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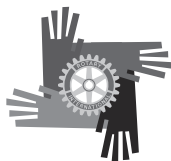
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EDITORIAL FOR MARCH 3, 2010

Will It Be Beneficial To All Concerned?

As I mentioned a few months ago in a prior article my Dad - a lifelong member of the Athens, Tennessee club - had a copy of it on the wall of his office in his business. He had a strong belief in these principles and used them as a road map in his personal and business life. So lets take a look at another one of the "tests".

WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

This is a very high standard. I've always tried to use a similar "test" when making decisions in our business. Is whatever we were making a decision about 'good for business' and 'good for our people.' If the answer was yes - it usually had a good chance of succeeding because all the constituents would most likely support it and attempt to make it succeed. The tough part was that it is easier to answer the question for the group 'our people' than to answer for each individual. I believe that if you cannot cover at least 90-95% of employees (if it is a large group) then rework the project/idea - even if it takes more time. This investment in up-front work will make the back end or implementation much easier.

The tough part today - in these difficult economic times - is that decisions like freezing pay or furloughing employees may be necessary for the business to survive, but difficult for employees to see them as 'beneficial.' It takes a lot of extra up front communication to be able to stand a chance of getting the support of the organization.

- Jim Laycock

ROTARY NOTES - 02-17-10

The meeting was called to order by President Bob, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Norman Drummond gave the invocation. Phil Scoggins gave the news. Terri Parodi welcomed and introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests.

Dick Nurnberg introduced our military guest Specialist Joshua McCart with the Warrior Transition Battalion (LTC Mulcahey's unit). Specialist McCart is part of the Warrior Transition unit due to an injury he sustained from an IED in Iraq. He lost one of his hands as a result of his injuries and is undergoing therapy. Specialist McCart has decided to leave the Army because the type of injury he has sustained would not allow him to remain in an infantry unit, but to be reassigned to a desk job. He plans to return home to Detroit and work on a degree in wildlife management with Detroit University. To show our support and appreciation of his service and attendance, Dick Nurnberg provided him with a commemorative Rotary coin and the book on leadership by COL Ralph Puckett.

One new member was inducted: Bill Tucker was introduced by Ed Sprouse. Bill is a graduate of Columbus High School and received a degree in law from University of Georgia. He is a Vietnam veteran. He is married to Judy and they have three children.

Announcement: Lee Brantley reminded the club to submit nominations for the Mary Reed Award.

President Bob introduced the head table. Joining him was Norman Drummond, Tyler Townsend, Marcus Alexander, Bruce Kemp, and speaker LTC Sean Mulcahey.

Bruce Kemp introduced our speaker, LTC Sean Mulcahey. LTC Mulcahey was commissioned as a reserve officer in 1985. He was called to active duty in 1989, served in Bosnia in 1997, Europe in 2004 as a strategic planner for Iraq, and now at Fort Benning as commander of the Warrior Transition Battalion. He is married to Michelle and they have three children, two sons and one daughter.

LTC Mulcahey reported that the Army's effort to care for wounded soldiers and their families hit a real low with the Walter Reed episode that served as a watershed period. Part of the Army's leadership problems dealt with antiquated systems. Thus, the bureaucratic process was streamlined. One of the worst challenges of dealing with long term combat is the psychological wounds, as well as physical wounds. The Army established the Warrior Transition Command based in Washington, DC that comprises 32 warrior care units in the United States. The mission of the Warrior Transition Command is to care for wounded soldiers and their families. There are 350 soldiers in Fort Benning who receive care through a Triad care system: Primary physician, nurse case worker, and NCO squad leader. They receive mental, physical and spiritual help during their transition back to civilian life, including returning to school, work, and continuing social care. Columbus has provided tremendous support for the Warrior Transition Battalion and its soldiers with events, as well as, providing help in transition to civilian life. The average stay is seven months for soldiers. Wounded soldiers are assigned as close to home and family as possible for their recuperation and therapy. About 56% of the soldiers return to duty, 14% to other army duty, and 31% are discharged.

President Bob re-welcomed visiting Rotarians, guests and military guests.

Meeting adjourned.

-Leo J. Goodsell

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

A BIG FAVOR

What does the future hold in store for our Rotary club? Thirty years from now, will our community have enough civic minded men with leadership skills to provide the base for our club's membership? It's hard to tell.

By working closely with today's youth to develop their leadership skills and sense of civic responsibility, we do more than just help our kids and our community. We do a big favor for the future of our club.

IF I'D ONLY KNOWN THEN...

At one time or another, each of us has probably said to himself: "If I'd only known then what I know now." Well, you live and you learn, but our hindsight isn't waster - not if we share it with a young person.

Later on, no doubt, these young people will also have the opportunity to learn from their mistakes, and they'll pass what they've learned on to the generation that follows them. Wisdom and guidance make the best heirlooms.

What do you know about RYLA?

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) is a Rotary sponsored program designed to develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship among the young people of a community. It's a good opportunity for Rotarians and other business and civic leaders to share their knowledge and experience with an audience that is eager to learn. It's a great way to put into practice the Rotary motto: Every Rotarian an Example to Youth.

FEBRUARY PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Peggy Connell	2 years
Edgar Chancellor	4 years
Mike Wooldridge	4 years
Philip Adams, Jr.	6 years
Tracy Fisher	7 years
Virginia Peebles	8 years
Sharon Lyon	9 years
Janet Davis	11 years
Julia Lumpkin	11 years
Neal McCrillis	11 years
Charlie Johnson	13 years
Jerry White	15 years
Perry Borom	16 years
John Cargill	18 years
Floyd Jarrell	18 years
Marvin Foster	18 years
Carole Rutland	19 years
William Buck	25 years

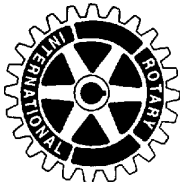


Herbert Fuller	2/27
Don Bloebaum	2/28
Jerry Scott	2/28
Larry Cardin	3/3
Andy Speed	3/4
Ron Mullins	3/5

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MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (02/15)

Meets Monday 12:15

Quality Inn

Ed Adams
Edgar Chancellor
Art Chriss
Billy Cunningham, Jr.
Tracy Fisher
Thelon Hamby
Larry King
Ron Mullins
Terri Parodi
Lamar Powers
John Sheftall
Dick Stone

NORTH COLUMBUS (02/16)

Meets Tuesday 12:30

Green Island

Perry Alexander
Richard Bishop
Tom Gates
John Kelly
Buddy Martin
Jennifer Newman
Reggie Richards
Mike Smajd

MUSCOGEE (02/18)

Meets Thursday 12:00

Green Island

George Flowers

OPELIKA (02/09)

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NOTEWORTHY!

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 Har