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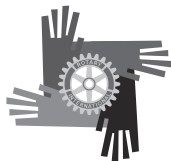
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THINK BIG COLUMBUS

The architect of Chicago's first World's Fair, Daniel Burnham, once said *"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood, and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in home and work."* On more than one occasion these words have been used as the Chicago rallying cry. Paul Harris referred to them in his 1935 publication "This Rotarian Age" when he described the atmosphere and plight of the beleaguered city that was to become the birthplace of Rotary International.

You can look all over Columbus and see this challenge being played out. Making big plans is what led to Columbus being named the 4th best place to raise a family. Beginning with the consolidation of our city/county government to today's proactive approach to dealing with our challenges, Columbus has risen to the occasion and has come to exemplify this "call to arms."

Thinking big in Columbus has led to the development of one of the finest arts communities anywhere; an education commitment that has led to some of the best schools in the state and country; and a vibrant downtown that is the envy of many. Thinking big is what will continue to lead us to become the safest city in the United States and ultimately will bring water sports to our riverfront.

Thinking big launched Rotary International and we must continue to think big in Columbus. Daniel Burnham also reminded us that our children and grandchildren "are going to do things that would stagger us." Just imagine what is yet to come in Columbus if we keep thinking, and dreaming, BIG!

-Cathy Williams

ROTARY NOTES - 08/05/09

The meeting was called to order by President Bob, who then led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Rotarians had a moment of silence for Jake Riley, fellow Rotarian. Carole Rutland gave the invocation followed by the news of the day with Phil Scoggins.

Colin Martin introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs, as well as, member guests. Greg Camp introduced our military guest, Sgt. Fred Gray. Sgt. Gray is a member of the Army Marksmanship Unit. He has been in the Army six years and is a trainer, coach, and shooter. Sgt. Gray received a Rotary commemorative coin and a book, Words for Warriors, by Ralph Puckett.

Mike Gaymon introduced new member, Mike Ferriter, Commanding General at Ft. Benning. Mike is married and has four children. Colin Martin introduced new member Jennifer Newman. Jennifer is the General Manager of Clear Channel Communication. She is married and has one son.

George Flowers recognized Blake Lane as a Paul Harris Fellow.

President Bob introduced the head table: Carole Rutland, Marquette McKnight, Joey Loudermilk, Lynn Westmoreland, and Jerry Newman.

Jerry Newman introduced the speaker, US Congressman Lynn Westmoreland. Congressman Westmoreland took office in 2005, serves on three House committees (Transportation and Infrastructure, Small Business, and Oversight and Government Reform), is married and has three children.

Congressman Westmoreland began his presentation by thanking the service men for protecting our country and families. He said that the public needs to watch the news at least two times a day to keep up with events. He expressed concern that the Trade Bill that passed by one vote would cost the country jobs. For every green initiative 2.5 jobs are lost. Congressman Westmoreland expressed the need to slow down on the health care initiative. The health care initiative will cost \$1.4 trillion. A trillion is hard to grasp. A trillion seconds equals 32,078 years. Congress passed the Pay as You Go (PAYGO) budgeting rules that require any expenses that Congress approves to be offset by equal or greater gains in surplus elsewhere, but the rules can be waived on any bill that comes to the floor. The Highway Trust Fund was nearly out of money and Congress funded \$185 billion in 40 minutes. President Obama promised not to raise taxes on the middle class. The country effectively ran out of money on April 25, 2009, and the country is using borrowed money to run the government. China has questioned the US's ability to pay back the money. The health care reform bill must address the rising cost of medical malpractice and place a cap on rewards so doctors will not have to practice defensive medicine. Health care reform must include rewards for businesses for having health insurance and allowing individuals to purchase health insurance across state lines. The current amount of people that are uninsured is 40 million and the passage of health care reform would still have about 30 million uninsured. Congress will have to cut Medicare \$5 million to pay for the new health care bill and create 38 new government agencies. They are

working on a proposal for health care for people that want it. Congressman Westmoreland urged the public to be involved, pay attention and hold Congress accountable. He said he would not vote for a bill unless he has time to read the entire bill. If the President took four months to pick out a puppy, then Congress needs at least four months to pick a health care plan.

President Bob presented a pen to Congressman Westmoreland for his presentation to the Rotary. President

Bob re-welcomed our visiting Rotarians and guests.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59.

-Peggy Connell

RYLA

The students of the Columbus high schools thank this Rotary Club for the support of the RYLA program. In June we sponsored 9 students to the annual leadership program held in Americus, Georgia. Feedback from the students will come this fall when we will have an opportunity to talk to them directly and get their impressions of the effort. Again this year, Rob Doll has made it possible by providing the transportation and the drivers to take the students down and bring them back. New member Madden Hatcher, joined Rob by providing his SUV. We are grateful for all the willing support that makes our job so much easier.

-Gary Gullatte and Vince Haneman

BY THE NUMBERS

1,221,888	Rotarians Worldwide
531	Rotary Districts
33,334	Rotary Clubs
11,920	Interest Clubs
274,160	Interact Members

CORRECTIONS TO THE 2009-10 DIRECTORY

p.5 add Sharon Lyon 9 years perfect attendance

p.9 add Will Watt Sustainer to Ian Bond

p.12 correct Bo Callaway address to 453 Spring Harbor Drive 31904

p. 27 correct Billy Key home address to 26 Spring Harbor Circle

p.58 add Ian Bond as a Will Watt Sustainer

Please let Mary or Shirley know if there are any other corrections

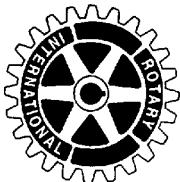


Michael Holbrook	8/15
Jim Ballengee	8/18
Michael Silverstein	8/19
Jack Pezold	8/20
Mary Reed	8/20

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Tyler Townsend
Michael Willey
Don Dakin

Number
8



MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (08/03)
Meets Monday 12:15
Central Activities Bldg.
Art Chriss
Dexter Jordan
Joe Lucas
Buddy Martin

NORTH COLUMBUS (08/04)
Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
Perry Alexander
George Flowers
Gary Gullatte
Karen Laska
Buddy Martin
Marc Reid
Joe Robbins
Marion Scott
Sally Sinclair
James Snead
Neal Wickham
Ricky Wright

MUSCOGEE (08/06)
Meets Thursday 12:00
Green Island
Dickie Edge

HARRIS COUNTY(08/05)
Bill Smith
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Carl Rhodes
Ken Crooks
Ed Sprouse
Al Hayes
Jerry White

**PHENIX CITY CHANGES
MEETING PLACE:**

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 7, 2009

Phenix City Rotary Club will be meeting at The Quality Inn, 1700 US Hwy 280 ByPass, Phenix City

FUTURE PROGRAMS

August 26
Football Forecasters

September 2
Dave Passman - Carmike Cinemas

September 9
Mason Lampton - Steeple Chase

September 16
Aki Pampush - Economies

September 23
NO MEETING - NO MAKEUPS REQUIRED