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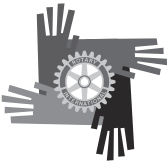
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## EDITORIAL FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2009

### *Some Things Never Change - Really.*

On the occasion of my twelfth (or was it 13th?) 39th birthday, I was asked by a ten year old girl whether I owned a cell phone when I was her age. "A cell phone?" I asked. "Honey, they weren't even invented when I was your age."

"Did you even have a fork?" she quizzed, dismayed

"Only those I carved out of fallen limbs."

Later that same week I had the opportunity to compare answers to a quiz with those born a decade or more after me. Adding entries like "letters" or "party line phones" to a list entitled "Forms of Communication" landed me squarely in the same age category as those who could read hieroglyphics.

Okay, so a lot has changed since I was ten. Heck, a lot has changed since I was forty. And at this rate, it will be the rate of change, not Alzheimer's, that will leave me searching dazedly in my own home for something that looks remotely like a telephone.

Thank goodness some things don't change. Like the comfort of true friendship, the value of truth, the balance of fairness - Rotary values, all.

So while placing a Skypeout call to India, cueing my friends on Facebook that I'm about to brush my teeth, and sharing a texted laugh with a colleague during a Monday morning meeting, I can take comfort in knowing that the things that really matter are never going to change. In the mean time, if you need to reach me, you can Tweet, text or Skype me a message, or if you must, catch me at Rotary, one of the few places you'll actually be able to talk with me in person.

Debbie Caballero

## ROTARY NOTES - 08/19/09

The meeting was called to order by President Bob who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rob Doll gave the invocation which was followed by the news of the day with Phil Scoggins.

Visiting Rotarians and guests were introduced by Elizabeth Barker. Our military guest for the day, SFC Michael Rogers, was introduced by Michael Herndon. SFC Rogers is an instructor at WHINSEC teaching explosives and contra narcotics. Originally from Brooklyn, NY, he now lives at Fort Benning with his wife and three children.

Leo Goodsell introduced a new "old" member to the club, Don Sharitt. After a brief time away, Don has rejoined the club. Don is the Development Director for Historic Westville and is married with three children.

President Bob surprised all with a special celebration of Mary Reed's 88th birthday and everyone joined in a rendition of "Happy Birthday" to Mary. Gene Kemp and Otis Pickett announced the beginning of the Rotary Football season. The goal is for the participation of 100 members and to raise \$15,000 for the Rotary Foundation. This year there is a cap of \$400 per individual participant. Gene also announced that our Rotary Club has been named as an official charity (one of 10) for the Tour Championship at East Lake in Atlanta. Our club will receive 50% of the proceeds from all our ticket sales. Contact Gene for more information. President Bob reminded all of the Rotary Foundation dinner in Atlanta on Aug. 29. You can see Bob or George Flowers to sign up. President Bob then introduced the head table: Rob Doll, Jack Pezold, Al Hayes, Mike Gaymon. Mike Gaymon introduced the day's speaker, Ron Jackson.

Ron Jackson is the Commissioner for the Technical College System of Georgia. After congratulating President Bob for the incredible job he is doing at Columbus Technical College he moved into his presentation on the need for a strong, educated work force and the part the Technical College System plays in providing that force. Jackson's presentation focused on four main topics:

1. Bragging on the work force across the state of Georgia - CNBC's recent annual survey ranked Georgia as having the #1 quality work force in the US

2. Phenomenal growth in the enrollment at technical colleges - Enrollment has increased as much as 20% as people become more aware of how you can re-tool and re-train and find good paying jobs through education at a technical school. There is also a sizable influx of younger students who are

choosing technical college because they realize it offers skills and knowledge that lead to good paying jobs in two years or less.

3. The value of a technical college education - the affordability and easy access to a quality education is why there is such growth in technical college enrollment. He presented the comparative value of a full year at a technical college (\$2100 per year avg.) with the average debt of a student after a full year at a four-year state institution (\$3300).

4. The importance of collaboration between all entities in education at all levels - The encouragement of education at the K-12 level needs to be embraced and expanded especially as it relates to dual enrollment in high school. Additionally, he stressed the importance of the articulation and transfer of courses between institutions of higher learning so that no class is wasted if a student transfers between schools.

At the conclusion of the presentation President Bob re-welcomed all guests and visitors and specifically welcomed our GRSP student, Catriona Patterson. The meeting was then adjourned.

Adelaide Kirk

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

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

Denise Walton, Senior minister South Columbus U.M.C., proposed by Buddy Cooper. Classification Clergy-Methodist

Mike Welch, City President Regions Bank, proposed by Sam Rawls. Classification - Banking- Administration

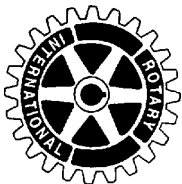
If no written objection to these proposals are received by the Board within ten (10) days stating reason, they shall be considered elected to membership.

August 29, 2009



Frank Morast	8/29
Louise Pinter	8/29
Joe Robbins	8/29
John Flory	8/29
John Deaton	8/30
Travis Chambers	8/31
Bill Edwards	8/31
Madden Hatcher	8/31
Otis Burnham	9/1
Bob Johnston	9/3
Lamar Johnson	9/4

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## MAKE-UPS

### PHENIX CITY (08/17)

**Meets Monday 12:15**

**Central Activities Bldg.**

Anthony Berger  
 Carol Bradshaw  
 Patty Cardin  
 Dick McMichael  
 Marquette McKnight  
 Phil Swift  
 Mike Venable

### CENTRAL OCEAN, NJ (8/4)

Ron Mullins

### TOM'S RIVER SUNRISE, NJ (8/6)

Ron Mullins

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Mark Overby  
 Ryan Clements  
 Chuck Hasty  
 Jerry White  
 Joel Ames  
 Joe Johnson  
 Howard Jefferson  
 Hix Myrick  
 Larry Sanders  
 Bryan Stone  
 Mat Swift  
 Ken Crooks  
 Joe McClure  
 John Flory  
 Newt Aaron

### NORTH COLUMBUS (08/18)

**Meets Tuesday 12:30**

**Green Island**

Anthony Berger  
 Mary Bode  
 Frank Brown  
 Debbie Caballero  
 Billy Cunningham  
 Scott Ferguson  
 Linda Hadley  
 Gary Gullatte  
 Dan Kosobucki  
 Jim Martin  
 Ashok Kumar  
 Craig Reaves  
 John Sheftall

### MUSCOGEE (08/13)

**Meets Thursday 12:00**

**Green Island**

Anthony Berger  
 Dickie Edge  
 Bill Edwards

## 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

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

## ROTARY DIRECTORY CHANGE

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### RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND

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 Jerry Newman  
 Paul Berry  
 Jim Ballengee  
 George Trussell