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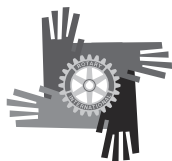
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EDITORIAL FOR AUGUST 26, 2009

Four Way Test - "Is It Fair To All Concerned?"

The Four Way Test is one of the foundations of Rotary. My Dad - a lifelong member of the Athens, Tennessee club - had a copy of it on the wall of his office in his business. He had a strong belief in these principles. So lets examine a couple of them.

Is it the TRUTH? To me there is not much to disagree about here - except in our day it seems that many times people give opinion as the truth - whether it is the news media or the internet "blogs" (I hate to say it but many times it is hard to tell the difference). Maybe I am a bit idealistic but truth is associated with facts - it's pretty much black and white. When we go to bed at night, we know if we have been truthful - as Rotarians we have a responsibility to tell the TRUTH.

"Is it FAIR to all concerned is a little tougher." I questioned the fairness of a decision a few years ago and my boss at the time said "Jim, life ain't fair". And you know he was correct. "Fair" is in the eyes of the beholder. Almost all decisions have a different result for different stakeholders. What a shareholder or owner thinks is "fair" may not be what the assembly line worker believes is "fair." What a customer thinks is "fair," may not be the same for the salesman. Our job as Rotarians is to the best of our ability make decisions that are "fair" to all concerned (the only way to know the answer is to ask them", and if agreement is not reached - delay or wait until consensus can be reached before finalizing the decision or action.

-Jim Laycock

ROTARY NOTES - 08/12/09

The meeting was called to order by President Bob, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Keith Cowart gave the invocation followed by the news of the day with Phil Scoggins.

Michael Holbrook welcomed and introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests. Selby Rollinson introduced our military guest Sergeant Tiffany James, member of the 19th Infantry Brigade. Robert Granger introduced the two GRSP Students. President Bob also thanked Ian Bond for all his work on the GRSP program.

President Bob introduced the head table. Joining him were Keith Cowart, Harold Bryant, Dick Ellis, Rob Johnston, and Gene Kemp. Mr. Kemp introduced today's speaker, Rob Johnston. Mr. Johnston is the Chairman of the PGA.

Mr. Johnston began his program with a video about the PGA Tour Championship that is held at East Lake in Atlanta. It is one of the biggest events in gold. The Championship is a part of the Fed Ex Cup and is presented by Coca-Cola. The tournament benefits Atlanta charities. The video contained several interviews of Tiger Woods and other golfers. This year's tournament will be held September 23-27.

This Championship is the conclusion of a year-long point race for the best player of the year. This is Mr. Johnston's ninth year with the championship. Jimmy Blanchard and Tom Cousins are two of the main reasons he has been involved with this event. \$1.2 million goes to the East Lake Foundation each year.

Mr. Johnston stated that at this point, the point leader is Tiger Woods. The Championship will have an extraordinary line-up this year and will certainly prove to be an exciting weekend. Tiger Woods is driving the tour. He is the most captivating personality in golf. He has 70 PGA wins at the age of 33 and 14 major wins.

Mr. Johnston ended with asking for support from Columbus through attendance at the tournament. He is also looking to develop a ticket venture with Columbus Rotary Club to encourage more Columbus participation.

President Bob thanked our military guest, visiting Rotarians, and guests.

The meeting was adjourned.
Elizabeth K. Barker

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID

August is Membership and Extension -- a time to highlight membership development and the creation of new Rotary clubs. That said, here's Paul Harris on the matter of Extensions.

"THE CREATOR must have thought well of Rotary. I was worn and weary and discouraged at times. It seemed providential when in the third year of the Chicago Club there came one who, more than all others, has labored to make the dream come true. What Rotary would have done without him no one knows. I am sure much credit has been given to me for work done by him. While Chesley B. Perry associated himself with enthusiasm in the activities of the Chicago club, it took some time for him to become interested in the extension of the movement. When he did, I found him a helpful partner.

The conversion of Ches to "World Around" Rotary came about in a peculiar way. An incoming president of the Chicago club, not being in sympathy with the "World Widens," appointed Ches chairman of the club's extension committee thinking thus to spike the guns of those in favor of the wider viewpoint which he considered irrational and visionary.

I realized the necessity of doing one of two things, either losing entirely the sympathy of the Chicago club or converting the newly appointed chairman of the extension committee to the broader viewpoint.

So it came about that I called Ches by phone one Sunday when he had ample time to talk. During the course of the interview, Ches asked me the question: "Why do you think, Paul, that the Chicago club is as nothing compared with what you have in mind?" I don't know how I answered but I considered the situation desperate and fired all of my broadsides in defense of my idea. Ches said little at the time but what he did say was enough. When I hung up the receiver, I felt convinced that I had won a friend to the cause. Shortly thereafter he and I, with the help of others, planned the formation of an association of the then existing clubs. Ches took the laboring oar in outlining and organizing the first convention of Rotary clubs." Paul P. Harris "My Road to Rotary" 1947.

www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/library/myroad/MyRoadToRotary/MRTRChapter_35.htm

There will always be the nay sayers in all organizations. Paul faced formidable opposition to extended new clubs until he gained the sympathies of one Ches Perry, a Chicago library employee www.rotaryfirst100.org/secretariat/perry/ who went on to be Rotary's secretary for 32 years.

If you're in the midst of a new Rotary project, believe in it, seek out support and remember that Rotary nearly ended in 1908 until Paul found a friend in Ches Perry.



Eddie Obleton 8/23
 Jerry Newman 8/24
 Bill Harper 8/24
 Jim Laycock 8/25
 Perrin Trotter 8/26
 Geoff Love 8/28

PHENIX CITY (08/10)

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

Ed Adams
 Rick Alexander
 Marc Calhoun
 John Cargill
 Virginia Holman
 George Jeter
 Charlie Johnson
 Geoff Love
 Buddy Martin
 Craig Reaves
 Reggie Richards
 John Sheftall
 Ed Sprouse
 Jerry White

NORTH COLUMBUS (08/11)

Meets Tuesday 12:30

Green Island

Rick Alexander
 Jim Crosse
 Lance Duke
 Bill Feighner
 Mike Gaymon
 Reggie Richards
 Marion Scott
 Lynne Taylor
 Tom Titus

MAKE-UPS

MUSCOGEE (08/13)

Meets Thursday 12:00

Green Island

Carmen Cavezza
 Colin Martin
 Dicky Saunders
 Bob Tant

HARRIS COUNTY(08/12)

Ron Mullins

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Carol Bradshaw
 Scott Ferguson
 Joe Zanga

Jack Key III

Hudson Garrett

Tom Butler

Jim Laycock

Mark Overby

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 MEETING PLACE:**

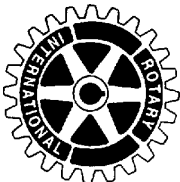
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 7, 2009

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

Meetings will still take place at 12:15p.m.

ROTARY DIRECTORY CHANGE

Johnny Johnson has 15 years perfect attendance



08/26/2009