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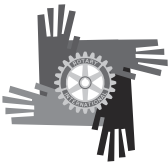
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## EDITORIAL FOR AUGUST 12, 2009

### *Some Good Men*

I was at Barnes & Noble recently and had a positive experience that had nothing to do with my shopping - although I do love those special member discounts on best-sellers. A young man around 10-11 years old was walking out ahead of me. When this young gentleman saw me, he stepped back, held the door for me and allowed me to exit first. As he began to leave, he noticed another woman headed toward the door and again stepped back and held the door for her to exit first.

Imagine my surprise at witnessing not one, but two, displays of what once was called "common courtesy" but has become all too uncommon in today's society. He displayed this courtesy well out of sight of his mother, so he did not do it to score points, although ultimately he did score those points when I complimented his mother on her son's lovely manners. He did it because mom and dad are bringing him up with a respect for others.

Our theme this year is "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands." The future of our society also is in our hands, and this young man's parents are to be commended for helping build that future through their children. Likewise, I commend the parents of all the other fine young people I have encountered this year - the STAR students we honored at our club a number of months ago, the students I met while judging Page One awards, and the young people who served as teen volunteers for Columbus Regional this summer.

My young friend at the bookstore and others like him are great examples of what is right in our community and our society. I only hope to see them introduced as new members of the Rotary Club of Columbus several years from now. If so, we will know the future of our club is also in good hands.

-Marion Scott

# ROTARY NOTES - 07/29/09

The meeting was called to order by President Bob, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Patty Cardin gave the invocation.

Terri Parodi introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests, Mike Smajd introduced our military guest Sgt. Michele Cockerham.

President Bob introduced the head table: Patty Cardin, Julius Hunter, Jim Wetherington, Mike Gaymon and Richard Bishop. Mike Gaymon introduced our speaker Mayor Jim Wetherington.

Mayor Wetherington gave an update on the state of the city. While the economic picture for the country as a whole is not good, we in Columbus have a lot to point to that shows we're not standing still, but are moving ahead to bring good things to our city. For many months now, we've been hearing about the expansion at Ft. Benning in anticipation of the move of the Armor School from Fort Knox. Right now there is construction going on all over the post. There is a \$3.5 billion capital investment in various facilities at Fort Benning, including a new headquarters building, and training facilities of all kinds, as the army gets ready to open the Maneuver Center of Excellence. It won't be too much longer until we'll have a new entrance to post on I-185 that will be another gateway project that will include flags and a statue of the Infantryman and one of the Armor soldier.

There is the possibility that when the new Martin Army Hospital is built, we will have the opportunity to establish a VA clinic in the old building to serve the thousands of veterans who live in our region. Mayor Wetherington also bragged about the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center at Patriot Park. General White tells me that since its opening last month, June 19, there have been over 50,000 visitors to the museum. This includes many out of towners here for the graduation of the basic training classes. If you have not taken the opportunity to visit the museum, he urged all to do that.

We also received an economic shot in the arm when NCR announced that it would be opening a manufacturing plant in Columbus to manufacture ATM machines. This didn't just happen, of course. The Development Authority, under the guidance of its chair, Dick Ellis, and the Executive Vice President for Economic Development of the Chamber, Becca Hardin, worked for several months to bring these 870 jobs to our community. Let me tell you about these jobs. This manufacturing plant is the first plant NCR has opened in the United States in 35 years, so these jobs are brand new jobs. These are not jobs that will be moving from Ohio. The salary for these jobs will range from about \$35,000 a year to \$70,000 a year for an annual payroll close to \$40 million. That much money injected into our local economy will, in turn, bring other jobs - bankers, car mechanics, insurance salesmen, cooks, waiters and waitresses, and other positions that provide services to the community. This is a great investment in Columbus by NCR, and we welcome this new company to town.

The Mayor spoke of another exciting proposal that's on the drawing board, that when it happens, will bring tourists and their pocketbooks to Columbus. There is a group of business people who are working to develop a whitewater

course through downtown Columbus. The Army Corps of Engineers has said that this effort will restore the Chattahoochee to its more natural state, and will bring back the fish and plants that once were plentiful around the area. By breaching two dams - the Eagle and Phenix Dam and the City Mills Dam - we can have 2.4 miles of whitewater that will draw canoeist and kayakers from around the country to experience the Chattahoochee. The statistics say that for every one person in the water, there will be ten people on shore watching. We hope to develop pedestrian bridges (such as the 14th St Bridge) that will give spectators the opportunity to watch these water enthusiast. This is one more piece of the economic development picture that we are working on as a public-private partnership.

At the conclusion of the Mayor's speech, President Bob thanked him for his presentation and rang the bell.

Meeting Adjourned.

