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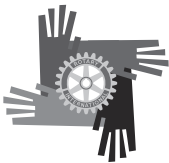
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## EDITORIAL FOR MARCH 24, 2010

### *YOU CAN GO FROM BODY BUILDER TO GOVERNOR*

Arnold Schwarzenegger writes:

"I have been fortunate enough to receive many wonderful titles in my life - Mr. Olympia, Action Hero, and now Governor. But the one I treasure most of all is "American." Because it means that I am a citizen of the greatest country in the world and the most generous country in the world. From the time I was a 10-year-old in Austria, I dreamed of coming to the United States. I love living here because it is the Promised Land, the place of freedom and unlimited opportunity where, if you work hard, you can make your dreams a reality."

"My experiences here have certainly exceeded even my wildest imaginings. When I arrived in the U.S. at 21 with only \$20 in my pocket and a duffel bag full of sweaty gym clothes, I hoped to someday become a bodybuilding champion and a leading man in the movies. I honestly never envisioned the amount of success that I've had. I never thought that one day I would be elected governor of California, this country's greatest state. I love that America is a place where I, even with such limited resources, was not just welcomed but was also able to find opportunity and accomplish things that went so far beyond what I had imagined was possible."

Sometimes we take for granted this "Land of Opportunity" and even the opportunities of Rotary. May we celebrate and serve in both.

-Wayne Anthony

## ROTARY MINUTES - 03/10/10

The meeting was called to order by former President Mallon Faircloth, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Michael Eddings gave the invocation. Terri Parodi introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Phil Scoggins delivered the news of the day. Greg Camp had the distinct pleasure of introducing our military guest from Fort Benning, SFC Dexter Don who is a member of the NCO Academy. He has been deployed twice. He and his wife have four children and live in Phenix City. San Rawls introduced new member, Jim Railey. He's a Columbus native that attended Hardaway High.

Ann: Gene Kemp reminded members to purchase tickets to the "Thunder in the Valley" air show which will be held on March 20th and 21st. Tickets are \$8. All proceeds go to benefit youth organizations in the Valley and it does count as a makeup.

At the head table was Mallon, Michael Eddings, Selby Rollinson, Ralph Puckett, Col. Michael Kurilla, and Ken Leuer. Gen. Ken Leuer (Army retired) introduced our speaker, Col. Kurilla.

He started off by telling us that since 2001 the Ranger regiment is the only regiment that has been deployed in all theatres of war since that time. He spoke of several rangers who had been wounded during service to our country and who had acted with bravery and valor. He then opened the floor for questions.

The Col. said from an equipment perspective they are well prepared for the jobs placed before them. Compared to earlier years, it is phenomenal the improvement that has been made.

He commented on the great job that has been done in Iraq. He said that the success we are having over there is unbelievable. He followed that up by saying some of the guys over there are bored, and that's a good thing.

He also commented that he is in favor of the 12 month deployment. That amount of time he feels gives the soldier time to learn the neighborhood and its idiosyncrasies in order for that soldier to be effective.

According to the Colonel, the Iranian influence is heavy in Iraq and not so much in Afghanistan.

He compared the tribalism in the valleys of Afghanistan to the Hatfields and McCoys. Some people never leave the valleys they were born in.

Mallon thanked Col. Kurilla for his service to the country and the community. He then rang the bell.

Meeting Adjourned.  
Drew Rhodes

## LEARN ABOUT ROTARY IN A ROTARY MINUTE

"Rotary International has been extremely fortunate in its selection of presidents. It would be impossible for the writer to over-express his appreciation of their joint and several contributions to the movement; it would be impossible for him to over-estimate their loyalty, their devotion, the sacrificial spirit which they have so frequently made manifest. He wishes that it might be permitted him to write the stories of their various administrations, but to do so would be to write the history of the movement and would require several volumes. **The writer has no doubt that it will be accomplished in the course of time.**" **Paul P. Harris, "This Rotarian Age" 1935, page 210.**

We hope that we have done well by Mr. Harris. At <http://www.presidentshistories.org> RGHF is continuing the project of completing the histories of all presidents from Paul Harris to today. Each president of Rotary leave his or her mark for generations of Rotarians to come. We wish RIP John Kenny a most wonderful convention in Montreal. And, RGHF is duly proud of his membership in RGHF.

To all of Rotary's Presidents,  
Jack Selway  
RGHF Founder

## WORDS OF WISDOM!

*Opportunity may knock once,  
But temptation bangs on the front door forever.*

• • •

*Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited.  
Until you try to sit in their pews.*

• • •

*Don't let your worries get the best of you;  
Remember,  
Moses started out as a basket case.*



William Buck 3/21  
 Bill Tucker 3/22  
 Andy Philips 3/25  
 Billy Harper 3/26

**MAKE-UPS**

**PHENIX CITY (03/08)**  
**Meets Monday 12:15**  
**Quality Inn**  
 Mary Bode  
 Debbie Caballero  
 Lamar Powers  
 Mike Welch

**rotaryclubone.org**  
 Scott Ferguson  
 Jerry White  
 Louise Pinter  
 Ken Crooks  
 Chuck Hasty  
 Jack Key III  
 Frank Morast  
 Lynne Taylor

**NORTH COLUMBUS (03/09)**  
**Meets Tuesday 12:30**  
**Green Island**  
 Billy Cunningham, Jr.  
 Norman Drummond  
 Merideth Jarrell  
 Dan Parker  
 Ricky Wright

**MUSCOGEE (03/11)**  
**Meets Thursday 12:00**  
**Green Island**  
 Debbie Caballero

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

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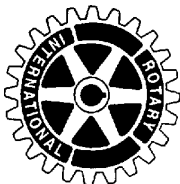
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 Proposed by Rob Doll  
 Classification: Technology Services
2. Selby Rollinson  
 Deputy Chief of Staff, MCoE.  
 Proposed by Rob Doll  
 Classification: Military/Deputy Chief of Staff
3. Frank Wartner  
 Project Executive, Winter Construction Co.  
 Proposed by Mike Gaymon  
 Classification: Construction/Management
4. Tim Mescon  
 President, Columbus State University  
 Proposed by Kayron Laska  
 Classification: University Administration
5. Richard Grantham  
 Director of Operations, Hechler & Koch Defense  
 Proposed by Sharon Lyon  
 Classification: Defense Contracting

If no written objection to these proposals are received by the Board within ten (10) days stating reason, they shall be considered elected to membership.

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