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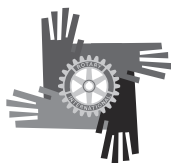
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## EDITORIAL FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2010

### *The Object of Rotary*

**T**HE OBJECT OF ROTARY IS TO ENCOURAGE AND FOSTER THE IDEAL OF SERVICE AS A BASIS OF WORTHY ENTERPRISE AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO ENCOURAGE AND FOSTER:

*FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;*

*SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;*

*THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;*

*FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

## ROTARY NOTES - 01-27-10

The meeting was called to order by President Bob, who then led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Eddie Obleton gave the invocation.

Colin Martin introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests. Ralph Puckett introduced our military guest, Staff Sgt. Christopher Shortt. Staff Sgt. Shortt is a member of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team. He has been in the Army eight years and has been deployed numerous times to Iraq and Afghanistan. He is married and has a seven year old son and a three month old daughter. Staff Sgt. Shortt received a Rotary commemorative coin and a book, *Word for Warriors*, by Al Puckett.

President Bob reminded Rotarians about the Rotary Super Conference to be held at Cobb Galleria in Atlanta on April 23-25. If a member is interested in attending the Super Conference, please contact Mary Reed.

President Bob introduced the head table: Eddie Obleton, Mark Holloway, Carol Bradshaw, Peggy Connell and Marion Scott.

Marion Scott, STAR Committee Chairman, facilitated the annual Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program. This is the Club's 17th year to serve as host of the local recognition program. The STAR program is sponsored by the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE), the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, and the Georgia Department of Education. To obtain the STAR nomination, high school seniors must have the highest score on the three-part SAT and be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average. When a STAR student is named, then he/she chooses a STAR teacher to share in the recognition. More than 165 statewide civic organizations and businesses serve as local sponsors of the STAR program. Students that win in the system compete in the region. Winners from each region then compete for the honor of being named State PAGE STAR Student.

Marion Scott then introduced the STAR student and teacher from each school. The STAR students shared with the Club members their plans for following high school graduation and introduced their family members, guests, and their STAR teachers. Each STAR Student and Teacher received a framed certificate from President Bob. The STAR Students and Teachers are listed below.

(School-Student-Teacher)

Brookstone - Caroline Adam - Dale Epperson  
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Calvary Christian - McKenzie Harrison - Diane McGowan  
Carver High - Marquis Wagner - Joyce Lee  
Columbus High - Andrei Markov - Luther Richardson

Hardaway High - Ashley Lee - Patsy Hale  
Jordan High - Julian Plowden - Joseph Pollock  
Kendrick High - Marquise Westbrook - Carolyn Randolph  
Northside High - Liz Carson - Courtney Burnette  
Pacelli - Katie Bierenfeld - Jeffrey Klotz  
Sha High - Samantha Special - Lynn Butler  
Spencer High - Andrew Ramos - Debra Everett

Andrei Markov, Columbus High School, and his teacher, Luther Richardson were announced as the STAR system winners.

President Bob congratulated the STAR students and teachers.

President Bob re-welcomed the visiting Rotarians and guests.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

-Peggy Connell

## BY THE NUMBERS

### WORLDWIDE ROTARY CLUB DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER  
85% Male / 15% Female

AGE  
2% under age 30  
9% ages 30-39  
21% ages 40-49  
29% ages 50-59  
24% ages 60-69  
15% over age 70

1,234,527 Rotarians Worldwide  
531 Districts  
33,790 Rotary Clubs

## IF ROTARY IS TO REMAIN EFFECTIVE

It is our obligation "to ensure that Rotary's program remains relevant to the needs and challenges and demands of today's world; for the world of tomorrow is being shaped already by what is happening today - and particularly among young people.

This challenge from Clem Renouf, the president - nominee of R.I. at the 1972 international assembly, remains a vivid challenge today.



Phil Adams 2/8  
 Scott Ferguson 2/9  
 Linda Hadley 2/10  
 John Marshall 2/11

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
 THE CHILDREN'S FUND**

Richard Hecht  
 Dickie Edge

**MAKE-UPS**

**PHENIX CITY (01/25)**  
**Meets Monday 12:15**  
**Quality Inn**  
 Joel Ames  
 Tracy Fisher  
 Thelon Hamby  
 Craig Reaves

**AUBURN (01/21)**  
 Drew Rhodes  
**EASTMAN, GA (01/22)**  
 Betsy Covington

**LAFAYETTE, AL (01/25)**  
 Homer Shuler

**NORTH COLUMBUS (01/28)**  
**Meets Tuesday 12:30**  
**Green Island**  
 Rick Alexander  
 Valeria Canepa  
 Tom Titus  
 Ricky Wright

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 Linda Hadley  
 Lynette Gross  
 Jack Key III  
 Harry Walker  
 Janet Davis  
 Greg Camp  
 Don Sharitt  
 Carl Rhodes  
 Josh McKoon  
 Scott McLaurin  
 Lynne Taylor  
 Marc Reid

**MUSCOGEE (01/28)**  
**Meets Thursday 12:00**  
**Green Island**  
 Michael Eddings  
 Lynne Taylor  
 Melissa Thomas  
 Cathy Williams

**YOU'LL LIKE THESE**

**The direction we are facing has a lot to do with our destination.**

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**It is always easier to hate something than it is to understand it.**

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**Goodwill is the one and only asset that competition cannot undersell or destroy.**

**Marshall Field**

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**Success isn't how far you got, but the distance you traveled from where you started.**

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**The best portion of a good man's life is his little nameless,, unremembered acts of kindness and love that he has rendered to others.**

**Re:William Wordsworth**

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**My reward has been exceedingly great. To have friends all over the world is a great blessing. To know that those friends are friends of each other is a most satisfying thought.**

**Re: Paul Harris from My Road to Rotary**

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