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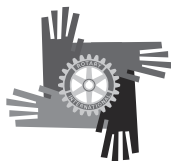
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## EDITORIAL FOR APRIL 21, 2010

### *Appreciate the Simple Things In Life*

With spring in the air, I find that I have been more appreciative of the simple things in life and have stepped back from the daily hustle and grind to pay notice to the blossoming flowers, birds chirping, the smell of fresh cut grass, and the spring breeze. Spring is a wonderful time to admire new life and appreciate little things that are sometimes overlooked. With spring comes the time, I start longing for warm weather to enjoy the days to come at the beach...which calls to mind a story that I would like to share with my fellow Rotarians written by Loren Eislely.

#### *The Starfish Story*

*Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work. One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up. As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean. He came closer still and called out "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?" The young man paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean." "I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man. To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die." Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!" At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "I made a difference to that one!"*

As Rotarians, we are called upon the motto "Service Above Self." No matter how simple a task may seem, we do and can continue to make a difference.

Mary Bode

## ROTARY MINUTES - 04/07/10 CONSIDER THE EGG

The meeting was called to order by President Bob, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Virginia Peebles gave the invocation followed by the news of the day with Phil Scoggins.

Colin Martin welcomed and introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests. Dick Ellis introduced our military guest Staff Sergeant Philip Richardson, who is the Drill Sergeant for the 198th. He recently won Drill Sergeant of the Year.

President Bob introduced a new member to the club, Ben Richardson. Len Williams also introduced a new member, Bob Kidd.

President Bob then introduced the head table. Joining him were Virginia Peebles, Andy Speed, Rick Ussery, and Jacki Lowe. Jacki Lowe introduced today's speaker, Oscar Harper.

Oscar Harper is the Georgia Vice President of Resource Planning and Nuclear Development. He produces the integrated resources plan for the state, which is the focus of today's presentation.

There are many challenges when it comes to power. Georgia is the 4th fastest growing state in the nation. We will continue to need new sources of power each year to keep up with the growth. From 1985-2000 there was a 6% increase in the cost of electricity. From 2000-2008 there was a 44% increase. The primary driver is pricing pressure on coal and natural gas. For coal, pricing pressure is due to environmental costs, international demand, and carbon uncertainty. For natural gas, pricing pressure is due to price volatility. 60-80% of the cost from gas generation is the cost of gas. It is 10% for nuclear and 40% for coal.

The diversified energy strategy is three pronged: Renewable and Green Energy; Energy Efficiency and Demand Response; and New Nuclear. Oscar discussed details of each strategy and how they relate to Georgia. There will be two new nuclear plants built at Plant Vogtle. These two plants will produce up to \$6 billion in lower electrical rates, create \$14 billion in investment, create 3500 jobs during construction and 800 high paying full-time jobs, and significantly increase the local and state tax base. There will be the first plants in 30 years.

Oscar then took questions from the audience.

President Bob thanked our speaker, our military guest, visiting Rotarians, and guests.

The meeting was adjourned.

—Elizabeth Barker

It finds its way into the world through a seemingly impossible avenue. It is baked, fried, poached, boiled, chopped, sliced, diced and shredded. Nibbled, gobbled and swallowed. As if that were not enough at this time every year bunny rabbits steal all the eggs they can find and hide them in the bushes and grass acting like they lay eggs. All the poor old chicken gets is baked when his egg plant quits functioning.

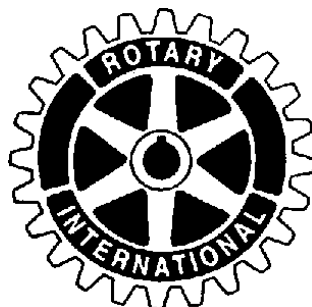
## THE BIGGEST LANGUAGE BARRIER OF ALL

Take a moment to recall your last visit to a country where you didn't know the language. Remember how getting around town turned out to be a challenge when confronted with strange words on street signs, how you were never sure what you'd eat when ordering a meal from restaurant menu; how a simple trip into the store became an ordeal when you tried to decipher the labels on food, medicine, and clothing? If you can remember the frustration you felt in these situations, then you can begin to understand what illiterate people face every day of their lives. But these people are not just visitors in another country. They live right here in our own community.

## THE ABC'S OF ROTARY

### THE WHEEL

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust in motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the gear wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.





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**MUSCOGEE (04/08)**  
**Meets Thursday 12:00**  
**Green Island**  
 Kyle Djukich  
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**NORTH COLUMBUS (04/06)**  
**Meets Tuesday 12:30**  
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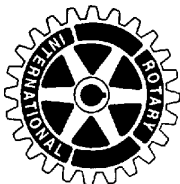
Eventually you will reach a point, when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not Me! I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth think of Algebra.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.



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