-Mark Overby

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

### MAY

Tom Gates	2	Marc Calhoun	11
Betsy Covington	5	Tommy Boyter	12
Tom Titus	5	Chuck McClure	12
Rob Doll	7	Don Wilhite	13
Julius Hunter	7	James Snead	15
Isaiah Hugley	7	John Kelly	16
Jim Wink	9	Buddy Martin	24
Leonard Crain	9	Jerry Rothschild	25
		Jerry Scott	25

### JUNE

Elizabeth Barker	1	Jim Ballengee	13
Joe Robbins	2	George Flowers	15
Larry King	2	Jimmy Coppage	16
Marion Scott	4	Ron King	18
Lynne Taylor	4	Phil Scoggins	19
Barbara Smith	6	Tony Wright	20
Lamar Johnson	6	John Richards	20
Johnny Johnson	6	Michael Herndon	22
Allen Denham	12		

### JULY

Jim Laycock	2	Ashok Kumar	14
Harold Bryant	4	Mike Smajd	14
John Flory	4	Harry Walker	19
Lance Duke	6	Joe McClure	25
Debbie Caballero	9	Dan Kosobucki	25
Frank Morast	9	Ed Adams	28
Joe Sandri	13		



John Lee	8/8
Mark Lupo	8/8
Mat Swift	8/11
Phil Swift	8/11
Philip Adams, Jr.	8/12
Ken Leuer	8/13
Locick Corn	8/14
Stan Keene	8/14

# MAKE-UPS

**PHENIX CITY (07/27)**  
**Meets Monday 12:15**  
 Central Activities Bldg.  
 Ed Adams  
 Rick Alexander  
 Joel Ames  
 Jamie Hempstead  
 Virginia Holman  
 Jack Key, Jr.  
 Joe Robbins  
 Jerry Scott

**NORTH COLUMBUS (07/28)**  
**Meets Tuesday 12:30**  
**Green Island**  
 Rick Alexander  
 Jim Crosse  
 Allen Denham  
 Jimmy Coppage  
 Lamar Johnson  
 Jim Martin  
 Bob Jones  
 Marion Scott  
 Mike Smajd

**MUSCOGEE (07/30)**  
**Meets Thursday 12:00**  
**Green Island**

None

**OCEANSIDE - JAX (7/7, 7/14, 7/21)**

Phil Swift

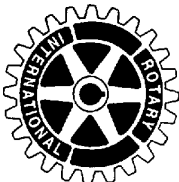
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 Drew Rhodes  
 Neal McCrillis  
 Mike Venable  
 Greg Camp  
 Sharon Borger  
 Cathy Williams  
 John Flory  
 Marc Reid  
 Don Campbell  
 Charles McCall  
 Joe Zanga  
 Norman Drummond

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**ROTARY CLUB OF COLUMBUS, GA**  
**REPORT ON CLUB FINANCES**  
 June 30, 2009

<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in Banks		\$ 149,083.60
Accounts Receivable		6,624.33
Total		<u>155,707.93</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payroll Taxes		1,252.93
Designated for:		7,109.73
Feed the Hungry		9,788.25
Children's Fund		1,294.00
Paul Harris & Will Warr Funds		4,000.00
World Service Project - India		547.00
Rotary Football		100.00
Books - Military Guests		24,091.91
Total Liabilities and Designated		<u>54,000.00</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$ 131,616.02</b>
<b>Income and Expenditures</b>		
<b>Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2009</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Dues, Meals, Initiations Fees and other		\$ 281,043.24
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Cost of Meals	\$ 132,944.21	
Salaries and Payroll Taxes	47,244.81	
Health Insurance	4,086.30	
Club & District Assemblies	1,190.39	
District and International Dues	35,645.25	
Rotary A-Bit	5,782.27	
Office Expense	5,699.11	
Website	89.49	
Director's Meals	3,160.83	
Rosters	3,603.75	
Rotary International Convention	5,000.00	
Programs	2,462.33	
Special Events	304.24	
District Conference	2,921.49	
Committee Expense	2,091.76	
Liability and Director's Insurance	1,420.20	
Projects Supported:		
Aids Education	2,828.20	
Local Service Projects-2nd Chance Grant	2,405.00	
World Service Project	2,000.00	
Literacy Projects	5,059.37	
District Simplified Grant	1,000.00	
Star Student	1,491.28	
Dan Reed/Mary Reed Award	402.61	
Other Expenditures	1,869.12	
Total Expenditures (*)		<u>270,702.01</u>
<b>Excess (Income) Over Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 10,341.23</b>



08/12/2009

\* Does not include \$3,038 paid to Easter Seals, \$3,038 paid to Anne Elizabeth Shepard Home and \$3,038 paid to Children's Miracle Network from Children's Fund.  
 \* Does not include \$6,900 paid to various programs from Feed the Hungry Fund.