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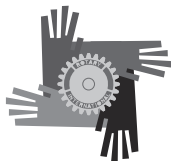
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EDITORIAL FOR DECEMBER 2, 2009

HEROES ALL

One by one they stood, these warriors old and young, to receive the thanks of a grateful congregation. A prayer of thanksgiving, protection and blessing covered them. They took their seats, and the choir began to sing. Each stood again, alone or in small groups, as the first strains of the anthem of their branch of the armed services rang out. The look in their eyes as they stood at attention spoke volumes.

Something caught in my throat - the same something that chokes me up every time I hear a veteran recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Their pride and dignity moved me. Their understanding of sacrifice and brotherhood, transcendent beyond any I will ever know. Their belief in this great nation. Their sacrificial service. The soulful, knowing eyes of the spouses by their sides.

Service above self, I thought, selflessness that I will never have to give because they did, because they still give. They served; they serve yet, for the benefit of their own, their children, grandchildren, parents and friends. They serve as the legacy of patriots whose sacrifice for our freedom is now chronicled in museums. And they serve for millions of Americans they will never meet, unknown countrymen whose faces are represented by a symbol of red, white and blue.

The tribute complete, they sat once again with smiles refreshed by the message of encouragement. Warriors old and young, male and female, willing to protect and defend, to face danger of every kind on our behalf. Heroes all.

-Debbie Caballero

ROTARY NOTES - 11/18/09

The meeting was called to order by President Bob who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Betsy Covington gave the invocation which was followed by the news of the day with Phil Scoggins.

Visiting Rotarians and guests were introduced by Lori Auten including our Rotary student, Catriona Patterson. Our military guest for the day, SSG Norman Reeves, was introduced by Dick Ellis. SSG Reeves is a member of the 209th M.P. Detachment.

A few quick announcements were made by President Bob reminding all that there will be no meeting Thanksgiving week and that the sign-up sheet for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing is available. Our date is Dec. 10th and Mary says this counts as a make-up! President Bob then introduced the head table: Betsy Covington, Mary Reed, Frank Brown, Andy Waddell and the day's program was introduced by Lee Brantley.

Lee began with a brief history and explanation of the Dan Reed Award which is presented annually to a non-Rotarian who exemplifies the ideals of Rotary. Nominations are taken from the club of those non-Rotarians who live out the Rotary creed much as Dan lived his life. After recognizing that the 2008 Dan Reed Award winner, Dr. Frances Duncan, had joined us for the day Lee then turned everyone's attention to the video award presentation. Don DeRoche was announced as the 2009 Dan Reed Award winner through the words of Mitzi Oxford (American Red Cross), Fr. Gerry Shrek & Mary Truett (St. Anne's Parish), Donna Cassell (Contact Helpline) and, finally, those of Sharon Lyons (American Red Cross) who nominated Don.

Don is a tireless volunteer for the American Red Cross as well as at St. Anne Catholic Church. Actually, both Don and his wife Cathy volunteer for the American Red Cross. Don is the Chairman of Disaster Volunteers, a Disaster Training Instructor, captain of a Disaster Action Team and was the Volunteer of the Year. He has been volunteering for the Red Cross for the last 9 years following a 22 year military career and 12 years of civil service. Described by all as compassionate and warm with a heart of deep faith and humility, Don has obviously touched untold numbers in his lifetime of service. Quoted by one as saying he was overwhelmed by the "opportunity to change a life," Don more than exemplifies service above self. His strength in building relationships has made a lasting impact not just in our community but across the nation. Congratulations to Don DeRoche!

At the conclusion of the presentation President Bob welcomed all guests and visitors. The meeting was then adjourned.

-Adelaide Kirk

NOVEMBER WAS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

The fact that November is Foundation Month in Rotary is no accident. November is traditionally a time for reflection and as the calendar year winds down to a close, Rotarians often find themselves asking, "Have I done enough? What more can I do to help?"

Your simple gift to the Annual Programs Fund provides hope and opportunity to people worldwide, in nations where little hope and opportunity exist. If by your birth, you were born in a shanty, sent at the age of three to forage in the garbage dump for food to help feed the family, and were lucky to live long enough drinking contaminated water, what kind of a life could you expect to lead? Without an opportunity for basic education, how would you even know that another world existed outside of your realm?

UNICEF, one of our partners in the global eradication of polio, publishes the fact that over one-half of the world's population (three billion people) live on less than US\$2.50 a day. Too often we hear in Rotary that most of us are quick to spend more than that on a cup of Starbucks coffee every day or we spend our money on something else that we really don't need. Maybe we can think about question number four on the Four-Way Test, "Is it beneficial to all concerned?"

In Rotary, our motto is to do good in the world. You can do just that by making your gift to the Annual Programs Fund before 2009 comes to a close. By doing so, you will provide a source of funding from which all Rotarians can work together to save lives and change lives through our Rotary Foundation.

"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands." So is the life of someone in need. Concern yourself with being beneficial by being extraordinary this year. Make your annual gift today.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

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

William Carter Woolfolk IV, Client Executive, Yates and Woolfolk Insurance. Proposed by Bill Woolfolk. Classification: Insurance – Fire & Casualty.

Robert Crane Woolfolk, Client Executive, Yates and Woolfolk Insurance. Proposed by Bill Woolfolk. Classification: Insurance – Fire & Casualty.

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.

November 28, 2009

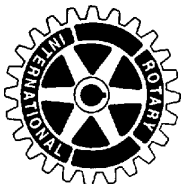


Chuck Hecht 11/28
 Don Wilhite 11/28
 Ron King 11/28
 Larry King 11/29
 Chuck Hasty 11/30
 Bob Jones 11/30
 Otis Pickett 11/30
 Charlie Frank Riley 12/1
 Michael Herndon 12/3
 Ryan Clements 12/4
 Art Fultz 12/4

RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND

Lamar Powers George Boyd
 Jimmy Coppage Harry Walker
 Billy Turner Jack Key, Jr.
 Rupert Triplitt Ken Peirce

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MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (11/16)
Meets Monday 12:15
Quality Inn
 Virginia Holman
 Isaiah Hugley
 Mark Lupo
 Jim Martin
 Jerry Rothschild

CHATTAHOOCHEE, FL (11/12)
 Carole Rutland
 Bob Offer

SINGAPORE (11/11)
 Mary Bode

NORTH COLUMBUS (11/17)
Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
 Richard Bishop
 Gloria Dodds
 Dan Kosobucki
 Larry Neal
 Joe Lucas
 Mac Plummer
 Don Wilhite
 Tony Wright

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Joe Zanga
 Jim Ballengee
 Jim Wink
 Bill Heard III
 Mike Gaymon
 Greg Camp
 Gloria Dodds
 Lance Duke
 Tommy King
 Jerry Scott
 Debbie Davis
 Joe McClure
 Ken Leuer
 Mat Swift
 Jack Key III
 Newt Aaron
 Scott McLaurin
 Lynne Taylor
 Ron Mullins
 Shirley Jaeger

MUSCOGEE (11/19)
Meets Thursday 12:00
Green Island
 Tommy Boyter
 Jim Laycock
 Marc Reid
 Mike Venable

ROTARY FOOTBALL After 10 Weeks



Team		Team	Total
Alabama	278	Florida State	278
Auburn	350	MIT	158
Bates College	121	Newberry College	280
The Citadel	210	Oklahoma	268
Davidson	110	South Carolina	213
Univ of Finley-Ohio	235	Tulane	152
Furman	264	Univ of Tennessee	289
Georgia	244	Vanderbilt	167
Georgia Tech	347	Washington & Lee	225
Florida	315		