

# THE TROY ROTARIAN

January 22, 2008

Richard Bollinger, District Governor

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

Welcome to the January 22nd meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is hosted by Greg and Charles Meeks. They have invited Representative Alan Boothe to present our program today. Thank you Alan for joining us today, and welcome to Rotary!

## Last Rotary Meeting

Last week's meeting was hosted by John Long and Doug McLendon. They invited Sheriff Russell Thomas to present our program. There were 51 members present and \$56 in the door prize. Guests included Ingrid Lieb, Judge Jeff Kelley and Troy Johnson.

Absent last week: *Deanne Baggett, Robert Cary, Steve Dennis, Marv Dillard, Kim Edwards, Earl Ellis, Linda Felton Smith, Carol Franks, Hal Fulmer, Stacy Graning, Larry Hancock, Scott Hartley, Steve Hemendinger, Tom Hicks, Bill Hopper, Greg Meeks, Bob Mills, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Curt Porter, Mike Shelton, Ken Vaughan, and Alex Whaley.*

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://www.troyrotaryclub.net)

<http://rotary6880.org/> District 6880 Website

<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 29 – Tim Meeks and Richard Metzger  
February 5 – Paul Outlaw and Tenise Owens  
February 12 – Marcus Paramore and Benny Pinckard  
February 19 – Curt Porter and David Price

*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](mailto: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?*



*2007 – 08 Rotary Theme*