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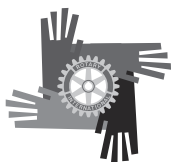
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EDITORIAL FOR JULY 15, 2009

Fellow Rotarians:

Thank you for the Honor of serving this year as your president. This is a great club with a rich history. We should all feel privileged to have been invited to be a part of such a great service organization. Rotary serves the world and the home front. Our club founded in 1915 has a rich history of service and support of Rotary International. As one of the largest Rotary Clubs in RI we hold a special place because of our generosity and support of the Rotary Foundation and its programs.

This year I hope that every member of the Rotary Club of Columbus will commit to becoming a Rotarian. It has been said that when you discover the meaning of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" that you move from being a member of the Rotary Club to being a Rotarian. Many of us find that this is a journey that takes some time while others discover it much sooner. I know that it took me some time to realize the difference.

One of our goals this year is to finally reach 100% Paul Harris club status. This means that every member participates in giving regularly to the Rotary Foundation with a goal of giving \$1,000. If you have not done so, I hope that you will join with the 92% of the Rotarians in the club in achieving this goal.

I want this year to be enjoyable and informative. To that end we are making every effort to bring you an interesting lineup of speakers and keep the meetings moving along in an efficient and timely manner.

Your input and counsel is valued and appreciated. Please let me know your ideas for improvement.

Again, it is an honor to serve the club as president and I look forward to a great year with you.

Bob Jones

ROTARY NOTES - 06/30/09

The meeting was called to order by President Mallon, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roy Plummer gave the invocation, and no other than Sam Rawls himself introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests. Dave Konze introduced our military guest, SSG Corawn McCree, member of the Ranger Training Brigade at Ft. Benning. SSG McCree, in addition to receiving a commemorative coin and gift certificate to the Cannon Brew Pub, received a copy of Col (Ret) Ralph Puckett's book, *Word for Warriors*.

The day was a celebration for President Mallon, who looked back upon a year full of fun, hard work and many successes. After thanking Mary Reed, Shirley Gillespie, Julia Lumpkin (2008-2009) program chair, board members, and committee members, he enthusiastically handed over the gavel to our new club president, Bob Jones. President Bob thanked Past President Mallon for his successful year and presented him with the Rotary banners for the 2008-09 year. President Bob then addressed the group asking all members for their continued support of the club. The Rotary Foundation has done phenomenal work around the world, particularly in eradicating Polio, and this work is possible through members' financial support. He highlighted one of his goals for the 2009-10 year is to reach 100% participation in the Paul Harris Society. We are currently at 92% participation and President Bob encouraged us to push for 100%.

Next, President Bob introduced our distinguished Past Presidents. Below is a list of those exceptional individuals who have led our club over the years. After the introductions of the Past Presidents, President Bob dismissed the group at 12:50 p.m.

-Lori Auten

PAST PRESIDENTS

Rupert Triplitt 1954-55
Billy Key 1965-66
Wilson Camp 1973-74
Jake Riley 1974-75
Jack Key, Jr. 1976-77
Ed Neal 1979-80
Bubber Gross 1980-81
Bunky Pease 1984-85
Otis Burnham 1985-86
Tom King 1987-88
Michael Herndon 1989-90
Brown Nicholson 1990-91
Robert George 1991-92
Frank Brown 1992-93
Bill Smith 1993-94
Tom Flowers 1994-95
Ben Williams 1995-96
Dan Parker 1996-97
Jack Key III 1997-98
Ron Mullins 1999-2000
Philip Schley 2000-01
Cecil Cheves 2001-02
Joey Loudermilk 2002-03
Carole Rutland 2003-04
George Flowers 2004-05
Ed Sprouse 2005-06
Tripp Wade 2006-07
Carmen Cavezza 2007-08
Mallon Faircloth 2008-09

PAST PRESIDENTS NOT PRESENT

George Trussell 1975-76
Lovick Corn 1977-78
Mat Swift 1983-84
Billy Cunningham 1988-89
Ron King 1998-99

PAST PRESIDENTS OF OTHER ROTARY CLUBS

Andy Speed 1955-56 - Augusta
Tracy Fisher 1981-82 - East Columbus
Lamar Powers 1981-82 - Phenix City
Jim Laycock 1990-91 - Ellijay 1995-96 - Tifton
Larry King 1991-92 - East Columbus
Larry Cardin 1994-95 - Phenix City
Harold Bryant 1997-98 - East Columbus
Mike Venable 1999-2000 - Phenix City
Leo Goodsell 2003-04 - Berrien Springs, Eau Claire, MI

WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

The pledge of allegiance to the American flag is neither an old verse nor one composed by the Republic's founding fathers. It was written especially for children in the summer of 1892, to commemorate that year's celebration of Columbus Day in public schools throughout the country.

