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## EDITORIAL FOR JUNE 24, 2009

### Never Too Young or Too Old

Ted Williams, at age 42,  
slammed a home run  
in his last official time at bat.

Mickey Mantle, age 20,  
hits 23 home runs  
his first full year  
in the major leagues.

Golda Meir was 71 when  
she became Prime Minister  
of Israel.

William Pitt was 24  
when he became  
Prime Minister of  
Great Britain.

George Bernard Shaw was 94  
when one of his plays  
was first produced.

Mozart was just seven  
when his first composition  
was published.

Now, how about this?  
Benjamin Franklin  
was a newspaper columnist  
at 16  
and a framer of The United  
States Constitution  
when he was 81.

You're never too young  
or too old  
if you've got talent.  
Let's recognize  
that age has little to do  
with ability.

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## ROTARY NOTES - 06/10/09

The meeting was called to order by President Mallon, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Joey Loudermilk gave the invocation. Tommy Boyter introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Michael Herndon had the distinct pleasure of introducing our military guest from Fort Benning, PFC Courtney Berry, who is a member of the 11th Engineering Battalion.

At the head table was Joey Loudermilk, Jerry Newman, President Mallon, Ken Leuer, Sam Wetzel, and Ralph Puckett. Mr. Puckett introduced our speaker, Mr. Sam Wetzel.

Lt. Gen. Sam Wetzel spoke about his knowledge of Iran's current nuclear threat. He said he first became interested in Iran when he had the opportunity to escort one of the Shah's daughters years ago while he was attending West Point.

The General reminded us that Ayatollah Khomeini returned on February 1, 1979 and a few days later had all the Generals and Admirals executed. This, Wetzel says, was the beginning of terrorism as we know it.

Wetzel says that Iran has been working to build a nuclear weapon for the last 20 years. He adds that once they develop the weapon they will be more capable of reaching Israel or Europe because they already possess SS6 missiles. He says, "We can not let this happen... Israel is tired of waiting." "Some say sanctions" but "you do not negotiate with terrorism" according to Wetzel.

The General believes the best solution for the country would be another revolution along with a naval blockage keeping all products from entering and leaving the country. He closed by saying, "time is running out to put the genie back in the bottle."

President Mallon thanked General Wetzel for his military, business and community service. He then rang the bell.

Meeting Adjourned,

Drew Rhodes

## ANYTHING FOR ONE DAY

We can do anything for one day. So just for today let us be unafraid of life, unafraid of death which is the shadow of life; unafraid to be happy, to enjoy the beautiful, to believe the best.

Just for today let us live one day only, forgetting yesterday and tomorrow, and not trying to solve the whole problem of life at once.

Joseph Fort Newton

## ROTARY IS VARIETY

What is Rotary? Each Rotarian has his/her own interpretation of the answer to this most worthwhile question. I like the following expression by Harry A. Stewart, General Secretary, in August of 1976.

"In the home, it is kindness; in business it is honesty; in society it is courtesy; in play it is fairness; in the Club it is cooperation and fellowship; in the community it is service. In International relations it is sympathetic understanding and goodwill. Toward the fortunate it is congratulations; toward the unfortunate it is compassion; toward the weak it is help; toward God, it is reverence and love. Rotary is the talents of experts working in harmony for the betterment of mankind."

## WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID

"Rotary was born of the spirit of tolerance, goodwill and service, all qualities which characterized New England folks of my boyhood days, and I have tried to interpret, so far as lies within me, that faith to other men."

Paul P. Harris

"My Road to Rotary."

What might Paul Harris say to us today of tolerance, goodwill and service?

Rotarians, so strong in their belief of goodwill, peace and understanding have historically supported tolerance, goodwill and service.

Certainly no time in our 100 years has tolerance been more needed throughout the world? Paul Harris might remind us that tolerance begins in our clubs. He might say that it is the subtle tolerance of ideas and expression in our own gatherings and outward in our community where we as Rotarians can have the greatest impact. He would be proud of our Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchanges and the Rotary World Peace Centers and the worldwide support of the Annual Programs Fund (supported by Rotarians) that makes these projects – reality.

Dr. Edward Eddie Blender

## REAGAN QUOTES

"Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book"

"No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is as formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."



Rudy Boyd

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Jerry White  
Tom Titus  
Bunky Pease

**MAKE-UPS**

**PHENIX CITY (06/08)**  
**Meets Monday 12:15**  
**Central Activities Bldg.**  
Debbie Caballero  
Patty Cardin  
Alan Feagin  
Charlie Johnson  
Phil Swift  
Dick McMichael

**NORTH COLUMBUS  
(06/09)**  
**Meets Tuesday 12:30**  
**Green Island**  
Jimmy Coppage

**MUSCOGEE (06/11)**  
**Meets Thursday 12:00**  
**Green Island**  
None

**JAX OCEANSIDE  
(5/5,5/12,5/19,5/26, 6/2)**  
Phil Swift

**HARRIS CO. (6/10)**  
Bill Smith

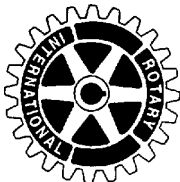
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**A CREDIT TO ROTARY**

One of the nicer things about going to Rotary on Wednesday, is to see our good Rotarian Bob Offer standing by the door. Bob shakes the hand of every person attending our weekly meetings. And, he always has a big genuine smile. The Rote-A-Bit "Salutes" you, Bob. We thank you for your dedication to Rotary.

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