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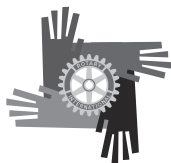
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EDITORIAL FOR MAY 5, 2010

The Value of Conversation in the Information Age

Today, we probably receive too much communication. We ask for it and some of what comes at us is useful but much of it is just information, relentlessly clutcing at us for our limited attention.

For example, it apparantly wasn't enough for us to have 24-hour news shows, 7 days a week on television so now while the "news readers" are telling us the latest details of stories from around the world and showing graphic video clips, we can also view current stock market quotes displayed on the side of the same screen. When that wasn't enough eye-candy to keep us engaged, we added "breaking news" flashes that crawl across the bottom of the same screen. Now we can view all that information simultaneously on one colorful, ever-changing screen.

Adding to the tidal waves of information gushing at me via television, sometimes early on week-day mornings, I also have the newspaper spread out on my lap and my Blackberry fired up for Google alerts, news clipping service notices or pre-dawn emailers that may come my way. After all, I can use those valuable seconds while the TV is running commercials for MORE information-gathering. For crying out loud, no wonder I start some work days all keyed up and end then mentally and emotionally exhausted.

I got a meaningful wake-up call last week when a business acquaintanc emailed me to ask if I'd have some time to talk the following day. I found myself flattered by the request and agreed to an open timeslot the next morning. Then I started wondering why I had that reaction. I finally realized that it was the fact that he wanted to TALK to me. He didn't want to just email, tweet, or Facebook about something -- he wanted to TALK. We had a great chat the next morning and it made the difference in how I started my day.

It was a good reminder to me that in this age of over-communication, there is still a very necessary space for TALKING to people, the old-fashioned way of communicating. That's probably another reason that we enjoy weekly Rotary Club meetings so let's keep it that way.

-Joel Ames

ROTARY MINUTES - 04/21/10 SPECTATOR OR PARTICIPATOR

The meeting was called to order by President Bob, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Star Spangled Banner was played by several trombone players from the Schwob School of Music. Don Wilhite gave the invocation followed by the news of the day with Phil Scoggins.

Lori Auten welcomed and introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guests. Selby Rollinson introduced our military guest Major Kevin Butler and his wife Jan. Major Butler is a member of the 198th Infantry Division.

George Flowers announced there were four new Paul Harris Fellows - Richard Bishop, Don Dakin, Jamie Hempstead, and Denise Walton. Mr. Hempstead was not able to attend.

President Bob then introduced the head table. Joining him were Don Wilhite, Jerry Newman, Duke Miller, and Billy Key. Billy Key introduced today's speaker, fellow Rotarian Dr. Fred Cohen.

Fred Cohen is the Director of the Schwob School of Music. The Schwob School features students in the areas of Jazz, Orchestra, and Wind Ensembles. Dr. Cohen then presented several statistics about the school that may not be known to Club members. The school performs 120 concerts per year at the RiverCenter. There are 240 students in the school, 11% are international and 23% are out-of-state students. In addition, he noted that 22% of students in the honors program are music majors. Each year approximately 250 individuals compete for 75 slots. The school also is fortunate to have five endowed professorships.

Dr. Cohen introduced the three groups that performed for the Club. The first duet was guitar and violin. The second duet was clarinet and piano. The third and final performance was a solo on the violin. These were three incredible performances that showcased the high level of the students at the Schwob School.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

-Elizabeth K. Barker

We live in a world of conveniences and we are sometimes tempted to apply the "easy method" to everything we undertake. If we assume this attitude in Rotary, we are not only failing ourselves, but our club and community as well.

Let's don't stand idly by, shirking our responsibilities while others are striving to fulfill them. As Rotarians, we are charged with the duty of service to our club and our community and we should all strive to make contributions whenever and wherever we can no matter how small they may seem at the time - Don't watch - PARTICIPATE.

SEVEN UP

1. If all the sleeping members would wake up.
2. And all the lukewarm members would fire up.
3. And all the disgruntled members would sweeten up.
4. And all the depressed members would look up.
5. And all the estranged members would make up.
6. And if all the critical members would dry up,
7. And all the delinquent members would pay up...

What an effervescent, sparkling, refreshing club we would be!

(from North Columbus, Ohio Club Bulletin)

ROTARY PHILOSOPHY

At the first Rotary convention, 1910 in Chicago, a constitution and by-laws were adopted with these objects:

1. To extend and develop Rotary principles by the organization of Rotary clubs throughout America.
2. To unify the work and the principle of the affiliating Rotary clubs and to promote their common good.
3. To arouse and encourage civic pride and loyalty.
4. To promote progressive and honorable business methods.
5. To advance the business interests of the individual members of the affiliating clubs.



Richard Anthony 5/6
 Ron Self 5/6
 Wayne Andrews 5/7

MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (04/19)

Meets Monday 12:15

Quality Inn
 Ed Adams
 Tracy Fisher
 Thelon Hamby
 Isaiah Hugley
 Gene Kemp
 Dicky Saunders
 Phil Swift

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Carmen Cavezza
 Tom Flowers
 James Snead
 Peggy Connell
 Julia Lumpkin
 Rich Martindale
 Leo Goodsell
 Charles McCall

NORTH COLUMBUS (04/20)

Meets Tuesday 12:30

Green Island
 Tracy Fisher
 John Kelly
 Reggie Richards
 James Snead
 Bob Tant
 Ricky Wright

Wayne Anthony
 Lynnette Gross
 Jack Key III
 Lynne Taylor
 Cathy Williams
 Adelaide Kirk
 Polly Bell
 John Richards
 Alton Russell

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO
 THE BIRTHDAY FUND**
 Jimmy Clark

MUSCOGEE (04/22)

Meets Thursday 12:00

Green Island
 Susan Andrews

Number 35

**MEMBERSHIP 2009-2010 (to date)
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GAINS

Bob Koon
 Don Sharitt
 Denise Walton
 Greg Tipton
 Robert Woolfolk
 Bill Tucker
 Jim Railey
 Bill Bullock
 John Watson
 Selby Rollinson
 Walt Wodjakowski

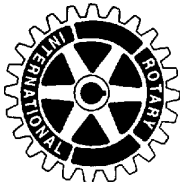
Jennifer Newman
 Mike Welch
 Kyle Djukich
 Carter Woolfolk
 Alton Russell
 Polly Bell
 Debbie Lane
 Sean Castellucci
 Bob Kidd
 Ben Richardson

LOSSES

Jake Riley (dec)
 David Rothschild (dec)
 Harry Boyce (dec)
 David Konze
 Geoff Love
 Chris French
 Steve Melton
 Wilson Camp
 Richard Illges
 Rob Doll

Harold Bryant (dec)
 Ken Peirce (dec)
 Bryan Stone
 Gill Cargill
 Kevin Wilkerson
 Audrey Hollingsworth
 Keith Cowart
 John Phillips
 Debbie Davis

* dec = deceased



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