

THE TROY ROTARIAN

January 15, 2008

Richard Bollinger, District Governor

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

Welcome to the January 15th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is hosted by John Long and Doug McLendon. They have invited Sheriff Russell Thomas to present our program today. Thank you Russell for joining us today, and welcome to Rotary!

Last Rotary Meeting

Last week's meeting was hosted by Jean Laliberte and Olaf Lieb. They hosted Club Assembly. Each of your officers on the board discussed their area of service – what we have accomplished this year and what we still have to expect in the next six months. There were 55 present with three makeups and \$63 in the raffle. Prizes were won by Carol Franks, Ross Jinright, Willetta Hatcher, and Charles Meeks. Guests included Willetta Hatcher, Jim Walker from Amarillo, Texas and Bernard Tolan from Brunswick, Georgia.

Absent last week: *Sohail Agboatwala, Deanne Baggett, Marv Dillard, Allen Dunn, Linda Felton Smith, Hal Fulmer, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Larry Hancock, Scott Hartley, Steve Hemendinger, Tom Hicks, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram, Ben Ji, Bill Key, Doug McLendon, Richard Metzger, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Mark Salmon*

Our District 6880 Midyear Meeting will be held this weekend at the Perdido Beach Resort. Attending from our club will be DGN Carol Franks, Treasurer Bob Mills, ADG for Area Four Henry Stewart and VP Dave Barron.

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. 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 Rotary International – 2008 – 09 theme



RI President-elect Dong Kurn Lee announces the 2008-09 RI theme, *Make Dreams Real*, to incoming district governors at the 2008 International Assembly.

Rotary International President-elect Dong Kurn Lee addressed incoming district governors today at the 2008 International Assembly, urging them to use their resources to help curb child mortality. Lee said he was in disbelief when he learned that 30,000 children under the age of five die every day from preventable diseases such as pneumonia, measles, and malaria.

"Once I understood the issues behind that terrible number, I knew what I needed to do," Lee said. He told the incoming governors that Rotary will keep the service emphases of recent years -- water, health and hunger, and literacy -- but asked them to focus their efforts in each of these areas on children.

"In 2008-09, I will ask you all to *Make Dreams Real* for the world's children," he said. "This will be our theme, and my challenge to all of you." Children are killed by illnesses that become deadly in combination with poor sanitation and malnutrition," Lee said. In addition, families stricken by extreme poverty are trapped in a cycle that only leads to more unnecessary deaths. "It's a cycle that is not interrupted because there is no access to education." He challenged the audience to do their part to give children "hope and a chance at a future" by reducing the rate of child mortality in the

world. "We will bring clean water to their communities and create sanitation projects that keep children healthy," Lee said.

As the incoming governors begin preparing for the year ahead with the training and inspiration they receive at the International Assembly, Lee reminded them of Rotary's power and encouraged them to use their resources efficiently to maximize the good done around the world. Governor-elect Geoffery Mathis, of District 9930 in New Zealand, thinks the upcoming RI theme allows Rotary to dream big. "*Make Dreams Real* will be an easy theme to sell around the world. We all like challenges; Lee has allowed us to put our dreams to practice."

Rotarians can improve children's health, Lee said, even in small ways, such as delivering mosquito nets, rehydration salts, vitamins, and vaccines. "So much more can be done with just a little more: a trained birth attendant, a simple clinic, a school feeding program, a visiting nurse," he continued. "These are simple and direct ways to save children's lives."

In 2008-09, Rotarians will be asked to open their eyes to the needs of children in communities near and far, Lee said.

"Children die not because nobody can help them, but because too often, nobody does. But you and I, here in this room, are Rotarians, and helping is what we do best," he said, adding that "our job is to *Make Dreams Real* for children. If every one of us does this, at the end of our year, we will all have achieved something wonderful."

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 22 – Charles Meeks and Greg Meeks
January 29 – Tim Meeks and Richard Metzger
February 5 – Paul Outlaw and Tenise Owens
February 12 – Marcus Paramore and Benny Pinckard

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?

