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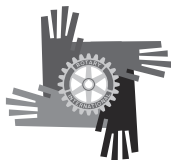
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## EDITORIAL FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2009

### *AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE*

Having worked with at-risk youth for over 20 years, I feel very blessed to be living and working in a community that is so engaged in our youth. With Red Ribbon Week on the horizon, the launch of the Georgia Meth Project, the Right From the Start Program and the Mayor's Crime Prevention Commission, the Columbus community is fully aware that our youth will be our leaders of tomorrow.

As Rotarians and business leaders in this community, our guidance and leadership can easily influence youth to make positive choices. We can instill the Four-Way Test to our youth and become that steadfast role model that each youth yearns to have. Each Rotarian can make a difference in the life of a child.

I would like to share a poem that I keep in my office for my daily inspiration. A child gave this to me as a way to thank me for mentoring and working with her. She wrote this two years before our paths crossed.

*No one understands the pain and hurt, My childhood years I'm growing up,  
Hiding my sorrow from those I love, Softly I cry like a dove.*

*Too much to handle, wishing to pass away, Anxiously waiting for my special day.  
Never once wanted, always burned, But still there's much in life to be learned.  
The pain of a child hidden so deep within, Won't really think my heart will mend.  
Though I will hide in the shadow of life,, the pain of a child cuts like a knife.*

- Kim

Rotarians do and can continue to make a difference in the life of a child. Thank you for all that you do for our youth in this Community.

- Mary Bode

## ROTARY NOTES - 11/28/09

The meeting was called to order by President Bob, who then led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roy Plummer gave the invocation followed by the news of the day with Phil Scroggins.

Elizabeth Barker introduced the visiting Rotarians from other clubs, as well as, member guests. Michael Herndon introduced our military guest, Specialist Kevin Dietz. Spec. Dietz is a Mental Health Specialist and was named Soldier of the Month. He is married and lives on post with his wife, two-year old child and a three-month old child. Spec. Dietz comes from a military family. Both of his grandfathers served in World War II, his father and four uncles are either active or retired military.

Gene Kemp presented an update on Rotary football. Georgia Tech is in first place with 261 points. Currently, 41 Rotarians are participating in Rotary football and \$7,000 has been donated.

President Bob encouraged everyone to sign up for the Infantry Museum meeting on November 11.

President Bob introduced the head table: Roy Plummer, Cecil Whitaker, Robert Granger, and Larry Cardin.

Larry Cardin introduced the speaker, Robert Granger, the CEO of St. Francis Hospital. St. Francis is a not-for-profit, community-owned medical facility.

Robert is now in his fifth year in Columbus. Since St. Francis is a community-owned medical facility, he wanted to share the progress with the community.

Six years ago, the Board of Directors for the hospital decided that St. Francis needed a change. The Board wanted to have a world-class health care facility for Columbus. To achieve a world-class health care facility, the Board worked with physicians to change the boundaries and commitment. In 2005, 70 key physicians including 13 specialists began the journey to improve the quality and services of St. Francis Hospital.

In order to measure their progress, benchmarks were established. The benchmarks would measure St. Francis against the best health care facilities in the nation: John Hopkins, Cleveland Clinic, Mayo Clinic, and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Robert reported on the results of four of the 55 benchmarks. On the first benchmark, pneumonia 30-day mortality, St. Francis did not compare favorably with the four benchmark facilities. Therefore, the hospital staff has been reaching out to the community for follow-up care for pneumonia patients.

On the second benchmark, cardiac angioplasty, St. Francis received the gold standard. On the third benchmark, hip replacement, the hospital was not as good as Massachusetts General but better than the other three facilities. On the fourth benchmark, spine, back, and neck exclusionary fusion, St. Francis was ranked best among the four other hospitals.

Each year a score card is prepared and reviewed by the Board. The journey to becoming a world-class health facility has been noticed by the community. St. Francis has more patients in beds, more emergency room visits, and more surgical procedures than four years ago.

Now, the facilities need to be renovated. There has not been a major renovation in 60 years. The 300,000 square foot renovation that will double the size of the hospital will create 248 private rooms, provide a dedicated cardiovascular surgical unit, and provide a new and expanded home for the Patient Heart Institute. The start date for the renovation will be the second quarter of 2010 and will take about 18 - 24 months to complete for a cost of \$110 million.

Opening soon is the Trinity Center for Women. The facility will offer services and free pre-natal care to uninsured pregnant women. Because Columbus' infant mortality rate is 50% higher than similar cities, this facility will directly address the issue of infant mortality. Currently, discussions are ongoing between Columbus Regional and St. Francis to have a joint-venture to improve obstetrician care for children and the community.

-Peggy Connell

## WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

Besides the most enjoyable and unique local and global fellowship Rotary offers to its members, as Rotary acts serving humankind to reach its object, Rotary is today among the few very best non- governmental organizations of civil society, and, as such, Rotary has the greatest potential to effectively contribute towards lasting world Peace soonest possible!

Rotary's making possible the elimination of Polio is an exemplary success, but it's only one of very many more successes Rotary has the potential and ability to serve humankind with, and do so at practically no monetary investment, but rather thanks to Rotary's global membership of clubs and of committed Rotarians who are top experts in the many fields for sustainable development and Peace the UN is active and leads humankind in.

RI's consultative status with the United Nations (UN), combined with the Rotarian Action Groups serving humankind globally in their fields of expertise and supporting the United Nations' action appears to be a win win situation for the Object of Rotary and humankind. My maternal grandfather, Rodolfo Gansser, was one of the first Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Lugarno/Switzerland, and, in 1961, back from a youth exchange experience, he introduced me to Rotary by also inviting me to hold the first of my about ten dozen talks to Rotary clubs in all continents and regions, which, besides the fellowship, allowed me to appreciate the huge potential of Rotary for world peace and sustainable development.

That's all why I'm Rotarian.

Marco Kappenberger  
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Sharon Borger 11/9  
 Gerald Carey 11/9  
 Jack Key, Jr. 11/11  
 Reggie Richards 11/12

**MAKE-UPS**

**PHENIX CITY (10/26)**  
**Meets Monday 12:15**  
**Quality Inn**  
 Debbie Caballero  
 Virginia Holman  
 Gary Gullatte  
 Alan Feagin  
 Gene Kemp  
 Reggie Richards

**NORTH COLUMBUS (10/27)**  
**Meets Tuesday 12:30**  
**Green Island**  
 Carmen Cavezza  
 Thelon Hamby  
 Johnny Johnson  
 Lynne Taylor

**MUSCOGEE (10/29)**  
**Meets Thursday 12:00**  
**Green Island**  
 Larry Cardin  
 Robert Granger

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
 THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Tony Wright

**MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL**

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

- 1) Timothy Gregg Tipton, Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Church of God. Proposed by Robert George, Classification: Clergy, Church of God.
- 2) Kyle Morgan Djukich, Manager/Owner Buckhead Bar and Grill, Proposed by Lori Auten. Classification: Restuarant, Full Service.

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.

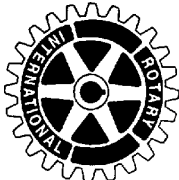
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**ROTARY FOOTBALL  
 After 8 Weeks**



Team		Team	Total
Alabama	254	Florida State	209
Auburn	254	MIT	136
Bates College	66	Newberry College	228
The Citadel	165	Oklahoma	223
Davidson	44	South Carolina	184
Univ of Finley-Ohio	191	Tulane	107
Furman	206	Univ of Tennessee	202
Georgia	189	Vanderbilt	133
Georgia Tech	261	Washington & Lee	175
Florida	247		

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