

# THE TROY ROTARIAN

Jan. 6th, 2009

Mickey Parish, District Governor

District 6880, Troy Rotary Club, chartered May 1, 1920 Troy, Alabama

Welcome to the January 6th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by Steve Dennis and Marv Dillard. They have invited Ralph Ford, Director of the Troy University Sound of the South Band. Welcome, Ralph and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

## Last Rotary Meeting

The Dec. 16th meeting was hosted by Ken Cox and Kenny Cox. They invited Steven Kilcrease, Pike Liberal Arts Head Football Coach / Athletic Director, and Sr. football players, Jared Henderson, Corey Goodson, Josh Taylor, Phillip Quincy, Jarrell Foster, Douglas Hawkins, Brock Collier & Bradley Floyd. There were 40 members present, 2 guests of Ken & Kenny Cox (Peggy Cox, and Melissa Kilcrease). There was \$42.00 in door price receipts.

### Program suggestion:

Kim Kersey would like to present a program on behalf of the Girl Scouts. Please contact Kim at 268 – 2375.

Buddy Johnson, Director of Radio and Television at Troy University is available to speak on the topic of Public Radio. Contact Buddy at 670-3555(wk) or 482-3287(cell) or ekjohnson@troy.edu

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## From Rotary International

A shared desire to protect the world's children from the ravages of polio brought Bill Gates Jr. and Rotarian business leaders together in New Delhi on 5 November. The meeting resulted in three major commitments to help fund Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge. "The worth of a person is measured not by what he possesses but what he gives," said Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo in introducing Gates at the event, hosted by the India PolioPlus Committee and Rajashree Birla, a member of The Rotary Foundation's Arch C. Klumph Society. "The Gates family has proven this by committing their resources through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation toward global development and improving public health worldwide." Gates spoke about his visit to India, where he observed polio surveillance, immunization, and outbreak response activities and met with health officials and experts to learn firsthand about the country's progress in ending the disease.

"The commitment from everyone involved is impressive, especially Rotary International, which has launched their worldwide program," said Gates, cochair of the Gates Foundation. "I am more than glad to be among you and share our vision of a polio-free world." Birla, an honorary member of the Rotary clubs of Bombay and Mulund, Maharashtra, expressed her hope that India's business leaders would emulate Gates and help support polio eradication through their companies' social responsibility programs. "We strongly believe that business and industry is uniquely positioned to contribute significantly towards polio eradication not only in India but across the world," said Birla, who contributed \$1 million to Rotary's challenge earlier this year. Then she added, "We in the Aditya Birla Group are pleased to commit an additional \$1 million today."

Harshad R. Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Bombay Metropolitan, committed to giving \$2 million to Rotary's challenge last December. He stepped forward at the New Delhi meeting to pledge an additional \$1.5 million. "On being advised that additional funds would be required for polio eradication and seeing the commitment and resolve of the Gates family, I was duly enthused to increase my commitment," Mehta said. "It is a good investment in the future of the children of the world. I would appeal to all Rotarians and like-minded friends to improve on their commitment and support of The Rotary Foundation's effort for polio eradication."

In addition, Rajnikant D. Shroff and his wife, Sandra, both members of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, committed \$250,000 to the challenge. "Looking at the problem of polio in India, I feel whatever we have done is a very small contribution," Shroff said of the pledge. "I am confident that if everybody decides to contribute in a small way, we will be able to make India polio-free and eradicate this disease from the world."

## From Rotary International

January marks the beginning of the second half of the Rotary year. It's a time to look back on what we've accomplished so far, to assess our progress, and to renew our determination to achieve our goals in the months remaining. It's a time to discuss and evaluate the goals of our clubs as well as the goals we've set for ourselves as Rotarians. January is also Rotary Awareness Month, a time for us to consider how our Rotary values – and our own actions – influence public perceptions of Rotary. Our strategic plan outlines five core values that define and guide us as we chart a course into our second century of service.

*Service* is our first value, as it should be. Our focus on service is reflected in our primary motto, Service Above Self. Through our clubs and districts, we have the potential to create better, safer, and healthier communities, one project at a time.

*Fellowship* is the reason Rotary was founded over 100 years ago. The friendship, the camaraderie, and the wonderful sense of doing something good together is what keeps us all looking forward to our Rotary meetings week after week.

*Diversity* is an aspect of Rotary that becomes more important with every passing year. We have just welcomed to Rotary the Republic of Kiribati, which joins the more than 200 countries and geographical areas already on the Rotary map. I look forward with all Rotarians to a day when there is a Rotary club in every community in the world.

*Integrity* is fundamental to our organization's identity. Every Rotarian is a guardian of the reputation that generations of Rotarians have worked to build. When we maintain the highest ethical standards in all of our dealings, we strengthen the trust that allows us to serve more effectively.

But it will only happen if we show *leadership*, the fifth, and final, core value. Each of us must remember, with our every action, that we are Rotarians. When we are chosen to become Rotarians, and when we choose to accept that honor, we take it upon ourselves to become representatives of the entire organization.

When we are known as Rotarians, then everything we do reflects upon us all. By living by our core values and committing to Service Above Self, we build a stronger Rotary and a better world for all.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee  
President, Rotary International

## **Celebrations for the Month of January**

### ***Birthdays***

\*3rd - Dave Barron  
\*8th- Dickie Calhoun  
24th-Nolan Hatcher  
27th- Mark Salmon

### ***Anniversaries***

27th- Rusty Eldridge  
28th- Bob Mills

\*celebrating today or before we meet again – please let Beth know if information is incorrect or missing

### **Upcoming program responsibilities**

January 13- Matt Baker & Vickie Bowen  
January 20- Allen Dunn & Kim Edwards  
January 27- Rusty Eldridge & Earl Ellis  
February 3- Cliff Eubanks & Joe Faulk  
February 10- Linda Felton-Smith & Hal Fulmer  
February 17- Mack Gibson & Stacy Graning  
February 24- David Hamlin & Larry Hancock

*Remember that you are responsible for the raffle prize on the day that you have the program. Please pass along program information to Dave or Beth when you know who the program is so it can be listed in the bulletin. Email info to Beth at [beth.collier@wachovia.com](mailto:beth.collier@wachovia.com) or call at 697-1118*

### **OFFICERS FOR THE 2008- 2009 ROTARY YEAR**

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### **The Four Way Test:**

*Of the things we think, say or do:*

*First: Is it the TRUTH?*

*Second: Is it FAIR to All Concerned?*

*Third: Will it Build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*

*Fourth: Will it be BENEFICIAL to all Concerned?*

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