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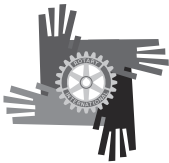
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MILITARY SUPPORT

Spending a few hours over several days with my Army chaplain brother during his recent week of preparation at Fort Benning before deployment to Iraq opened my eyes. He and several hundred other soldiers and contractors listened to lectures, completed forms, took tests, checked equipment and otherwise for service in harm's way in hot-spots all over the globe.

My brother's impending deployment changed things for me and my family, and of course, for his immediate family – now that he's in Baghdad, it's a REAL experience in our lives. We read the emails and see the pictures while listening to the news with sharper ears, especially where there is word about Iraq.

Interestingly, my brother said he wasn't particularly nervous about losing his life (we eventually had that conversation, older brother to younger brother) but he WAS nervous about his family and about being away from the United States. That struck me as odd at the time but I've come to realize that this is exactly the quandary that has faced millions of American soldiers as they've left their lives and families and all that's comfortable to them and put themselves at risk somewhere a long way from home. Their determination to do so today is the same self-less spirit that has guided so many, so far, for so long over so many generations of Americans who have fought on our nation's behalf.

These men and women truly do embody a precious hope and live their lives in a way that exemplifies their commitment to our nation and our way of life. As they set their feet down on soil thousands of miles away and enter hostile environments where death and injury are very real possibilities, it's on our behalf and in our best interests – not their own. Every soldier I see now reminds me of that living commitment and gets renewed respect from me. Their families need our support, too, and any kindness we can show them here goes a long way toward encouraging their deployed loved ones. Hopefully, you'll feel the same way and encourage any soldier or military family you see with extra support and appreciation.

-Joel Ames

ROTARY NOTES - 09/02/09

The meeting was called to order by President Bob, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Rich Martindale gave the invocation. Michael Eddings introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Dick Ellis had the distinct pleasure of introducing our military guest from Fort Benning, Specialist Jason Nance who is a member of the 14th Combat Support Hospital. He is from Utah and married but now resides in Columbus. Carolyn Marlow in a special presentation recognized Mallon Faircloth and Lamar Johnson for their outstanding leadership.

At the head table was Bob Jones, Rich Martindale, Dr. Tim Mescon, Ed Sprouse, Dr. David Rock, and Karen Laske. Mrs. Laske introduced our speaker, Dr. David Rock.

He started off by first saying he had been with the group before and this is his fourth year. His family is originally from Washington, DC and he met his wife in Orlando. His first trip to Columbus was in March 1993 for a math conference. It snowed and all the power went out that week.

Dr. Rock informed us that The College of Education and Health Professions produces about 60% of the regions teachers at Columbus State University. Clinical practice is essential for nurses and teachers so that they do the best they possibly can. CSU has just received permission to start its first Doctorate program at the college. The degree is not just for educators but for professional leaders. CSU presently has about 150 applicants. The cost of this program is about to include all the technology anyone could imagine. Next, the goal is to make sure all material and test books are in digital format. In addition, there will be a required study abroad.

In the last 3 weeks, Oxbow Meadows has been assigned to The College of Education and Health Professions. He said that they are moving forward to build an 8000 sq foot facility with past S.P.L.O.S.T. money. They are going to specialize in reptiles of the region including venomous snakes. They will also have tortoise exhibition and an outdoor alligator exhibit. He vows to make it an experience kids will never forget. Dr. Rock added that he has been overwhelmed by the number of people in the community who have called him and offered their assistance. The facility is currently closed but scheduled to reopen on September 24th.

Next, he spoke about his CSU math internet contest. There are four math problems that go up every week. You can go to the website, submit an answer, and if you get it correct, your name is posted. Currently the contest has 230 different countries participating with over 100,000 different people. Recently they have started three blogs; one for teachers, one for students, and one for everybody else. The site reportedly receives about 7 million page views per month.

Last, Dr. Rock mentioned that on August 14 they had a program called Kids to College. This year, for the first time ever, they had over 2000 fifth graders. The purpose is to get kids to experience being on a college campus. They are more likely to attend later in life.

Dr. Rock earned his undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt and finished his post graduate studies at the University of

Central Florida.

President Bob thanked Dr. Rock for his service to the community and CSU. He then rang the bell.
-Drew Rhodes

FRIENDSHIP TREES

Paul Harris planted trees "Friendship Trees" around the world. www.friendshiptrees.org tells the entire story. We just received photos of a tree he planted in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Here's what Paul Harris said about these trees:

"Upon several occasions, Boards of Rotary International have extended to us invitations to visit the Rotary clubs of other counties; such invitations we have, as a rule, accepted and we have tried to make ourselves ambassadors of good-will. With the cooperation of Rotarians and local governments, I have planted friendship trees in the parks and playgrounds on all the five continents of the world and even on some of the major islands of the seas. Our trees stood as symbols of international understanding and good-will. National and municipal governments have participated in the ceremonies incident to such plantings and monuments bearing bronze plates with appropriate inscriptions, have, in several instances, been erected. Our tree plantings are merely gestures of good-will but they are intelligible to all the citizens of the various countries whatever language they speak."

Now a modern day Rotarian is following in the Founder's footsteps.

www.ribi.org/news/articles/president-s-roots-with-founder is the story of what an RGHF member is doing. This RGHF member is the 2009/10 president of RIBI David William Fowler, England. The article reports that "David is hoping to plant a tree in each of the Rotary regions he visits throughout his year of office, following in the footsteps of the founder of Rotary Paul Harris who used to place trees during his own visits to clubs."

HOLY JOKES

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old Family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.



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PHENIX CITY (08/31)

Meets Monday 12:15
Central Activities Bldg.
Marc Calhoun
Craig Reaves
Dicky Saunders

NORTH COLUMBUS (09/01)

Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
Billy Cunningham, Jr.
John Sheftall

MUSCOGEE (09/03)

Meets Thursday 12:00
Green Island
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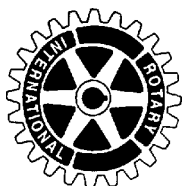
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**GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT
GROWING OLD**

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.



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