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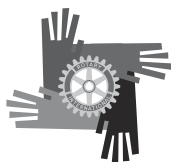
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EDITORIAL FOR DECEMBER 16, 2009

The Elephant in the Room

The following is a reprint from page one of "Rotary - A Business Man's Interpretation," by Frank Lamb:

There is a nursery poem of six blind men of Indostan who went to 'see' an elephant. The first bumped into his broad and sturdy side and began to bawl, "God bless me! But the elephant is very like a wall." The second, finding the tusk, was sure "the elephant is very like a spear." The third, grasping the squirming trunk averred, "the elephant is very like a snake." The fourth came into contact with one of the great legs and to him "twas clear enough the elephant is very like a tree." The fifth, who chanced to touch an ear, was confident, "this marvel of an elephant is very like a fan." While the sixth seizing upon the swinging tail, "I see," quoth he, "the elephant is very like a rope."

*An so these men of Indostan - Disputed loud and long - Each in his own opinion -Exceeding stiff and strong -
Though each was partly in the right, - And all were in the wrong.*

- John A Saxe

Most Rotarians are much like the six blind men. Some particular object, some special activity or some product of Rotary impresses them as most important and straightway they exclaim, "This is Rotary!" The fact that others find some other fundamental or are more interested in a different activity or attracted to another of Rotary's relations does not help them to see the whole of Rotary, but instead they begin to argue, "What is Rotary," and the discussion waxes as warm and the findings about as conclusive and pertinent as that of the six blind men of Indostan.

- Cathy Williams

ROTARY NOTES

12-2-09

The meeting was called to order by President Bob, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ron King gave the invocation. Terri Parodi introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Ralph Puckett had the distinct pleasure of introducing our military guest from Fort Benning, Staff Sergeant Michael Norton and his wife, Joanna. He recently was presented the Silver Star for his bravery under severe enemy fire.

Two new members were introduced today. Kyle Djukich is the owner of Buckhead Grill and was formerly in the military for 12 years. Greg Tipton is a pastor here in the Columbus area at Cornerstone Church of God.

Four new Paul Harris Fellows were recognized. Ken Goldman, Sally Sinclair, Alan Feagin, and Ricky Schomburg were awarded. Congratulations!

Announcement: We are still looking for a few more to ring bells this Christmas.

At the head table was Bob, Ron King, Barbara Smith, Ian Bond, Catriona Patterson, and Robert Granger. Robert introduced our speaker, Catriona Patterson.

Catriona is our GRSP student from Scotland. She shared with us wonderful information about her home country. They speak three official languages and have a population of around 5 million. The hottest temperature ever recorded was 91 degrees Fahrenheit. Although they have almost all of the world's religions there, they are not very "religious" people. Golf is the national sport of the land. Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland and Catriona's hometown.

Catriona presented the club with a gift and a banner from her hometown club, Portobello Rotary.

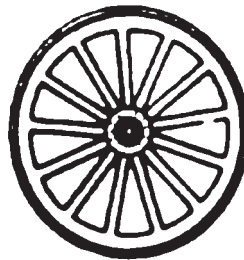
President Bob thanked Catriona for her service of sharing her country with us. He then rang the bell.

Meeting Adjourned.

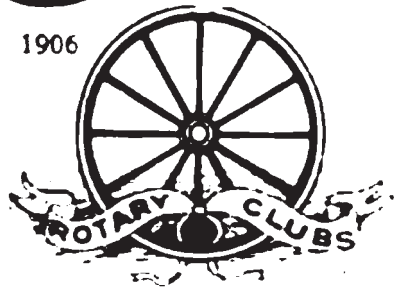
-Drew Rhodes

THE STORY BEHIND THE WHEEL

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.



1906



1910



1913-23

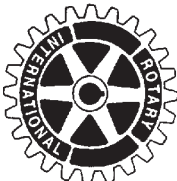


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Tommy Williams	12/12
Buddy Martin	12/13
Don Campbell	12/13
Edgar Chancellor	12/13
Ed Adams	12/14
Lynne Taylor	12/16
Ricky Schomburg	12/18
Billy Cunningham	12/18
Dick Nurnberg	12/20
Dexter Jordan	12/22
Carol Bradshaw	12/23
Mike Ferriter	12/23
Frank Romeo	12/23
Virginia Holman	12/24
Jim Pate	12/25
Walter Trussell	12/25
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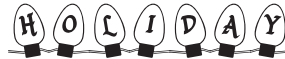
PHENIX CITY (11/30)
Meets Monday 12:15
Quality Inn
Patty Cardin
Buddy Martin
Craig Reaves

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Carole Rutland
Wayne Anthony
Charles McCall
Meridith Jarrell
Sam Wetzel
Carmen Cavezza
Lynne Taylor
John Martin

NORTH COLUMBUS (12/01)
Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
Perry Alexander
Claudya Muller
Marion Scott
Tom Titus
Mike Wooldridge

MUSCOGEE (12/03)
Meets Thursday 12:00
Green Island
Gloria Dodds
Richard Edge
Al Hayes
Meridith Jarrell
Jerry Newman

OPELIKA (11/24)
Lynnette Gross



OUR CLUB

December 23 No Meeting
December 30 We Will Meet
 Program- WRBL "Memories on Film"

PHENIX CITY

Phenix City will not meet on December 28
Sign in available

NORTH COLUMBUS

North Columbus will have a sign in on December 15
(no room for guests)
North Columbus will not meet on December 22 or on
December 29
Sign In Available

MUSCOGEE

Muscogee will not meet December 24 or on December 31
Sign In Available

**WE WILL MEET ON
DECEMBER 30!!!**