

THE TROY ROTARIAN

January 8, 2008

Richard Bollinger, District Governor

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

Welcome to the January 8th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is hosted by Jean Laliberte and Olaf Lieb. They will host our Club Assembly. Each of your club officers will discuss their area of service – what have we accomplished thus far, and what to expect in the next six months of this Rotary Year.

Last Rotary Meeting

Our last meeting of 2007 was on December 18th. The program featured Michael Hix and Meg Jackson, both instructors in the School of Music at Troy University. They provided holiday music accompanied by Scott Sexton, and also discussed their experiences as Ambassadorial Scholars.

Please remember that you will be fined \$2.00 if your cell phone rings during a meeting. Phones should be off or set to vibrate only.

***Check out the newly updated Troy Rotary Club website. Thanks to Adam Drinkwater and Olaf Lieb for their hard work on this. www.troyrotaryclub.net

<http://rotary6880.org/> District 6880 Website (also new and updated)

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/254en.pdf> How to propose a new member

<http://www.rotary.org/> Rotary International Website

From DG Richard Bollinger

- January is Rotary Awareness Month. Rotarians are encouraged to spread the word about Rotary International and its programs. One idea to do this is to share Rotary's mission at a New Member's orientation.
- Rotary 2008 Mid-Year District Conference. We have Thirty two clubs signed up...is your club missing a representative there? Don't make the February Newsletter as missing in Action!
- DGE Mickey Parish will be attending Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, CA, January 13-20. Mickey will meet and train with other 2008-09 District Governors from around the Rotary world. Congratulations Mickey.

From Rotary International

Dear Family of Rotary,

The US\$100 million grant made to Rotary International by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation recognizes Rotarians' determination and accomplishments in the global effort to eradicate polio. We can all feel proud that the world's largest foundation has placed such faith in Rotary's ability to get the job done. A gift of this size is a salute to Rotarians everywhere. It also elevates Rotary's stature in the eyes of governments, our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, and other organizations that we may choose to work with in the future.

The most important aspect of this grant is, of course, the opportunity it provides to quickly fund the most critical areas of need. We will now have more resources to promote National Immunization Days, carry out effective surveillance and mop-up campaigns, and respond rapidly to outbreaks in polio-free countries.

When William Gates Sr. addressed the RI Convention in Salt Lake City, he urged us to think big. Anything less, he said, would be a waste of our potential and betray the optimism we've earned a right to have. This grant from the Gates Foundation has given us the means to expand our own thinking and to be even more optimistic that soon no child will ever suffer the devastating effects of polio.

I encourage all of you to learn more about the [Gates Foundation grant](#) and to find out how you can help in our final push toward a polio-free world.

Robert S. Scott
Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2007-08

From RI President Wilf Wilkinson

As Rotarians, we do have a great responsibility to make sure Rotary's good work doesn't end with us. Rotary does so much that is so important in so many ways: providing water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, medical care to the poor and sick, education to the illiterate. It's been doing that for more than 100 years now. But if we focused all our attention on nothing but that lifesaving and life-altering work, then that work would eventually come to an end. Rotary would die out in a generation if we did not also pay attention to the health of our own organization – our members, our clubs, and those who will join our clubs in the years to come.

One reason I've always felt so at home in Rotary and with the idea of the family of Rotary could be that I come from a large family myself. I'm one of 10 children – six girls and four boys. But as big as my family is, it's nothing compared with Rotary. We're not just 1.2 million Rotarians in 32,000 clubs. We're 250,000 Interactors, 170,000 Rotaractors, 150,000 Rotary Community Corps members and, in the last year alone, about 8,000 young people in Rotary Youth Exchange. And, of course, we also include the spouses, widows and widowers, and children of Rotarians. Altogether, the family of Rotary is well over two million strong. Our family is strong because it's close, and because it's always forming new ties. We need to ensure that Rotary keeps growing – in all the branches of our family. We should always be looking for and inviting qualified men and women to join our clubs.

*Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson
President, Rotary International*

Celebrations for the Month of January

January Birthdays

January 3 – Dave Barron
**January 8 – Dickie Calhoun
January 24 – Nolan Hatcher
January 27 – Mark Salmon

January Anniversaries

January 28 – Bob Mills

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

Upcoming program responsibilities

January 15 – John Long and Doug McLendon
January 22 – Charles Meeks and Greg Meeks
January 29 – Tim Meeks and Richard Metzger
February 5 – Paul Outlaw and Tenise Owens

Remember that you are responsible for the raffle prize on the day that you have the program. Please pass along program information to Ray or Carol when you know who the program is so it can be listed in the bulletin. Email info to Carol at cfranks@troycable.net

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The Four Way Test:

Of the things we think, say and 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?

