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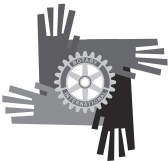
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## EDITORIAL FOR JUNE 30, 2010

### *WE GAVE BIRTH TO INDEPENDENCE*

General Colin Powell writes:

"The older I get, the more I appreciate the Declaration of Independence, the great document that has driven America toward a more perfect union for over 230 years. One of its sentences in particular captures our essence as a new, free, and democratic nation and has inspired people around the world:

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident,  
that all men are created equal,  
that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,  
that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*

This beautiful statement was not the reality of 1776, but it set for this nation the dream that we would strive to make a reality. Our rights come from a Creator, not from man or man's government. Governments belong to the people and exist to secure the rights endowed to every citizen. I find new meaning in this sentence every time I read it, and I am so proud that we gave birth to this belief as the foundation of our great country. Every American should pause and read the Declaration every July Fourth."

People paid a great price to give us these "unalienable rights." People also paid a price to give us Rotary, our gift to both is to offer ourselves in service and sacrifice.

-Wayne Anthony

# ROTARY MINUTES - 06/16/10 MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Jones, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Julius Hunter gave the invocation.

Terri Parodi welcomed and introduced visiting Rotarians from other clubs as well as member guest. Dick Ellis introduced our military guest, SFC Jefferson Negus. SFC Negus received a commemorative coin and a copy of Col (Ret) Ralph Puckett's book, Word for Warriors.

Bill Edwards presented Paul Harris awards to Marc Reid, Fred Cohen, Walt Wodjakowski, and Bob Kidd.

President Jones introduced Josh McKoon to introduce the program.

The program was presented by Doug Cox with ITC Holdings. Mr. Cox's program provided information on the US Fiscal Crisis. He went through a presentation, Deficits and Debt Causes and Consequences. His remarks address issues that we face in the short and long term in addressing the United States Government entitlement programs Social Security and Medicare.

Social Security and Medicare have promised more in benefits to senior and disabled workers than the programs will be able to pay. This increase is largely due to demographic changes, we have a larger entitlement population. Both of these programs will require progressively larger transfers from general revenues to maintain the projected levels of spending.

Medicare and Social Security will require growing amounts of federal income tax revenue. Today, 6.9 percent of federal income taxes go towards the two programs. Current estimates state that, in 2020, 26.6 percent of all federal income taxes will go to paying for Medicare and Social Security. By 2030, that number will increase to 49.7 percent.

The conclusion drawn from this presentation was Medicare and Social Security programs cannot remain in their current forms. It is irresponsible to saddle our children and grandchildren with the additional taxes that will be needed to pay full benefits into the future.

- Richard Bishop

## July 7, 2010 "CHANGING OF THE GUARD"

*Betsy Covington begins the 2010-11 Rotary Year  
as our President  
&  
We thank President Bob for a Great Year*

We honor all of our Past Presidents, as well as our members who have served as Presidents of other Rotary Clubs.

## AN OPTIMIST, A PESSIMIST

- Optimists see the good in bad situations; pessimists see the bad in good situations.
- Optimists feel they can control their destiny; pessimists believe they are the victims of circumstances.
- Optimists turn minor setbacks into victories; pessimists turn them into disasters.
- Optimists say, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again;" pessimists say, "I'd prefer to watch the game from the stands than to keep striking out all the time."
- Optimists love to break through barriers; pessimists say, "Why don't breaks ever come my way/"
- Optimists see defeats as temporary setbacks; pessimists see them as recurring events to be endured.
- Optimists like to rub shoulders with positive-thinking people; pessimists prefer to hang around with cynics and complainers.

## 1919 YEAR IN REVIEW

### 1919 Prices

Average Income.....	\$1,914.00
New Car .....	\$466.00
New House .....	\$5,626.00
Loaf of Bread .....	\$.10
Gallon of Gas .....	\$.15
Gallon of Milk.....	\$.62
Gold Per Ounce .....	\$20.67
Silver Per Ounce .....	\$.54
Dow Jones Average .....	107

President - Woodrow Wilson  
Vice President - Thomas Marshall  
Life Expectancy - 54.4 years



Marquette McKnight 6/25  
 Paul Berry 6/27  
 Houser Pugh 6/27  
 John Kelly 6/29  
 Melissa Thomas 6/29  
 Don Dakin 7/1

**RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND**

Rick Alexander  
 Dan Parker  
 W.E. Gross  
 Bunky Pease

**MAKE-UPS**

**PHENIX CITY (06/14)**  
**Meets Monday 12:15**  
**Quality Inn**  
 Ed Adams  
 Lance Duke  
 George Jeter  
 Craig Reaves  
 Jim Martin  
 Phil Swift

**MUSCOGEE (06/17)**  
**Meets Thursday 12:00**  
**Green Island**  
 Bob Tant

**GEORGETOWN (06/15)**  
 Neal Wickham

**NORTH COLUMBUS (06/15)**  
**Meets Tuesday 12:30**  
**Green Island**  
 Elizabeth Barker  
 Jim Crosse  
 Tracy Fisher  
 Frank Jordan  
 Vince Haneman  
 Ron King  
 Jerry Rothschild  
 Tony Wright

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**FUTURE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

MAY 21-25, 2011 NEW ORLEANS

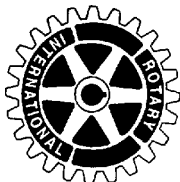
Tentative Convention Sites

- 2012 - Bangkok, Thailand
- 2013 - Lisbon, Portugal
- 2014 - Sydney, Australia

**ROTARY-AT-A-GLANCE**

Members 1,224, 384 (as of March 31)

Clubs 33,855 (as of March 31)



06/30/2010