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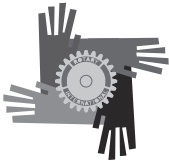
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EDITORIAL FOR MARCH 17, 2010

A LETTER OF GRIEF AND GRATITUDE

Oxford University prominently displays a letter Abraham Lincoln wrote to a mother who lost five sons in the Civil War. On November 21, 1864, President Lincoln wrote to the widow Lydia Bixby:

Dear Madam,

I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle.

I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save.

I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Your, very sincerely and respectfully,

A. Lincoln

Lincoln's letter remains a touching tribute to all mothers and fathers whose sons and daughters have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our nation united and free. Our Rotary Club offers us ways to pay tribute as well.

-Wayne Anthony

THUNDER IN THE VALLEY *THE ROTARIAN* AVAILABLE ON **GOOGLE BOOKS**

It is that time of the year for our annual Rotary Special Event at the 13th annual Thunder in the Valley Air Show. Every year your Rotary Club hosts a hospitality hanger where members attending the Air Show can sit down, relax and enjoy some refreshments. Last year over 500 people dropped by the hanger including 50 Rotarian's and their guests.

The club also invites several youth organizations and guests from Fort Benning to join us. Since this is a Special Event annually for our club, you will get a make-up if you attend.

The dates are March 20th and 21st at the Columbus Airport. Tickets for the Air Show are \$8.00 each and can be charged to your Rotary account. There is no charge to stop by the hospitality hanger. All proceeds go to benefit youth organizations in the Chattahoochee Valley area.

-Gene Kemp

LEARN ABOUT ROTARY IN A ROTARY MINUTE

Now you can listen as club members from around the world answer questions about Rotary on Rotary Minute, a new video series available at www.rotary.org. Each month, a different video will focus on a topic such as membership, public relations, and The Rotary Foundation.

Examples include:

- Why are you a Rotarian?
- What does Service Above Self mean to you?
- How can you get more involved?

Embed the videos on your club and district Web sites to share with fellow club members, prospective members, and the community, or show them at a meeting or training session to spark a discussion among Rotarians. It's a quick and easy way to learn more about Rotary.

Other new educational tools include the narrated training modules available at the Rotary E-Learning Center, www.rotary.org/elearning. Launched in Septemebr, the modules provide information about Rotary and the Foundation in an easy-to-use format.

Rotary has teamed up with Google to make nearly 100 years of *The Rotarian* available free online.

Full color, searchable scans of all issues of the magazine are available through Google Books, easily accessed through a direct link from www.rotary.org/rotarian. Users can select from a gallery of issues organized by decade or click "Search All Issues" to search the entire catalog for a word or phrase.

The collaboration is part of an initiative to make Rotary's historical resources more accessible to Rotarians worldwide. Google is doing all of the scanning and indexing to make the material searchable at no cost to Rotary.

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN

My friend Ray Krupa asked me to join. I knew that the East Hampton Rotary club provided scholarships to a number of high school students and that they maintained a "playscape" at Memorial Elementary School.

After joining , I met Mike Benard, our youth exchange officer, who introduced me to District 7980 Chair David Wolfe and the Rotary Youth Exchange program. David introduced me to RYLA, New Generations, and our GSE program run by the Barretts. Brian and Linda Barrett opened my eyes to the possibilities of the GSE program. I then had the opportunity to travel to Haiti on a Rotary mission with PDG Dick Benson and Service Above Self recipient Jerry Lowney.

Later my wife Gail and I participated on an NID in Niger, West Africa and I had was able to volunteer for a literacy trip to Project Amigo in Colima, Mexico. I became involved with the Foundation scholarship programs and had the distinct pleasure of meeting many of our Foundation alumni.

Why am I a Rotarian? People, opportunity and service.

PDG Alan Hurst
Central Connecticut Coast YMCA
Rotary District 7980
Governor 2005-2006

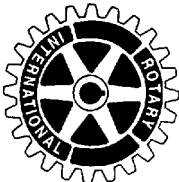


Homer Shuler	3/15
Mike Welch	3/15
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Cecil Whittaker	3/18
Sharon Lyon	3/19

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THE CHILDREN'S FUND**

Don Bloebaum
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MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (03/01)

Meets Monday 12:15

Quality Inn

Joel Ames
Gary Gullatte
John Cargill
Mark Lupo
Marion Scott
Tom Titus

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Susan Andrews
Lori Auten
Janet Davis
John Richards
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John Stacy
Howard Jefferson
Reggie Luther
Mike Gaymon
Rich Martindale
Jack Key III
Jim Laycock
Sharon Borger
Tommy King

NORTH COLUMBUS (03/02)

Meets Tuesday 12:30

Green Island

Rick Alexander
Allen Denham
Gloria Dodds
G. Flowers
Bob Jones
Buddy Martin
Ben Saunders
Dicky Saunders
Bob Tant
Tyler Townsend
Mike Welch

MUSCOGEE (03/04)

Meets Thursday 12:00

Green Island

Lori Auten

MARCH PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Michael Holbrook	1 year
Reggie Luther	1 year
Jim Martin	2 years
Jacki Lowe	4 years
Rhonda Mobley	5 years
Carl Rhodes	7 years
Sharon Borger	8 years
Frank Jordan	9 years
Cathy Williams	9 years
Patty Cardin	14 years
Ben Williams	16 years
Don Campbell	17 years
Bill Harper	18 years
Wayne Anthony	20 years
Art Chriss	22 years
Ron Self	28 years
THACKER CARGILL	53 years