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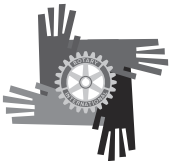
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EDITORIAL FOR MAY 19, 2010

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Reading the editorials each week has brought back memories of the many Rotary Club meetings I have attended. One advantage of having moved around frequently has been the many different Rotary Clubs, I have been invited to visit. There are so many different club traditions from singing or a weekly joke to special annual dinners. I must admit that I very much preferred the annual oyster roasts to the annual muskrat dinners that were held by a Rotary Club on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. If you haven't had a muskrat dinner, you have missed a most memorable experience!

Of all of the traditions I have seen, the one that is unique and most proper is the weekly recognition our Club offers to members of the military. The weekly honoring of one of the soldiers from Ft. Benning clearly shows the commitment to Service Above Self and a support for the community. It is a very important tradition.

-Claudya Muller

ROTARY MINUTES - 05/05/10

The meeting was called to order by President Bob, who then led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Bob asked Rotarians to remember the family of Frank Philips. Frank, a member of the Rotary Club since 1950, died this morning. Ian Bond gave the invocation followed by the news of the day with Phil Scoggins.

President Bob welcomed all visitors and visiting Rotarians. Dick Nurnberg introduced our military guest, SFC Harmony Dawson. SFC Dawson hails from Mercer, Pennsylvania and has been in the army for 16 years. She has been deployed one time to Afghanistan. SFC Dawson received a Rotary commemorative coin and a book, *Words for Warriors*, by Ralph Puckett.

Sharon Lyon introduced new member, Richard Grantham. Richard lives in Harris County and serves on the Red Cross Advisory Board. He works with Heckler & Koch.

Ralph Puckett introduced CPT. John Vickery, Project Officer for the Best Ranger Competition. Information on the US Army Ranger Competition will be shared during the program next week.

Seated at the head table were Ian Bond, Vince Haneman, Mary Ann Scribb, Dutch Van Kirk, and Richard Hecht.

Richard Hecht introduced the speaker, Dutch Van Kirk. Mr. Van Kirk was born on February 27, 1921 in Northumberland, Pennsylvania and served in the United States Army Air Force as a navigator. He was the navigator of the *Enola Gay* when it dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

Col. Paul Tibbetts was selected to be the commanding officer of the Manhattan Project and was charged with developing a group to drop an atomic bomb. Col. Tibbetts selected Dutch Van Kirk as the navigator. A top priority of the Manhattan Project was to maintain secrecy. The group was stationed at Wendover Field, Utah.

One of the requirements as established by the project scientists was that the plane that dropped the atomic bomb must be at least 11 miles away from the targets site when the bomb exploded. In order to meet this requirement, the plane had to be a stripped down version of a B-29. Therefore, all guns were removed from the plane except for the tail guns. The training began in 1944 to June 1945 and focused on getting away from a targeted site quickly and flying at high altitudes.

The Hiroshima bomb was made with uranium-235, a rare isotope of uranium extracted in factories in Tennessee. The Nagasaki bomb was made of plutonium-239. The bomb was first tested at Trinity Site in New Mexico.

President Truman authorized the release of the atomic bombs. Hiroshima was selected as the first target because of its importance as a military and industrial area. The goal of the bomb was to convince Japan to surrender.

The crew was called in the evening and given orders and then told to get some sleep. Of course, no one could sleep. Dutch Van Kirk flew in the *Enola Gay* that was piloted by Col. Tibbett. The left from Tinian in the West Pacific. The bomb was literally armed during the flight. After the bomb was released the plane lost 2,000 feet and was 12 miles away when the bomb exploded on August 6, 1945.

The second target was Nagasaki. This site was selected because of its sea port and industrial importance. This operation almost failed because Lt. Col. Hopkins failed to rendezvous with the group causing the mission to be 30 minutes behind schedule. The weather had changed and initially a cloud cover prohibited a visual drop. The plane had to fly longer than intended and almost ran out of fuel before the bomb could be dropped. After the second bomb was dropped on August 9, 1945, Japan surrendered.

President Bob re-welcomed the visiting Rotarians and guests.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05.

-Peggy Connell

THE RECESSION

There was a man who lived by the side of the road and sold hot dogs.

He put up signs on the highway telling how good they were.

He stood on the side of the road and cried: "Buy a hot dog, Mister?"

And people bought.

He increased his meat and bun orders.

He bought a bigger stove to take care of his trade.

He finally got his son home from college to help him out. But then something happened.

His son said, "Father, haven't you been listening to the radio?"

Haven't you been reading the newspapers?"

There's a big depression.

The foreign situation is terrible.

The domestic situation is worse."

Whereupon his father thought, "Well, my son's been to college, he reads the papers and listens to the radio, and he ought to know."

So the father cut down on his meat and bun orders, took down his advertising signs, and no longer bothered to stand out on the highway to sell his hot dogs.

And his hot dog sales fell almost overnight.

"You're right, son," the father said to the boy.

"We certainly are in the middle of a great depression."

Not Original - still appropriate!

Dan Reed (Editorial Note: We ran this 10 years ago!)

Mary Reed (2nd Editorial Note - 20 years ago!)



Barbara Smith 5/16
 Shirley Jaeger 5/16
 Robert George 5/17
 Fred Cohen 5/18
 Drew Rhodes 5/19

MAKE-UPS

PHENIX CITY (05/03)
Meets Monday 12:15
Quality Inn
 Cecil Cheves
 Alan Feagin
 Lamar Powers
 Craig Reaves
 Dicky Saunders

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 Tommy King
 Rich Martindale
 Cecil Cheves
 Adelaide Kirk
 Beth Parsons
 Marquette McKnight
 Lynnette Gross
 Sean Castellucci
 Carl Rhodes
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NORTH COLUMBUS (05/04)
Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
 Jim Crosse
 Bill Feighner
 Tracy Fisher
 Mac Plummer
 Mike Wooldridge

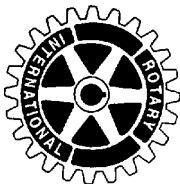
MUSCOGEE (05/06)
Meets Thursday 12:00
Green Island
 Michael Eddings

SMILE!

A man and his wife were arguing and decided to give each other the silent treatment. The next week, the man realized he needed his wife to wake him at 5 a.m. for a business flight to Chicago. Not wanting to be the first to speak, he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5 a.m."

The next morning the man woke up to discover it was 9 a.m. and that he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go see why his wife hadn't woken him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. It said, "It's 5 am wake up!"

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