTES - 05/19/09

The meeting was called to order by President Mallon, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Wilhite gave the invocation, and Lori Auten introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests. Mike Smajd introduced our military guest, SSG Kimble Patterson, member of the NCO Academy 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 Puckett's book, *Words for Warriors*.

President Mallon recognized Bryan Stone, fellow club member and owner of Columbus Gourmet, Inc., for winning the National Small Business of the Year from the Small Business Council of America. Congratulations, Bryan!

George Jeter announced that Harold Bryant is the newest Paul Harris member. George presented Harold with a Paul Harris pin and certificate. President Mallon then announced that we will hold our regular meeting on June 10th at the National Infantry Museum and a head count is needed. He asked that everyone please sign the roster placed at each table to let Mary know to reserve a seat at the museum. There will also be a sign in sheet at the Trade Center for anyone who cannot come to the museum.

Next in order was the introduction of the head table by President Mallon. Joining him today were Don Wilhite, Lamar Powers, Tommy Boyter, Greg Camp, and John Stacy. John introduced Col. Ralph Puckett, who brought us the program, 2009 Best Ranger Competition.

We were honored today to have with us the first, third, and fifth place teams in this year's Best Ranger Competition. Top honors and Best Ranger title went to SFC Blake Simms and SFC Chad Stackpole, both from 4th Ranger Training Battalion, Ranger Training Brigade. SFC Simms is from Columbus and joined the army in 1999. As he described what it took to win this difficult competition, he gave the credit to God and his partner, SFC Stackpole. SFC Stackpole echoed the sentiments of his winning partner, adding incredible details about the process through which team qualified and trained for the competition. After the Christmas holidays, teams began training in earnest by running, swimming, rock climbing and weight lifting, often training six days per week.

Placing third in this year's Best Ranger competition were SGT Jesse Collins and SGT Michael Malchow, 75th Rgr Rgt. SGT Collins is from the 1/75 Rgr Rgt, and SGT Malchow is from the 3/75 Rgr. Rgt. SGT Malchow shared with us his perspective on how they "trained up" for the competition, stating that despite the intense training and preparation,

there were times during the actual competition when "everything hurt" and the highlight of the day was the map check because it meant they could stop for a few minutes.

In fifth place were SSG Miguel Antia and SSG Michael Mutchie of the 4th Ranger Training Battalion, Ranger Training Brigade. SSG Antia talked about the 500 miles of training that went into his team's preparation, but despite their incredible fitness level, they were fighting fatigue, both physical and mental. SSG Antia explained that the turning point of the event came in the middle of the night when they were so tired and weary. Almost at the point of complete exhaustion, they came upon Col. Puckett cheering them on, and it was at that point, SSG Antia said, that he and his partner knew they could keep going and dig a little deeper. They did, and the results speak for themselves.

Congratulations to all of the Best Ranger teams!

-Lori Auten

HISTORY OF THE MONTH HOUSTON

Each month RGHF will select an example of Rotary History, found on the internet.

The Rotary Club of Houston was founded in August of 1912 soon after newspaper executive Robert Cornell returned from an advertising convention in Dallas where he had met a member of the newly formed Minneapolis Rotary Club.

The Club's official charter was 1 November of 1912, as shown in this duplicate charter issued in August of 1931, but signed by then president Glenn C. Mead.

The new Houston club began meeting in the Mecca Cafe where club president Cornell had to hear members complain about the \$1 initiation fee and \$2 annual dues. A year later, club members and wives gathered for an evening banquet at the brand new Rice Hotel a day before its official opening. More at www.rotaryfirst100.org/clubs/cities/clubs/53houston.htm

Houston came to our attention recently when a young member of their club, Bernard Lorino, celebrated seventy-one (71) years of perfect attendance.



Wilson Camp	6/1
Ed Neal	6/1
Betsy Covington	6/2
Neal Littlejohn	6/3
Lance Duke	6/4
Jim Jordan	6/5
Dave Konze	6/5

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Tommy King
Tom Friedmann

MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (05/18)
Meets Monday 12:15
Central Activities Bldg.
Ed Adams
Joel Adams
Carol Bradshaw
Buddy Cooper
Peggy Connell
Jack Key, Jr.
Craig Reaves
Phil Scoggins

NORTH COLUMBUS (05/19)
Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
Mitch Britt
Bill Edwards
Allen Denham
Robert Granger
George Jeter
Joey Loudermilk
Ashok Kumar
John Lee
Vince Haneman
Mac Plummer
Jim Thorsen
Ricky Wright
Andy Philips

MUSCOGEE (05/21)
Meets Thursday 12:00
Green Island
Rob Doll
Peggy Connell
Patty Cardin
Thelon Hamby
Jim Thorsen

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Michael Willey
Jerry White
Virginia Peebles
Perry Alexander
Tommy King
Wayne Anthony
Ryan Clements
Alap Shah
Hugh Wilson
Hudson Garrett

**PANAMA CITY BEACH
(3/19)**

Dicky Saunders

BILOXI, MS (5/12)

Dicky Saunders

Number 49

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

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

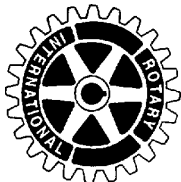
John Darr, Sheriff, Muscogee County.

Proposed by Cathy Williams.

Classification: Sheriff Muscogee County.

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 29, 2009



06/03/2009