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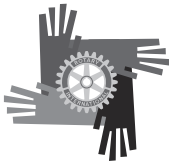
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FINDING A FRIEND IN ROTARY

As we prepared to send our only daughter off to college recently, I began to talk with other parents who are going through the same experience. How nice and comforting it has been to share my fears, anxieties and hopes with other parents and to also hear theirs. It made me realize that as parents, we are not so different.

Fellow Rotarian Linda Hadley recently gave her oldest daughter a beautiful wedding, and throughout the engagement period leading up to the wedding, Linda got to know the groom's mother (who lives in Memphis). Although Linda viewed the wedding experience through the eyes of a mother of the bride and the groom's mother from her unique perspective, they came to realize that as mothers, we are not so different.

Mike Venable, another fellow Rotarian, has in recent months gained a new group of friends as he begins his cancer journey. As he reaches out to learn more about his illness, his search has brought other cancer sufferers to him. These cancer patients, regardless of age, race or condition, each have stories of hope and faith. As cancer patients, we are not so different.

Not long ago, a friend of mine was describing how she had taken care of her elderly parents before they passed away. As difficult as it was, she said she was glad she could be there for her parents when they needed her most. My friend's story reminds me of my own mother's situation as she cares for my 94 year old grandmother, who insists on maintaining her independence as long as possible. As children, we are not so different.

Every Wednesday we come together in fellowship. We come from all walks of life, all religions, all ages, and with a variety of life experiences. But as we come together to advance the Rotary mission, as Rotarians, we are not so different.

Lori Auten

ROTARY NOTES - 10/07/09

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

Lori Auten welcomed and introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests. Mike Smajd introduced our military guest Sergeant Ray Dorsey, member Ranger Brigade.

Betsy Covington presented the Children's Fund money (\$9,600) to Easter Seals, Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home, and the Children's Miracle Network. Tracy Sayers presented three checks to Kids Café, House of Mercy, and Valley Rescue Mission. Lee Brantley then reminded everyone to make nominations for the Dan Reed Award for services above self.

President Bob introduced the head table. Joining him were Audrey Hollingsworth, Mallon Faircloth, Tripp Wade, and George Flowers. President Bob introduced today's speaker, Roy Strickland. Mr. Strickland is the District Governor for District 6900.

Mr. Strickland thanked President Bob and members of the club. He stated that this club was one of the premier rotary clubs in the region. He asked the members to remember to share rotary and encourage people to join. He stressed the importance of the 4 way test, honor, integrity, and moral values. He encouraged the club to maintain providing meaningful service.

He asked the club to deliver club service as well as community service. Each club needs to remain strong and engaged in order to provide strong service to others. The District also exists to serve the local clubs. The District is a resource and support.

He challenged the club to: grow membership, support the Rotary Foundation, complete projects that make a difference, support the Annual Programs Fund, encourage group study exchange, find someone for the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, and partner with club on a project.

Mr. Strickland announced to the members that the Rotary Super Conference will be held in Atlanta in 2010. He ended with a reminder of this year's theme - The Future is in your Hands - and Rotary's focus topics - clean water, health and hunger, and literacy.

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

Elizabeth Barker

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

I became a Rotarian some thirty-five years ago for the "usual reasons": Rotary met at noon, my mentor was a Rotarian, and it would not hurt to meet other professionals who might become patients in my dental practice.

I continued to be a Rotarian of sorts for nearly thirty years: I now am in my twenty-first year of Perfect attendance and enjoying the comradery of my fellow Rotarians. However, little did I know what was ahead when Past President of RI Cliff Dochterman spoke at District 6460 Convention in June of 2000?

Past President Cliff spoke to the question, "When did you become a Rotarian?" He opened my eyes to the "crawlers" of India, so crippled by Polio that all they can do is literally crawl or drag their bodies through squalid streets and spoke of the five thousand people, mostly children, who die every day due to contaminated water.

It is for these reasons and a thousand other reasons and the opportunity to make a difference that I truly became a Rotarian.

Dr. Richard W. Passmore, District 6460, USA

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH AROUND THE ROTARY WORLD

Here's Paul Harris and Ches Perry on "Avenues of Service" and the importance of "Vocations."

"The formula of procedure is indeed simple. Why Rotarians differ in many respects - in two respects they are in perfect accord. First they believe that all nations are respectable and desire to be honorable in their dealings with other nations. That it is the privilege of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. In other words Rotary stands for TOLERANCE. Second they believe, that all honorable vocations are entitled to recognition if they are used in the service of society. With these signs of agreement firmly established, disagreement is almost unknown."

Paul P. Harris,
radio address at the 1933 convention in Boston.
<http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/library/1933.htm>

An all-round Rotarian is interested in:

1st -Club Service: That is, in matters pertaining to the administration of affairs in his club.

2nd-Vocational Service: That is, in matters pertaining to the ethical conduct of his business or profession.

3rd-Community Service: That is, in matters pertaining to the welfare of the community in which he lives.

4th -International Service: That is, the promotion of international good-will and understanding.

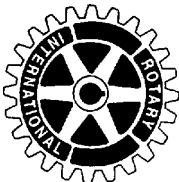


Barnett Woodruff 10/18
 Perry Alexander 10/18
 Tracy Fisher 10/18
 Harold Bryant 10/19
 Jack Key III 10/19
 Lynnette Gross 10/21
 Hans Peters 10/21
 Cathy Williams 10/23

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO
 THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Billy Cunningham, Jr.
 Terri Parodi
 Nelson Kittle
 Audrey Hollingsworth

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MAKE-UPS

**PHENIX CITY (10/05)
 Meets Monday 12:15
 Quality Inn
 Joel Ames
 Debbie Caballero
 Richard Davis
 Lance Duke
 Virginia Holman
 Craig Reaves**

**NORTH COLUMBUS (10/06)
 Meets Tuesday 12:30
 Green Island
 Mary Bode
 Mitch Britt
 Allen Denham
 Tracy Fisher
 Bob Jones
 Buddy Martin
 Mike Wooldridge**

**MUSCOGEE (10/08)
 Meets Thursday 12:00
 Green Island
 Jim Thorsen**

**PANAMA CITY, FL (09/29)
 H.J. Peters**

**JACKSONVILLE
 OCEANSIDE (09/15, 09/22)
 Phil Swift**

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 Greg Camp
 Jack Key III
 Joel Ames
 Newt Aaron
 Tyler Townsend
 Jerry Scott
 Ernie Smallman
 Philip Thayer
 Mark Overby
 Joe Zanga
 Marc Reid
 Joe Sandri
 Warner Neal
 Michael Herndon

**ROTARY FOOTBALL
 Week 5**



Team

Alabama	200
Auburn	207
Bates College	21
The Citadel	113
Davidson	28
Univ of Finley-Ohio	155
Furman	140
Georgia	136
Georgia Tech	150
Florida	182
Florida State	135
MIT	88
Newberry College	134
Oklahoma	142
South Carolina	136
Tulane	75
Univ of Tennessee	147
Vanderbilt	100
Washington & Lee	88