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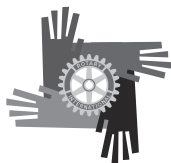
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EDITORIAL FOR APRIL 28, 2010

Rotary and the Chinese Bamboo Tree...

Spring is in the air (as is the pollen) and everything is in bloom. What a time of hope and excitement as that planting and fertilizing in prior years comes to fruition. As I look around the impressive membership we have in our club, it is easy to see the accomplishments in life each has obtained. Each of us can probably relate these accomplishments to the influence of someone in our life that helped take the seed of an idea and helped it grow into the tree of accomplishment it is today.

The process reminds me of the story of the Chinese Bamboo Tree, as told by Les Brown. Are you familiar with it? The Chinese bamboo tree begins as a nut, a hard nut, about the size of a walnut. The nut has to be planted in soil and then watered and fertilized every day, every day for 5 years before it finally breaks through the ground. If at any time the watering or fertilizing process is stopped, the Chinese Bamboo Tree will die in the ground. But, in that fifth year, the Chinese bamboo tree finally breaks through the ground and in six weeks it grows nearly ninety feet tall! Now, the question is, did it grow ninety feet in six weeks or 5 years.... The answer is obvious --- it took five years of watering and fertilizing everyday to make it happen.

In becoming Rotarians, we have planted ourselves in the rich soil of fellowship and the strong morals and integrity of our membership and our guiding principles. Each week, we are watered and fertilized through the interaction with our friends, our fellow members, over lunch, and through our rewarding speakers. What seed, what ideas lay within you now that no one can see, but that are slowly gaining what they need to eventually sprout and flourish? Give yourself, and these seeds, time to grow in the environment of Rotary. And grow they will, just you wait and see.

Mark R. Lupo

ROTARY MINUTES - 04/14/10 2010-2011 GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT

President Bob welcomed us and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert Granger gave our invocation and Phil Scoggins presented the news. Elizabeth Barker introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Selby Rollinson introduced our military guest today, SFC Joshua Perkins, who has received 2 Bronze Stars in three deployments. He is currently a Sr. Drill Sergeant for the 197th Infantry Brigade, and he got a standing ovation from our club.

Mr. Perry Alexander introduced our speaker today, Ms. Carmen Overton, who is the Program Director for New Horizons. New Horizons as most know is a community service organization, funded by the Federal Government specifically the Department of Health and Human Resources, with the primary objective to prevent teen pregnancy. As Ms. Overton explained, preventing teen pregnancy improves the rates of high school graduates nationwide, decreases the rate of individuals on welfare, and decreases the rate of incarceration amongst males. It also decreases the number of children that will be malnourished, that will be socially dysfunctional, and it lessens the rate of children who will perform poorly academically.

Ms. Overton explained to our club the ways in which they go about their mission. They primarily work the Muscogee County and Harris County High Schools, and they have a variety of creative methods to reach these children. They have national speakers come to the high schools, they host summer camp activities where they are taught how to build healthy relationships, improve communication skills, and create goals which gets them thinking ahead. They also travel to out of town camps/conferences, and the program Ms. Overton was most excited about is the Youth Media Summit. Every year the students come together and, using videography equipment and their sharp minds, create public service announcements about teen pregnancy. The best "movies" are actually broadcast on television, so they really bring their "A" game to that project.

In conclusion, Ms. Overton called on two participants in the program who got up and each explained their experiences in the New Horizons mission. They both showed a lot of courage to make their presentations and it was quite moving how much this has impacted their lives. Both, amongst many others, have signed a pledge to remain abstinent until marriage. What a wonderful difference this organization is making.

-Walter Calhoun

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Miss Gudbjorg Hilmarsdottir

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Reykjavik, Iceland

DOB:
August 8, 1990

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DESIRED COURSE STUDY
Classical Singing, Music Theory, Musical Theater

Gudbjorg will be arriving in Columbus early August. Her host family will be Tony and Natalie Wright. We are looking forward to her year with us.

FELLOWSHIP GOES DEEPER

Friendship should be an inseparable part of fellowship. Friendship involved a spirit of give and take, the ability to make allowances for human failing and the cultivation of toleration. If we as Rotarians can cultivate these virtues, surely then the effect of our fellowship will extend far beyond the confines of our immediate circle, and, like the stone thrown into the pool whose ripples extend in every widening circumstance, we shall find our movement exerting an ever greater influence.

Are not fellowship and friendship inseparably intertwined in the concept of Rotary?

INSPIRATION ON THE LINKS

A young man went to play a round of golf and was sent out with three priests. It was evident after the first two holes that the youngster was no golfer. The clergymen were very patient with him, however, as he thrashed all over the course.

Finally, after 122 strokes the young man sank his final putt. "That's it," he announced. "I'm giving up this game. I've been playing for three years, and I still haven't improved." With that, he threw his bag, clubs and all into a nearby lake. "Father," the lad said, "you three are terrific golfers, and I noticed that after every hole you all bowed your heads in prayer. Is that why you play so well?"

"No, my son," the cleric replied. "But you just answered our prayers."

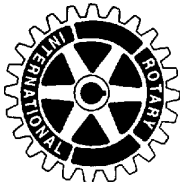


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Jack Key, Jr.
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Tom Gates

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Vince Haneman
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Carole Rutland
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MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

The following has been approved for membership by the Classification Committee, Membership Committee and the Board of Directors:

1. John O. Barwick III, Owner, River Mill Data Management. Proposed by Roy Martin. Classification; Data Management.
2. Alexander Deblond, V-P Business Development. Proposed by Joseph Zanga. Classification; Manufacturing/Outdoor Products.
3. Crawford B. Smith, President, Crawford Smith Products. Proposed by Johnny Cargill. Classification; Real Estate/Property Management.

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.

April 23, 2010