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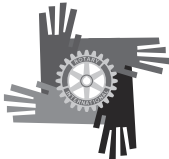
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EDITORIAL FOR JULY 29, 2009

SOME ROTARY "FIRSTS"

- The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905.
- The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909.
- The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of the United States was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of North America was chartered in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911.
- The first Rotary club in a non-English-speaking country was in Havana, Cuba, in 1916.
(Columbus was chartered the same year!)
- The first Rotary club in South America was chartered in Montevideo, Uruguay in 1918.
- The first Rotary club in Asia was chartered in Manila, Philippines, in 1919.
- The first Rotary club in Africa was chartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1921.
- The first Rotary club in Australia was chartered in Melbourne in 1921.

ROTARY NOTES - 07/15/09

President Bob welcomed us today and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Jimmy Elder gave our invocation. Phil Scoggins presented the news and Colin Martin introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests. Dick Nurnberg introduced our Military Guest, SSG Allan Alexander of the 199th Infantry Brigade.

Greg Camp introduced our Speaker today, Ms. Maryland Ashmore. Ms. Ashmore spoke on behalf of the Museum of Aviation, in Warner Robins Ga. She is currently the head of the Museum's Capital Campaign Department.

The Museum was founded in 1984, Ms. Ashmore explained, and is the second largest museum in the U.S. Air Force with over 100 aircraft, missiles, and cockpits. The Museum has over 5 expansive climate controlled buildings that house the exhibits; a third of the exhibits are outdoors (which requires a lot of anti-corrosion efforts).

Ms. Ashmore noted that the Museum has been accredited by the American Association of Museums, one of only nine aviation museums to receive such an honor. The Museum has received many awards throughout its 25-year history, but one recent award was the Georgia Magazine Reader's Choice Award as the Favorite State Museum.

The Museum can boast about a lot things, but is most known for the number of education programs that they orchestrate and the fantastic exhibits on display. Ms. Ashmore talked of numerous classes taught on site from grades Pre-K through high school. One in particular that is popular is the Air Traffic Controller Training Center that teaches 6th graders lots of details about this exciting occupation to see if they may want to pursue it in the future. The Museum also hosts a Science Fair where over 663 projects were on display.

The exhibits are what bring the crowds and Ms. Ashmore talked about several that are showstoppers. The Thunderbird Exhibit opened in May 2009, and a WWII exhibit opened in 2008 that features the B-29. The Hangar One Exhibit houses several Vietnam era aircraft and helicopters, and the P-40 "Warhawk" is also featured, which is what Brigadier General Robert L. Scott, Jr. flew in China in WWII. Several exhibits feature the invasion of Normandy, and these

have even won recent awards. There are many more to see and enjoy.

Here is my favorite part of Ms. Ashmore's presentation; **ADMISSION IS FREE!**

Walter Calhoun

CAN YOU HELP?

For the third year in a row, The Rotary Club of Columbus is sponsoring the Dictionary Project through the Literacy Alliance. The Dictionary Project provides dictionaries for all 3rd graders (about 3,000) in Muscogee County Public Schools and Ft. Benning Schools.

Volunteers are needed **Friday, July 31st from 10:30am - 1:30pm** to help with labeling, sorting and packing dictionaries to get ready for the distribution to the schools. Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to Lori Auten at lauten@georgiasbdc.org or 706-577-4511, if you can help. You do not have to commit to the entire three hours - any amount of time you can volunteer is great.

SO THEY SAY

"We must appraise Rotary from the part it has or does or can play in the relationship of life; for no organization has the right to take a persons time unless it lifts that persons life."

Richard Evans, Past President of R.I.

"Success in Rotary isn't found by sifting the ashes of the past but by being the first to explore and cultivate the fertile fields of the future."

Dan Reed, Past District Governor

"It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy that makes happiness."

"Hank" Elliott, Past President North DeKalb Rotary

"Fame is what you have taken. Character is what you give."

Ray Dunahoo, Past President North DeKalb Rotary



Alan Feagin	7/27
Lee Brantley	7/28
Rich Martindale	7/28
Tyler Townsend	7/29
Mark Overby	7/30
Tom Gates	7/31
Michael Willey	7/31

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TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

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NORTH COLUMBUS (07/14)
Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
Bill Feighner
Tracy Fisher
Bill Edwards
Tom Titus
Reggie Richards
Virginia Peebles

MUSCOGEE (07/16)
Meets Thursday 12:00
Green Island
Vince Haneman
Claudia Muller

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

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

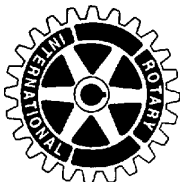
Don E. Sharitt ,Development Director for Historic Westville.
Proposed by Leo Goodsell .
Classification Historic Preservation.

Jennifer Marie Newman, Market Manager, Clear Channel Radio
Proposed by Colin Martin.
Classification Media- Radio Management

If no written objection to these proposals are received by the Board within ten (10) days stating reason, they shall be considered elected to membership.

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