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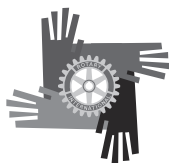
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## EDITORIAL FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2010

### *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

Columbus Rotary celebrates its 94th birthday this week. The eighteen charter members: Luther Christie, James Everidge, Cannon Wells, W.W. McKenzie, Charlton Torbett, Howell Hollis, Charles Johnson, Paul Puckett, Charles Loreng, Thomas Peters, Claud Sears, Joseph Pou, Robert Crane, Dan Joseph, Hans Mozen, Lon Dozier, James Johnson and John Smith, elected Dr. Luther Rice Christie, then Pastor of the First Baptist Church, to be our first president.

Dr. Christie began his ministry at First Baptist on September 15, 1909 and remained there until 1917 when he was called to serve as general secretary, trustee and field representative of Shorter College. A resolution from our Club dated April 11, 1917, crafted by a committee headed by Gunby Jordan, states in part: "With a broader mind than granted to most divines, he grasped the grander things of theology and the duties of this life, and was too great to contend with the smaller ones.....He has left an imprint in the hearts and intellect of this community second to none."

The firm foundation established by Dr. Christie and his compatriots has withstood the ravages of time and grown stronger through succeeding generations.

Join me in giving thanks to the leadership and vision of Luther Christie and our other founders, for we are beneficiaries of a rich heritage.

-Bunky Pease

## ROTARY NOTES - 01-20-10

The meeting was called to order by Past-President Mallon, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gloria Dodds gave the invocation followed by the news of the day with Phil Scoggins.

Michael Eddings welcomed and introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests.

Ralph Puckett introduced our first military guest 2nd Lieutenant Peter Springer and Dick Nurenberg introduced Specialist Austin Mistretta.

Past President Mallon also announced that it was Sam Rawls 80th Birthday.

Past President Mallon introduced the head table. Joining him were Gloria Dodds, William Buck, Susan Andrews, and Alice Budge. Alice Budge introduced today's speaker, Dick McMichael.

Dick McMichael has been a long time supporter and board member of Friends of the Library. The library in Columbus goes back to the founding of the city, 1828. There are 138,000 library card holders in Columbus. Andrew Carnegie gave funds to build the first free-standing public library in 1907.

It was located on Broadway. In 1950, the site of W.C. Bradley's home became an art and history museum for the city, and a public library was also constructed on the property. The libraries were racially integrated in 1964. The newest library was built in 2003 on Macon Road.

Mr. McMichael thanked Alice Budge who has served as the president of "Friends" for 12 years. She and the Board were the driving force behind raising the needed funds for the library. The "Friends" have been the biggest advocates. All of the proceeds from the bookstore inside the main library go toward programs of the "Friends." The bookstore raises approximately \$40,000 annually.

Some of the partnerships and collaborations that the "Friends" have been involved with include The Big Read, Columbus Regional, The Columbus Jewish Film Festival, and the CSU Schwob School of Music. In addition, "Friends" also donated \$25,000 to the construction of the new Mildred L. Terry Library on Veterans Parkway.

Mr. McMichael concluded by stating that libraries are important to the economic health of a community. He asked for support for the public library system in Muscogee County and for Friends of the Library.

Past President Mallon thanked our speaker, our military guests, visiting Rotarians, and guests.

The meeting was adjourned.

-Elizabeth K. Barker

## 20 HEADS ARE BETTER THAN 1

There are numerous ways to improve just about anything we do. Examples, the fields of medicine and communications. In the early 1940s penicillin came of age - look at how other more potent drugs have overshadowed this miracle of 40 years ago.

Twenty years ago, there were still several thousand "manual" telephones in the state of Georgia - (manual telephone meaning "number please"). Now, by simply dialing a prefix or code, we can talk to just about any place in the world in a matter of seconds. Other things that have been improved and still can be improved are: home construction, highways, our schools and Yes, our club bulletin, the Rote-A-Bit. Your editor, week after week, plugs along at the same pace, assuming it is readable and at least halfway interesting. He does not get any complaints, nor do many say anything particularly nice about it. There is no question that it can be improved. Please drop me a note and give me some ideas of ways that it can be a better bulletin.

Frankly, your editor has no idea how many Rotarians actually read it each week. It would be nice to assume that all Rotarians read it and even pass it on to family members. Of course, it is not feasible to assume that all of us take the time to digest each item.

So...I am asking that you drop a line to me giving some thoughts that will help us do a better job.

-Dan Reed

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*Note from Current Editor:*

*I would love any suggestions to make our Bulletin better!!*

## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Begun in 1965, Group Study Exchanges are biennial awards made to paired Rotary districts and provide travel expenses for a team of 4 or 5 young non-Rotarians (age 25-35) and a Rotarian team leader from a variety of vocations and occupations. Participants stay in the homes of Rotarian sponsors who organize a 6 week itinerary of educational and cultural experiences for the international visitors. Chosen through rigorous selection procedures, team members are top-notch in every way. District 6900 is currently a beneficiary of this outstanding program.

Muscogee Rotary and our club will be host to a team from India, April 28-30. Five host families are needed for three nights.



Brown Nicholson 2/2  
 Billy Key 2/2  
 Adelaide Kirk 2/3  
 Lori Auten 2/4

**MAKE-UPS**

**PHENIX CITY (01/18)**

**Meets Monday 12:15**

**Quality Inn**  
 Ed Adams  
 Perry Alexander  
 Mary Bode  
 Perry Borom  
 Carol Bradshaw  
 Walter Calhoun  
 Marc Calhoun  
 Art Chriss  
 Valerie Canepa  
 Billy Cunningham, Jr.  
 Richard Davis  
 Allen Denham  
 Lance Duke  
 Frank Etheridge  
 Alan Feagin  
 Tom Flowers  
 Al Gaston  
 Tom Gates  
 Jamie Hempstead  
 Thelon Hamby  
 Isaiah Hugley  
 Meridith Jarrell  
 Dexter Jordan  
 Johnny Johnson  
 Lamar Johnson  
 John Kelly  
 Gene Kemp  
 Jim Laycock  
 Jacki Lowe  
 Joe Lucas  
 Colin Martin  
 Claudya Muller  
 Eddie Obleton  
 Mark Overby  
 Terri Parodi  
 Otis Pickett  
 Carole Rutland  
 Joe Robbins  
 Jerry Rothschild  
 Larry Sanders  
 Ben Saunders  
 Dicky Saunders  
 Sally Sinclair  
 Mike Smajd  
 Barbara Smith  
 John Sims  
 Ed Sprouse  
 Dick Stone  
 Tommy Williams  
 Carter Woolfolk  
 Robert Woolfolk

**NORTH COLUMBUS (01/19)**

**Meets Tuesday 12:30**

**Green Island**  
 Tommy Boyter  
 Chuck Durr  
 Michael Holbrook  
 Johnny Johnson  
 John Lee  
 John Sheftall  
 Bob Tant

**MUSCOGEE (01/21)**

**Meets Thursday 12:00**

**Green Island**  
 Bill Edwards

**FAIR HOPE (1/18)**

Craig Reaves

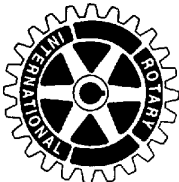
**GEORGETOWN (1/19)**

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Scott Ferguson  
 Philip Thayer  
 Leo Goodsell  
 Beth Parsons

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