The pledge's first appearance in print was on September 8th, 1892 in "The Youth's Companion." It is estimated that more than ten million American schoolchildren recited it that Columbus Day. In its original form, it read: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Its author Francis Bellamy of Rome, New York and an editor of "The Youth Companion" had intended his verse to be a one-time recitation, but its immediate popularity among the nation's schoolchildren and teachers transformed it into an annual Columbus Day tradition, then into daily classroom ritual. Since its debut, Bellamy's pledge has undergone two alterations. In 1923, the United States Flag Association replaced the phrase "my flag" with the more explicitly patriotic "the Flag of the United States of America." And in 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill that introduced a religious note to the pledge, with the addition of the words "Under God."

THE ADVANTAGES OF INTERACT

Consider the many good reasons we could have for sponsoring an Interact club:
The satisfaction of working closely with young people;
The opportunity to guide them and develop their sense of civic responsibility;
The reward of experiencing their limitless energy and unbounded enthusiasm;
The pleasure of having a junior "partner in service"
Interact offers something not only for young people and our community, which will benefit from its projects, but it offers something for us as well. One of our goals this Rotary year is to sponsor an Interact Club at Northside High School.

WHY JOIN ROTARY?

“For those who want to feel connected, Rotary helps give us a sense of community. For those wishing they could expand their business contacts, Rotary offers unbeatable networking opportunities. For those who are lonely, it is a wellspring of friendship and support. For those on the fast track, it provides tools and opportunities to help you become a better leader. For those who love to travel, it’s like pulling into a strange town almost anywhere on earth and finding the welcome light illuminated on the front porch.”

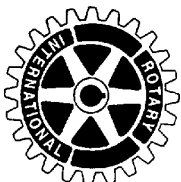
THE FIRST FOUR

The formative Rotary meetings included the “First Four”: Gus Loehr, a mining engineer; Hiram Shorey, a tailor; Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer; and Paul Harris, a lawyer. In 1905, the first officers of the first Rotary club were: Paul Harris, founder; Silvester Schiele, president; William Jensen, secretary; and Harry Ruggles, treasurer. Of the “First Four,” only one because president of R.L. - Paul Harris



Ed Sprouse	7/11
Beth Parsons	7/15
Chuck McClure	7/15
Meridith Jarrell	7/17

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MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (06/29)

**Meets Monday 12:15
Central Activities Bldg.**

Cecil Cheves
Leonard Crain
Richard Davis

NORTH COLUMBUS

**(06/30)
Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island**

Newt Aaron
Lori Auten
Elizabeth Barker
Sharon Borger
Perry Borom
Valerie Canepa
Patty Cardin
Larry Cardin
Ryan Clements
Peggy Connell
Jimmy Coppage
Jim Crosse
Edgar Chancellor
Billy Cunningham
Don Dakin
Richard Davis
Allen Denham
Dickie Edge
Alan Feagin
Tom Flowers
Tracy Fisher
Al Gaston
Mike Gaymon
Tom Gates
Thelon Hamby
Linda Hadley
Mike Helms
Madden Hatcher
Michael Holbrook
Audrey Hollingsworth
Isaiah Hugley
Richard Illges
Meridith Jarrell
Charlie Johnson
Dexter Jordan
Jim Jordan
Jack Key III
Ashok Kumar
Blake Lane
Kayron Laska
Joey Loudermilk

Jack Lowe
Buddy Martin
Colin Martin
Frank Morast
Warner Neal
Roy Reese
Carl Rhodes
Reggie Richards
John Richards
Carole Rutland
Joe Sandri
Ben Saunders
Dicky Saunders
Tracy Sayers
Phil Scoggins
Jerry Scott
John Sheftall
Guy Sims
Sally Sinclair
Barbara Smith
James Snead
Mat Swift
Melissa Thomas
Jim Thorsen
Andy Waddell
Billy White
Jerry White
Kevin Wilkerson
Cathy Williams
Len Williams
Michael Willey
Mike Wooldridge

MUSCOGEE (07/2)

**Meets Thursday 12:00
Green Island**

None

Clayton, GA (05/21)

Roy Reese

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Joe Sandri
Rich Martindale
Tommy King
Bill Heard III
Lance Duke
Perry Alexander
Harry Walker