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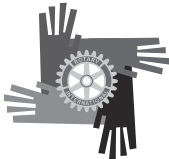
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## EDITORIAL FOR OCTOBER 28, 2009

### *We Can Do It Columbus*

A couple of years ago, I participated in a branding exercise for our community and we arrived at the brand "What Progress Has Preserved." I like that because it reflects on our past while looking to the future. In this space, I want to focus mostly on the progress part. I have only been in Columbus for 21 years, so I missed out on more than 160 years since Columbus became a city. However, I believe I have been here for some of its best times and look forward to seeing further progress. I'm told that a major step that started a new attitude in Columbus was a small group that took on the effort to save the Springer in the 1970's and 80's. We were pretty much a blue collar town when I arrived in 1989, with the textile industry still the main employer. While American Family Life Assurance Company was in existence, with the Duck as its mascot, we have seen its amazing growth as AFLAAC, which is now a household name around the world. CB&T started developing a credit card in the 1950's that has propelled Synovus and TSYS to regional, national and international prominence. Not only have these home grown companies made progress but it's citizens have been busy doing big things to make our city more desirable to home folks as well as visitors. I am pleased to have had a hand in the Riverwalk but the truth is I got that idea from a Rotary presentation by Peggy Theis and Ed Burdeshaw. The growth of Columbus College to CSU has been remarkable and its downtown campuses are proving to be a new cultural focus, enhanced by the Performing Arts Center. The Columbus Museum, Civil War Naval Museum and now the awesome National Infantry Museum provide great venues for locals and tourists alike. Major improvements in medical facilities have occurred at Columbus Regional and St. Francis Hospitals. This positive attitude extends to its citizens who have chosen to tax themselves with several Local Option Sales Taxes to build community and educational facilities which are at the foundation of our people, city and region. The great military installation at Ft. Benning brought us the motto of the infantry "Follow Me" which has taken root in Columbus and therefore the selection of my title "We Can Do It, Columbus."

Billy Turner

## ROTARY NOTES - 10/14/09

The meeting was called to order by President Bob with a ring of the bell and our pledge of allegiance to the flag. Travis Chambers blessed our meal which was followed by Phil Scoggins with the news. Sam Rawls introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests and then Greg Camp introduced our military guest, Spec. Evan Dickson, a member of the 197th Infantry Brigade. Seated at the head table, Travis Chambers, Jim Langford, Lee Shaw and Madden Hatcher who introduced our program and special guest speaker, Attorney General Thurbert Baker.

Thurbert Baker rose to the podium not to talk politics, but to tell us of a serious problem that we face in this state as well as the nation, methamphetamine better known as Meth. Meth abuse is a \$23.4 billion problem in the United States and a \$1.3 billion problem in Georgia and growing. To combat the meth problem in Georgia, North Georgia businessman Lee Shaw and Jim Langford have joined "The Meth Project" which is the brain child of Tom Siebel who has spent more than \$60 million to create an "edgy" campaign to ... for lack of a better word, scare our kids from ever trying such an addictive drug. Possibly addictive from just "trying it," meth is five times stronger than crack cocaine. The underlying theme of the ads to be run is "not even once." The ad campaign which is seeking additional funding is out to raise \$1.5 million to enable the project to blitz the media with a wave of graphic, get your attention commercials. While Thurbert Baker introduced the issue, it was Jim Langford that walked us through the ad campaign and explained how our children, as young as 11 years old are being offered this horrible drug. We have to get the kids attention and it is our hopes that an ad campaign such as this will sink in and be a success as it has been in other states.

After viewing some of the very moving commercials that will start to air in January, the meeting was adjourned by our President Bob.

Kent Illges

## THE MEANING OF GOOD ATTENDANCE

Your business succeeds or fails because of many factors and one of these factors is your interest in your business. The failure or success of Rotary is pretty much the same.

-TABASCO, Richmond, Virginia USA

## WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

It is not for the money,  
It is not for the fame,  
It is not for any person gain,  
It is just for the love of fellow man  
It is just to lend a helping hand,  
It is just to give a little of self,  
It is to do something you can't buy with wealth,  
It is not medals worn with pride,  
It is for the feeling deep inside,  
It is the reward down in your heart,  
It is the feeling you've been part of helping others far and near,  
That makes you a Rotarian  
These days I am retired and am active in the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay on the Gold Coast and still enjoy the great sense of pleasure and reward I personally get from my Rotary Involvement.

Garry Krischock  
Rotary Club of Runaway Bay  
Queensland, Australia  
Club No 23971 District 9640

## ALL THAT ROTARY BRINGS

Where there's hunger -  
Rotary brings food.  
Where there's sickness -  
Rotary brings medicine.  
Where there's suffering -  
Rotary brings compassion.  
Where there's Rotary -  
ROTARY BRINGS HOPE.

## NEVER FLY OFF THE HANDLE A MORAL FOR OUR TIMES

If you've ever been in a position where you've had to eat your words, you'll appreciate this short story:

As two flies sat on the handle of a lawn mower to enjoy the sun, they spied the remains of a bologna sandwich at a nearby picnic area. The two flies flew over to feast on the bologna. They ate and ate and ate, and then crawled back to their sunny spot on the mower handle. Later in the day, they tried to fly back to eat more bologna, but crashed to the ground, killing themselves.

The moral of this story is one we should all remember:  
Never fly off the handle when you're full of bologna.  
(Productivity Plus)

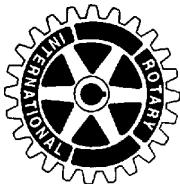


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Jim Thorsen	10/24
Hix Myrick	10/25
Tracy Sayers	10/26
Jim Wink	10/27
George Boyd	10/30
Ken Peirce	10/30
Joe Zanga	10/30

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Carole Rutland  
Frank Philips

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**MAKE-UPS**

**PHENIX CITY (10/12)**

**Meets Monday 12:15**

**Quality Inn**

Art Chriss  
Billy Cunningham  
Tracy Fisher  
Dexter Jordan  
Jamie Hempstead  
Jack Key, Jr.  
Mark Lupo  
Lamar Powers  
Ron Mullins  
Roy Plummer

**NORTH COLUMBUS (10/13)**

**Meets Tuesday 12:30**

**Green Island**

Rick Alexander  
Harold Bryant  
Lance Duke  
Kayron Laska  
Reggie Richards  
John Sims  
Tom Titus  
Bill Windham  
Tony Wright

**MUSCOGEE (10/15)**

**Meets Thursday 12:00**

**Green Island**

Peggy Connell  
Carmen Cavezza  
Mac Plummer

**LAGRANGE (10/14)**

Ron Mullins

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Jerry White  
Jerry Scott  
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