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EDITORIAL FOR JULY 14, 2010

SERVICE ABOVE SELF INDEED!

One highlight of my church's annual 4th of July "God and Country" celebration is the playing of the anthems for each of our branches of military service. People who have served in that branch stand during "their song" and are recognized. Yesterday an elderly member who has been in fragile health in recent months caught my eye as he slowly struggled to his feet, assisted by his caregiver, finally to stand proudly during the last few measures of his appointed music. Having uncharacteristically managed to keep a dry eye to this point in the service, I - along with many members of the congregation - gave in to tears as the entire assembly burst into loud applause for this gentle man. Well done, proud soldier! Bravo, church!

During my years as a Rotarian, I've watched over and over again as our organization too has celebrated people and organizations for their contributions to our community and to our world. By doing good works big and small to make our planet better, we both model Service Above Self and applaud others' commitment to it.

This year's International Rotary Theme of "Building Communities. Bridging Continents." reminds us of our duty as Rotarians to find ways to improve lives here and around the world. Jim Cawthorne's fabulous photograph of our own Riverwalk during a July 4th celebration, featured on the cover of this year's Rote-A-Bit and Club Directory, beautifully embodies our theme - even though it only literally depicts the "bridging" of Georgia and Alabama! (Thanks, Jim!)

Join me in resolving this year to support our Club's efforts to make a difference, thank others for their service, and never be too proud to be moved by appreciation for the sacrifice of others. Remember, in the words of Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

I am honored to serve with you this year as a member of this very special Club.

ROTARY MINUTES - 06/30/10

The meeting was called to order by President Bob, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Isaiah Hugley 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. Dick Nurnberg introduced our military guest SFC Cory West. He is a member of the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

Ian Bond and Barbara Smith announced the newest Will Watt Fellow - Gloria Dodds. George Flowers announced the newest Paul Harris Fellow - Bill White. President Bob then asked Shirley Gillespie to join him at the podium. He announced this was Shirley's last day as an employee of the club. He presented her with a gift - piece of luggage for her future travels. Shirley will still be with us each Wednesday, now as a member.

President Bob then introduced the head table. Joining him were Isaiah Hugley, Alton Russell, Butch Barwick, and Betsy Covington. Betsy Covington introduced today's speaker, fellow Rotarian and artist Rossin.

Rossin moved to Atlanta 10 years ago from his home country, Bulgaria. Rossin is most noted as a portrait artist. Most recently, the Smithsonian's Portrait Gallery accepted his portrait of Andrew Young. He has also recently completed one of Hank Aaron. In addition, he was selected to paint the official portrait for Governor Sonny Perdue.

Rossin brought several pieces with him to discuss his thoughts about his art and his process. The six portraits he brought with him all have a common denominator - spirit and complexity of character. The six included - Ronald Reagan, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Abraham Lincoln, Itzak Rabin, Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, and Paul Harris.

He also brought with him an example of his private commissioned portraits. He has over 350 of those represented in his body of work. In addition to single portraits, he also does families. All types show the lifestyle and spirit of the subject. That is of vital importance to him as an artist - to show the essence of the human psyche. Rossin's love of this country and its spirit is what has made him understand heroes in this country and in others. Love is in everything we do.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

- Elizabeth Barker

A BANKING TALE

-from a club bulletin

If you had a bank that credited your account every morning with US \$86,400, and every evening cancelled whatever part of the amount you had failed to use, what would you do? Draw out every cent, of course!

Well, time is just such a bank. Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off as lost whatever of these you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries no balance. It allows no overdrafts. Each day it opens a new account waiting for you. Each night it burns the record for the day. If you fail to use the day's deposit, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the deposit for tomorrow. You must live in the present - on today's deposit. Invest it so as to get the utmost in health, happiness and service.

A CHINESE PROVERB

An old Chinese Proverb says:

Tell me, I'll forget. Show me, I may remember. But involve me and I'll understand.

So it is in Rotary. Our new members are told about Rotary when they join, but sometimes they forget. They are shown about Rotary at weekly meetings, but a lot of this they do not remember. It is only by being involved that they ever really understand what Rotary is all about.

It is under the leadership of the chairman of the committee to which they are assigned that new members truly become involved in Rotary. A really good chairman not only looks at the assignment, but follows through, assuring that every person on that committee is given something to do. That's what brings to the individual member the truth of our doctrine, "Service Above Self."

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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NEW

Bob Koon	7/15
Jennifer Newman	8/5
Don Sharitt	8/19
Mike Welch	9/9
Denise Walton	12/2
Kyle Djukich	12/2
Greg Tipton	12/2
Carter Woolfolk	12/30
Robert Woolfolk	12/30
Alton Russell	2/10
Bill Tucker	2/17
Polly Bell	3/3
Jim Railey	3/10
Debbie Lane	3/17
Bill Bullock	3/17
Sean Castellucci	3/24
John Watson	3/31
Bob Kidd	4/7
Selby Rollinson	4/7
Ben Richardson	4/7
Walt Wojdakowski	4/7
Richard Grantham	5/5
Alex DeBlond	5/12
Butch Barrick	6/2
Crawford Smith	6/2
Judy Thomas	6/2
Tim Mescon	6/23

LOSSES

Jake Riley*
Bryan Stone
Dave Konze
Gill Cargill
Geoff Love
Kevin Wilkerson
Harold Bryant*
David Rothschild*
Chris French
Audrey Hollingsworth
Steve Melton
Keith Cowart
Wilson Camp
Ken Peirce*
John Phillips
Richard Illges
Harry Boyce*
Debbie Davis
Rob Doll
Frank Phillips*
Perry Alexander
Brown Nicholson*
Shirley Jaeger
Bill Heard III
Brian Bush
Otis Pickett
Hugh Wilson
* deceased



MAKE-UPS

Mary Bode	7/9
Sean Castellucci	7/9
Joe Lucas	7/9
Ed Sprouse	7/11
Chuck McClure	7/15
Beth Parsons	7/15

PHENIX CITY (06/28)
Meets Monday 12:15
Quality Inn
 Anthony Berger
 Leonard Crain
 Chuck Hecht
 Tim Mescon
 John Sheftall

RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BIRTHDAY FUND

Norman Drummond

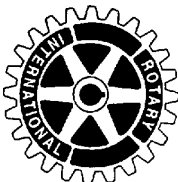
NORTH COLUMBUS (06/29)
Meets Tuesday 12:30
Green Island
 Tracy Fisher
 Thelon Hamby
 Jacki Lowe
 Buddy Martin
 Phil Scoggins
 Ricky Wright

MUSCOGEE (07/01)
Meets Thursday 12:00
Green Island
 Michael Eddings
 Kyle Djukich
 Michael Wooldridge

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JUNE PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Elizabeth Barker	2
Joe Robbins	3
Marion Scott	5
Lynne Taylor	5
Larry King	6
Barbara Smith	7
Lamar Johnson	7
Alan Denham	13
George Flowers	16
Jimmy Coppage	17
Ron King	19
Phil Scoggins	20
Tony Wright	21
John Richards	21
Michael Herndon	23



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