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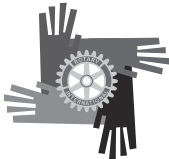
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BE PREPARED

The Novel H1N1 Flu Pandemic, 100 year flooding in the Atlanta area, foiled terrorist attack in New York, Illinois, and Texas (just within the past two weeks)... the potential for a major even affecting our area seems to increase as each day passes... How can Rotary help us get more prepared for these?

Several years ago Columbus hosted a unique Summit sponsored by the CDC Foundation and the Harvard School of Public Health, titled, Meta Leadership for Emergency Preparedness. One of the core concepts that emerged from that summit was the importance of bringing together the key leadership in the private sector, government/public safety, and non-profit organizations on a consistent basis to assist the efforts of a community to prepare and respond to major disasters, whether they are natural or manmade. The philosophy of Rotary, building weekly on the relationships within a community between the leadership in widely diverse career paths and industries proves to be a ripe environment to facilitate the three sector approach to preparedness. Each of us, as business owners, as leaders in our industry, have within our sphere of control or influence a myriad of various resources that could be brought to bear in response to a major event affecting our community or region. Have we done all that we can do to let those that might be responding know what those resources are and how soon they could be deployed? Have we met those individuals in Rotary Club that might be able to assist our business in responding to a business disruption, whether it is local or more widespread? Do we know who those key players are within our club that will be involved with the response? With the recent events in the news, with our recent speaker on H1N1 Flu preparations, now is the time to make those preparations. Unfortunately, the question is not "if" one of the events will happen, but "when." Rotary can be a valuable community network in mitigating and responding to the challenges our friends and neighbors will be facing when one of these events occur.

Mark Lupo

ROTARY NOTES - 09/30/09

The meeting was called to order by immediate Past President Mallon Faircloth, presiding for President Bob Jones. President Mallon observed there are things he wished he'd done differently during his term, so President Bob is happy to accommodate. President Mallon led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ron Mullins gave the invocation. President Mallon (jesting) said he "fired" Phil Scoggins and invited News 3's Tammy Terry to bring us the day's news.

Michael Holbrook introduced visiting Rotarians and guests of members. Visiting with member Bill Woolfolk were Robert Woolfolk and Carter Woolfolk. Meridith Jarrell introduced our military guest, SFC Eric Josephson who is a member of the 197th Infantry Brigade. A Maryland native, SFC Josephson is a Drill Sergeant stationed at Ft. Benning two years. He was presented with our Rotary commemorative coin and a copy of Col (Ret) Ralph Puckett's book, Word for Warriors.

Lee Brantley was called upon for an announcement concerning Dan Reed Day. Lee reminds us nominations are due asap. The award to a non-Rotarian in Dan Reed's name recognizes "above and beyond" service above self. President Mallon set aside Gene Kemp's football report with the comment, "All you guys can read. Well, most of you, anyway."

With distinction as to respective ends of the table, left and right, President Mallon introduced the head table. Joining him were Ron Mullins, Marvin Foster, Linda Rias and our speaker, Carlie Frederick who was introduced by Sharon Lyon.

Carlie Frederick presented today about H1N1 Flu and our community's response preparedness. Carlie teaches nursing at Columbus State and chairs Disaster Health Services for Columbus' American Red Cross Chapter. She is the National Expert on the American Red Cross' education response to Pan Flu. There are over 140 local nurses who volunteer with the Red Cross to aid in disaster response. Carlie's message is to leaders and she notes September is National Preparedness month; with encouragement that we "make a kit, make a plan, and be informed."

Carlie Frederick reports that Red Cross offers free community-wide education about H1N1 and is available to clubs, schools, residences and churches, presented by 75 senior nursing student volunteers and 60 junior level students. Typically the class is twenty minutes to an hour, with adaptable lesson plans. Of special note, the H1N1 virus can last two, to eight hours on hard surfaces. Symptoms for presence of the virus are much like other known flu episodes. We are cautioned that this strain is "not just the flu" because it is unique; not recognized by our bodies and thus having no developed immunities.

Sobering is research to show H1N1 is mutating and manifesting not only in swine and humans but also in turkeys, giving rise to renewed concerns associated with earlier outbreaks of "bird flu." There are projected to be 30,000 to 90,000 deaths globally this year stemming from H1N1, and half of the US population could be affected. 1.8 million are expected to be hospitalized; necessitating four times the capacity of most ICU's. It is also noted persons do not die from H1N1 but rather from what is known as ARDS - acute respiratory distress syndrome.

Carlie Frederick stressed the importance of sanitation awareness at home and in the workplace, as well as reasonable employment absence policies allowing for home isolation and adequate self care. Presentations can be arranged by calling the West Central GA Chapter of the American Red Cross 706-323-5614.

President Mallon thanked Carlie for the program and dismissed the meeting.

-Art Fultz

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

When I was a young man, my goal in life was to graduate from high school since no one in my family had every done so. My senior year, a student teacher trainee came to our school to complete the practicum for her teaching certificate. Her first day in class she asked each of us our name and where we were going to college. When she came to me, I gave her my name and told her I was going to work after graduation. She looked me in the eye and said, "No, you are going to college!" Every day for the six weeks she was there, she would ask me where I was going to college?

Her persistence changed my life and I have been trying to repay that debt ever since. I always think of her as just an ordinary person who did an extraordinary thing and created a miracle in my life.

To me, she personifies Rotarians and what we do for people. Rotary is a unique organization that allows people to rise above themselves and create miracles in people's lives. Every time I work on a project or read about a project I am reminded of what was done for me and that is why I am a Rotarian.

Charles Cotten
District 5730 Governor 2004-05

DEVELOPING NEW MEMBERS

EVERY ROTARIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT?

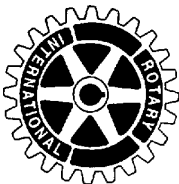
Our club's best insurance against growing old is to admit a steady stream of younger members. Further, during an average year ten percent of our members may move away or drop out of the club for personal or professional reasons. Therefore, to simply maintain the status quo in terms of numbers, we must recruit about ten percent -- that's about 30 for a club the size of ours -- every year.

Lasting success in this effort rests on the shoulders of each Rotarian. We all must accept a portion of the responsibility for proposing new members. As the late W. Jack Davis, President of Rotary International in 1977-78, put it, "The committee system of a Rotary Club is both bane and a blessing. When a club appoints a membership development committee, it's all too easy for other club members to think that they are relieved individually of the responsibility of seeking out and proposing eligible men or women, this is not so. Everyone in the club should share the job for the benefit of all.



Frank Etheridge	10/10
Kent Illges	10/10
Tony Wright	10/10
Charlie Johnson	10/10
Gloria Weston-Smart	10/11
Art Chriss	10/12
Frank Philips	10/14
Michael Eddings	10/15
Mac Plummer	10/15

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MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (09/28)

Meets Monday 12:15

Quality Inn

Ed Adams
Paul Berry
Debbie Caballero
John Cargill
Peggy Connell
Lance Duke
Phil Swift

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Janet Davis
Cathy Williams
Jerry Scott
Don Dakin
Jimmy Coppage
Chris French
Alap Shah
Charles McCall
John Richards
Jim Laycock

NORTH COLUMBUS (09/29)

Meets Tuesday 12:30

Green Island

Perry Alexander
Jim Ballengee
Ian Bond
Mike Helms
Claudya Muller
Phil Scoggins

MUSCOGEE (10/01)

Meets Thursday 12:00

Green Island

Rick Alexander
Larry Cardin
Jim Laycock
Jim Thorsen

ROTARY FOOTBALL to date (4 weeks)

Team

Alabama	162
Auburn	181
Bates College	14
The Citadel	86
Univ. of Findley-Ohio	113
Georgia	123
Georgia Tech	108
Florida	182
Florida State	114
MIT	62
Newberry College	94
Oklahoma	122
South Carolina	98
Tulane	58
Tennessee	125
Vanderbilt	93
Washington & Lee	75